

Jazz By the River slated for Saturday

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The annual Jazz By the River fundraiser will take place this weekend.

The event will raise money for the tutoring and mentorship

program at the Richard Allen Cultural Center & Museum, according to the museum's executive director, John Hutchinson.

Jazz By the River will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Xavier Theater on the campus

of the University of Saint Mary, 4100 S. Fourth St.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children if purchased in advance. Tickets will \$40 at the door.

People can arrange to purchase tickets in

advance by calling the RACC at 913-682-8772.

The headliner for the evening will be The Motion Band, a local band that Hutchinson said performs old-school soul music. He said there will also be performances by a jazz

band from Leavenworth High School as well as a dance group and a young pianist.

There will also be a silent auction, and people will be able to purchase chances to win a monetary prize.

Study: Social infrastructure leads to healthier communities

KU News Service

The United States spends significant amounts of money on health care every year, yet health outcomes have been declining. Scholars have long known that where a person lives, what they do for a living and other factors influence health, but

new research from the University of Kansas has found that high levels of social infrastructure are associated with healthier communities.

Despite declining health outcomes across the country, some counties are consistently healthier than others. Using a social determinants

of health theoretical framework, the researchers developed a multidimensional measure of social infrastructure and examined its relationship to public health outcomes. They found that communities with higher levels of social infrastructure — measured as social, human and cultural

capital — also had better health outcomes.

Poor health outcomes in the United States are often described as a “wicked problem” in public affairs scholarship.

“This is something the U.S. has been going in the wrong direction on for quite a while. When people think about health,

they often think of health care,” said Dorothy Daley, professor in the School of Public Affairs & Administration and the Environmental Studies Program at KU, one of the study's authors. “That is actually just one small part of how healthy a person is. Where you live, where you

work, where you go to school all shape your health, and we're finding cultural capital can as well.”

For the study, researchers assembled and analyzed data from a variety of existing sources. Local health data was drawn from the County Health Ranking and Roadmap project.

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ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



Maureen Hernandez, baby sleep instructor, is shown at the annual Community Baby Shower at Anthony Elementary School. Micah Bray



Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson visits with attendees.



Volunteers from several local organizations staffed booths at the event.



Maureen Hernandez, Lisa Schmidt and Jody Hammerschmidt are shown at the event, which was hosted by the Leavenworth County Breastfeeding Coalition.