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\$8 million donation to NKC Health by Dave and Jamie Cummins

Entrepreneur Dave Cummings and his wife, Jamie, have announced an \$8 million grant to NKC Health to advance innovation and excellence in heart care.

This transformational gift will support facility expansion, state-of-the-art diagnostic technology and pioneering treatment programs, further positioning NKC Health as a regional leader in heart health.

"Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in America," Dave Cummings said. "Jamie and I are committed to ensuring that people in our community have access to world-class care right here at home."

The grant will:

1. Enhance diagnostic capabilities – Implement AI-powered diagnostic systems for faster, more accurate evaluations, and acquire a new cardiac PET/CT scanner, advanced EKG technology and other leading-edge equipment.

2. Increase patient access – Expand capacity to meet growing demand across the Kansas City region by recruiting additional world-class cardiologists and cardiac surgeons.
3. Deepen collaboration through the Mayo Clinic Care Network – Accelerate integration of Mayo Clinic's best practices, building on the recently announced agreement.

"This extraordinary gift from Dave and Jamie will have an immediate and lasting impact on the quality of cardiac care in our community," said Stephen Reintjes Sr., MD, president and CEO of NKC Health. "It will save lives for decades to come."

For Dave, the cause is deeply personal. Born at NKC Health, he underwent lifesaving heart bypass surgery there just one year ago.

North Kansas City's Arkema Plant earns global certification

Here is some good news about our local Arkema plant at 901 E 16th Ave, which is part of a global corporation.

Arkema, a leader in specialty materials, has earned ISCC PLUS certification for its polyester powder coating resins site in North Kansas City. As a result, all the company's polyester powder resins facilities, worldwide, are now certified in line with Arkema's global Mass Balance⁽¹⁾ powder resins offer roadmap, including North Kansas City (US), Saint Celoni, Spain (EMEA) and Navi Mumbai, India (Asia).

This achievement supports customers across regions to advance more sustainable solutions for coatings in markets such as consumer products (ex. domestic appliances), electronics, automotive, architectural metal finishes, e-mobility, metal furniture and more.

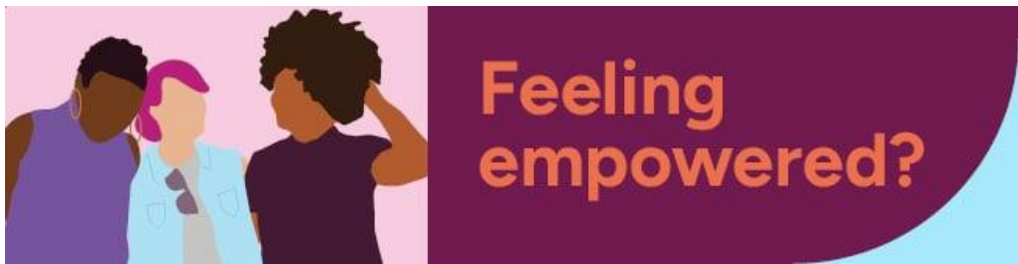
OCCU-TEC, a 42-year-old North Kansas City company with an amazing growth story

In 4 out of the last 6 years OCCU-TEC, an environmental services business with headquarters at 2604 NE Industrial Drive, has been on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest growing private companies. The founder, co-owner and CEO of OCCU-TEC is Skuli Gudmundsson, who says "Our customers are facing new challenges each year with changing regulations and a strained workforce. We are

proud to provide an essential service that helps them ensure compliance and workplace safety while limiting downtime and preparing their time for the future.”

The remarkable growth in recent years has been spurred by OCCU-TEC’s Managed Environmental, Safety and Health (MESH) services. This program provides organizations with the expertise they need to address immediate and long-term environmental, safety and health challenges.

NKC Health Women’s Health Fair September 22



Join NKC Health for **EmpowerHER Day on Sept. 22** for a vibrant and dynamic health fair designed to support women’s wellness from head to toe. Whether you're looking to learn, connect with others or simply take a step toward a healthier you — **this free event is for every woman.**

Talk to healthcare experts on:

- Pelvic floor health
- Menopause
- Heart health
- Nutrition and weight wellness
- Cancer care
- Fitness and aquatic wellness
- Immunizations
- Contraceptives
- ADHD signs and support
- Personal safety

Some of our keynote presentations include:

Speaker	Title	Time
Ian Rosbrugh, MD	Laugh, Sneeze, Leak? Let's Fix That	4-4:30 pm.
Christina Fleres, MD	Cut the Fat, Not the Fun: Exploring Weight Loss Options	4:30-5 p.m.
Rajya Malay, MD	Her Heart Matters: Women and Cardiac Disease	5-5:30 p.m.

Beena Green, MD	Contraception: What Every Woman Should Know	5:30-6 p.m.
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[For more information on our education sessions, visit our website.](#)

Economic Summit October 24 at Diamond Conference Center



Please plan to attend the **2025 Fall Economic Summit** presented by **The River Partnership**. This is an ideal opportunity to come together to shape the future of the Northland. The River Partnership is comprised of:

- **North Kansas City Business Council**
- Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce & EDC
- Platte City Chamber of Commerce
- Riverside Chamber of Commerce

This year's summit will bring together leaders, businesses, and community partners to explore opportunities for strengthening our workforce, driving economic development, and showcasing the places that make our region a destination for working smarter, playing harder, and living bolder.

Topics to be discussed include:

- FIFA World Cup 2026
- Workforce Development + Training
- Live Nation
- Economic Updates
- MORE TO BE ADDED!

Date: Friday, October 24, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: The Diamond Conference Center

1875 Diamond Pkwy, North Kansas City, MO 64116

[Register Here](#)

Questions can be directed to **Kalynn Guffey** with **Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce and EDC** at kalynn@parkvillepace.com or (816) 268-5003.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, collaborate, and be part of the conversations that will help shape the future of our community.

North Kansas City High School Band Boosters Fundraiser

The NKCHS Band Boosters will be selling mums Thursday September 18th from 5pm-7pm in the student parking lot. They are selling 2 gallon and range from 18-24"s. for \$20 each



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[Hornet Band Boosters Website](#) * [Hornet Band Booster Twitter](#)

Free “Music Theme” event at Iron District by Unlock KC

New member Unlock KC is hosting a free “music themed” event at the Iron District Wednesday, September 17, starting at 6 p.m. UnLock KC creates fascinating clues as a team-building fun activity to unlock boxes leading to opening the final box. An “escape room” concept but not inside a room. This event has music-related clues.



North Kansas City Business Council Events

- Northland Coffee Connect, Wednesday, September 17 – NKC Health, Barry Rm, Pavilion 1st Floor
- Northland Coffee Connect, Wednesday, September 24 – KC SourceLink at Life Unlimited, 320 Armour
- Monthly Membership Luncheon, Thursday, September 25 – *Investing in North Kansas City 2025* program at The Pavilion at iWerx, 1520 Clay
- Monthly Membership Luncheon, Thursday, October 16 (NOTE: 3rd Thursday instead of normal 4th Thursday) – The State of the City at Fire Station #1

Note: Only North Kansas City Business Council member businesses will be featured in these newsletters, although the distribution goes to ALL businesses to get more attention for the featured businesses. Whenever any member business is mentioned, I will also include the website address of that business so readers can inquire further about your business if they are interested.