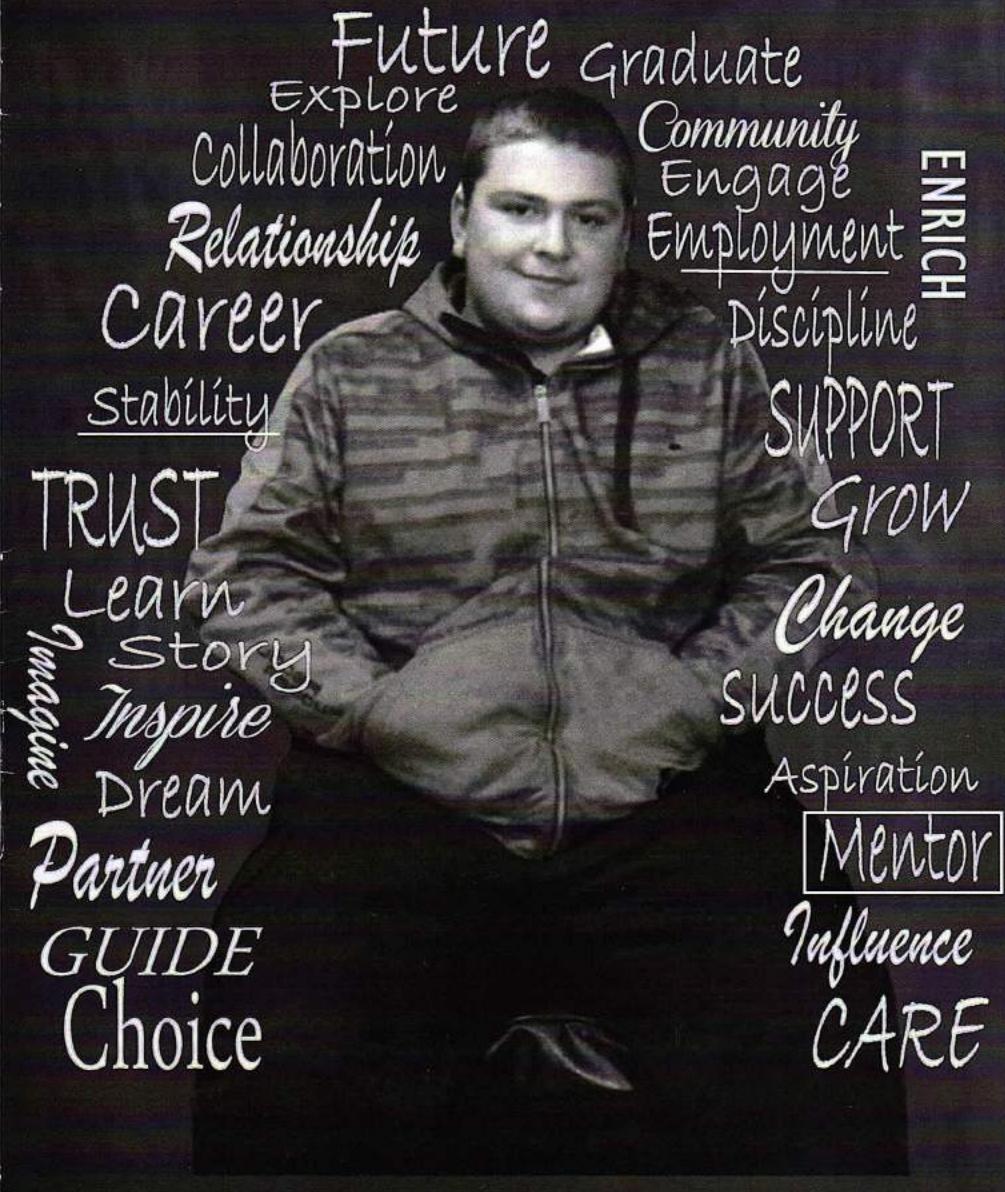


Annual Report 2013-2014



Future Graduate

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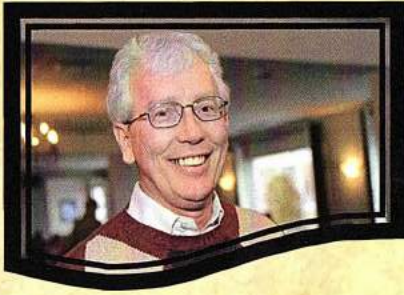
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Dear Friends of KC-Ed,

Kosciusko County Educational Development (KC-Ed) is an organization whose sole purpose is to improve graduation rates in Kosciusko County. Our approach covers three critical components; Graduation Coaches at the high school level, Success Coaches at

the junior high level and mentors at the elementary school level. We are in our fourth year of having Graduation Coaches at the high school level and have seen many positive results. Specifically, the rate has increased nearly 10% in that time. Hard work by the coaches and schools working together has started to pay off. Please watch for an interview with one of our recent graduates on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kosciusko-County-Educational-Development-and-Mentoring-Program/140023782686449>.

The positive results at the high school level prompted us to add Success Coaches at the junior high level and we are in our third year of helping these students. This assistance is designed to help the students today and in the future as they make the tough transition to high school. Our results point to better grades, better attendance and fewer discipline referrals. These same results are seen at the elementary schools where we are helping through the use of mentors that visit with students each week for about an hour.

The collaboration going on between the four different school corporations has been tremendous as everyone strives to improve graduation rates. We all know that the rising tide raises all ships.

Please consider supporting us in our work to make a student's future much brighter and more meaningful because they have a diploma and are better prepared for their next step in life.

Sincerely,

Ot Schroeder
Board President

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Mission Statement

"To promote graduation one relationship at a time."

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Graduate Corner

The Path to Kayla's Future



School: Whitko High School

Graduation Year: 2014

Grad Coach: Laura Smiley

Future Plans: Working toward a degree from Ivy Tech

Hobbies/Interests: Choir

Kayla is a 2014 graduate from Whitko High School. Kayla started with KC-Ed halfway through her junior year at Whitko and explains that were it not for the relationship she had with her graduation coach, and knowing she had someone who cared about her success, she would not have graduated high school. In regards to pursuing her high school diploma she said "I want to do what my parents didn't do," and that she did! Not only did she graduate, but she did so while working 40-45 hours per week as a senior. Her hard work and determination to catch up and finish strong paid off! She is now working two jobs and will begin her pursuit of a special education degree by taking courses at Ivy Tech in January of 2015. Kayla is passionate about people and wants to be that positive relationship for someone else!

Elementary Highlights

"He always greets me with a hug and big smile....such a joy to be around."

-Debbie Sadler,
Kid's Hope
Mentor

Total Number Enrolled: 80



Sue Vercauteren and mentee

Middle School Highlights

Total Number Enrolled: 62

Success Coach, Amy Evans from Milford, plans outdoor activities to get involved in her student's lives. They have been hiking, canoeing, and even created a slip-and-slide!



Students in the Milford Success Group

EVERY student Amy worked with raised their ISTEP+ scores!

High School Highlights

Total Number Enrolled: 157

Pass Rate: 83%

Graduation Rate of Seniors in Program: 73%

Cameron is a 2014 graduate through the KC-Ed program! Cameron credits his graduation to having an adult who was consistent in his life, was willing to listen, and was willing to guide him and be a continual support in his life.



Cameron Castle, 2014
Tippecanoe Valley Graduate

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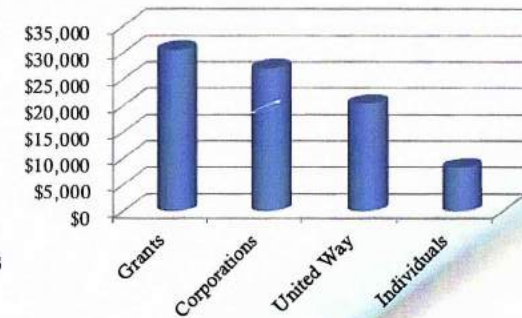
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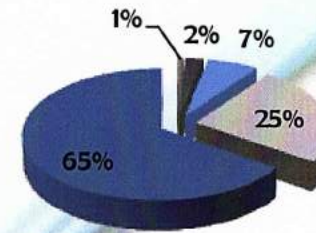


Total Revenue: \$85,978.75



Total Expenses: \$76,541.23

- Meetings/Travel
- Elementary Mentoring
- Operations
- Program Director
- Middle School & High School Success and Graduation Coaches



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