

# Neighborhoods Rising Fund 2017 Funder's Report

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Every community desires to improve the lives of its residents but many also face adversity on the road to a better tomorrow. And while Kansas City's neighborhoods are creative in solving problems, securing volunteer hours, and building strong networks, a common challenge they face is a lack of access to small grant funding sources that can be used to give their residents' collective ideas and efforts life and that they can leverage for big impacts. The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) provides the support and resources to help neighborhoods realize their dreams. It is because of the NRF's small, impactful grants to neighborhood associations and community organizations that residents are empowered to improve their lives and the lives of those around them.

The NRF would not be possible without the generous contributions of the foundations, banks, CDFIs, and corporations that support this grant program. Their participation in this unique funding collaborative is critical to helping Kansas City neighborhoods achieve their goals and play their part in making Kansas City a great place to live.

“ *The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.* ”

**Coretta Scott King**  
Author, Activist, Civil Rights Leader

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# NEIGHBORHOODS RISING FUND

**The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF)** is a unique funding collaborative that annually provides grants up to \$3,000 for community-driven and neighborhood-led revitalization projects and initiatives in low- to moderate- income areas throughout the Greater Kansas City region.

The NRF, formerly the Neighborhood Self Help Fund, was created with the simple goal of seeding dreams and aspirations in Kansas City neighborhoods. By supporting small, neighborhood-led initiatives that demonstrate the ability to have a lasting impact, the NRF has brought together hundreds of residents and helped to build their collective capacity to live more productive, healthy, and interconnected lives.

Since 2015, the NRF has provided over \$215,000 for 86 community projects and neighborhood revitalization initiatives in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas. This report highlights projects supported in 2017, the third year of the NRF. The stories and data you will see in this report further demonstrate the critical role of this grant program in helping neighborhoods throughout Kansas City build lasting change.

The continued local impact of the NRF was made possible by the following funders; Hall Family Foundation, Hallmark Corporate Foundation, H&R Block Foundation, AltCap, The Sosland Foundation, Sprint Corporate Foundation, JE Dunn, Commerce Bank, US Bank, and UMB. The NRF IS managed by the Community Capital Fund and Greater Kansas City LISC, two community development non-profits that build the capacity of neighborhoods in distressed areas throughout Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS.

## NRF Criteria for Funded Projects

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**1** The project provides a direct service or benefit to the community identified in the proposal

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The organization uses an inclusive process to identify the community's need for the project **2**

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**3** The project is feasible; the budget is realistic; and the goals and objectives can be met with available resources and time

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The project supports the long-range plans for the organization's efforts to improve the neighborhood **4**

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**5** The project leverages NRF grant funds through community resources, strong partnerships, volunteers and other sources of funding and in-kind contributions

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**In 2017 the NRF awarded \$53,338 in grants, aiding 23 projects and impacting 26,705 residents. These projects leveraged \$39,744 in additional funding, \$33,490 through in-kind donations and other funding sources as well as 9,713 volunteer hours.**

For every hundred grant dollars disbursed, an additional \$75 was spent by the grantees on supporting local organizations and residents. Additionally, for every \$100 grant dollars spent, volunteers gave 18.2 hours of their own time to assist with projects.

\*values based solely on documented data. Real values may be higher due to intangible resources.

# Project Categories



**Neighborhood Cleanup**



**Greening of Public Spaces, Parks, and Gardens**



**Membership Development and Social Cohesion**















**Homes and Property Improvement**



**Celebration of Arts and Culture**



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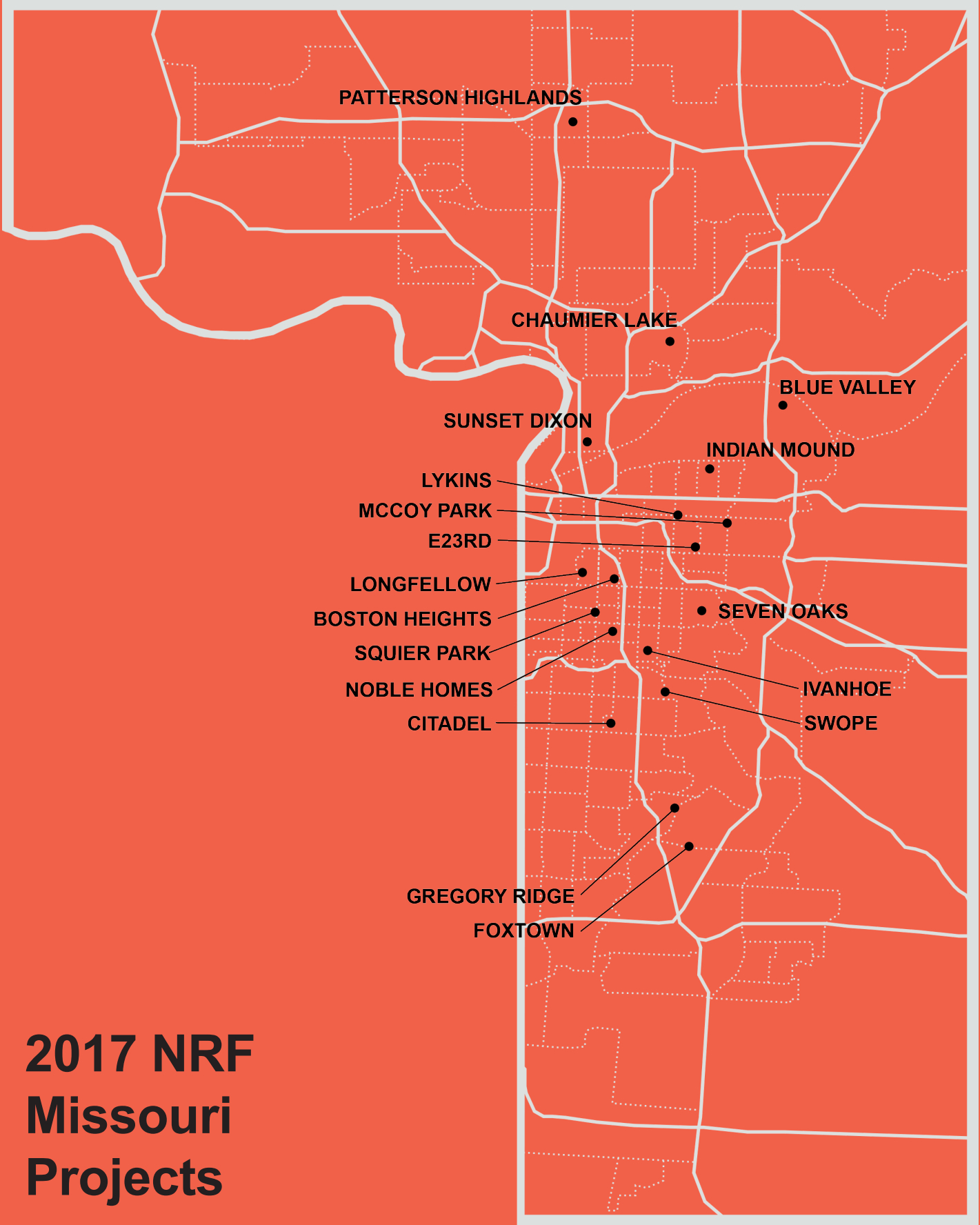
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**In Missouri alone the NRF distributed \$40,806. All together volunteers accumulated 4,693 hours. The Missouri NRF projects impacted a grand total of 23,358 people**



# 2017 NRF Missouri Projects

# Blue Valley Neighborhood Association Cleanup and Picnic

The Blue Valley Neighborhood Association is working towards a cleaner community by establishing solutions to stop the thousands of pounds of trash and illegal dumping in their neighborhood. Volunteers spent 8 hours clearing trash from the neighborhood block by block and distributing recycle bins to sustain cleanliness long after the day of the clean-up. Later, the neighborhood celebrated their success with a picnic, inviting the entire neighborhood and several community groups. At the picnic, toiletries were distributed to families in need. This project involved local schools, community members, volunteers, church groups to help make their community a cleaner, happier place to live.



*“We are growing and this project is only getting started.”*

Total Allocated Funds		This project involved local schools, community members, volunteers, and church groups.
\$2,195		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
Trash bags donated by City of Kansas City, MO	142	1,896



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project



Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge






There has been a large increase in sense of community

# Boston Heights and Mount Hope Neighborhood Association Beautification Project

This beautification plan for Boston Heights and Mount Hope Neighborhood Association included the planting of a wild flower garden and installation of public benches to enjoy the garden. Volunteers were later honored in a recognition ceremony. It brought a positive impact and feeling of peace to the neighborhood. Children now pick the wildflowers and others can relax by sitting on the garden bench. Plans to expand the garden are in the works.






Total Allocated Funds		"The Wild Flower Garden ... has provided a atmosphere for peace, the sweet aroma of lavender fills the air."
\$3,000		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
\$1,393	26	2,074
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# Chaumiere Neighborhood Association's Community Carnival

Chaumiere Neighborhood Association offered a carnival geared towards kids in the neighborhood. The carnival featured face painting, a clown, food, a fire truck, KCPD mounted patrol, and a presentation from the Lakeside Nature Center. This annual event was an effort to engage youth and it has also helped Chaumiere sustain the work of the neighborhood association.

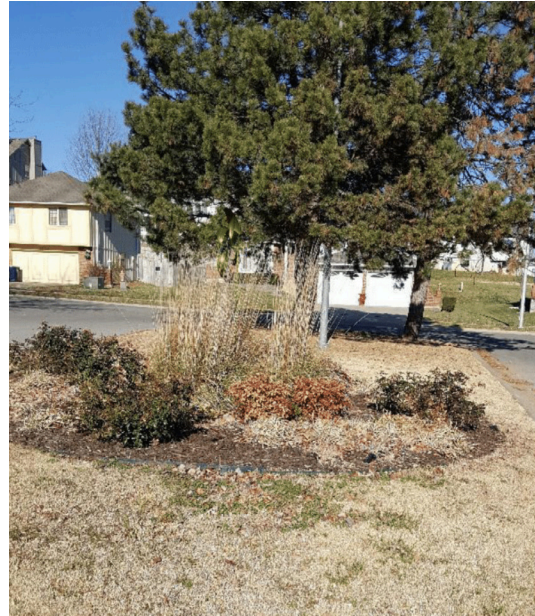


*"We think that the community carnival is a project well-worth continuing. We've already started working on forming a committee to work on the 2018 event ... We've got a great contact list now for future events, so this will benefit us for years to come."*

<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>83% of surveyed participants had rarely, if ever, attended a neighborhood event before. 100% of surveyed participants stated that their experience at the carnival would make them more likely to attend future events and meetings. 10% increase in social media followers. 46 kids attended.</b>
<b>\$1,161</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$593</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>438</b>
 <p>A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project</p>	 <p>Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge</p>	 <p>There has been a large increase in sense of community</p>

# Citadel Homeowners Association's Landscaping Maintenance to Common Areas

Citadel's landscaping project has helped to make an attractive, livable neighborhood. Residents appreciate the added beauty and enjoy walking their neighborhood--the project has enhanced the aesthetics of the environment in the neighborhood for all ages. Citadel used the grant to cover the cost of mulch, fertilizer, and soil samples for five common areas. They then planted flowers and saplings and watered them monthly. Having an aesthetically pleasing community also helps to maintain the property values which are important to the residents who are socially and monetarily invested in this community.



*"The trees helped to maintain a healthy environment for our senior walkers and children walking to and from school and/or the bus stop."*

<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>100% of the 20 polled neighborhood association members were satisfied with the project.</b>	
<b>\$3,000</b>			
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>	
<b>Project led by a certified master gardener</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>7</b>	



There has been no increase of involvement in our organization or project



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# East 23rd Street PAC Neighborhood Association's Annual Family Day in the Park

East 23rd Street PAC Neighborhood Association's Annual Family Day in the Park provides residents and kids an opportunity to relax and mingle with food, snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, a pool, games, and prizes. This event provided a chance for both the residents and the institutions in the neighborhood to learn what the needs are, what programs are available, and how the neighborhood organization can build its capacity to match and recruit residents with the agencies to improve the neighborhood. These relationships have helped create the neighborhood's housing and public safety efforts.



<p><b>Total Allocated Funds</b></p> <p><b>\$3,000</b></p>		<p>“This really made this year special. It is the only event in the last 14 years where residents have come together in love against violence. The Family Day in the Park brings together our community of all races + nationalities. It is a time where the community becomes one family, one community.”</p>	
<p><b>In-Kind Donations*</b></p> <p><b>\$2,800</b></p>	<p><b>Total Volunteer Hours</b></p> <p><b>289</b></p>	<p><b>Number of People Impacted</b></p> <p><b>4,000</b></p>	
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## Foxtown West's Neighborhood Cleanup and Crime Prevention Project

The Foxtown West Neighborhood Association is continuing cleanup efforts to take control of the crime and illegal dumping in their community. The neighborhood secured many dumpsters to be available to residents on days throughout the year. They also organized cleanups and weed maintenance throughout the neighborhood. Volunteers and neighborhood leaders participated in this effort to address a long-term neighborhood problem.



*"Let's Make A Difference In Our Community Together!"*




Total Allocated Funds		Flyers were distributed to 750 houses to encourage members to report crime. For Cleanup, 50 leaf bags were distributed and 5 dumpsters of trash were filled	
\$1,500			
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted	
\$400	104	750	
 <p>There has been a large increase of involvement in our organization or project</p>		 <p>Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge</p>	
		 <p>There has been a small increase in sense of community</p>	

# Gregory Ridge's Neighborhood Clean Up, Beautification, and Social Events

Gregory Ridge Homeowners Association used their grant to purchase leaf bags and dumpsters to assist volunteers in cleaning their neighborhood. Flowers and potted plants were planted to further beautify the area. These projects helped establish relationships for youth in the neighborhood. Residents have also become more knowledgeable about the skills and resources in the neighborhood and will be more inclined to utilize local resources to produce additional economic gain to the families in the neighborhood.

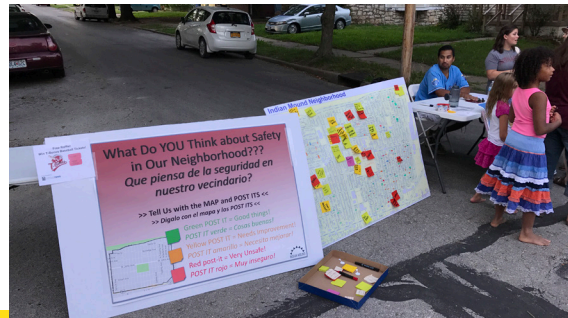


*"Neighbors have become aware that their neighbors own businesses that may be able to help them in the future with landscaping, yard work, house painting, plumbing, etc"*




<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<p><b>\$1,618</b></p> <p><i>"Generations of families connected. We had adult children, grandchildren and great grandchildren working together towards a common goal."</i></p>
<b>\$1,618</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$43.99</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>250</b>
 There has been a small increase of involvement in our organization or project	 Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge	 There has been a large increase in sense of community

# Indian Mound's Year-long Community Engagement Events

Indian Mound's community engagement events were designed to engage residents in a positive environment and to highlight the many assets of our community: parks, businesses, and organizations. The National Night Out event encouraged neighbors to create block watch programs, the Fall Pumpkin Patch event encouraged stewardship of an under utilized park and trail, and the Summer Budd Park activity highlighted local businesses and membership in the neighborhood association.



"The events greatly raised our profile and showed the neighborhood that there is an organization working in the neighborhood to address their concerns. Our meeting membership has increased in 2017, as has awareness of the neighborhood association."

Total Allocated Funds		Resulted in significantly more resident involvement—feedback, meeting attendance—significantly increased. Membership funds increased by \$600.
\$3,000		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
\$1,992	285	2,000
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# Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council's INC Art

Initiated by the residents of Ivanhoe, this event mobilized arts and culture in an effort to enhance quality of life, bridge cultural divides, and build a sense of individual and group capacity. INC Art brought together artists, historians, and elders to transfer the history of Ivanhoe into art - quilts, music, dance, and the spoken word. An exhibition was held to display the art for the entire community. The event brought forward the community's perspective and voice to build a stronger social fabric and foster livable, safe, and healthy environments.



<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<p>"This project created an environment that brought together multiple generations and people from diverse backgrounds. Professional artists collaborated not only with the community as they worked alongside each other, but each artist within their genre of art, had the opportunity to work and connect with each other. New connections, new relationships, new opportunities."</p>
<b>\$3,000</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$1,150</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3,670</b>
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# Longfellow Community Association's Green Project

The Longfellow Community Association expanded the Longfellow Farm with a green space, landscaping, trees, benches, and a community mural (to be completed Spring 2018). This project was a beautification that created an additional community asset. The project creates greater awareness and utilization of beautiful public space available for Longfellow residents. The land was used to educate neighbors about gardening and an informal wiffle ball game was hosted on the newly greened area.



*"We have now requested tax exemption for the lots because it is now clearly defined as a community space. If approved, this will save the Longfellow Community Association money for years to come."*



Total Allocated Funds		13.5% increase in Facebook followers and increased attendance at Neighborhood Association meetings.
\$3,000		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
\$1,619	72	507



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# Lykins Neighborhood Association's Community Awareness Expansion

Lykins Neighborhood Association created outreach collateral including door hangers, yard signs, and a new logo to better engage residents. They collaborated with Mattie Rhodes Center and NEAT, Urban Farming Guys, Solid Waste Management, and KCPD to address the top priorities of Lykins: including strengthening communication, combatting illegal dumping, and increasing strict code enforcements to preserve the quality of life and foster a safe and healthy environment.



"LNA will continue to build neighborhood participation by hosting similar events in the upcoming year, building partnerships in the community (e.g. non-profits, schools, etc.), and creating opportunities for residents to be more involved in LNA. In actuality, we are already moving forward. LNA President Dave Shuck has already met with the Whittier Elementary principal to discuss engaging parents in LNA. Additionally, in response to many developers expressing interest in Lykins at our November meeting, LNA will start a housing committee in the upcoming months to oversee prospective development in Lykins. We intend to continue these efforts."

<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>Cleanups made a notable difference in the community and resulted in more engagement and attendance at Neighborhood Association meetings.</b>
<b>\$2,978</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$400</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>2,500</b>



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# McCoy Park Friends y Amigos' Dumpster Day and Cleanup

MPNA's Dumpster Day is more than a cleanup, it is an excellent outreach and engagement opportunity. At the end-of-summer celebratory picnic, information on community resources was distributed, new association members and volunteers were recruited, and the association was able to hear constructive feedback from neighbors. In addition, they have begun working on a plan to address blight along Truman Road.



*The past two years the church had sponsored a backpack/school supply program for neighborhood children. This year they were having trouble coming up with the funds for the event. We were able to raise \$800 through crowd funding and outreach."*

<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>300 Residents participated in celebrating the community. 6 dumpsters were filled with trash and managed by volunteers.</b>
<b>\$3,000</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$2,030</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>830</b>



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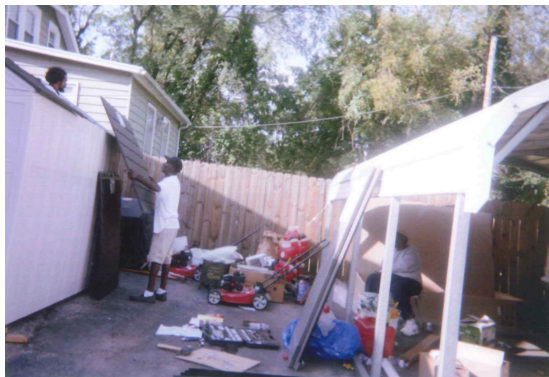
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# Noble Homes Association's Neighborhood Cleanup and Crime Prevention Effort

Noble Homes Association organized a neighborhood cleanup in an effort to beautify their community. Volunteers and neighborhood leaders participated in this cleanup and crime prevention effort to address the long-term neighborhood problem of illegal dumping.



Total Allocated Funds		Neighborhood leaders are collaborating with the juvenile courts to provide community service hours for youth.
\$2,284		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
—	1820	400



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# Patterson Highlands Neighborhood's Re-beautification Project

Patterson Highlands Neighborhood embarked on a re-beautification project to address overgrowth issues in the community's public spaces. Neighborhood trees, which were planted in the 1950s, were especially in need of trimming for aesthetic and safety reasons but much of the neighborhood, which mostly consists of young families and senior citizens, cannot afford to do this or cannot physically do this on their own. The project supported the association's purpose by helping to maintaining properties, creating a safe environment, and build sustainable relationships with neighbors.



*"This enabled us to get to know other neighbors."*

Total Allocated Funds		Out of 44 homes, 32 trees were pruned, 3 trees were cut down, and 27 people used the dumpsters. Cleanup efforts also become a successful neighborhood engagement project.
<b>\$1,855</b>		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
Trucks and trailers provided by the residents	<b>86</b>	<b>104</b>



There has been a small increase of involvement in our organization or project



Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge



There has been a small increase in sense of community

# Seven Oaks Neighborhood Association's Block Captain and Quad Leader Outreach Initiative

Seven Oaks Neighborhood Association worked to create a more formal organization structure by making some residents into block captains and quad leaders. This project mobilized and empowered the community through engagement, partnerships, effective solutions, organizational & leadership, financing, policy influence, and communications. Block captains helped communicate about meetings, prioritize concerns and issues, developed and implemented projects, and worked alongside city agencies and other neighborhood organizations.

Because of our Zone Leaders and Block Captains Block by Block outreach campaign and Toys-for-Tots application we had a GREAT showing at our annual Children's Christmas Party with Brush Creek Community



Face Painting by "Sister Act"



Balloon Artistry by "Sister Act"



Arts & Crafts station






Yum!!  
Popcorn and Cotton Candy



Young Rapper




*"this project ... let people know who SONA is and what we are about."*

Total Allocated Funds		"This project gave SONA a chance to better engage the community by involving 199 of their youth."
\$1,500		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
\$11,250	120	995
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# Squier Park’s Beautification of the Neighborhood’s Vacant Lots

The Squier Park Neighborhood Association, one of Kansas City’s historic neighborhoods, sought resources for maintaining its five commons/ vacant lots that are important to resident’s quality of life. Overgrowth and trash were cleaned up in lots at 36th and Forest, which are used as commonplace for events, children’s activities, and the neighborhood association’s community garden is located in a lot at 38th and Virginia. Because of this project, the neighborhood is now safer, cleaner, and beautiful.






<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>“Thanks to the NRF grant, our neighborhood is more inviting to residents. We have experienced more residents out walking with children and pets.”</b>
<b>\$2,905</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
flowers, hoses, trash bags and other necessities were donated by the neighborhood	<b>307</b>	<b>166</b>
 There has been a small increase of involvement in our organization or project	 Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge	 There has been a large increase in sense of community

# Sunset Dixon's Spring and Fall Neighborhood Cleanups

Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association organized two cleanup days to make a safe, enjoyable, clean and welcoming place for all residents to call home. The project included two dumpster days for collecting trash and yard waste. They found that dumpster days provide a good opportunity for neighbors to build relationships, help each other, and become more engaged with the neighborhood association, creating a stronger sense of community. As an older neighborhood, it has always been a challenge for the neighborhood association to help residents maintain their homes. This project was a very effective method of helping residents and building stronger relationships.






<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>“Everyone comes eager to help and get to work and do whatever is needed with a good attitude ... it worked wonderfully.”</b>
<b>\$310</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
shovels, trimmers, gas, trash bags and more were donated by the neighborhood	<b>94</b>	<b>401</b>
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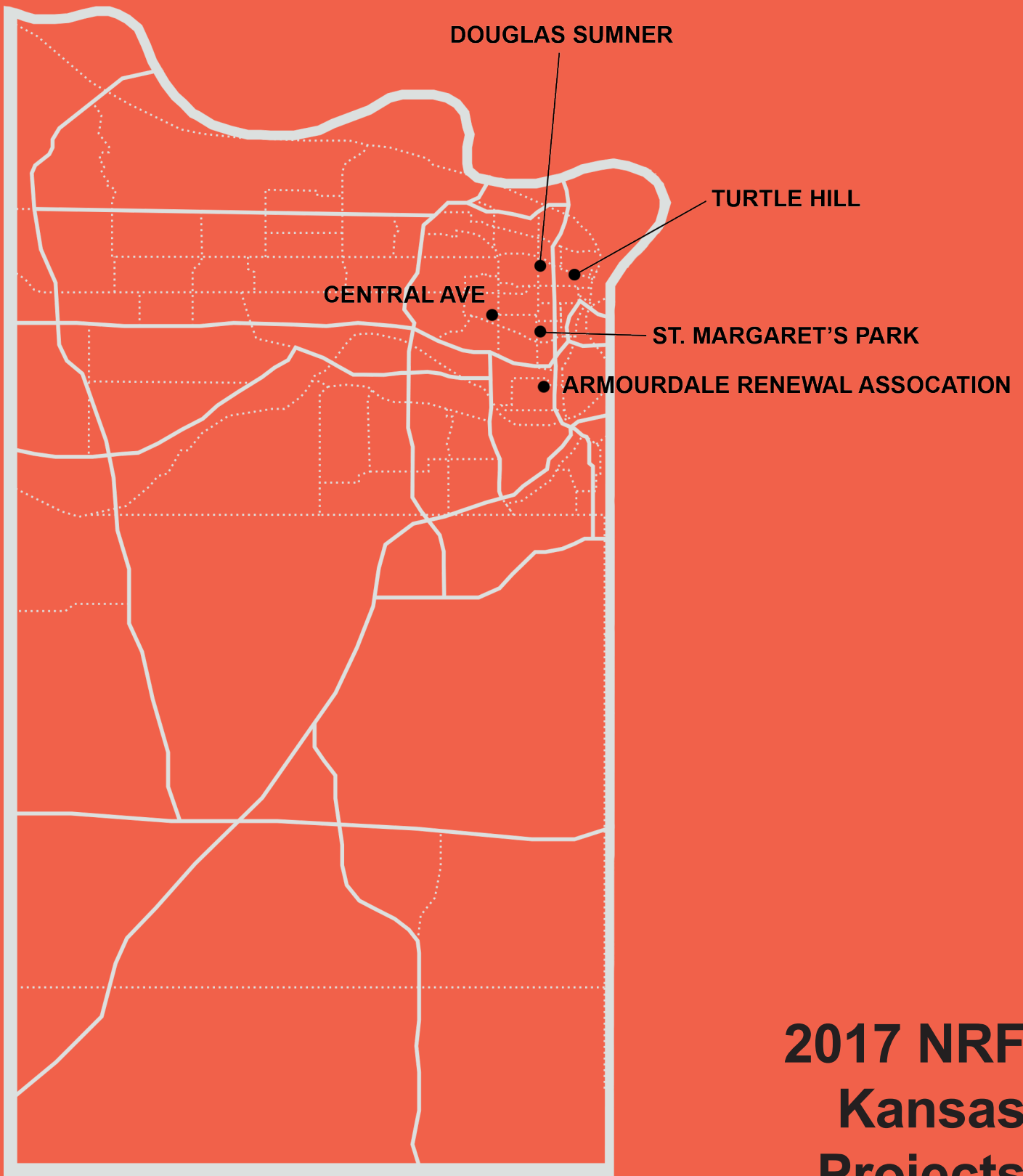
# Swope Parkway-Elmwood's Neighborhood Cleanup and Crime Prevention Project

Swope Parkway-Elmwood Neighborhood Association is taking control of the community's illegal dumping activities and crime issues through a neighborhood cleanup effort. Residents decided that a cleanup initiative was needed to focus on blight in forgotten areas. This project helped them to secure dumpsters, organize cleanups, and weed maintenance. Volunteers and neighborhood leaders participated in this effort to address a long-term neighborhood problem.



Total Allocated Funds		<p>“Our neighborhood clean ups went well because we all work together...We had volunteers telling people where to dump... we enjoy working together for the good of our neighborhood.”</p>
<h2>\$1,500</h2>		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
<h2>\$500</h2>	<h2>120</h2>	<h2>2,370</h2>
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**In Kansas alone the NRF distributed \$12,532. All together, volunteers accumulated 5,020 hours. The Kansas NRF projects impacted a grand total of 3,347 people.**



**2017 NRF  
Kansas  
Projects**

# Armourdale Renewal Association's 25th Year Anniversary Christmas Party

Armourdale Renewal Association (ARA) organized two days of holiday parties - one focused on youth and the other on adults. Folks from across the community bonded over freshly cooked food and gift-giving. ARA has seen a significant uptick in the number of youth and Latino families within the community. With inclusion and outreach top priorities for the association, this event engaged more residents and built a stronger sense of community.



<p><b>Total Allocated Funds</b></p> <p><b>\$3,000</b></p>		<p>Facebook post from resident: "well whadayaknow? we ended up having Christmas dinner after all---Mexican style. my neighbor across the street brought us some hot tamales. so glad, because I was starving"</p>	
<p><b>In-Kind Donations*</b></p> <p><b>\$620</b></p>	<p><b>Total Volunteer Hours</b></p> <p><b>89</b></p>	<p><b>Number of People Impacted</b></p> <p><b>2,400</b></p>	
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# Central Avenue Betterment Association's Tool Shed Addition to WCAC Park

Central Avenue Betterment Association's new tool shed has made the availability of tools and supplies easier for volunteers to maintain the Wyandotte Countians Against Crime (WCAC) park and garden. Ensuring the upkeep of the WCAC park is an important part of our making Central Avenue a "destination site" and to generate community pride which changes public opinion about East Wyandotte but more important, changes the community's opinion of itself.



Total Allocated Funds		2,306 lbs. peaches/berries harvested 4 special events 1 wedding 3 community celebrations in park
<b>\$3,000</b>		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>207</b>



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# Douglas/Sumner's Operation Facelift + 2nd Annual Neighborhood Block Party

Douglas/Sumner organized a collaborative neighborhood cleanup between Sumner academy, city departments, KCK housing authority, and its residents. The project culminated with a block party to further engage residents on issues of health and safety. The cleanup created positive interaction between city departments, including codes and police with residents around the improvements made to their community. In addition to engagement, the block party also provided critical information from City and County departments on emergency preparedness with interpreters to translate for non-English speaking residents. The events provided opportunities for learning, interaction, and community building.



Total Allocated Funds		40-yard dumpster completely full 50 bags of trash collected 3 new Neighborhood Association members
\$3,000		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
\$1,000	774	400
 There has been a small increase of involvement in our organization or project	 Organization and residents have gained a small deal of skills or knowledge	 There has been a small increase in sense of community

# St. Joseph's Neighborhood Watchdogs' Giving Grove Orchard at St. Margaret's Park

Restoring parks in Kansas City, Kansas has been a priority for citizens in the St. Joseph's Watchdogs neighborhood, which has a high percentage of low-income residents and in which healthy foods are often scarce. The neighborhood invested in a new orchard consisting of 12 fruit trees and a cherry bush. A picnic was held to celebrate the completion of the orchard. St. Joseph's Watchdogs brought together various local groups around this project and around the general betterment of the Park. When the orchard matures, it will provide both healthy food and a space for residents. The St. Joseph's Watchdogs plan to continue this work to improve the park by adding a walking trail and more in the future.



Total Allocated Funds		"the group is making itself better known throughout the area with this project and in our neighborhood group."
\$2,532		
In-Kind Donations*	Total Volunteer Hours	Number of People Impacted
Sporting KC will also be providing major park improvements: soccer fields, futbol courts, improvements to basketball courts, restrooms, and shelter houses, and a walking trail at the periphery of the soccer fields	249	143



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## Turtle Hill Community Association's Giving Garden and Liberty Orchard

Turtle Hill Community Association expanded the Turtle Hill Giving Community Garden and Liberty Orchard at 514 Washington Blvd. In a partnership with a local elementary and high school, this project provided fresh produce, fruit, nuts, and berries to Turtle Hill residents, Douglas Sumner residents, to the food pantries of First Baptist Church at 500 Nebraska Ave. The Willa Gill Center, meals for the homeless program, and to a KCK homeless youth shelter. The giving of fresh food promoted healthy eating habits, offer nutrition to the homeless and reduce food cost for residents of Wyandotte County.



<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>		<b>“We have recommitted ourselves to the expansion of the fruit orchard and the distributions of the fruit.”</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations*</b>	<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Number of People Impacted</b>
<b>\$700</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>197</b>
 There has been a large increase of involvement in our organization or project	 Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge	 There has been a large increase in sense of community



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