WE SEE PEOPLE
IN OUR COMMUNITY
STRUGGLING.
WE BELIEVE POVERTY
IS THE ROOT CAUSE,
AND WE NEED
OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY,
ESPECIALLY THOSE
EXPERIENCING IT,
TO HELP US SOLVE IT.

CORE community

JOIN A MOVEMENT TO END POVERTY FOR ALL!

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

LIVES ARE FOREVER CHANGED FOR BOTH OUR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND OUR MIDDLE CLASS FRIENDS.

This is a process, but it is working. We have multiple Core families who have journeyed completely out of poverty.

- Income at or above 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Home ownership
- Debt reduction and resolution
- Marriages
- Student loans out of default
- Degrees earned
- Careers obtained
- Families articulating they no longer live under the toxic stress of poverty
- Lives and generations forever changed

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE

Core Community is a weekly evening program.

5:30 P.M.
We start each week serving a **family-style meal** to our families and volunteers.

6:15 P.M.
Our families' **children go to childcare** where they experience fun activities with caring adult volunteers.

6:15 P.M.
Our **adult participants** join together to share their lives and grow together through various curriculums and programming.

AT THE HEART, WE ARE CREATING A SAFE PLACE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND NON-JUDGMENT. IN THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY, ALL WHO COME TO THE TABLE ARE CHANGED FOREVER.

The Core Community Process

ENGAGING
Phase 1 is a 20 week class called "Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World."

CONNECTING
Phase 2 is connecting families with middle class community members.

RELATIONAL
Families are with us 2-5 years. We're solving poverty through loving relationships.

WHAT IS CORE COMMUNITY?

Core Community is about healing lives, solving poverty, and empowering communities for greatness through relationships.

Poverty overwhelms individuals, families, communities, and institutions. The experience of poverty is often painful and full of a sense of powerlessness and isolation.

We have worked for years now to create a safe space for families experiencing poverty to emerge and begin to claim the lives they deserve. We don't want to alleviate poverty or reduce it, we want to solve it. That is our heart. From years of experience, we also know families in poverty are the most generous among us. They are problem solvers and they have much to offer the larger community if we create a space at the table for them to do so.

Often, people do not spend time in social settings with people who are not like them. We know that if that does not change, then nothing changes. **Core Community is about bringing families experiencing poverty to a safe place where their voices are heard. They are treated with honor and dignity as they begin to unpack what poverty is like where they live. They help us actively create solutions to get people out of poverty— including themselves.**

WE DON'T WANT TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY OR REDUCE IT, WE WANT TO SOLVE IT.

WHAT IS POVERTY?

Poverty is defined as **"anywhere a person lacks resource."**
In Core Community, we identify Eleven Resources where a person can be impoverished or rich:

- Financial
- Emotional
- Mental
- Spiritual
- Physical
- Language
- Social Capital
- Integrity & Trust
- Relationships/Role Models
- Knowledge of Middle Class Rules
- Motivation & Persistence

Ruby Payne, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, Pg 8

OUR WEEKLY PROGRAM FOCUSES ON HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES BUILD ALL ELEVEN RESOURCES. IT IS NOT A FINANCIAL PROGRAM. IT DOES LOOK AT FINANCES, BUT IS WHOLISTIC IN ITS APPROACH.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

WE BELIEVE:

That building a **resilient and collaborative community** to heal trauma and solve poverty can change lives.

That **working together** can make a difference.

That trauma and poverty are **community issues that we can no longer ignore.**

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

CORE LEADERS

Core Leaders are **brave families experiencing poverty** who join us to lead the community in healing this complex and sensitive issue. **The first step is a 20 week commitment.**

CORE FRIENDS

Core Friends are **middle and upper income people** who commit one night a month for 18 months **befriending someone who is working their way out of poverty.**

CORE VOLUNTEERS

- **Meals:** Groups (Church, City Council, Hospital) willing to prepare & serve a meal one or two times a year or once a quarter.
- **Childcare** helpers who occasionally or weekly come to play with children as their parents work on their goals and the program.
- **Financial support** to pay for the minimal staff who work to make the project happen each week.
- **A sponsoring location** who will adopt us as a part of their mission & host our weekly program.

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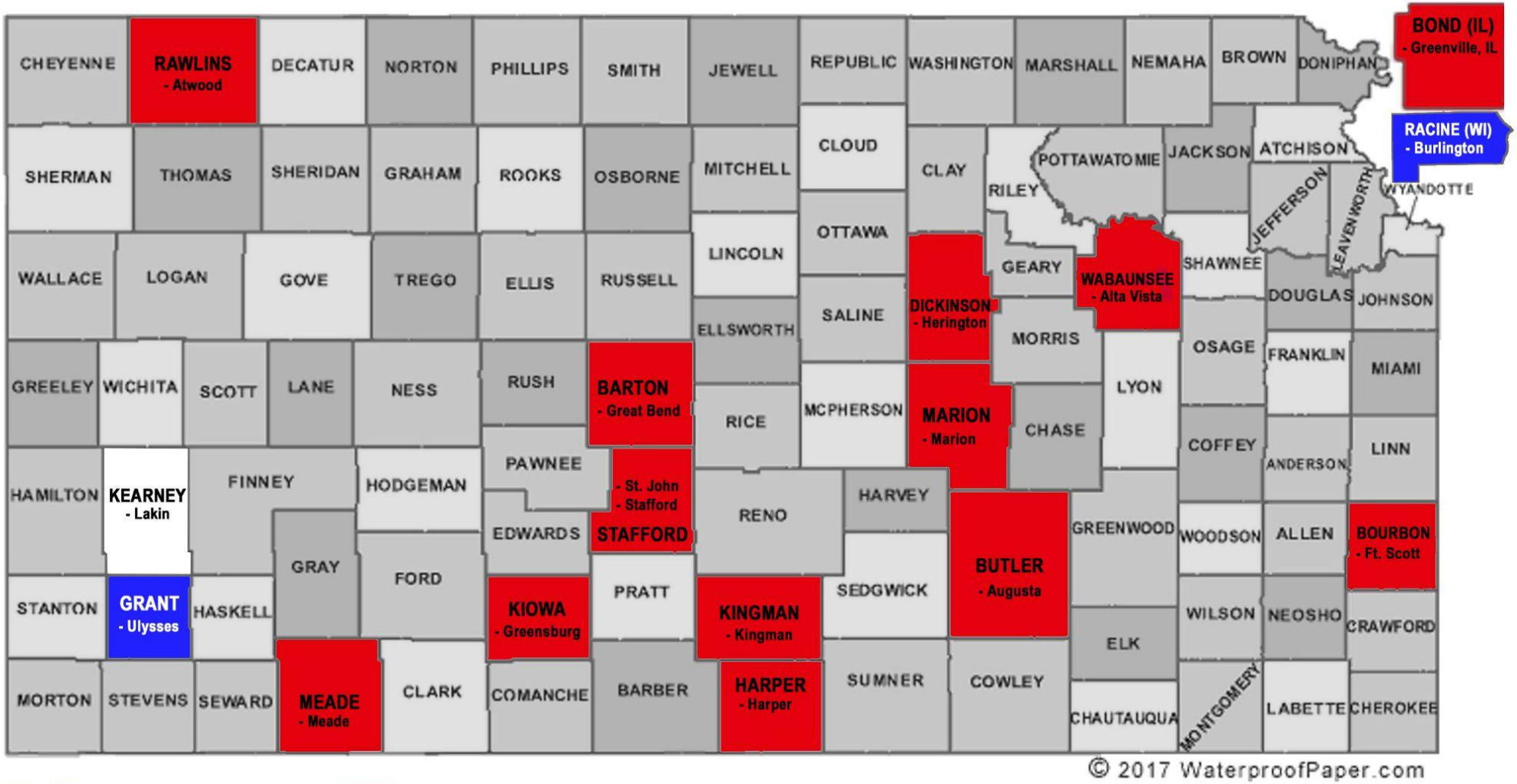
SITE PHASES



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BLUE = Raising Funds | RED = Active Program

As of 1/2/2024

Current Results

13 Active Sites

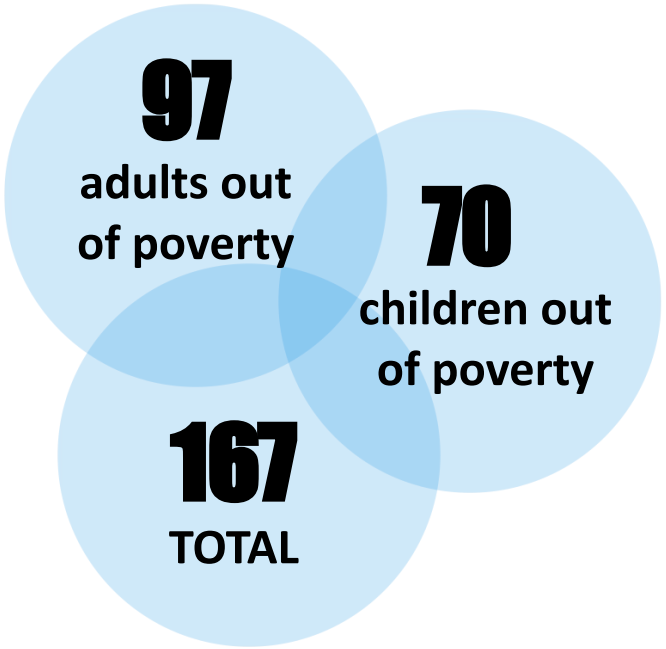
- 488 graduates
- 558 kids impacted

Increased Annual Combined Income by 500 Participants*

$4,629,750

Decreased Annual Welfare Assistance

$249,888



Data compiled from 2015 through December 2023

**Includes a few non-grad wins. Out of poverty is defined as 200% of poverty level as stated in the year of achievement.*

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Cumulative Data 2015 - October 2023

LOCATION	GRADUATES	CHILDREN	MONTHY INCOME INCREASE AS GROUP	DEBT REDUCTION AS GROUP	OUT OF POVERTY
KIOWA COUNTY	56	46	$52,218	$141,130	24
BARTON COUNTY	67	74	$50,686	$288,763	27
STAFFORD	44	66	$36,909	$76,557	9
ST. JOHN	33	22	$29,515	$77,403	9
PAWNEE COUNTY	14	19	$5,926	NA	3
KINGMAN COUNTY	46	45	$21,195	$111,448	11
AUGUSTA	37	63	$30,959	$166,577	13
HERINGTON	39	51	$41,135	$201,863	32
RAWLINS COUNTY	20	23	$10,583	$73,955	1
BOND COUNTY, IL	35	35	$30,409	$171,577	14
MEADE COUNTY	16	9	$3,929	$12,750	1
MARION COUNTY	19	12	$16,243	$84,919	2
HARPER COUNTY	39	48	$31,564	$133,825	20
EMPORIA	18	25	$13,933	$51,223	2
TOTALS	483	538	$375,205	$1,591,990	168

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME INCREASE: $4,502,455

Updated 10.13..23

**Includes data from 22 non-graduates who credit their successes to their time in the program.*
Out of poverty is definied as 200% of the federal poverty guideline in the year of that acheivement.

The Core Community Process

AT A GLANCE

Breaking the cycle of generational poverty through healing and empowerment by building community relationships.

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2023 Poverty Guidelines: 48 Contiguous States *

Household/ Family Size	100%	125%	135%	150%	175%	185%	200%
1	$14,580	$18,225	$19,683	$21,870	$25,515	$26,973	$29,160
2	$19,720	$24,650	$26,622	$29,580	$34,510	$36,482	$39,440
3	$24,860	$31,075	$33,561	$37,290	$43,505	$45,991	$49,720
4	$30,000	$37,500	$40,500	$45,000	$52,500	$55,500	$60,000
5	$35,140	$43,925	$47,439	$52,710	$61,495	$65,009	$70,280
6	$40,280	$50,350	$54,378	$60,420	$70,490	$74,518	$80,560
7	$45,420	$56,775	$61,317	$68,130	$79,485	$84,027	$90,840
8	$50,560	$63,200	$68,256	$75,840	$88,480	$93,536	$101,120
9	$55,700	$69,625	$75,195	$83,550	$97,475	$103,045	$111,400
10	$60,840	$76,050	$82,134	$91,260	$106,470	$112,554	$121,680

** Does not include Alaska & Hawaii*

It takes 2 to 5 years on average for an individual or family to walk out of poverty in a project like this. We define leaving poverty as 200% above the federal poverty guideline as stated in the year that success is achieved.

CORE COMMUNITY SITE	SITE START DATE
Kiowa County	April 2015
Barton County	September 2017
Stafford County	
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St. John	October 2017
Augusta	November 2017
Pawnee County	November 2018
Kingman County	April 2019
Herington	October 2019
Rawlins County	November 2019
Bond County	April 2020
Harper County	
Anthony	June 2020
Harper	March 2021
Meade County	November 2020
Emporia	April 2021
Marion County	May 2021

458 graduates and 18 non-grads have data. We have solid data on 91% overall.
343 increased income, 54 decreased income, and 61 had no change.
We estimate 79% of all participants have sabilized their lives.

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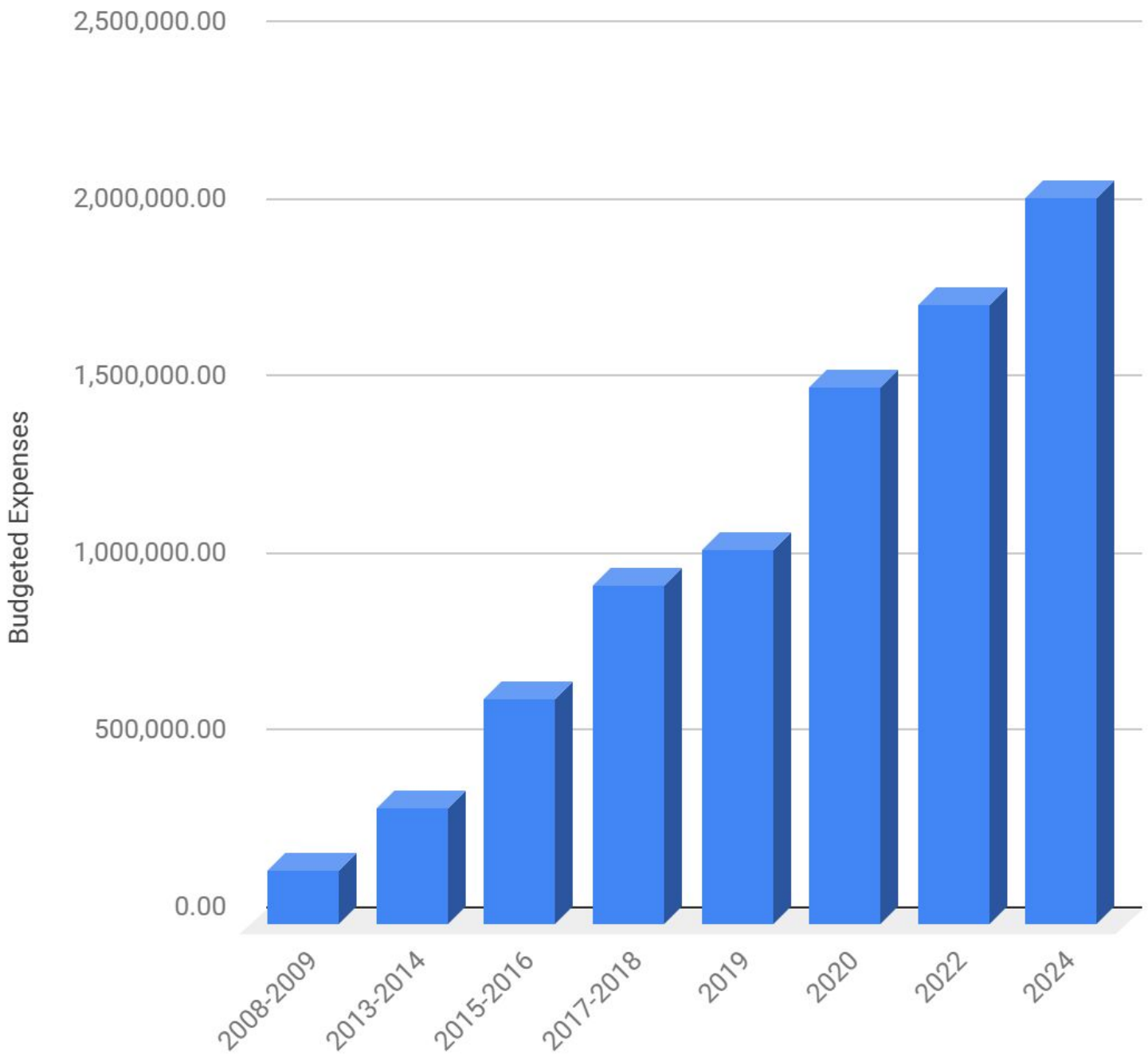
Participants said the following happened in their lives because they were a part of Core Community.

Obtained Driver's License	67
Obtained State ID	44
Acquired Safe Housing	99
Bought a House	35
Tagged & Insured Personal Vehicle	124
Obtained Medical Insurance	88
Obtained a Primary Care Physician	93
Came Unemployed & Got a Job	109
Accepted a Promotion	41
Got GED	50
Completed a Training Program	31
Started College	40
Graduated College	16
Opened a Bank Account	94
Started Eating Healthy	89
Clean & Sober	52
Recovered Custody of Children	22

Historical Planned Budgeted Expenses



Our Conviction:

We know how to solve poverty therefore we must.

Our Dream:

To take Core Community into every county in the state of Kansas.

Growth Strategy

To date our Core Community growth has been **organic**.

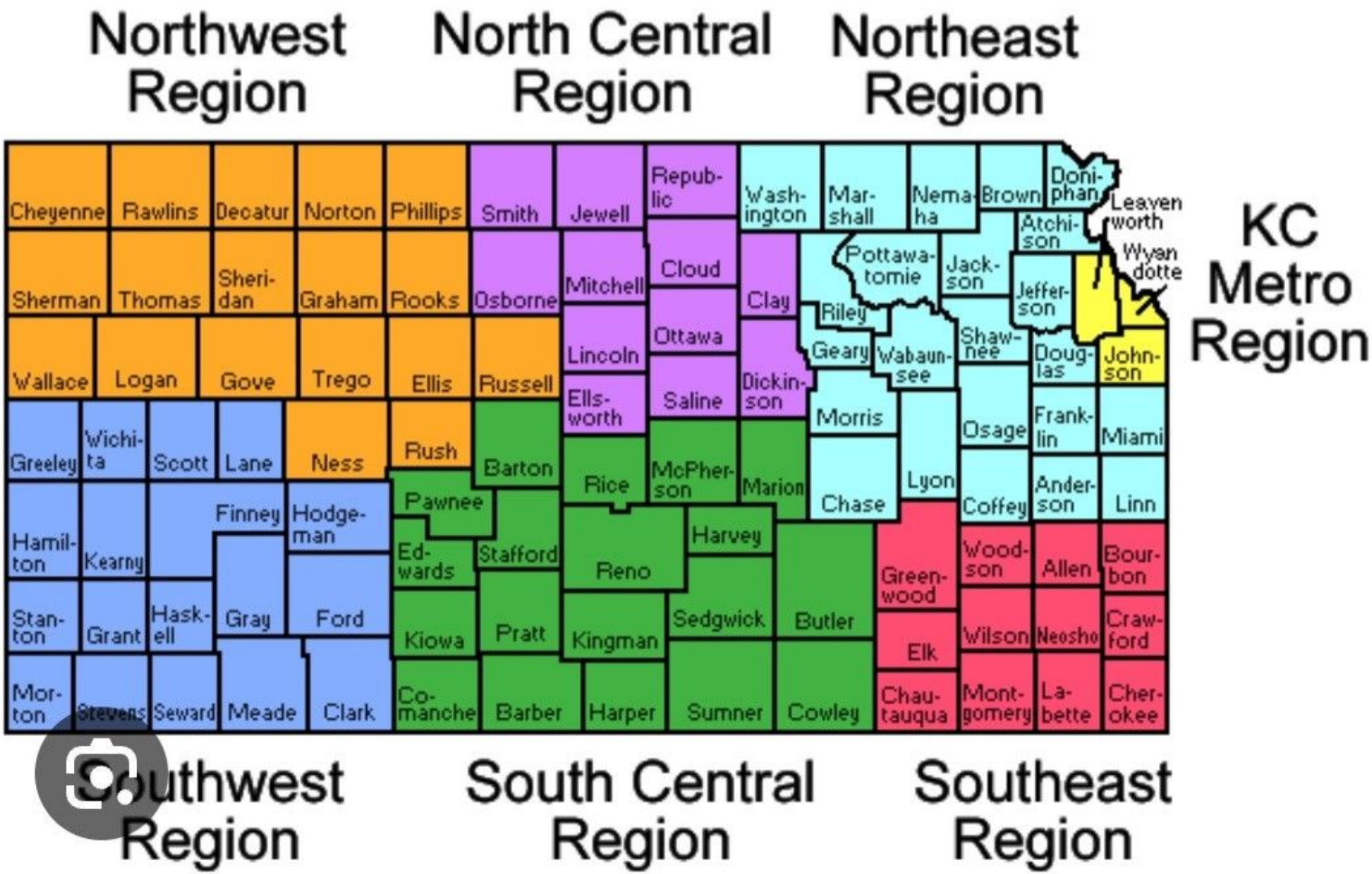
To hit this state-wide vision we want to activate a **strategic growth model**. Our plan is to take a **regional approach** with a **relational marketing strategy.**

We are requesting **$350,000** in funding to take Core Community state-wide.

Target

Our goal is to aggressively begin reaching out to communities in the **South Central Kansas region plus Hodgeman, Ford, and Clark** with the goal of launching 13 news sites.

Moving region to region until we have sites in all 105 counties. Our goal is to have this accomplished by 2033.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KC Metro Region
Southwest Region
South Central Region
Southeast Region
Cheyenne
Rawlins
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Sedgwick
Butler
Elk
Wilson
Neosho
Crawford
Morton
Stevens
Seward
Meade
Clark
Comanche
Barber
Harper
Sumner
Cowley
Chautauqua
Montgomery
Labette
Cherokee

*Future Projection

Results of current sites plus SCK region

30 Active Sites

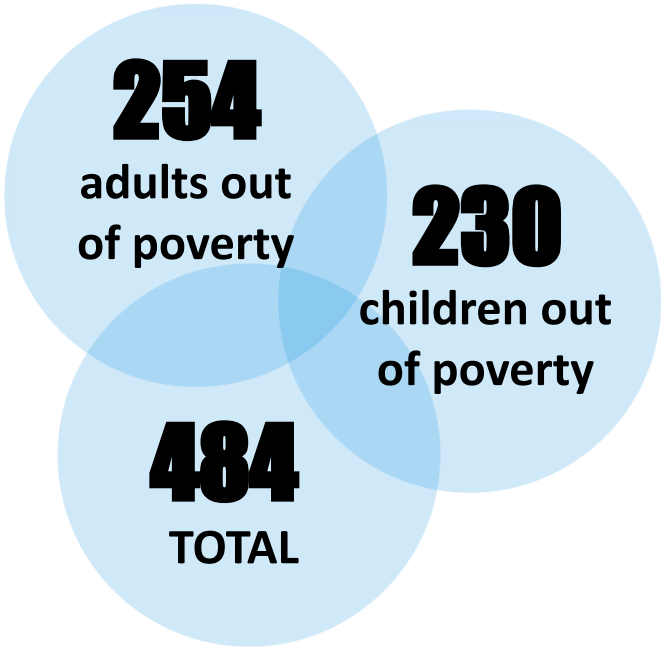
- 1208 graduates
- 1300 kids impacted

Increased Annual Combined of Participants

$11,460,528

Decreased Annual Welfare Assistance

$618,852



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*Future Projection

Core Community in 105 Kansas Counties

105 Active Sites

- 7,383 graduates
- 8,000 kids impacted

1476 adults out of poverty

619 children out of poverty

2095 TOTAL

Increased Annual Combined Income by Participants*

$68,957,220

Decreased Annual Welfare Assistance

$3,691,500

Future Projections by December of 2033

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