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# TRANSFORMING A LIFETIME OF INSTABILITY

Growing up in a home of instability and mental wellness issues, Desiree was all too familiar with poverty and frequent moves. With a lifetime of instability and a struggle with bipolar disorder, Desiree is a woman accustomed to juggling responsibilities and emotions.

Desiree was raised by her single mother who suffered from undiagnosed bipolar disorder. Her mother always wrote herself off as crazy, but Desiree remembers her love. From a young age, Desiree experienced a rollercoaster of instability. At 13, Desiree was diagnosed to have bipolar disorder, recognized by her mother, despite her mother's resistance to seeking help for her own disorder. The family was homeless, living in a hotel, waiting to see what life would give them next.

Desiree's condition, combined with constant moving and emotional highs and lows, was too much to handle. A year later, Desiree ran away from home. Living

the only way she knew how, she bounced around from friend to friend. She became involved in a steady relationship and was pregnant by nineteen. Desiree had not been receiving treatment or medication, and the bipolar disorder while pregnant was too much for the father or her to handle. Frightened, she moved back home for the first time in five years.

Desiree lived at home for several years until she met the person she thought would be in her life forever, an enlisted man with whom she had three more children. Sadly, he became a veteran suffering from PTSD. Between her untreated bipolar and his PTSD, the relationship was doomed. The relationship ended after an episode of domestic violence that drove Desiree to call her brother to take care of her and her children.

Desiree's younger brother was a man who held three jobs and would stop at no length to support Desiree and her children. Desiree's brother was always her safety net. Though she was older,



her little brother always took on the leadership role of over-responsibility. After living with her brother for some time, Desiree awoke one day and realized she wanted to care for herself and her children. Desiree's drive for independence helped her move on her own, but she did so with untreated bipolar disorder and depression. Desiree was soon homeless. Desiree lived in a shelter and, despite her own instability, Desiree would give what little money she had to the other shelter residents. Her heart went out to these individuals and their stories of pain in the midst of her own family's turbulence.

Before Desiree was accepted into Community LINC, she decided she needed to do whatever it took to get her life together for her children's sake. She decided to seek counseling and take medicine. From that point forward her life changed. A week before she ran out of time at the shelter, Desiree and her children were accepted into Community LINC. Desiree found peace of mind in having her own space. She appreciated the incentive to give her family a home and the tiered support that helped Desiree become independent again.

Desiree took advantage of the program and worked hard. She reported to the Employment Lab every day until she got a great job. She participated in counseling that encouraged extended treatment through community agencies. She realized that her mental health had a lot more to do with her homelessness than she realized, and that taking medicine wasn't enough. She opened up and embraced the support of Community LINC.

Desiree was the head of her family again. She scheduled, prepared meals, and enjoyed talking and reading to her children more often. Her children's lives also drastically improved. They were less anxious and noticeably behaving better. They loved the programming and living in an apartment rather than a room in a shelter.

Desiree and her children moved into their own apartment in February and are participating in Community LINC's Aftercare Services.

Desiree used to hide in depression and fear. Today she is very vocal about her journey in hopes it will give others the strength to seek help. Being at Community LINC allowed Desiree the stability to get help, think about who she is, who she wants to be, what she wants for her children and where they are all going. She claims, "Community LINC is a beautiful program, it is very important for people in situations like mine. I needed this."

## TRAN·SI·TION: Movement Or Evolution From One Form To Another

by Greg Porter



In 2014, Community LINC continued to convert our one size fits all transitional housing program to a client-centered, intermediate and Rapid Re-housing program. Thanks to our leadership team and dedicated staff, Community LINC is leading the way in Kansas City in helping more families attain permanent housing.

With our new housing models and aftercare programming, we are able to meet families where they are, and more effectively and efficiently help them get back on their feet!

Thanks to you – our supporters and champions – Community LINC has been able to reach new heights in the number of families we serve; while maintaining our excellence in outcomes. Community LINC is committed to results, not just numbers.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to personally thank you for all your support over the years for the Rent Party and want to encourage you to consider a monthly or annual gift in addition to your Rent Party sponsorship. Community LINC is ready to serve more families today with your support! Let's end homelessness in Kansas City.

All the best,  
Gregory D. Porter  
Board Chair

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### Leadership

Laura Gray: CEO/Executive-Director  
Teresa McClain: Associate Executive Director  
JoAnne Owens: Business Manager  
Jeannine Short: Senior Director of Programs and Operations

### Board of Directors

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Tina Ussery-Franklin  
Jackie Hunter

# GENEROSITY

Last year our families, programs and offices were gifted with in-kind goods valued at \$124,517. Thirty-five families were adopted for the holidays in 2014 with an in-kind value of \$17,500. We received more than 236 packages for the Rent Party auction, valued at \$52,802.18.

21c Museum Hotel  
3 Women and an Oven  
Ambius  
American Jazz Museum  
Antidel's Photography  
Anton's Taproom  
Tracey Anderson  
Dr. Terry Anderson, Michael Henry,  
Don Loncasty and Merrily Jackson  
Arsalon Technologies  
Bag and Baggage  
Kathy and Larry Baldwin  
Barnes and Noble  
Belle Epoque  
Bier Station  
Big Splash Carwash  
Bijin Salon and Spa  
Birdies Lingerie and Swim Boutique  
Blade's Salon and Boutique  
LeeAnn and Brent Bloss  
Blue Bird Bistro  
Bonefish Grill  
Boulevard Brewing Company  
Dwayne Bowe  
Bread & Butter Concepts  
Joni Brennan  
Bristol Seafood Grill  
Brookside Jewelry  
Sara Brown  
Café Trio  
Capital Grille  
Cathy & Co., Inc.  
Nicole Cawlfeld  
Cellar Rat  
Cisco  
Cocoa Dolce Artisan Chocolates  
Grace Cockram  
Wilma Collado and Jim Walsh  
College Basketball Experience  
Cosentino's Price Chopper  
Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove  
Coterie Theatre  
Beth and Shane Coughlin  
Pamela Cowan  
CrossFirst Bank  
Crown Center  
Cupini's  
Susan and Nathan Darrow  
Shauna and Bryan Dennie  
Devin Botkins Photography  
Dolce Bakery LLC  
The Dr. Phil Show  
DST Systems, Inc.  
Dub's Dread Golf Club  
EBT Restaurant  
EMC2  
Kathy and Kevin Euston  
Euston Hardware  
First Watch  
Jody Flaherty  
The Foundry  
Frankie and Jules Boutique  
Katie Galvin  
Gaslight Grill  
David Gentile  
Gerson Companies  
Carol Gilstrap and Denise Barger  
LaShelle and David Ginther  
Grand Street Cafe  
The Harriman - Jewell Series  
Henrick Collison Center- Kansas City  
Karen and Hank Herrmann  
Lorrie Heweg and Steve Campbell  
Wendy Hills  
Houlihan's  
Maggie and Jim Huggins  
In Clover Women's Clothing and Gift  
Boutique  
InterContinental Hotel  
Dr. Steve Irwin D.D.S. LLC  
Ivy Funds  
J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks &  
Seafood  
Jess and Jim's Steakhouse  
Kristen Johnson  
Jose Pepper's/Cactus Grill  
Kansas City Actors Theatre  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Kansas City Royals  
Kansas City T-Bones  
Kansas City Zoo  
Chris Karlin

Melanie Kasten  
KC Auto Gifts and Accessories  
The Kelly Gallery  
Doug Kennemore  
Kookiedoodle Crafts  
Gayle and Bruce Krigel  
Lady Luck Hair Parlor  
Jan and David Lambke  
Karen and Ed Lare  
Karen and Sam Latshaw  
Leader Worldwide Chauffeur Service  
Jeremy Lillig  
The Local Pig  
Lon Lane's Inspired Occasions  
Lone Wolf Ranch Arena  
Rachael Longgear  
Courtney Masterson  
McCoy's Public House  
Meers Advertising  
The Melting Pot  
Meierotto Midwest Jewelers  
Michael Forbes Grill  
Mike McMullen Photography  
Museum of Prairiefire, American  
Museum of Natural History  
Naomi's Hallmark  
National WWI Museum  
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art  
Kimberly and Nikki Newton  
Overland Limousine  
Paradise Park  
Peeper Ranch  
Perfect Style Boutique  
Personal Best Pilates  
Petworks Veterinary Hospital  
Photo Pheline Media  
Pinstripes Bowling  
Piropos  
Plaza III  
Polsinelli  
Premier Designs  
PRP Wine International  
Pryde's Old Westport  
The Oread Hotel  
Qudos Cigar and Lounge  
R.C.'s Restaurant and Lounge

The Rachael Ray Show/ Erin and  
Nancy Fitzpatrick  
Raphael Hotel  
The Roasterie  
Rockhurst University  
Royal Liquors  
Sally's Organizing Service  
Salon 152  
Salon Reaction  
Matt Samson  
Seasons 52  
Sharyn Blond Linens  
Julian Smith and Christina Lomas  
Smithfield Farmland  
Soffia Via Salon  
Sole Patch Barbershop  
SPIN! Pizza  
Sprint Center /AEG Kansas City  
Ann and John Sundeen  
Tavern Restaurants  
Teocali  
Theater League  
Threshing Bee  
Rita and James Tiehen  
Tivol  
Steve Towle  
Toy Time  
Trader Joe's  
Unicorn Theatre  
Van Liew's Home & Garden Shop  
Vera Bradley Boutique  
Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc.  
Waldo Pizza  
Tom Walker  
Emily Hendricks Walter  
Kevin Ward  
Well Grounded Massage  
Griselda Williams  
Wines by Jennifer  
Wendy M. V. Winpigler  
World's Window  
Yoga Galley

# ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND TRANSFORMING LIVES

by Laura Gray

2014 was a year to remember, brimming with lasting changes for Kansas City. Suddenly we were World Series contenders. We saw the approval of a streetcar system, repeated appearances on viral "Best Cities" lists, a growing downtown, and finally, some of our best barbeque was rightfully renamed, "Joe's Kansas City." Exciting things are happening. The city we love has been launched into the limelight and seemingly transformed into a vibrant, up-and-coming place to be.

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our city, and want  
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able to enjoy all it  
has to offer.**

And let's not forget Community LINC. We might not be making Buzzfeed or Huff-News lists, but 2014 was a monumental year for everyone involved. We successfully re-launched our Immediate Housing program and served nearly 65 percent more families than we did in 2013. In fact, we served more than two and a half times as many families as in 2012 - making the best possible use of our facility.

The number of Kansas City families we are serving is not the only change we are experiencing. Community LINC's budget has grown by over a million dollars in the past seven years, increasing our capacity, while at the same time reducing the cost to serve each family. We are experiencing drastic changes in a short time frame,

but as our Senior Director of Programs and Operations accurately reflected,



"We may be a small agency physically, but we have big ideas."

Thankfully, some

important things have remained the same. Nearly 80% of our families exited to permanent housing, 56% exited with employment, and 69% increased self-sufficiency. Eighty-two percent of children increased their life skills and 79% improved their coping skills. Our Board of Directors still has phenomenal involvement and giving rates, and our donors are as faithful and generous as ever. We are elated to be able to successfully end homelessness and transform lives for so many Kansas City families with the help of our community.

In the coming year, we intend to tackle more problems facing homeless families in our community. Families still overflow the I-70 motels. They still park cars with everything they own in front of our offices, and bounce from shelter to shelter. Family homelessness has comprised nearly 50% of all homelessness in the past five years in Kansas City. We are proud of our city, and want to see every family be safe, stable, and able to enjoy all it has to offer.

All the changes Community LINC has undertaken have equipped us to make our vision, a Kansas City free from family homelessness, a reality. We hope you will join us for another great year of service, and ultimately, in transforming the landscape of homelessness in Kansas City.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LINC IN 2014!

## **\$100,000 and above**

City of Kansas City, Missouri  
ESG-Neighborhoods and Housing  
Services Department  
HUD II  
Karen and Hank Herrmann

## **\$50,000 to \$99,999**

HUD I  
Jean and Thomas A. McDonnell  
William G. McGowan Charitable  
Fund, Inc.

## **\$25,000 to \$49,999**

Children's Trust Fund - State of  
Missouri  
DST Systems, Inc.  
H&R Block Foundation  
McDonnell Foundation  
Kimberley and Nikki Newton  
Ohio State Life Insurance  
Reimer Family Foundation  
Sunderland Family Foundation  
United Way  
Victor E. Speas Foundation

## **\$10,000 to \$24,999**

Michael L. Avery  
Missy Bruhn and Brad Korris  
Barbara Burks  
Wilma Collado and Jim Walsh  
eFinance  
Enterprise Leasing Company  
of KS, LLC  
Hallmark Cards  
Ina Calkins Board  
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James 2 Charitable Foundation  
Jewish Heritage Foundation  
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Josh Landy  
Mason L. Dean Foundation  
Tricia and Todd McCullough  
McGee Foundation  
Oppenstein Brothers Foundation  
Toni and Phil Sanders

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State Street Corporation  
State Street Fund  
Denise and Michael Strohm  
UPS  
Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc.  
William T. Kemper Foundation

## **\$5,000 to \$9,999**

Krista and Thad Ankenman  
Assurant Employee Benefits  
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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of  
Kansas City  
Boston Financial Data Services, Inc.  
Anne and Chace Brundige  
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The Morgan Family Foundation  
Suzanne and David Orscheln  
Greg Porter  
Myllinda and Gil Scott  
Sprint Foundation  
St. Thomas More Parish  
Treasurer of the State of Missouri  
US Bancorp Foundation  
US Bank

## **\$2,500 to \$4,999**

Terry and Bill Biggins  
Rita and Irwin Blitt  
Camp Timberlake  
Kathy and Scott Chelton  
Church of the Resurrection  
Country Club Bank  
Diamonds and Pearls  
Cindy and William Dippel  
Sid and Felicia Douglas  
Margie and Eric Dyck  
Carol and Tim Dykman  
Fahey Family Foundation  
Flo Harris Foundation  
Amy and Kevin Fox  
The Francis Family Foundation  
Grant Thornton, LLP  
Carol Gilstrap and Dennis Barger  
Hodgdon Family Fund  
Husch Blackwell  
J.E. Dunn Construction  
J.M. Fahey Construction  
John Sullivan Foundation  
KCP&L  
Missy and Robert Kroeker  
Tanya and John Lannon  
Karen and Eddie Lare  
Martin, Leigh, Laws and Fritzlen  
Mary Agnes Thornhill Charitable Fund  
Karen and John Maxwell  
Jo and Sam McCormick  
William J. Miller  
National Christian Foundation  
Polsinelli Shughart PC - Plaza Office  
Priority Care Pediatrics, LLC  
Retail Management Specialists  
Staples Foundation  
Rita and James Tiehen  
UMKC School of Medicine  
Audrey and Bradon Williams

## **\$1,000 to \$2,499**

Amsted Rail  
Ann and Kenneth Baum  
BlueScope Steel Foundation  
Bryan Cave LLP

Capitol Federal Foundation  
Carol and Dennis Hudson Family  
Foundation Fund  
Raymond Cattaneo and Dustin Cates  
Nancy A. and Kevin J. Connell  
Sherry and Mike Coughlin  
Cross Midwest Tire  
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LaShelle and David Paul Ginther  
Laura Gray  
Michael Gerken  
Cheryl and Gregg Givens  
Marc Harrell  
Homelessness Trust Fund  
IBM Corporation  
Joel and Judy Cerwick Foundation  
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Kansas City Capital Associates  
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Sara and Jim Kircher  
KPMG  
Angie Makkyla  
Patty and Cliff McMerlie  
Blake Miller  
Lindsay and Andy Mohn  
Lori and Eric Newberg  
Stephanie and Gerald Ostapko  
JoAnne and Brick Owens  
Jennifer and Greg Payne  
Linda and Jeff Peaks  
Maria and Danny Pfeifer  
Walter Porter  
Jermaine Reed  
Robbie Fantastic Flexibles  
Doris and Rob Rogers

Cynthia and Don Schmitt  
Brenda Schwerdt  
Angie and Brad Simmons  
St. John's United Methodist Church  
Bo and Bill Stueck  
Tantillo Family Foundation  
Teamsters Joint Council No. 56  
Andrew Teigen  
Visitation Church  
Lori and Derek Wiles

## **\$500 to \$999**

Barbara Alley and Wayne Meeks  
American Century Investments  
American Century Investments  
Foundation  
Armstrong Teasdale  
Arvest Bank  
Sara and George Baldwin  
Kay and John Callison  
Carlson Construction  
Janette F. Cattaneo  
Kathy and Frank Carey  
Amy Cierpiot and Eddie Smith  
Patricia and Steven Coleman  
Beth and Shane Coughlin  
Pip and Daniel Cross  
Karen and Thomas Crouch  
CZ-USA  
Christi and Ron Deaver  
Kim and Rob DelPopolo  
Robert Druten  
Lynne and Jeff Dykstra  
Leslie and Charles Erickson  
Garmin  
Jennifer and Bill Halliburton  
Health Care Foundation of Greater  
Kansas City  
Hertel Tank Service, Inc  
John G. Houlehan  
Rebecca and Robert Kline  
Jill and Nick Kroeker  
Karen and Sam Latshaw  
The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund  
McLarney Foundation  
Rodney McLaughlin

McMeel Family Foundation  
Bob Merrigan  
Pamela Miller and Michael Cummings  
Alison and Steve Paddock  
Mary Porto  
Lois and Larry Skogerson  
Melinda and Phil Smith  
Mira Stevovich and Dragan Ilich  
Rob Stilley  
Rockhurst Jesuits  
Shirley and Barnett Helzberg  
Foundation  
Teamsters Local Union 41  
Tracy Ann Thomas  
Mark Thornhill  
UMB Bank  
Erin and Kent Ummel  
Tina Ussery-Franklin  
Sarah and John Wallis  
Kim Morenz White and Bowen White  
Sally F. Williams

## **Under \$500**

Many, many friends!

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

not audited as of 4/15/2015

Assets	12/31/14	12/31/13
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,184,272	813,947
Cash temporarily restricted for buildings and programs	216,374	254,905
Grants, contributions and contracts receivable	130,647	158,611
Other current assets	7,180	2,820
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,538,473</b>	<b>1,230,283</b>
Property & Equipment, Net	1,241,332	1,223,034
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,779,806</b>	<b>2,453,317</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities	20,070	7,141
Long-term Liabilities	118,328	119,205
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>138,398</b>	<b>126,346</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	1,924,001	1,700,032
Board-designated	501,033	372,034
Temporarily restricted	216,374	254,905
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,641,408</b>	<b>2,326,971</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>2,779,806</b>	<b>2,453,317</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Contributions, Revenues And Other Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2014 Total	2013 Total
United Way and other non-profit	27,771	20,000	47,771	27,538
Churches and religious organizations	20,637	20,000	40,637	27,850
Civic organizations	500	-	500	1,600
Corporate donations	12,961	58,500	71,461	98,154
Foundations	62,161	207,200	269,361	345,050
Individual contributions	475,322	1,960	477,282	700,570
Special Events	747,507	-	747,507	631,441
Grants - government	549,374	-	549,374	417,583
Other income	9,395	-	9,395	10,085
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,905,629</b>	<b>307,660</b>	<b>2,213,289</b>	<b>2,259,872</b>
<b>Net Assets Released from Restriction</b>	<b>361,706</b>	<b>(361,706)</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,267,335</b>	<b>(54,046)</b>	<b>2,213,289</b>	<b>2,259,872</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Program services			1,473,203	1,316,924
Supporting services				
Fundraising			199,491	176,892
Administrative			113,634	99,448
Interest expense			8,004	7,639
Depreciation			104,528	96,047
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>425,657</b>	<b>380,026</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>1,898,859</b>	<b>1,696,950</b>
Increase in net assets			314,429	562,922
<b>Net Assets, Beginning Of Period</b>			<b>2,326,978</b>	<b>1,764,049</b>
<b>Net Assets, End Of Period</b>			<b>2,641,408</b>	<b>2,326,971</b>

In-kind not included

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	2014	2013
Exited to permanent housing	77%	75%
Reduced/removed housing debt	63%	70%
Increased self-sufficiency scores	69%	76%
Employed adult residents	33%	59%
Adults employed on exit	56%	69%
Average hourly wage	\$9.00	\$9.32
Adults improving coping skills	67%	81%
Children improving life skills	82%	100%
Children improving reading skills	82%	79%
Children improving behavior	78%	95%
Children improving social skills	80%	81%
Children improving coping skills	79%	100%
Occupancy rte	86%	90%
Board attendance	81%	86%
Board giving & fundraising	\$902,690	\$987,499

## CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Race		
Black/African American	274	81%
White	48	14%
Native American/Alaskan Native	2	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific	0	0%
Hispanic or Latino	14	4%
<b>Ages</b>		
Ages 0-5	68	17%
Ages 6-12	120	30%
Ages 13-18	50	13%
Ages 19-30	73	18%
Ages 31-40	67	17%
Ages 41-50+	21	5%
<b>Household Composition</b>		
Single-parent household	97	77%
Two-parent household	29	23%
<b>Adult Gender</b>		
Male	28	23%
Female	95	77%

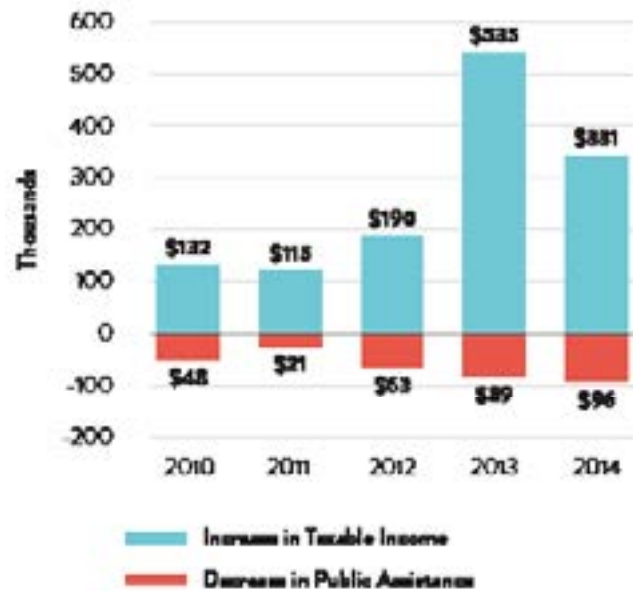
### TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE - GET YOURS BEFORE WE RUN OUT!

If you have a Business, Rental Property or Farm in Missouri you may be eligible to receive a 50% tax credit on your tax liability for your cash donation or sponsorship.

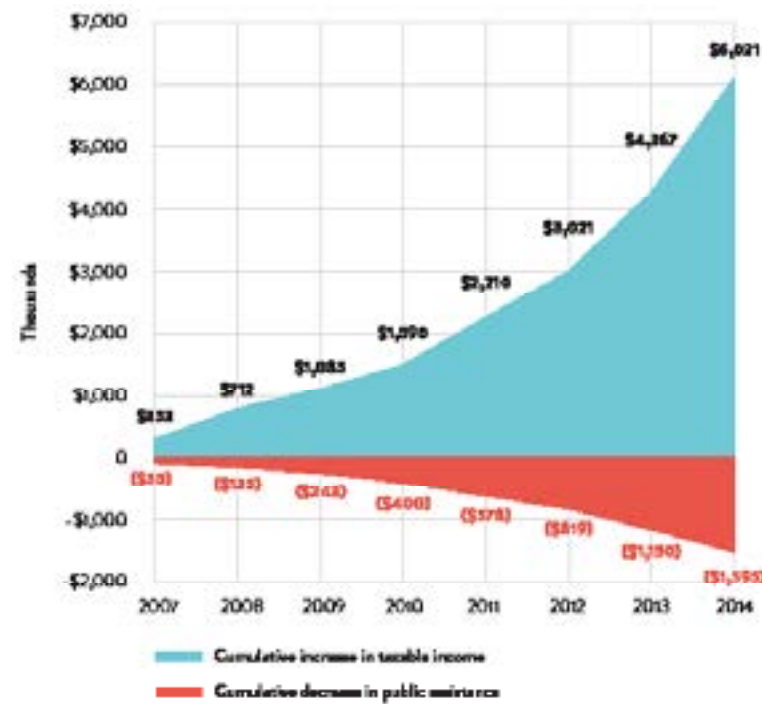
For more information contact Teresa at [tmclain@communitylinc.org](mailto:tmclain@communitylinc.org) or 816-595-5553.

# CLIENT COMMUNITY IMPACT

## IMPACT ON SELF-SUFFICIENCY EACH YEAR



## CUMULATIVE IMPACT SINCE 2007



### FROM 2008-2014

Did not become homeless again 93% of the families served have not become homeless again.

➔ 2013 was the best year since 2007 for increases in client taxable income and for the percent of families exiting above the poverty level.

\$ Minimum wage Wage needed to afford fair-market rent

\$ Cost to house family of 3 at Community LINC Cost per year not housing family of 3

## KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS

- ➔ Careful screening that we serve the most vulnerable homeless families.
- ➔ Program model that is **A HAND UP**, not a hand out.
- ➔ A Rapid Re-housing model, which **REDUCES COST-PER-FAMILY SERVED BY \$11,585 A YEAR.**
- ➔ **CORE COMPETENCIES** in housing, employment services, coaching, budgeting, mental wellness counseling, life skills training, and exposure to healthy lifestyles.

# WE THANK YOU!

For more than 25 years, Community LINC has been relying on volunteers to make our program a success. Faithful program volunteers served in our Children's Programs, facility projects, maintenance, and general operations. Others served on our Board and professional committees, and worked on special projects and our Rent Party. Two hundred and ten volunteers donated nearly 5,300 hours of service valued at more than \$116,000, saving us money and expanding our capacity to serve nearly 500 people in 2014!

April is National Volunteer Month, and Community LINC is taking the time to thank just a few of our special volunteers for all they do. A couple champions over the last several years include:



### Greg Porter, Board Chair

Greg has been vital in stabilizing Community LINC over the past five years. He now serves as our Board Chair and serves on the Fund Development and Board Governance committees.



### Susan Thomas, Former Board Chair

If one word could sum up Susan, it would be "passion". Susan served on our Board of Directors for five years and was Board Chair in 2011 and 2012. Susan still shines as an active volunteer and special advisor to our current board.



### Dave Lally, Budgeting Volunteer

Dave has volunteered in our Budgeting program for nearly five years. Dave developed a group curriculum for budgeting, which is instrumental in helping families become self-sufficient.



### The Ladies in Grime, Apartment Prep Team

This wonderful group from Church of the Resurrection has been preparing apartments for over 10 years, refurbishing approximately 100 units for homeless families.



### Brad Korris, Board Vice Chair

Our Vice Chair of the Board is a true champion for Community LINC. For over three years, he has been personally responsible for bringing over 80 guests to the Rent Party, raising thousands of dollars.



### Wilma Collado and Jim Walsh, Rent Party Chairs

Jim and Wilma have been amazing supporters of Community LINC. In 2014 and 2015 they served and are serving as the Rent Party Co-Chairs

donating hundreds of hours of steering our Rent Party to raise one-third of Community LINC's annual budget.



### Floyd Larson, Maintenance Volunteer

Faithful should be Floyd's middle name. Every Wednesday you can find Floyd volunteering at Community LINC helping with various maintenance projects.

Thank you for over 10 years of faithful service Floyd!

Making an impact may not take as much time as you think! Our success depends on the partnership between our volunteers, families and staff. Individual and group opportunities include:

- Help teach resilience and life skills in our children's program Tues/Thurs 5:45-7:15.
- Provide office help.
- Prepare apartments for new families.
- Assist with building maintenance and repairs.
- Assist with gardening and playground area.

If you are interested in contributing your time to Community LINC, please contact Lonny at [volunteer@communitylinc.org](mailto:volunteer@communitylinc.org) or 816-531-5862 to learn more.



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# 2015 WISH LIST

## NEW/GENTLY-USED FURNITURE

- Queen and Twin mattresses and bed sets
- Pillows
- Laundry baskets
- Bedding and towels
- Kitchenware
- Bathroom and toiletry necessities
- Basic cleaning supplies
- Vacuums
- Lamps



To make an in-kind donation contact Michael at [mkizzee@communitylinc.org](mailto:mkizzee@communitylinc.org) or by calling 816-595-5551

## SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Help us spread the word. Invite us to speak to your social, civic, faith or corporate group! To schedule a speaking opportunity for your group contact Teresa at [tmclain@communitylinc.org](mailto:tmclain@communitylinc.org) or by phone at 816-595-5553.

## PARTY HOST

Host a party with family and/or friends to help share the good work of Community LINC or take up a financial or in-kind collection of bedding, cleaning supplies or children's items. To learn how you can throw a party to benefit Community LINC please contact Lonny at [volunteer@communitylinc.org](mailto:volunteer@communitylinc.org) or 816-561-5862.