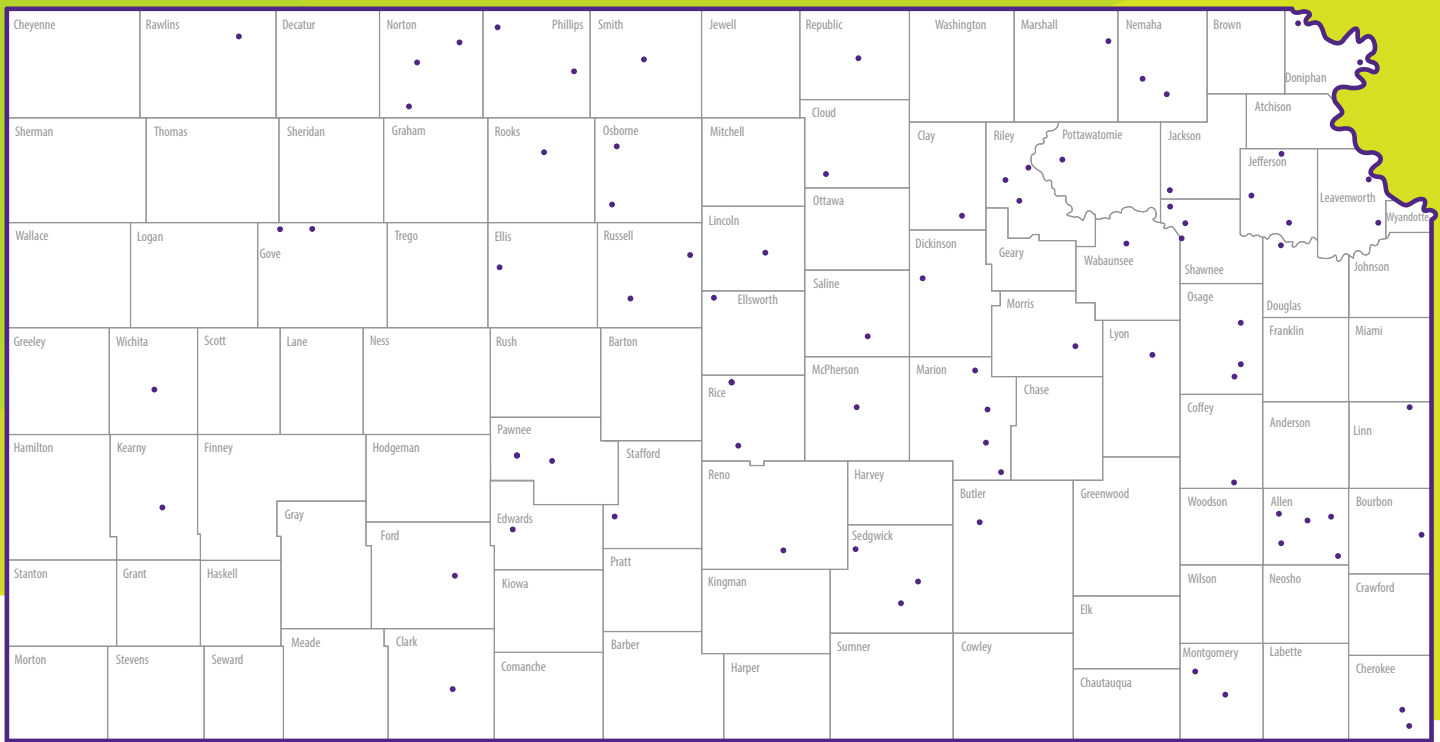




Vibrant Communities with a Positive Future

Kansas PRIDE Impact 2016 – 2017





In 2016-2017 the Kansas PRIDE Program served 79 communities; 13 of these communities are new to the PRIDE program.

Admire	Columbus ^{\$}	Herndon	LeRoy	Nortonville	Savonburg
Agra	Council Grove ^{^+}	Highland	Lincoln	Olsburg ⁺⁺	Silver Lake
Alden	Delia ⁺⁺	Humboldt ^{^+}	Linn Valley	Overbrook	Smith Center
Almena	Dover ⁺	Independence	Long Island	Ozawkie	Solomon
Alton ⁺⁺	Elk City	Iola ⁺	Lucas ⁺⁺	Park City ^{\$}	Stockton
Ashland	Ellis	Kinsley	Macksville	Perry ⁺⁺	Tampa
Assaria	Florence	La Harpe ⁺	Marion	Potwin ⁺	Wakefield
Axtell	Ford	Lakin ⁺	McFarland ⁺	Pretty Prairie	Wathena
Basehor	Fort Scott	Lansing	McPherson	Quenemo	Wilson
Baxter Springs	Glasco ⁺	Larned ⁺	Melvern	Randolph ⁺	
Belleville	Goff	Lecompton ⁺	Moran	Riley	
Burns	Grainfield ⁺	Lenora ⁺	Mount Hope ^{\$}	Rossville ⁺⁺	
Bushton	Grinnell ⁺	Leonardville	Natoma ⁺	Rozel ⁺	
Centralia	Haysville	Leoti	Norton	Russell	

Key: * = Capital Award; \$ = Growth and Action Award; ^ = Partner in PRIDE Award; + = Community of Excellence Award

Partnerships



KANSAS FREEMASONS
ON THE LEVEL

As a partner of the Kansas PRIDE program, the Kansas Masons, from more than 200 lodges across the state, have pledged their support to local communities. Since the partnership was established in March of 2016, 15 Masonic Lodges have taken part in continuing or active support in 20 communities, assisting in fundraising, volunteering and celebration of local community success. If your community does not have a Masonic Lodge, contact the Kansas PRIDE office and we can find a contact in your area.



The First Impressions program, piloted in northwest Kansas, was made possible by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. In 2016 the program was implemented in 31 communities in northwest Kansas. Nine of the participating communities are PRIDE communities, and through the process, four communities not involved in PRIDE formed local PRIDE organizations. Because of this successful pilot, First Impressions is now open to communities statewide.



126 new projects



57,895 hours of
volunteer labor donated
(more than \$1,280,466)



\$290,323 public
dollars raised

\$486,539 private
dollars raised



409 ongoing projects, 269 of
which engaged youth



79 Kansas PRIDE
Communities

K-State Research and Extension

The community vitality staff visited more than 45 communities to lend support through strategic planning, informational presentations and workshops.

The First Impressions program, administered by K-State Research and Extension, helps communities learn more about strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of a first-time visitor. It also provides an opportunity to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of other communities. The immediate impacts of First Impressions are the call to action and engagement of community volunteers, the development of improved communication between residents and community organizations, and the increased awareness of community attributes. Since 2015, 50 Kansas communities have participated in First Impressions. Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu for more information.

Kansas Department of Commerce

As a partner of the Kansas PRIDE program, the Kansas Department of Commerce Business and Community Development Assistance Team worked with communities and businesses throughout the state. During 2016, the regional project managers assisted 39 PRIDE communities. The regional project managers also worked with 26 businesses in 15 PRIDE communities.

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4-H Youth Development

PRIDE STAR Capital Awards

The following communities received awards recognizing their outstanding work on community projects:

Financial

Olsburg's Land Utford was a success as the first ever community ride. Seventy miles of back road was traveled by ATV's and side-by-sides hauling community members.

Rossville PRIDE invited community members to use their creativity to make anything out of pallets. The Pallets of PRIDE Auction was held and all profits made helped with the installation of a gazebo and sidewalks at Andrick Park.

Social

The **Delia** community educated its citizens about the Walk Kansas Program, which promotes physical exercise and healthier eating. Teams were formed to motivate each other to walk daily.

The **Olsburg** Festival continued to grow this year with citywide garage sales, a car show, a horseshoe tournament and a street dance. Olsburg PRIDE continues to attract visitors who live outside of city limits.

Cultural

Delia Days continues to expand. This year's festivities incorporated Delia's history and culture into its celebration. A parade, a quilt show, historical speakers and displays were added.

Community history is important, which was shown in **Olsburg** PRIDE's history book reprint. The treasures of the small town were revitalized and sold to locals.

Perry PRIDE's Rural High School Stone Dedication helped bring a piece of history back to the community to be enjoyed by current and future generations. They now have one of their first permanent displays of history in the community.

Natural

Olsburg PRIDE and community members came together to beautify Greenwood Park. With a lot of cleanup and transformations, the park is now an oasis for travelers and the community.

Human

Youth of **Delia** were able to participate in a new summer reading program that provided a fun, interesting and educational program. The theme for this summer was "Sports, Exercise and Staying Active."

Built

Alton PRIDE constructed a brightly lit cross that stops everyone in its path to gaze with wonder and awe at the powerful symbol of faith on top of the Alton bluffs.

Delia PRIDE completed concession stand repairs that came with the recently closed Delia Grade School. They completed the project just in time for Delia Days.

Lucas PRIDE made improvements to the K-18 baseball field, which made the players, fans and volunteers happy. The tournaments at the field bring in revenue for the community, so the improvements were greatly appreciated.



Funding

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. provides start-up grants for eligible local PRIDE organizations – start-up grants to Communities of Growth and Action, and Partners in PRIDE grants for Communities of Excellence.

Growth and Action Awards:

- » Columbus
- » Mount Hope
- » Park City

Partners in PRIDE

- » Council Grove was awarded \$2,000 for a Riverwalk Park sign
- » Delia was awarded \$1,000 for a landscaping project
- » Humbolt was awarded \$1,100 for ADA-accessible picnic areas
- » Rossville was awarded \$2,000 for park beautification

Volunteers Impact PRIDE

Provided through the generosity of the Kansas Masons and our partnership, the Volunteers Impact Pride (VIP) grant program was developed by Kansas PRIDE, Inc. to provide incentives to communities for projects that will enhance the quality of life and help communities help themselves through sweat equity and volunteerism at the local level. This is a single activity grant considering the measurable impact of the project on the community.

The 2017 VIP recipients include:

- » Almena for playground replacement
- » Grinnell for roof repairs
- » Lincoln for sidewalks and improvements
- » Norton for community signage
- » Russell for walking trail and wellness



Week of PRIDE

Kansas PRIDE program partnered with 48 Hours of 4-H, inviting 4-H clubs to partner with PRIDE organizations for volunteer opportunities during Week of PRIDE 2016. In the spring of 2016, 356 adults and 241 youth in 25 PRIDE communities spent 2,309 hours planning and implementing projects and raised more than \$26,460 to invest into their communities. Seventy-four youth from 15 4-H clubs assisted in 11 communities.





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