



## 2009 Annual Report

### Message to the Community

For more than 40 years United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) has spearheaded efforts to make vital human services available to individuals and families in Johnson County, especially those facing challenges. As a neutral, nonprofit organization, UCS brings together human service providers, policymakers, funders and community leaders to address issues impacting the well-being of residents. These partnerships ensure that the collective human service impact in Johnson County is far greater than the accomplishments individual organizations can achieve working alone. In addition to providing leadership for community-based planning, UCS provides information and trend analysis while playing a vital role in securing funding for the area's human service organizations.

In 2009, UCS engaged in a variety of community planning efforts with local organizations and officials to identify ways to improve human service delivery. Some programs or activities are long-standing. For example, the Drug and Alcoholism Council has been working to address substance abuse for more than 30 years. Some are time-limited; a Mental Health Criminal Justice project initiated in 2009 will run for 18 months. Regardless of the duration, every project and program activity is intended to improve outcomes for individuals and families in Johnson County, especially for those who are most vulnerable.

Communications play an ever increasing role in advancing the mission of UCS. To develop a communications marketing plan in 2009, UCS worked with a talented team of graduate students from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas Edwards Campus. Measurable outcomes include increased media coverage of UCS and its projects.

The UCS board and staff are committed to **UCS' mission to provide leadership for community-based planning and to marshal resources to address human service needs in Johnson County**. Our work would not be possible without the support of human service providers, advocates, elected officials, community partners and funders. We acknowledge and thank them all, with special recognition of our primary funders - United Way of Greater Kansas City, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and local city governments.



Brad Stratton, UCS Board President

Karen Wulfkuhle, Executive Director

### 2009 Major Accomplishments

#### *To raise awareness of human service issues, UCS:*

Hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Human Service Summit** on June 5, 2009. Ed O'Malley, President, Kansas Leadership Center, presented a keynote address on leadership. Over 120 elected officials and representatives from government agencies, nonprofit, for-profit, community-based organizations and community members that make up the area's human services infrastructure attended the annual event. Ninety-six percent of those surveyed agreed that the event offered a unique opportunity to identify ways to improve human service delivery via collective action.

Provided **informational presentations** on county and regional poverty to various groups including, United Way of Greater Kansas City, Overland Park Rotary, Centurions and League of Women Voters. Presentations highlighted the growing poverty in Johnson County and identified characteristics that increase risk for poverty.

Participated in a **program on homelessness** featured on KCPT public television. The program profiled the plight of several families experiencing homelessness, addressed the role of human service providers and offered a community perspective.

**Communicated information** about human service needs and issues by way of e-newsletters and postal newsletters. UCS produced Fact Sheets were included with e-newsletters and posted to the UCS website.

**UCS Human Service Awards:** UCS recognized Senator John Vratil, Distinguished Public Service Award; Sue Bond, Citizen of the Year; and Evergreen Living Innovations, Excellence in Public Service for their contributions to improving the quality of life for Johnson County citizens at the UCS annual meeting in December.



Senator John Vratil and his wife Teresa are congratulated by Governor Mark Parkinson.

Sue Bond, pictured with husband Dick Bond, daughter Amy Sokoloff and Governor Mark Parkinson.

KJ Langlais receives award from UCS board member Gene Wilson.

*UCS provided leadership for community action around families and children, poverty and homelessness, substance abuse and the improvement of human services through its ongoing engagement with and support of a variety of councils, coalitions and planning efforts, including:*

**The Children's Coordinating Council.** To better address the needs of vulnerable children and families, UCS convenes a collaboration of 35 service providers and facilitates three related work groups. As a result of this collaboration, school districts and service providers have worked to improve the human service response to Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) children transitioning back into the school system.

**The Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness.** UCS acts as the convener for the Continuum, which is made up of 30+ service providers. The Continuum, with UCS' support, is responsible for submission of Johnson County's application for federal homelessness funding and the biennial homelessness count. The grant application submitted in 2009 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development was awarded \$258,203.

**UCS' 2009 Public Policy Platform** focused on influencing policy choices that promote positive outcomes for people. Two UCS hosted policy forums informed human service providers and advocates about legislative activity. Key issues for which UCS advocated were increased investment in early learning and continued availability of alcohol excise taxes to fund local substance abuse prevention and treatment. A 2010 platform was adopted in November and presented at the annual UCS board meeting.



**The Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County.** On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and eight cities, the Council oversees the allocation of local **Alcohol Tax Funds** to assure substance abuse prevention and treatment programming for county residents. More than 60,000 people benefited from programs funded in part by Alcohol Tax Funds in 2009. For 2010, nine jurisdictions committed to \$1.35 million in allocations.

To leverage resources for programs that target economic security and personal safety, UCS manages the **Human Service Fund**. With funding from 15 cities and the Board of County Commissioners, \$244,000 was awarded to 13 programs in 2009. More than 43,000 benefited from these programs. UCS secured commitments of \$224,800 for 2010.

Improving the response to adults with mental health needs who are in contact with the criminal justice system is the goal of the **Mental Health - Criminal Justice Project**, a collaborative planning project among 12 criminal justice and mental health partners in Johnson County. UCS is facilitating the 18-month project with support from a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. A final report is expected to be released in early 2011.

**United Way.** UCS staff provided consultation and staff support to the Greater Kansas City United Way as it developed and implements a Community Impact Agenda.

*UCS Staff (left to right):*

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**2009 Financial Review**Revenue

United Way of Greater Kansas City	\$165,000
Human Service Fund	\$244,000
Government Grants & Contracts	\$208,100
Private Grants & Contributions	\$ 87,200
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
Un-audited Total	\$718,300

Expenses

Community Planning	\$260,800
Drug & Alcoholism Council	\$ 68,500
Human Service Fund Grants	\$244,000
Administration/Fundraising	<u>\$ 68,700</u>
Un-audited Total	\$642,000

Audited Financials for 2009 will be available in June 2010.

For additional financial information, contact UCS.

***UCS Sincerely Thanks All Who Supported Our Work in 2009***

***Major Funding Support***

United Way of Greater Kansas City



***Corporate, Foundation, Government and Other Funders***

Ash Grove Cement	Heartland Combined Federal Campaign
Clay Blair Family Foundation	Johnson County District Court
Community Development Block Grant	Johnson County Government
Compass Financial Resources	Johnson County Mental Health Center
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
First National Bank of Kansas	Kansas Coalition for Early Learning
Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City	Lathrop & Gage
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***Funding Partners***

*Alcohol Tax Fund participating jurisdictions:* Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Shawnee and Johnson County Government.

*Human Service Fund contributing jurisdictions:* Fairway, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Spring Hill, Westwood and Johnson County Government.

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