

This Week at Second Chance ...



"A public safety program of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission"

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Second Chance Mission: "To provide a crime prevention strategy for Metropolitan Kansas City through research, advocacy and the funding of programs that improves opportunities for ex-offenders to lead productive lives."

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The Second Chance Program focuses on metro-wide reentry efforts through Research and special projects, Advocacy through the Reentry Coalition, and Fundraising to support local organizations providing direct services to the offender population.

In an effort to keep you more informed on what's happening in the Second Chance community, we will send out this e-newsletter periodically with the latest and greatest news and information!

Thanks for your support of the Second Chance Program!

Coming Soon

Board Meeting –

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[MO Senate Bill 613: Modifies Food Stamp Eligibility](#)

Missouri is one of 13 states that continue to deny Food Stamps to people with drug related felony convictions. Senator Wilson's office filed the Food Stamp modification bill early this year. A few months ago, we had a chance to discuss the bill she would file for the third time in 2010. Senator Yvonne Wilson knows that feeding the hungry is one of the most basic things we can do. She knows private social service agencies struggle in this economy to keep food on their pantry shelves for the community and having to compensate for a state law that excludes a certain population only adds to their burden. She understands that everyone deserves a *Second Chance*.

The Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition will begin this month to generate support for the Senate Bill 613. This year, Senator Wilson will serve her final term after some sixty years of public service. We hope to help her celebrate this victory with a win for people struggling to put their lives back together and a win for Missouri commerce. Read more information about the Bill prepared by our friends at Missouri Association of Social Welfare:

Senate Bill 613: Modifies the eligibility requirements for Food Stamp Assistance



January 19th at 3PM
@ Liberty Memorial
for members and
invitees.

Kansas City
Metropolitan Reentry
Coalition, Tuesday,
January 26th, 3-4PM
(networking before
and after meeting)
Pioneer Campus of
MCC, 2700 E. 18th St,
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Missouri Association for Social Welfare: Information about the Lifetime Food Stamp Ban

The 1996 Federal Welfare Reform laws created a lifetime ban on Food Stamps for individuals convicted of drug related felonies. No other felony conviction (Including murder, rape, sex offenses) results in a loss of Food Stamp Eligibility. This creates a great loss in federal dollars that Missouri could be receiving. Senate Bill 613 allows Missouri to "opt out" of the Food Stamp ban for individuals convicted of drug related felonies, thus increasing federal funds to Missouri by millions of dollars each year. Please read additional facts about the how Missouri would benefit from the passing of SB 613 below:

- Currently, there are 3,556 individuals included on an active family Food Stamp case but not included in the count due to a drug conviction.
- There are 11,924 individuals rejected for food stamps for a felony drug conviction in Missouri.
- The average amount of Food Stamp Benefits received each month is \$97.54.
- Every Food Stamp dollar spent in the state spurs \$1.84 in economic activity.
- Finally, each year the state is responsible for \$28.19 in administrative costs per person receiving Food Stamps.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO MISSOURI:

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Monthly Benefits</u>	<u>Fed. \$ Gained /mo.</u>	<u>Gain/yr.</u>
15,280	x \$97.54	= \$1,509,919.20	= \$18,119,030.40

<u>Economic Activity/FS dollar</u>	<u>Fed \$ Gained to MO/yr.</u>	<u>Increased Economic Activity/yr.</u>
\$1.84	x \$18,119,030.40	= \$33,339,015.94

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Yearly Administrative Costs/ Person</u>	<u>Total Admin Cost/yr.</u>
15,280	x \$ 28.19	= \$430,743.20

<u>Increased MO Economic Activity</u>	<u>Administrative Costs/yr.</u>	<u>Economic Benefit/yr.</u>
\$ 33,339,015.94	- \$430,743.20	= \$32,908,272.74

These Federal Dollars and increased economic activity could be coming to Missouri each year by **PASSING**

SENATE BILL 613

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Meet the Second Chance Advisory Board



Kent W. Sunderland

Member of the Board

Kent W. Sunderland graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, with a B.S. in Business Administration. He is currently Vice Chairman and Secretary of Ash Grove Cement Company in Overland Park, Kansas. He began career with Ash Grove Cement Company as Purchasing assistant in 1982 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1993. He also serves as President and Trustee of the Sunderland Foundation.

His civic activities include the Board of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Midwest Research Institute, and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. He has also been associated with the Spofford Home Fund Development Committee, Children's Mercy Hospital Golf Classic, and the Advisory Board of Arts Partners.

Mr. Sunderland is the proud father of three wonderful daughters.