

KCEOC BI-MONTHLY



“Creating change since 1964”

Holiday Giving Edition



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KCEOC BEHIND THE SCENES: RYAN'S PLACE, YOUTH CRISIS CENTER



JOANNA CARPENTER
CRISIS CENTER COORDINATOR
& CASE MANAGER

Ryan's Place, Youth Crisis Center honors KCEOC's mission statement to embody the spirit of hope, recognize human potential, and offer a hand up to youths aged 18-24 in need. Ryan's Place has been restoring hope since it was opened in December 2018. Clients come to Ryan's Place seeking shelter from the storms they are facing, whether it is an issue they have dealt with throughout their life, sudden tragedy, or even a literal storm that has left them without a home in the middle of the night, Ryan's Place is a crisis center dedicated to seeing the individuals served reach their full potential and become self-sufficient while offering a safe environment.

The employees at Ryan's Place are one of the many reasons the center is so special. Their knowledge, experience, and dedication shines through in the work that they perform.

Joanna has a Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) degree from Eastern KY University, and has worked in the social work field for over 14 years. Even as a small child, Joanna had a love for helping other people. "When I started at Ryan's Place I knew I was finally able to help my clients the ways I have always wanted to, to help change the foundation of their lives, watch them grow as people, and to become self-sufficient, it is a wonderful thing. We provide the stability, support, and guidance, but the client does the work and then when they are back on their feet they have something to be really proud of."

Ellen is finishing a Bachelors of Psychology from the University of the Cumberlands and has worked for KCEOC for 3 years in various roles. "I went back to college so that I could do more for my clients, it was scary after such a long absence, but the youths at Ryan's Place are my inspiration, if they can overcome so much, then I owe it to them to push myself. I love watching them thrive, they are all such good people that just needed a chance to succeed. Continued on the next page...

ELLEN HENSON
STAFF OPERATIONS



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“When I leave work everyday, I feel excited that I have helped someone reach their full potential, I love seeing how excited the clients get when they have reached a goal they didn't think was possible previously. I believe working at Ryan's Place has not only made me a better person it has also made me a better mother to my 3 kids, because of the empathy, patience and compassion I have learned here.”



Ryan's Place is a crisis center for youth ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness. The center has four two bedroom units and shared common areas. There is onsite case management that provides educational skills, life skills, employment services, and other supportive services. Clients are assisted with obtaining permanent housing while getting back on their feet. Ryan's Place helps clients learn basic skills needed to become independent and live on their own. Funding for Ryan's place is provided by The Department of Housing and Urban Development and is an equal housing opportunity provider. For information contact Joanna Carpenter at 606-595-3785 or jmcarpenter@kceoc.com.



Ryan's Place Youth Crisis Center, is an award winning facility, winning both the SEACCA William "Sonny" Walker Self-Sufficiency Award and the CAK Award for Innovation in 2020, for the numerous programs and initiatives offered to clients.

To support Ryan's Place go to KCEOC.ORG and hit Donate Now.



VITA FREE TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM

We are offering Curbside Tax Preparation Assistance!!

**KCEOC Community Action Partnership Central Office
5448 North US 25E Gray, KY 40734**

**Saturdays: January 30, February 13th, February 20th, 2021
9:00 am- 3:00 pm**

To schedule an appointment contact KCEOC CAP at 606-546-3152.

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, KCEOC Community Action Partnership (CAP) participating in the tax preparation for the 2020 tax season. KCEOC CAP will offer curbside pickup and tax preparation.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free income tax return preparation to hard working taxpayers earning up to \$64,000 annually. VITA helps working families take advantage of all of the tax credits they are eligible for including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and education credits. Volunteers from the community help prepare basic, current year tax returns for eligible taxpayers free of charge.

Information required for tax preparation : Please have your tax documentation information ready for faster processing.

What to Bring:

- *For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- *Proof of identification for yourself and/or your spouse
- *Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Notice (ITIN) for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- *Proof of foreign status if applying for ITIN
- *Birth dates for you, your spouse, and/or dependents on the return
- *All forms: W-2 and 1099
- *Information for "other" income
- *Information for all deductions and credits
- *Daycare: Providers name, Providers Tax ID number, and total amount paid
- *Proof of account for direct deposit
- *Copy of last year's return
- *For Prior Year Returns – copies of income transcripts from IRS (and state, if applicable)

A Special Thank You to:



Seed to Table

Oakes Farms, a family owned organic agricultural business based in Southern Florida donated and delivered a tractor trailer sized truckload of fresh Food boxes to KCEOC for distribution in our community to help fight food insecurity caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic.



LIHEAP

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT HOUSEHOLD
ENERGY RESOURCES & REDUCE THE ENERGY BURDEN**



**LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY
AFFECTED BY HIGH HOME ENERGY COSTS.**

16.3%

OF A LOW-INCOME FAMILIES'
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME IS
SPENT ON HOME ENERGY COSTS

3.5%

OF OTHER HOUSEHOLDS' ANNUAL
INCOME IS SPENT ON HOME
ENERGY COSTS COMPARATIVELY

**LIHEAP PROVIDES 6.7
MILLION HOUSEHOLDS
WITH HEATING AND
COOLING ASSISTANCE.**



**Fall Subsidy LiHeap Nov 1-Dec 15 2020
LIHEAP Crisis Assistance Jan 4th-March 31,2021**

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, or a statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.

Applicants requesting assistance for natural gas or electric must bring a disconnect/past due notice (example: arrearage payment plan, past due notice, termination notice, or final notice). If your rent includes heat you must bring a copy of your lease and eviction notice. Applicants who participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program must bring a statement from the utility company that shows they have 10 days or less of pre-paid electric service.

*Due To COVID19 Precautions,
Applications are available electronically, Walk-ins and appointments are available with curbside assistance.

For questions contact Shawn Bingham or Angie May at 606-546-3152.

Congratulations 2020

James J. Davenport CSBG

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year, KCEOC Community Action Partnership presents up to four recipients with a scholarship, funded by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) education fund. These scholarships are designed to provide continued education to recipients that illustrate need by meeting eligibility guidelines and show promise of success indicated by GPA/GED scores and enrollment in a higher educational/vocational institution.



Cade Johnson



Whitney Brock

(Pictured with her father)

The CSBG scholarship is named in honor of a Community Action hero and one of KCEOC's very own- the late James Joseph Davenport, affectionately known to most as "Jim." During his 26-year career at KCEOC, Jim was instrumental in saving funding in Washington, D.C. that was the prime source for KCEOC and Community Action Agencies across the country.



Helping People. Changing Lives.



Did You Receive Unemployment Benefits?

Have the right tax withheld for 2020



Unemployment benefits are taxable

Unemployment benefits must be reported on your federal tax return. A record number of Americans are applying for unemployment compensation due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. If you received unemployment benefits, as well as the additional \$600 per week in coronavirus relief any time during the year, your tax return may be affected.

- **Do I have to report unemployment benefits on my federal income tax return?**

Yes, any unemployment compensation received during the year must be reported on your federal tax return.

- **How will I know how much unemployment compensation I received?**

If you received unemployment compensation during the year, you should receive Form 1099-G from your state's unemployment office.

- **How will unemployment compensation affect my tax return?**

If you do not have taxes withheld from your unemployment compensation, it could result in a tax liability.

- **Can I have federal income tax withheld from my unemployment compensation?**

Yes, you can choose to have federal income tax withheld from your unemployment benefits by submitting a Form 4V, Voluntary Withholding Request, to your state's unemployment office.

- **If I am no longer collecting unemployment benefits, how can I pay the tax due?**

You can make estimated tax payments at [www.irs.gov/Form 1040-ES](http://www.irs.gov/Form1040-ES) and/or increase your withholding once you have a new job. You can check your estimated withholding using the calculator at www.irs.gov/W4app. See www.irs.gov/payments for more payment options.

According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics, over 23 million U.S. workers have filed for unemployment this year nationwide.

For the first time, some self-employed workers qualified for unemployment benefits.



For more information, contact your state's unemployment office and visit:

www.irs.gov/UC

SOCIAL DISTANCING

doesn't mean

SOCIAL ISOLATION



We're in this together



KCEOC, Community Action Partnership, is here for you! If you have a need of one of our programs please call 606-546-3152, check our website for employment opportunities, or call us to ask about how you can volunteer, host a donation drive for the homeless, or for other ways to get involved in the fight against poverty!

Remember we're in this together!

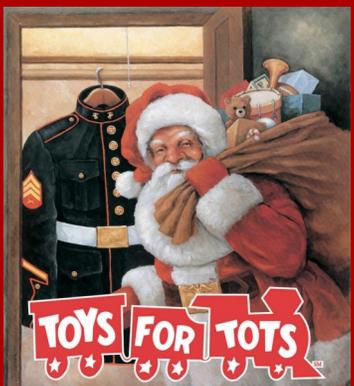




Toys for Tots visited KCEOC CAP's Emergency Support Shelter for a special delivery of toys and Christmas Cheer!



Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Reserve, a long term supporter of KCEOC's Emergency Support Shelter delivered over 50 gifts consisting of dolls, cars, games, books, puzzles, to the 9 children who spent their Christmas at KCEOC's ESS.



Thank you Toys for Tots!

Toys for Tots, a 70-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime. It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community. Last year the Marine Corps fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7 million less fortunate children in 792 communities nationwide. Since 1947 over 244 million children have been assisted. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org.



Senior Center Christmas Donations!

Patricia W. Allen, along with the staff and volunteers of Medicare Savings Market donated and helped distribute over 60 baskets of household items, food, and Christmas gifts to the Knox Co Senior Center, to be given to the at-risk elderly population the center serves.

**For more ways to help local Seniors contact:
Victor Jordan @ 606-546-5191 or Shawn Bingham @ 606-546-3152**

A Special Thank You to:



Knox Co. Senior Center was Awarded a \$1000.00 Grant from Wal-Mart of Corbin Ky. The grant will be used to directly benefit senior citizens of Knox County facing food insecurity.



To learn more about the Senior Center or ways to help contact: Victor Jordan @ 546-5191 or Shawn Bingham @ 545-2896



Clients at Ryan's Place Youth Crisis Center were treated to a home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner was provided and prepared by the employees of Ryan's Place, Joanna & Ellen, who said "We just wanted Ryan's Place to feel like home for the youths we serve, especially during the holidays, we wanted them to know that we care about them, and we're here to help them get through a hard time and get back on their feet."

KCEOC COMMUNITY
ACTION PARTNERSHIP

*A special thank
you to our
Veterans!*



Veterans Day November 11, 2020

To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future;
Thank you for your service to our country and communities!

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXPIRED?

WE CAN HELP!

Enroll for services with Kentucky Career Center JobSight today

If your unemployment insurance benefits have expired, your local JobSight can provide services to help you get back to work. And all of our services are FREE of charge!

With assistance from JobSight, you can:



Retrain for a new career

Opportunities include apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and tuition assistance.



Gain access to a network of employers

We're working with employers in our region to highlight new training and job opportunities.



Receive expert one-on-one career advising

Our career advisors work to ensure your career plan is best suited to get you back to work.

Contact your local JobSight location:

Bell County
606-337-3044

**Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin,
Martin, & Pike**
606-789-2857

**Knott, Leslie, Letcher, &
Perry**
606-436-3161

Harlan County
606-573-5335

Knox County
606-546-2639

Clay & Jackson
606-598-5127

**Breathitt, Lee, Owsley, &
Wolfe**
606-666-2369

Menifee & Morgan
606-743-3133

Carter, Elliott, & Lawrence
606-638-4949



Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, KCEOC's Annual Casino Night will be cancelled. It was a hard decision, but the safety of our community will always be our top priority. We hope to see you at Casino Night in 2021!

If you would still like to donate to KCEOC, please contact:
 Jessi Montgomery, Development Manager
 @ 606-546-3152 or JLMontgomery@KCEOC.com



**Ryan's Place, Youth Crisis Center Awarded
 The William "Sonny" Walker Self-Sufficiency Award**



Each year SEACCA, (Southeastern Association of Community Action Agencies) recognizes an organization that provides services to an underserved population that enables them to become self-sufficient. Ryan's Place follows KCEOC's core principles of offering clients a hand up not a hand out. The goal of Ryan's Place is for all the residents to be able to become self-sufficient. Beginning with day one of admission; participants establish goals to obtain permanent housing. Ryan's Place offers an on-site case manager, employment services, life skills, and basic "adulting" lesson to youths that are transitioning into adulthood. During their stay at Ryan's Place, program participants may be provided with supportive services through one or more programs: Case Management, assistance with relocation cost, child care, education services, Employment assistance & job training, legal services, housing/counseling services, life skills training, feeding assistance, transportation, outreach services, utility deposit assistance, and mental health and/or substance abuse treatment as needed.

KCEOC CHILD DEVELOPMENT
November 2020 Program Activity Report

ENROLLMENT	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Funded Enrollment</i>	737	291
<i>Year to Date Enrollment</i>	510	301
<i>Income Eligible Children (current)</i>	305	154
<i>Categorically Eligible Children (homeless, foster, public assistance, active military)(current)</i>	76	28
<i>Children within 101-130% eligible</i>	56	15
<i>Over Income Children (current)</i>	51	20
<i>Pregnant Mothers currently enrolled</i>	NA	2
<i>Average Daily Attendance (All program options)</i>	99%	83%
<i>Number of Children Transitioned for month</i>	0	0
PARENT INVOLVEMENT		
<i>Number of Parent Volunteers</i>		287
<i>Number of Parent Volunteer Hours</i>		7,987.75
Projected Annual 2019 Funding Level	Year to Date % Spent	
HS (P.A.22) \$5,512,588		70.12%
EHS (P.A.25) \$3,591,603		66.14%
HS T/TA (P.A. 20) \$70,152		66.41%
EHS T/TA (P.A. 21) \$81,086		31.55%
INKIND		
<i>Amount Required</i> \$2,615,000.00	<i>Year to Date</i> \$122,058.66	
HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Percent of Children with up to date Immunizations</i>	69%	65%
<i>Number of Children with Up-to-Date Physicals</i>	60%	64%
<i>Children with Up-to-date Hearing</i>	57%	69%
<i>Children with Up-to-date Vision</i>	57%	69%
<i>Children with Completed Dental Exams/screenings</i>	44%	NA
<i>Mental Health Observations Completed</i>	0	0
<i>Mental Health Observations Completed YTD</i>	0	0
NUTRITION		
<i>Number of Breakfast Served</i>		504
<i>Number of Lunch Served</i>		2,904
<i>Number of Snack Served</i>		2,880
TOTAL		6,288
PARENT EDUCATION	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Number enrolled in High School or GED</i>	0	0
<i>Number complete High School or GED</i>	1	2
<i>Number Enrolled in Secondary Education (Voc. Or College)</i>	17	17
<i>Number Completed Secondary Education (Voc. Or College)</i>	0	2
STAFF EDUCATION	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Teachers with Masters</i>	3	2
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain Masters</i>	1	0
<i>Teachers with Bachelors</i>	22	8
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain Bachelors</i>	1	1
<i>Teachers with AA</i>	16	1
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain AA</i>	0	0
DISABILITIES	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Number of Diagnosed Children (Current)</i>	76	12
<i>Developmental Delay- 56 Multiple Disabilities - 0 Orthopedic Impairment - 0</i>		All EHS Diagnosed are
<i>Hearing Impaired- 0 Vision-2 Speech- 32 Autism-3 Other Health Impaired - 0</i>		Developmentally Delayed

**KCEOC CHILD DEVELOPMENT
December 2020 Program Activity Report**

ENROLLMENT	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Funded Enrollment</i>	737	291
<i>Year to Date Enrollment</i>	516	302
<i>Income Eligible Children (current)</i>	306	154
<i>Categorically Eligible Children (homeless, foster, public assistance, active military)(current)</i>	77	27
<i>Children within 101-130% eligible</i>	57	15
<i>Over Income Children (current)</i>	51	20
<i>Pregnant Mothers currently enrolled</i>	NA	2
<i>Average Daily Attendance (All program options)</i>	99%	82%
<i>Number of Children Transitioned for month</i>	0	0
PARENT INVOLVEMENT		
<i>Number of Parent Volunteers</i>	244	
<i>Number of Parent Volunteer Hours</i>	5376	
Projected Annual 2019 Funding Level	Year to Date % Spent	
HS (P.A.22) \$5,512,588	76.22%	
EHS (P.A.25) \$3,591,603	71.23%	
HS T/TA (P.A. 20) \$70,152	67.09%	
EHS T/TA (P.A. 21) \$81,086	31.83%	
INKIND		
<i>Amount Required</i> \$2,615,000.00	<i>Year to Date</i> \$239,140.16	
HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Percent of Children with up to date Immunizations</i>	71%	67%
<i>Number of Children with Up-to-Date Physicals</i>	63%	59%
<i>Children with Up-to-date Hearing</i>	65%	65%
<i>Children with Up-to-date Vision</i>	65%	65%
<i>Children with Completed Dental Exams/screenings</i>	49%	NA
<i>Mental Health Observations Completed</i>	0	0
<i>Mental Health Observations Completed YTD</i>	0	0
NUTRITION		
<i>Number of Breakfast Served</i>	207	
<i>Number of Lunch Served</i>	1,314	
<i>Number of Snack Served</i>	1,299	
TOTAL	2,820	
PARENT EDUCATION	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Number enrolled in High School or GED</i>	0	1
<i>Number complete High School or GED</i>	0	1
<i>Number Enrolled in Secondary Education (Voc. Or College)</i>	13	14
<i>Number Completed Secondary Education (Voc. Or College)</i>	1	1
STAFF EDUCATION	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Teachers with Masters</i>	3	2
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain Masters</i>	1	0
<i>Teachers with Bachelors</i>	22	8
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain Bachelors</i>	1	1
<i>Teachers with AA</i>	16	1
<i>Teachers enrolled to obtain AA</i>	0	0
DISABILITIES	Head Start	Early Head Start
<i>Number of Diagnosed Children (Current)</i>	81	14
<i>Developmental Delay- 53 Multiple Disabilities - 1 Orthopedic Impairment - 0</i>		All EHS Diagnosed are Developmentally Delayed
<i>Hearing Impaired- 0 Vision-2 Speech- 37 Autism- 2 Other Health Impaired - 0</i>		

KCEOC Birthdays

DOYLE, JACOB LEE	November 5	SMITH, MARY MARGARET NOEL	December 5
SMITH, LINDA	November 11	HUBBARD, KATHY D.	December 6
MCCARTHY, ROBERT E.	November 11	BURTON, AMANDA SUE	December 7
HUMFLEET, JAMES	November 12	MASON, BONITA	December 8
DANIELS, ABBYGAIL BRE-ANN	November 14	BLACK, EDWARD	December 9
SESTER, JENNIFER	November 14	ISOM, BEVERLY	December 10
HOSKINS, TRACY	November 16	NAPIER, APRIL ANN	December 12
LUNSFORD, DRUESILLA	November 17	FRAZIER, LEE	December 13
PILLAY, JACQUELINE	November 19	HELTON, PEGGY	December 13
BURKE, CANDI LINETTE	November 21	MILLS, KRISTIN	December 13
WILSON, CHEYENNE KELYN KARR	November 22	PEACE, REBECCA LYNN	December 13
BROWN, TONYA RENEE	November 22	BAKER, HAROLD GLEN	December 14
MADDEN, ASHLEY LEANN	November 22	CLARK, JACQUELINE GAIL	December 15
CURRY, PERLINA	November 22	BACK, TERESA WILSON	December 17
HOBBS, BRENDA	November 25	CRAFT, ELIZABETH	December 17
MARION, TAMMY	November 26	CASTEEL, REBECCA GABRIELLE	December 18
CARPENTER, JOANNA MARIE	November 27	WHITE, BRITTANY MARIE	December 21
SAYLOR, CHASSIDY NICOLE	November 27	MYERS, BRENDA	December 22
		THOMPSON, DONNA	December 23
		HILL, JOSEPH WAYNE	December 25
		BRUMBALOW, SOPHIA	December 26
		DEAN, CHERYL	December 27
		LEWIS, CHASITY ROSE	December 28
		ROARK, ELLA	December 29
		JORDAN, NICK	December 30



KCEOC Anniversaries

BLACK, KATHY	35 years	BLANKENSHIP, CAROLYN	19 years
CASTEEL, REBECCA	3 years	BROCK, TYLER JESSICA	3 years
FILLIPPINIE, DISA	1 year	CLEM, HEATHER R	2 years
HAMMONS, JON SCOTT	3 years	COCHRAN, LESLIE	11 years
ISOM, BEVERLY	14 years	DEAN, CHERYL	10 years
JACKSON, DIANN	6 years	FINLEY, TYRA LEANN	2 years
LEDFORD, JAMES	25 years	FISHER, TRACY	9 years
LUNSFORD, DRUESILLA	16 years	FROST, PATRICIA	42 years
MADDEN, ASHLEY LEANN	2 years	GIBSON, FLOSSIE	36 years
SLUSHER, RONNIE	18 years	HENSON, HEATHER	8 years
TALLCHIEF, KENNETH	1 year	JOHNSON, TRYPHENA	9 years
THOMPSON, CAROLYN	35 years	JOSEPH, JOANNE	9 years
WOTIER, TAMMY	6 years	LAMBDIN, KARLA	11 years
		MARION, TAMMY	11 years
		MARION, JUDY	20 years
		MARLER, DANIELLE	1 year
		MILES, BRIANA	4 years
		MOSES, BRENDIA	20 years
		OWENS, KAREN DENISE	1 year
		SCOTT, LISA	23 years
		SIMPSON, NIKITA	2 years
		SMITH, CANDACE N.	8 years
		SMITH, GEORGE	20 years
		SMITH, LATISHA	15 years
		SWAFFORD, CARRIE	9 years
		WHITEHEAD, KYLA	5 years

**Happy
Work Anniversary**
You are the best!





General Information

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Facebook: KCEOC Community Action Partnership or @KCEOC1

Twitter: KCEOC Community Action Partnership or @KCEOC

Instagram: KCEOC Community Action Partnership or @KCEOC

Webpage: www.kceoc.org

Upcoming Events

- *Giving Tuesday– Dec 1, 2020
- *Board of Directors Meeting– Dec 21, 2020
- *Main Office Closed Dec 17, 2020– Jan 4, 2021

*For questions about supporting KCEOC contact Jessi Montgomery @JLMontgomery@KCEOC.COM or 606-564-5132.
Donations can be made anytime at KCEOC.ORG. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Stay in Touch



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