

## WHY IS COLLABORATION SO IMPORTANT?

Collaboration opens the door for voices representing unique and diverse populations in a community to be heard. The more voices, the better the chance of developing viable solutions and strategies to the problems that face our community. Collaboration bridges gaps, whether generational or social, merging resources to address issues that affect everyone. We are all responsible for the quality of our community. Remember that your voice is important!

**If you would like to be a part of any of the collaboratives listed in this brochure, please call Community Partnership at 888-2020 to find out when the next meeting will be held.**



*You must be the change you wish to see in the world.*

*-Mahatma Gandhi*

## OUR MISSION:



*To create pathways to raise the standard of living and quality of life for all inhabitants, present and future, in Springfield and Greene County.*

## THE COLLABORATIVES

### A Guide to Community Partnership's Active Collaborative Groups

Continuum of Care



Council of Collaboratives



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Housing



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# A MOMENT'S INSIGHT IS SOMETIMES WORTH A LIFE'S EXPERIENCE...



Community Partnership acts as a catalyst for action and long-lasting community change by facilitating issue focused collaborative groups. We believe that the input and involvement of these collaboratives are vital for identifying and solving complex community issues that we face in southwest Missouri. Currently, we have seven collaboratives overseeing 17 subcommittees.

## History of the Collaboratives

The Community Collaboratives were established in 1992 after a comprehensive need assessment identified and prioritize the most pressing concerns for residents and outlined various strategies for addressing the needs. Today, the collaborative initiative has grown to include 7 issue based collaboratives and 17 subcommittees that include nearly 500 members from organizations, agencies, businesses, and neighborhoods. These individuals dedicated over 2,600 hours last year to raise the standard of living and quality of life for all inhabitants, present and future, of Springfield. Together, the Collaboratives are responsible for bringing over a million dollars to Springfield and, even more importantly, immeasurable advances in solutions to community issues.

## Council of Collaboratives

The Council of Collaboratives seeks to create pathways to raise the standard of living and quality of life for all inhabitants, present and future, in Springfield and Greene County. The Council of Collaboratives is a forum for dialogue, action and coordination so that issues may be addressed in a broad community context.

## Continuum of Care

Continuum of Care Committee of the Community Partnership is responsible for bringing nearly one million dollars in U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to our community to address the varying needs of the homeless in Springfield.

**"To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science."**

*-Albert Einstein*

## Education Collaborative

Working side by side agencies, parents, public and private schools and universities, this group works to help ensure that youth succeed in school and are ready to enter productive adulthood.

## Environmental Collaborative

The Environmental Collaborative works for the protection of our local natural resources. Through research, teaching, and outreach, collaborative members are devoted to generating knowledge and developing techniques and skills to help practitioners manage and conserve natural and environmental resources to meet the full range of human needs on a sustainable basis.

## Healthy Community

The Healthy Community Collaborative works to ensure a broad spectrum of community involvement in creating public awareness of health issues and generating community-based solutions through maximum use of resources.

## Housing Collaborative

Housing Collaborative members work to advance knowledge on issues related to affordable housing and create a forum for community-wide problem solving ensuring safe, affordable housing for elderly to youth and homeless to home owner.

## Senior Link

Senior Link will provide opportunities for information sharing, advocacy and the enhancement of services for the Senior population in Springfield and Greene County, MO.

## Transportation Collaborative

The Transportation Collaborative works to identify and develop regional transportation alternatives to encourage comprehensive mixed-transit options.

