Community Spotlight. . .

PRIDE at work in Glasco

For 15 years, Glasco PRIDE has served as a community partner for the Learn and Serve America program facilitating student engagement by matching student skills and curriculum with projects which meet community needs. One of the successful Learn and Serve projects is the Arts and Recreation in the Park Program. During the summer, six to eight weeks of morning activities in the park are conducted for youth 5 to 10 years of age with the older youth serving as mentors. Both Glasco High School and Middle School were recognized as National Leader Schools in the Learn and Serve Program. This program is enhanced by the Get It! Do It! Grants that Glasco received in cooperation with the Kansas PRIDE program. For more information on Glasco go to: skyways.lib.ks.us/towns/glasco

News You Can Use. . .

Community Development Academy:
Your chance to build leadership!

Does your PRIDE program need a boost or are you in a leadership transition? The Community Development Academy may be just the tool you need. Throughout this four day training, teams will gain knowledge in the areas of community action planning, capital assessment and determining community needs and readiness to move on a project. This
training will be held this fall in Hays and next spring in Manhattan. Scholarships are now available for NW Kansas Communities. For further details on the CDA, visit the PRIDE website at: www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu or the academy's website at: www.ksu.edu/cecd/cda.

Silent Auction to be held at PRIDE Day.

Plans are being made for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of PRIDE. PRIDE Day will be held November 13, 2010, in Hutchinson. This will be a fun conference celebrating the success of YOUR PRIDE efforts! A special addition to festivities this year will be a silent auction. The planning committee is seeking items for the silent auction. It is suggested that the item be $25-$50 in value and represent your community or county. Examples could be jewelry made locally, a table runner or quilt or a theme basket of items from the area. If your community is willing to donate an item, please contact the state PRIDE office at (785) 532-5840 or e-mail at PRIDE@ksu.edu. Thank you in advance for your donations! Information on registration for PRIDE Day is coming soon.

Learning Corner. . .

Free Access to Community Demographic Information

Are you working on a grant and need statistics about your community or county? US Census Data has been compiled by the Institute for Policy & Social Research for every county in Kansas. Kansas information is very easy to access at the following website: www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/kcced/profiles. When the Kansas map appears, simply click on the county of interest and you'll have a wealth of information available at your fingertips! Additional information can be searched at factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en

USDA Community Facility Grants

USDA Rural Development Community Programs provides grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and small towns. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. For more information about this program contact the local Rural Development office in your area. Click here to find your local office.

Important Reminders. . .

We need your stories:

Thank you to all communities who have turned in their success stories!
Many of you, however, still need to get the information to us. Please submit your stories on the Sharing Your Success form and e-mail the completed form, along with digital pictures, to PRIDE@ksu.edu. We want every community represented at the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

**Seeking 2010 PRIDE Partner**

The Kansas PRIDE program is seeking your nomination of a county or district K-State Research and Extension Agent for the 2010 PRIDE Partner Award.

The PRIDE Partner Award recognizes an Extension Agent that has provided exceptional support to the PRIDE Program through their work with communities or in support of the work of the PRIDE program at the state level (Your Kansas PRIDE staff is not eligible for nomination, please do not submit one for any of us).

If you have an Extension Agent that has shown exceptional leadership or service to your PRIDE community work, please take a moment and complete a nomination form. You can find the form at: www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/PRIDE/prideforms.htm

We will collect the nominations at the K-State PRIDE office until AUGUST 1, 2010. Nominations can be by hard copy or e-mailed to the PRIDE office.

The selected candidate will be recognized at the Annual K-State Research and Extension meeting in October and at PRIDE Day in November.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the PRIDE Office at (785) 532-5840 or e-mail PRIDE@ksu.edu.

**Sponsor Spotlight. . .**

**Kansas City Power and Light**

KCP&L have been a long time sponsor of Kansas PRIDE, Inc. KCP&L is committed to improving life in the communities they serve. They engage in a powerful community strategy to align and leverage financial support, corporate thought leadership and employee volunteerism in the areas of at-risk youth, environment and economic and workforce development.

In 2009, KCP&L employees gave more than 10,000 volunteer hours, including service to more than 115 organizations' boards of directors. Over the past six years, KCP&L has given approximately $12 million in
charitable support to more than 300 agencies throughout the company's service territory.

Inspired by KCP&L Chairman & CEO Mike Chesser's vision of involving employees in meaningful community support, the community strategy has ignited a passion among employees to dedicate time to improve the lives of others. In recognition of this, KCP&L was named 2010 Business Philanthropist of the Year by Nonprofit Connect.

Our thanks to KCP&L for their continuing support of Kansas PRIDE and our PRIDE communities!

**Dates to Remember. . .**

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