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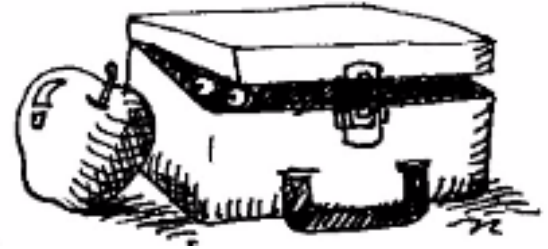


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A Program of Community CORE

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CommunityCORE

History:

*2013: CORE 501C3
Status*

*2014: Inaugural
Bookmobile and
Lunchbox Summer
Programming*

*2015: Summer
Programming 2.0*

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Mission:

*Creating a world with
spaces to Live, Work,
Play, & Grow*

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Program Overview

What we do

- Weekly summer food distributions from the last week of May until the second week of August.

Who We Serve

- Food insecure families who reside in Jackson County, Kansas. Means testing for financial need established using the federal free and reduced lunch program eligibility guidelines.



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Where We Operate

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- City Park

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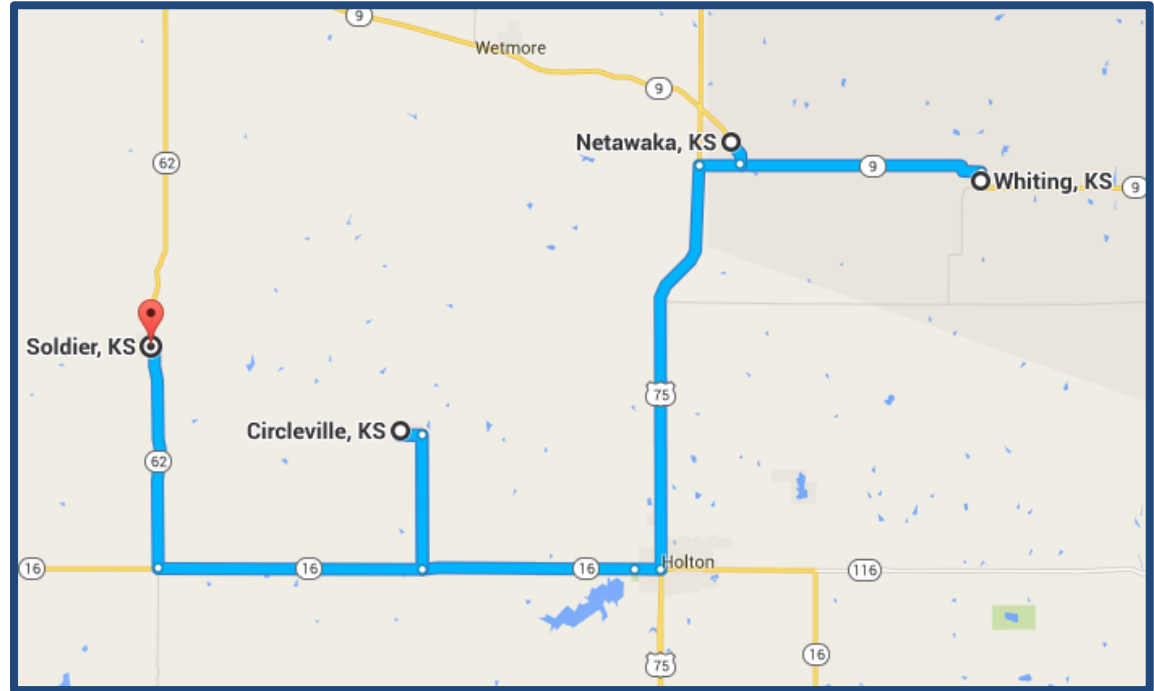
- Senior Citizens' Center

Circleville

- Christian Church

Soldier

- City Park



Program Overview

Our Organizational Partners

- We obtain foods as a registered community agency with Harvesters - The Community Food Network of Topeka.



United Way
of Greater Topeka



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Community Buy-In

- Engaged 12 volunteers each week who assisted with the distribution of food
- Engaged 56 unique volunteers
- Partnered with United Methodist Church's "Healthy Congregations" group which helped fund food trailer and volunteered distribution prep
- Leveraged \$3,090 in direct community giving and in-kind donations from individuals and local businesses



Programmatic Developments in 2015

- Participation rate increase, per cap expenditure decrease
 - Total number of program participants increased by approximately 11%
 - Number of participating families increased by approximately 5%
 - Per capita program cost decreased from by 9.6% or \$7

Year	Number of Families	Percentage increase	Total Number of Participants	Percentage increase	Per capita program cost
YR1: 2014	41	-	103	-	\$72.81
YR2: 2015	43	4.88%	114	10.68%	\$65.79

Programmatic Developments in 2015



- Expanded food variety to include
 - Fresh produce including
 - Apples, onions, potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, etc.
 - Baked goods
 - Artisan breads, buns, etc.
- Infrastructure development
 - Purchased new trailer using externally donated funds and retrofitted for programmatic use through in-kind donation of local body shop.

New Challenges

- **Logistics of introducing new food products**
 - Harvester's was unable to deliver some of their food products. This necessitated developing a new delivery system for pick-ups at their Topeka location and the integration of new volunteers.
 - Sometimes shipments of bread and/or produce would be unsuitable for distribution and needed sorting



Program Expansion

- **New Geographical Participant Base**
 - Increasing the number of program participants and the volume of distributions by moving into a new service area in Holton, KS
 - Partnered with Area Health Agency to identify high need program participants who are currently underserved.



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