

## Visioneering Recent Accomplishments

- R Aggressive implementation of 15 alliances to carry out long range strategies in economic development, quality of life, government, education and private sector leadership foundations specifically:
- R Managed a state wide mentoring conference with 330 attendees and Coaches Bill Snyder and Tom Osborne as keynote speakers resulting in a coaches challenge rivalry to be conducted annually
- R Co-sponsored Drop In Summit in support of local mentoring efforts
  - Conducted second bi-annual Racial Diversity Opportunity and Harmony survey measuring perceptions social interaction, jobs education, healthcare and leadership. Results provide direction for other alliances to implement into their work plans
- R Managed 4<sup>th</sup> annual Unified Legislative Agenda process resulting in over \$15+ million new dollars to benefit agenda items (overall benefit – over \$62+ million)
  - Supervised additional twelve week training sessions for Minority Business Initiative which serves minority businesses in their growth potential
- R Launched [www.uploadwichita.com](http://www.uploadwichita.com), a community branding website
- R Oversaw a four county south central Kansas comprehensive plan initiative by Birth-K providers which led to a annual \$1.1 million grant award per year for three years from the State of Kansas for quality child care services to meet the needs of at-risk children not currently served; expansion and/or creation of social-emotional and mental health services to meet the needs of at-risk children and families currently not being served; and provides a high quality, efficient delivery system that will provide child care and early education, mental health services and parent support and education
- R Supported the creation of the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care to address health care costs, quality and access in south central Kansas
- R Directed 4th annual City to City Visit to Chattanooga to benchmark downtown revitalization and economic development efforts.
  - Cyber Alliance vision of a Tech Studio closes in on reality
- R Secured \$150,000 in grant funds from the Sunflower Foundation for GoPlayKansas recreational Alliance website development
- R Launched R<sup>3</sup> project which will Review, Revise and Refocus Visioneering long range strategic plan to continue aggressive implementation of the plan
- R Older Adult Alliance planning for initiatives working on revitalizing communities for all of our generations
- R Literary Alliance developed literate community model; seeking funding to support implementation of the model

What you should know about Visioneering Wichita as determined by the numerous volunteers in the 15 strategic alliances

- Has given the regional community hope that we can do something different and better – build on strengths and assets as opposed to conducting gap assessments and focusing on what’s wrong
- Has empowered the regional community to no longer be content with being average
- Has given a broad platform (via the plan document) by which anyone can see their interests, express their passion and become involved
- Has given citizens a new and unique mechanism for becoming involved in making a difference in the regional community
- Has been inclusive, forging new partnerships and helping existing partners and organizations work differently, having access to new partners and achieving success working together on new projects
- Is pervasive throughout the regional community
- Gives validity to regional community efforts (e.g. groups coming to Visioneering Wichita and asking to be alliances – Older Adults, Agribusinesses, Kansas Career Pipeline and Cyber Alliance)
- Has given the regional community essential information on citizens’ perceptions about and a structure to address issues related to: racial diversity, opportunity and harmony, our regional community image

## **2010 Alliances**

Community Identity (on hold)	Agri-Business Innovations (on hold)
Cyber Alliance	Entrepreneurs/Small Business
College Mecca	Mentoring
Birth – K	Health Care
Recreation	Arts/Culture (on hold)
Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony	Unified Legislative Agenda
Older Adults	Environmental Sustainable Region
Literacy Alliance (on hold)	