

CONNECTIONS

Annual Report

April 2014



Message from Board Chair

by Nikki Newton

My commitment to Community LINC has grown with each passing day that I am involved. It has been quite the journey as I understand more and more the plight of the homeless. I am reminded how nothing should be taken for granted.

I observe the families as they work diligently with the dedicated staff at Community LINC to change their circumstances to move to permanent housing. This is year five of our economic recovery and not everyone has experienced the recovery equally. I don't want to opine on what is fair or equitable because these are hotly contested points, whose debate here does not serve the interest of our constituents. Instead, I would like to share what I have learned in my time at Community LINC.

- Never underestimate the power of a dedicated staff and visionary leadership.
- Diversity of thought creates powerful solutions
- Replace judgments with expectations.
- Take people where you find them.
- Caring for others is a universal responsibility.

In 2014, we have lots of plans; one of the most exciting is our intention to grow awareness of Community LINC, with the ultimate desired outcome of continuing to elevate the dialogue of the plight of the homelessness. Community LINC brings out the best in all of us involved. On behalf of the board and staff, we thank you for your support and look forward to partnering with you in accepting our universal responsibility of caring for those in need in our community.

SEEING IN THE DARK

by CTI Case Manager Sara Barrett

So often in social work, it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day aspects, such as paperwork, number-crunching, funding and reports. While all of those things are necessary and important to ensure best practice and accountability in agency spending, I can quickly lose focus on what my true role is in my work when I am in the middle of those things. More often than not, it is my clients who remind me why I am here in my current role today.

Last week I met with a single father who graduated from the on-site program several months ago. He is two decades older than me, with more life experience than I could ever dream to think up. When I first began Aftercare Services with this man, I thought to myself, "We have several odds against building a rapport with one another: difference in age, generation, race, lifestyle, background. Really, what do I have to offer this person? What is my degree really worth?" During our first meeting we discussed his lifelong journey of poverty, bad choices, violence and "running the streets." He shared how it has impacted his children and how it has led his life to the point of homelessness on more than one occasion. Our goal of the meeting was to determine which part of that lifestyle he could let go of today to keep his newly acquired job and pay his gas bill. He said, "I am seeing I can't do both, I have to pick a side."

Four months later, our meeting consisted of discussion options for his 401K Retirement



Plan, including a consultation with a local financial coaching agency and the "proper" way to inquire about information needed from Parent-Teacher Conferences. I reminded him of our first visit, and how different our conversation was today versus four months ago. We

laughed and joked about the difference. I asked him, "What was it, at your age, that finally made you feel strong enough to make the choice to create something new? To do life differently?" He said, "I didn't know this could be me," pointing to his 401K enrollment sheet. "I didn't see this, but you saw it, Community LINC saw it. You guys have never lied to me, so I just decided to believe it too. I couldn't see a different future that I had never known before, so I had to see what Community LINC saw, and then it came true."

At the end of the day, after the reports are submitted and the money is balanced, after the case notes are completed and the phone calls are made, my role is clear. It starts with believing the best in and for the people we serve, seeing them beyond their circumstances, and even maybe beyond decades of a lifestyle that have been detrimental to their well-being. If we don't believe it for them, how can they believe it? I am continually challenged and renewed in this work by the resilience of the human spirit to overcome all odds. I am inspired by the humbleness of my clients. It is light in the darkness.

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GENEROSITY

- Last year our families, programs and office were gifted with in-kind goods valued at \$26,367.
- Twenty-four families were adopted for Christmas in 2013 with an in-kind value of approximately \$17,000.
- We received more than 215 items to make 141 packages for our Rent Party auction, valued at \$87,610.

21c Hotel	Happy Gillis	Petworks Veterinary
68's Inside Sports	The Hairem	Hospital
Affäre	The Harriman-Jewell Series	Picture Lady
Aixois Bistro and Brasserie	HealthRidge Fitness	Pieces by Papillon
Aladdin Holiday Inn	Heart of America	Piropos
AMC	Shakespeare Festival	Plaza III
American Jazz Museum	Hendrick's	Brenda Poor
Tracey and Steve Anderson	Hereford House	Powell Gardens
Antisdel's Photography	Karen and Hank Herrmann	Power Play
Argosy Casino	Wendy Hills	Prairiebrooke Arts
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Barnes & Noble	Jewelry by Morgan	Rimann Liquors
Belle Epoque	Jimmie Johnson Foundation	The Roasterie
Bijin Salon & Spa	Steve Johnston	Irv Robinson
Blades Salon and Boutique	Kansas City Actors Theatre	Sally's Organizing Service
Bonefish Grill	Kansas City Ballet	Salon 152
Bread and Butter Concepts	Kansas City Chiefs	Colleen and B.M. Scott
Joni Brennan	Kansas City Marriott	Shelly and Jim Schwab
Bristol Seafood Grill	Downtown	Screenland Theater
Brookside Jewelry	Kansas City Repertory	Sears
Meaghan Bush	Theatre	Seasons 52
David Butel	Kansas City T-Bones	Sharyn Blond Linens
ByMindy	Kansas City Zoo	Shop Beautiful
Capital Grille	Chris Karlin	Julianne Smith
Carla King	Knotty Rug Company	Melinda and Phil Smith
Cathy and Co., Inc.	Kohl's	Soffia Via Salon
The Clarion Hotel	Gayle and Bruce Krigel	Sole Patch Barbershop
The College Basketball Experience	Leader Chauffeur Service	SPIN Pizza
Wilma Collado and Jim Walsh	The Learning Tree	Splish Splash
	Lifetime Fitness	Sprint Center
	Lon Lane's Inspired	Starker's
	Occasions	Ann and John Sundeen
	Lovable Lids	Tavern at Mission Farms
	Lea Anne and Kyle Mallot	TC Dance Club
	The Market Vineyard	Rita and James Tiehen
	Mazzarese Fine Jewelry	Tivol Jewelry
	Mike McMullen	Trader Joe's
	Julie and Sam Meers	Donna Tulipana
	Meierotto's Midwest	Two Chic Boulevard
	Jewelers	Ultramax Sports
	The Melting Pot	Unicorn Theatre
	Michael Forbes Grill	Van Liew's Home and Garden
	Michael's Fine Clothes	Vera Bradley
	Midland Theatre	Waddell & Reed
	Mission HyVee Flower Shop	Waldo Pizza
	MK Decor and More	Tom Watson
	Negro Leagues Baseball Museum	Wines by Jennifer
	Kimberly and Nikki Newton	Hillary and Adam
	Nicklaus Golf Club	Winzenried
	The Outlaw Cigar Company	World's Window
	Overhead Door	WWI Museum
	Overland Limo	Yoga School of Therapeutics
	Paradise Park	Young Images
	Kelly Paratore	
	Paulo and Bill Restaurant	
	Pawz at Play	
	The Pet Ranch	

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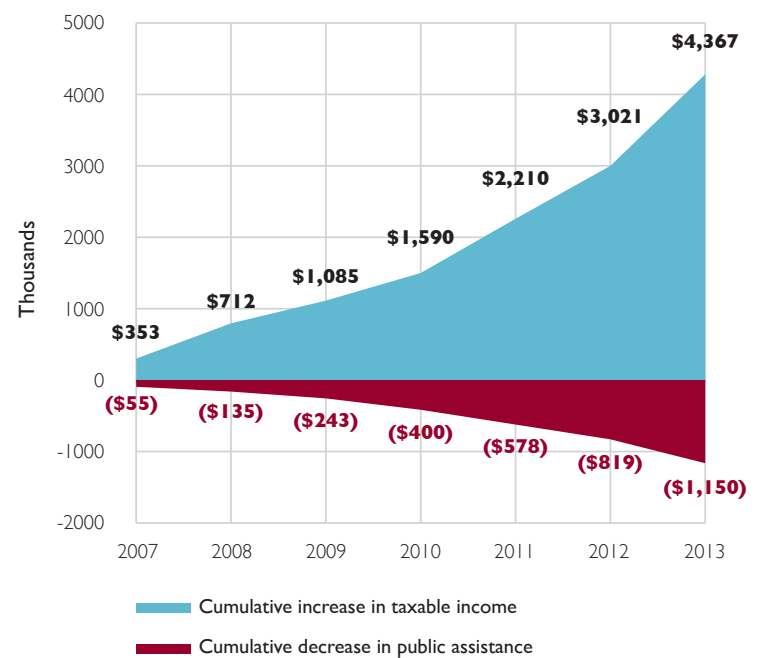
Saturday October 4th, 2014
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	12/31/13	12/31/12
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	813,947	347,627
Cash temporarily restricted for buildings and programs	254,905	257,751
Grants, contributions and contracts receivable	158,611	72,861
Other current assets	2,820	20,225
Total Current Assets	1,230,283	698,464
Property & Equipment, Net	1,223,034	1,279,508
Total Assets	2,453,317	1,977,972
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities	7,141	82,319
Long-term Liabilities	119,205	133,133
Total Liabilities	126,346	215,452
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,700,032	1,397,219
Board-designated	372,034	110,187
Temporarily restricted	254,905	255,114
Total Net Assets	2,326,971	1,762,520
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,453,317	1,977,972

Cumulative Impact Since 2007

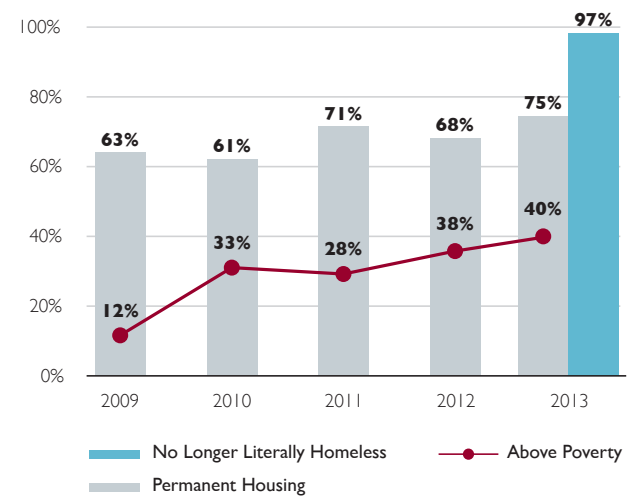


STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

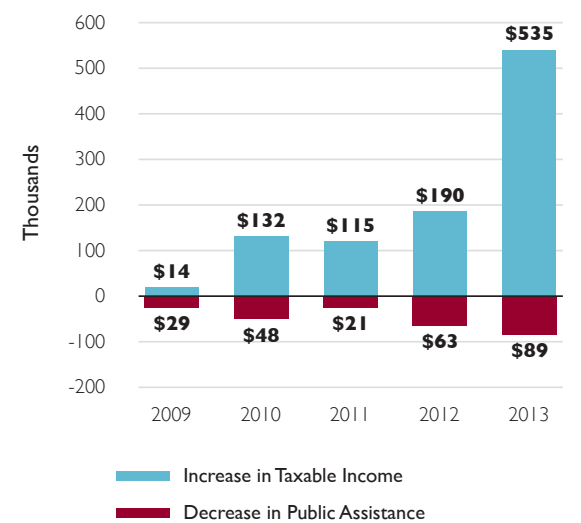
CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2013 Total	2012 Total
United Way and other non-profit	27,538	-	27,538	64,586
Churches and religious organizations	27,850	-	27,850	32,726
Civic organizations	1,600	67,500	1,600	-v
Corporate donations	30,654	278,700	98,154	118,735
Foundations	66,350	2,767	345,050	271,685
Individual contributions	697,803	0	700,570	127,485
Special Events	631,441	-	631,441	532,949
Grants - government	417,583	-	417,583	269,486
Other income	10,085	348,967	10,085	30,868
Subtotal	1,910,905	(355,603)	2,259,872	1,508,579
Net Assets Released from Restriction	355,603	(6,637)		
TOTAL REVENUES	2,266,509		2,259,872	1,508,579
EXPENSES			2013	2012
Program services			1,316,924	1,012,044
Supporting services				
Fundraising			176,892	235,098
Administrative			99,448	86,273
Interest expense			7,639	11,508
Depreciation			96,047	68,324
Subtotal			380,026	401,203
TOTAL EXPENSES			1,696,950	1,413,247
Increase in net assets			562,922	95,332
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD			1,764,049	1,667,188
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD			2,326,971	1,762,520

In-kind not included

End Homelessness & Impact Poverty



Impact of Self-Sufficiency Each Year



Key Performance Indicators

	2012	2013
Exited to permanent housing	68%	75%
Reduced/removed housing debt	64%	70%
Increased self-sufficiency scores	88%	76%
Employed adult residents	51%	59%
Adults employed on exit	68%	69%
Average hourly wage	\$10.14	\$9.32
Adults improving coping skills	70%	81%
Children improving life skills	60%	100%
Children improving reading scores	60%	79%
Children improving behavior	N/A	95%
Children improving social skills scores	N/A	81%
Children improving coping skills scores	55%	100%
Occupancy Rate	86%	90%
Board Attendance	75%	86%
Board giving & fundraising	\$380,680	\$987,499

Race Demographics

White	72	22.5%
Black/African American	236	73.8%
Native American/Alaskan Native	1	0.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific	6	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino	5	1.6%

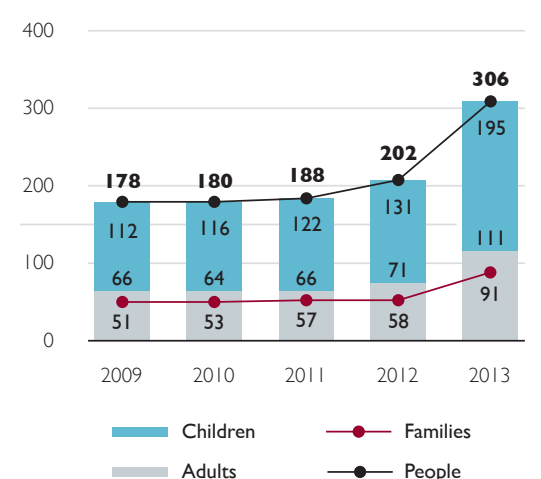
Adult Gender Demographics

Male	31	27.0%
Female	84	73.0%

Age Demographics (Children & Adults)

Ages 0-5	80	25.0%
Ages 6-12	89	27.8%
Ages 13-18	36	11.3%
Ages 19-30	57	17.8%
Ages 31-40	44	13.8%
Ages 41-50+	14	4.4%

Community LINC Housing Residents



25 YEARS OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND TRANSFORMING LIVES

by Laura Gray



As we celebrate Community LINC's 25th year of ending homelessness for Kansas City families, I am happy to reflect, not only on the past year,

but on the past quarter of a century. Since 1988, more than 11,000 people, including 3,791 families and 8,195 children have received a hand up from Community LINC. And this milestone 25th year could not have been launched in a better year than 2013.

We have always been proudest of the number of people who were no longer homeless when they left Community LINC because we know their lives have been transformed. In 2013, 97% of our exiting families left homelessness behind. Seventy-five percent found permanent homes and 21% left to share housing with family and friends.

2013 was the first full year for our Interim Housing program, otherwise known as rapid re-housing. This exciting program model made it possible for us to serve nearly twice as many families at a lower cost per family, and a higher rate of success. A total of 306 people in 91 families received shelter, programs and services, including 195 children. Because we served nearly twice as many families with a strong program, we saw a 92% increase in the number of families exiting to permanent housing! Seventy percent of adults were employed when they exited and 70% reduced or removed housing debt.

One exciting part of this model is the ability to provide nine months of aftercare for families after they are in their own homes. This ensures a smooth transition to permanent independence for each family. The Interim Housing Program and the restructuring and expansion of our services involved were vital. It gave the best results for our families since the economic downturn!

Another highlight for the year was the improvement in the quality of our programs. We completed a facility study to determine the best use of space in our six buildings. As a result, for safety reasons, we moved our Children's Centers to the first floor. We also renovated the Children's Centers to deliver programming more effectively. We enhanced our program to include new services in our Children's Wellness Clinic and expanded our Mental Wellness Program for children. These

changes will help children stabilize and begin the recovery from trauma.

In 2013, the strains of homelessness continued as the economy continued to recover. Although improving, unemployment among the population we serve is still high. The income needed to afford housing at the fair-market rate is nearly double the minimum wage in Missouri. This complicates the picture for our families. Unemployment and housing costs are just two of many factors accounting for a 37% increase in homelessness in Missouri between 2007 and 2013.

As stewards of our resources, we are very careful to screen and make sure we serve the most vulnerable homeless families. Despite the hurdles and the other challenges our families face, they are committed to working hard to gain self-sufficiency and we are committed to ending homelessness. Our staff works hard and is one of Community LINC's biggest assets.

Total revenue increased by 26% last year and we had our best Rent Party ever! The staff sought creative resources to assist families such as implementing a clothing-bin donation program and car donation program. Community LINC's Aftercare Case Manager even helped a graduate mom win a Jackson County competition to become a home owner!

Nationally, families are 37% of the homeless population, while in Missouri families comprise a staggering 51% of the homelessness. However, we are excited about the success of our new programs and how they help us end homelessness for more families each year.

All of the highlights of 2013 contributed to a memorable beginning of our 25th year of service. Every time a family leaves for permanent housing or takes a step toward self-sufficiency, it is a highlight for them, and for everyone who helped make it possible. You are one of the people who made it possible. Thank you for all of your support in ending homelessness and transforming lives.

2013 Volunteer Impact

Hours of Service: nearly 4,000 hours
Dollar Value: \$102,705
Number of Volunteers: 212

Much of Community LINC's success can be credited to the contributions of our volunteers. In 2013, more than 200 volunteers donated nearly 4,000 hours of service. Groups and individual volunteers improved our facilities, helped families budget, taught lessons in Children's Programs and prepared apartments for families. Many volunteers shared expertise on our Board or professional committees. These services equate to more than \$100,000 of work in the mission to end homelessness and transform lives!

Our success depends on the commitment of our volunteers. Help us in our mission by joining our team! Helping to end homelessness and combat poverty may not take as much time as you think, and makes a big impact.

Opportunities include:

- Apartment Prep Teams
- Budgeter for Adults
- Children's Program Helper
- Professional Committee Members

Volunteers at Community LINC encourage change and hope in the lives of our families and in our community. Many volunteers develop unforgettable relationships, many give guidance and help to improve our program, and all volunteers make a difference on the lives of homeless families in our community.

Become part of the team:

Volunteers come to Community LINC on a search to help others, meet people, and use their skills, talents and experience. Do you have special skills or talents you would like to share? We are always looking for new ways to enrich our program.

Email Kate at volunteer@communitylinc.org to learn more.



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Home Sweet Home

On Thursday, December 19th, one of Community LINC's families received the Christmas present they have always wanted. Jamie, one of our graduates, was surprised by Jackson County and the news media when she learned she and one other person were chosen to receive newly renovated homes through *The Jackson County Land Trust*. Jamie was part of a small group selected by our Aftercare Case Manager to enter a competition sponsored by Jackson County's Constructing Futures program. Jamie and seven others went through a vigorous interview process. Jackson County representatives were very impressed with Jamie and her success in our program. She was chosen as a finalist and won a new home for her and her family!



Jamie's story is remarkable. She and her family have transitioned from homeless shelter to home ownership and Jamie is also a new business owner. Like many of Community LINC's families, Jamie came to Community LINC homeless but determined. She worked hard, found a job, paid off her debt and was able to move into permanent housing after only 1-1/2 months.

2014 Wish List

Basic cleaning supplies
Toilet paper and other toiletries
Oral hygiene supplies
Pots and pans
Kitchen utensils
Bakeware
Small kitchen appliances
Dish drying racks

Mixing and serving bowls
Mattresses, sheets, comforters
(Twin & Queen)
Pillows
Laundry baskets
Trash cans
Vacuums
Lamps