The Ownership of Leadership – PRIDE Day 2007

Participants of the 2007 PRIDE Day, held in Junction City on September 29, remarked that the day was an exceptional event! It opened with Keynote speaker Ed O’Malley of the Kansas Leadership Center. O’Malley challenged the audience to consider if their community PRIDE groups are as inclusive as they can be. He talked about the importance of providing opportunities for leadership and participation.

Following the keynote, participants had the option of attending a breakout session on fundraising; visioning and planning; or programming for healthier communities.

Kansas PRIDE Inc. chairman, Jim Bartling; Secretary of Commerce, David Kerr; and the Director of K-State Research and Extension, Fred Cholick were all in attendance to award community recognition awards. Youth, STAR projects, and Community of Excellence recipients received awards at the banquet.

The afternoon provided an opportunity for participants to learn of two grant-based projects available to aid community development through PRIDE: the Healthy Ecosystems/Healthy Communities project, and the Get It! Do It! grant project. There was also a designated time for communities to exchange ideas and success stories in the afternoon before the capstone speaker ended the conference.

Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu spoke about strategies for sustaining communities. Dr. Amanor-Boadu’s insight and humor made his presentation a great end to a full day of information and resources through PRIDE.

Throughout the day it was clear that it takes investment and leadership to build better communities. Information related to the 2007 Kansas PRIDE Day is available at the Web site: www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu.
STAR Award

The STAR Award is presented to communities that successfully planned and completed outstanding community projects. Projects are evaluated on quality of planning, level of community involvement, and overall impact the project has on the quality of life in the community. The following community projects received a STAR Award.

- **Alton** Appreciation/Benefit Soup Supper for Re-Building Hardware Store
- **Beattie** Beattie Library/City Hall
- **Glasco** Locating Civil War Veterans Graves
- **Grinnell** Fall and Spring Community Clean Ups
- **Lenora** Community Center/Library
- **Lucas** Community Theatre/Dressing Room Additions
- **Melvern** Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- **Onaga** Playground
- **Spearville** Park Project
- **Stockton** Tennis Courts

Youth Leadership Award

PRIDE communities value youth involvement. These youth have demonstrated leadership skills by taking the initiative to invest themselves in their community. The following Youth Leadership Award recipients have provided inspiration and leadership to others.

- Yance Farney – Stafford
- Travis Stoneburgh – Lucas
- Cody Zabel – Onaga

Also recognized for their leadership:
- Jamie Albers – Grinnell
- Kelsey Kinderknecht – Almena
- Emily Reichenberger – Mount Hope

Youth Community Service Award

The Youth Community Service Award gives an opportunity for young people to be recognized for volunteer service in their PRIDE community. The award is presented to youth who have significantly contributed to the efforts of the local community. The following individuals were presented awards for their outstanding investment in their local community.

- Michael Callaway – Almena
- Allison Dohm – Grinnell
- Nathan Ellis – Lucas
- Alexandra Minnis – Stafford
- Christian Sellers – Fort Scott

Also recognized for their leadership

Audrey Laughlin – Mount Hope
Overbrook 4-H - Overbrook
The Kansas Department of Commerce recently announced its new Small Communities Improvement Program (SCIP), which will set aside $500,000 each year for small communities that are undertaking improvement projects. The program is designed to assist communities with populations of 5,000 or fewer that are not eligible for other Department of Commerce assistance and might not have the capacity to provide matching funds. The maximum award for a single project is $125,000.

“The Kansas Department of Commerce has a tradition of working with small Kansas communities on self-help projects,” said Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary David Kerr. “The new Small Communities Improvement Program is yet another way we can leverage volunteerism and sweat equity at the local level.”

Self-help requires communities to determine which parts of the project they can complete on their own. The community acts as the general contractor, organizing local labor and equipment and coordinating work that needs to be done by a subcontractor. The SCIP provides direction, technical assistance, guidance, and the support to make it happen. Self-help and volunteerism must result in savings of at least 40 percent of the project’s market-place price.

Examples of eligible projects are: arts, entertainment, theaters, historic preservation projects that impact the community, parks, playground equipment, walking trails, and public restrooms. Communities must be able to validate the impact the project will have on the quality of life for the residents of their city.

Funds will be made available in one competitive round. Applications will be available in September and must be hand-delivered or post-marked by December 14 to the Kansas Department of Commerce. Applicants that are enrolled in the PRIDE program may have an advantage given their efforts to address previous community needs.

**Service is the rent we pay for living.**
*It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.*

- Marian Wright Edelman
Stafford PRIDE Partnered with Kansas Campus Compact AmeriCorps

Stafford PRIDE learned of an opportunity at a Kansas PRIDE workshop in the spring and partnered with Kansas Campus Compact AmeriCorps Summer Intern program. They were able to employ a college student returning home for the summer to do community service in their community and create a special project mentoring youth while doing community service. Jordan Ziegler, a Sterling College student, taught and guided 11 students 6th to 10th grade to produce a play for the community. They memorized lines, built sets, created props, learned together, and put on an outstanding performance.

Another awesome event created by Stafford PRIDE was the “Bike & Hike with the Birds” at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Funds were raised for the local Health Foundation. While exploring the amazing salt marsh's of Quivira on foot or bike, participants spotted cranes, egrets and pelicans.

Herndon PRIDE Celebrates 4th of July

Herndon PRIDE Committee had a fantastic 4th of July Community Celebration in the Herndon City Park on July 4, 2007. The beautiful evening started with a delicious potluck supper. A variety of food items were available to fit everyone's tastes. Herndon PRIDE provided the table service, drinks, and watermelon.

Organized games of water balloons, sack races, and relay races were enjoyed by both young and old! Children also enjoyed red, white, and blue pinwheels and tattoos! Later, the kids played in the park, on the playground, and enjoyed playing tennis with the new tennis net that PRIDE installed this past spring. Adults visited in the shade and comfort of the trees and their lawn chairs while watching the youngsters enjoy the heat!

To end the evening, a fireworks display awed everyone present. Several volunteers helped shoot off donated fireworks, while families discharged their own much to the crowd's enjoyment. After such a wonderful evening of community, family, and friends, Herndon PRIDE decided to make this an annual event.
Thank You PRIDE Sponsors!

It’s only through the generous sponsorship of program supporters that the Kansas PRIDE Program can host PRIDE Day and recognize communities. The following companies and organizations continue to support building better communities through the PRIDE Program.

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Get It - Do It! Partnerships

For Healthier Kansas Grant

Community PRIDE organizations, with local K-State Extension and youth partners, are invited to apply for grants to plan, implement, and celebrate local intergenerational health promotion projects.

Through the “Partnerships for Healthier Kansas” project, PRIDE communities still have time to apply for grants of up to $3,000 each to participate. Those projects could include trail development, physical activity promotion, establishing walking clubs, or TV/screen-time reduction campaigns.

Grant proposals are due November 26, 2007 and required application forms are posted on the PRIDE Web site at www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu. Not only will selected grantees receive funds for local projects, but there also will be three trainings to help communities in their work. Those trainings will include information and techniques for effective community health promotion through youth and adult partnerships. “Partnerships for Healthier Kansas” is a unique opportunity for PRIDE communities to inspire effective health improvements with the next generation of Kansas leaders.

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Who Can Apply? Kansas Humanities Council invites any non-profit organization in Kansas interested in accurately and authentically examining the traditions and impact of local individuals and groups on the community to apply.

Deadlines for all grant categories: Project Outline (1 copy) due November 28, 2007, Final Application (10 copies) due December 20, 2007. Projects may start after January 22, 2008 Guidelines can be found on-line at www.kansashumanities.org

For information about Digital Documentary Grants contact Tracy at Quillintracy@kansashumanities.org or call (785) 357-0359. For information about Heritage Tourism or Community Heritage Grants contact Dan Carey at Whalendan@kansashumanities.org or call (785) 357-0359.

Kansans Tell Their Stories Grants

Kansas Humanities Council Offers New Grant Opportunities

The Kansas Humanities Council announces three new grants in support of local heritage.

1. Kansans Tell Their Stories: Digital Documentary Grants. Awards of up to $5,000 are available for the creation of 5-minute digital documentaries, or shorts, that tell a unique local Kansas story. Hometown Collaborations, a Kansas-based production company, will provide production consultation, training, and editing services. At the projects completion, Kansas Humanities Council will host a statewide film premiere.

2. Kansans Tell Their Stories: Heritage Tourism Grants. Awards of up to $15,000 are available for heritage tourism products, such as exhibitions or interpretive signage that engage the public with Kansas heritage.

3. Kansans Tell Their Stories: Community Heritage Grants. Awards of up to $3,500 are available for research or oral history grants examining local cultural resources.
What is Your Community’s Future?

Where does your community’s drinking water come from? Are grass clippings, leaves, and limbs clogging your storm water drains? Does your community have a household hazardous waste collection event to help homeowners get rid of the hazardous materials, such as weed killer, or other dangerous cleaners used around the house?

The Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities (HEHC) Project helps communities with answers to these questions and more. Your community’s natural resources and amenities such as lakes, creeks, and rivers are important. People want to live and work where there are good water supplies and recreational opportunities. If your house or land borders a clean lake, river, or a source of good water, it’s more valuable!

The HEHC program isn’t just about clean water. But, a good supply of clean surface water and groundwater is intimately linked to a healthy ecosystem and a healthy ecosystem is vital to a healthy community. The HEHC is a community-based program to help your PRIDE group engage citizens in a process to explore your local natural resources and help your community develop a plan to protect those resources for you and your children’s future.

The HEHC program offers many benefits and resources to communities:
1. A way to engage others in your community and its future
2. A process your PRIDE group can use evaluate any project for community benefit
3. A plan for using and developing your community’s resources in a sustainable way.
4. A $5000 grant for a water-quality project to protect, preserve, or restore your community’s water resources.

What do communities do to protect water quality? Some communities have undertaken public education programs to teach citizens how to handle wastes such as household chemicals that are harmful to the environment or animal wastes that pollute water supplies. Rossville, one of the first communities to participate in the HEHC program, is considering a community composting site and public education program to protect their surface waters. Melvern, another HEHC community, has just begun work on a walking/hiking trail by the Marais des Cygnes River. They’ll use the trail to educate the public and local and area students about water quality, wildlife, and native plants in a healthy ecosystem. In addition, their trail will be used for walking and jogging programs to help decrease obesity and diabetes in their community.

Want your community to participate in the Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities project? Call Sherry Davis, the HEHC Project Coordinator, at (785) 532-3039, to learn how your community can participate in this exciting new opportunity for Kansas communities. For more information please visit the HEHC Web site at www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/healthyecosystems/

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Attention PRIDE Communities

We now have the PRIDE newsletter available for delivery in electronic format! Although two or more newsletters are provided to each community according to addresses provided, are there others that you believe may benefit from this newsletter via e-mail? If so, collect e-mail addresses of those interested in your community at your next PRIDE Meeting and send via e-mail to jmenon@ksu.edu or by regular mail to:

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Thank you for your time and effort!
The PRIDE staff would like to thank the outgoing members board for their dedication and service to PRIDE. Pictured left to right, back row: Dan Kahl, Doug Wareham, J.R. Robl, Daryl Buchholz, James Bartling, Jack Meyers, Jeanne Stinson, Sarah Meyer. Front row: Sandy Williams, Ken Harsha, Gloria Heikes, Connie Hoch.

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