



# This Week at the Second Chance Foundation...

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."

**January 30, 2009**

In an effort to keep you more informed on what's happening at the Second Chance Foundation, we will send out this e-newsletter periodically with the latest and greatest news and information! The news items will be identified as Research, Advocacy, Public Relations, Special Project or Fundraising related.

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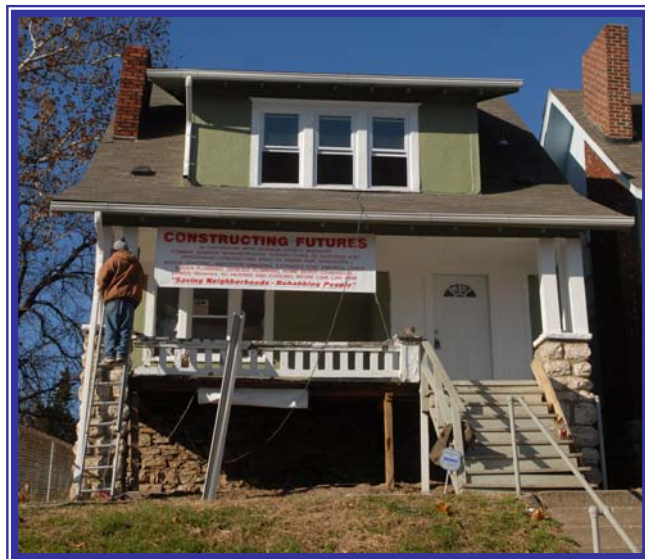
## Coming Soon

- Board Meeting – February 17th, 3pm, Kauffman (invitation only)
- Board Meeting – March 17th, 3pm, Kauffman (invitation only)
- Second Chance Coalition of Network Organizations Meeting, Pioneer Campus

## What's New?



### 3742 Wayne Home Rebuild



## "Constructing Futures"

of MCC, 2800 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St,  
K.C. Mo., Auditorium

Potential Employer's Breakfast,  
hosted by Judge Gaitan and Mr.  
Dunn, Sr., March 5th, 8-10am,  
2345 Grand, Lathrop & Gage, to  
increase the number of area  
employer's who could realize  
benefits through offender  
employment.

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"An old house in need of serious repair got a fresh start as did the individuals that did the repairs and the family who will eventually be living in the house soon, reported Jackson County Prosecutor **James Kanatzar** to the Second Chance Board at the January 20<sup>th</sup> recent board meeting.

This project involves several branches of Jackson County government as well as Connections to Success, the Ivanhoe Neighborhood and Arrowhead Contracting.

"Constructing Futures" is a project that called for completely remodeling a structurally sound, but partially dilapidated house. The project provided employment for paroled offenders who are supervised by the Jackson County Drug Court. A crew of paroled offenders performed the remodeling work providing them with training and truly marketable skills that can help them in their futures.

The home was essentially stripped down to its bare bones and then rebuilt, from knocking out all the interior walls to constructing a new roof. The training for the construction crew was supported through Jackson County's COMBAT.

To support the job training of the project, COMBAT awarded Second Chance network organization, **Connections to Success**, with funding to work with the offenders assigned to the project. Connections to Success programs help prepare individuals re-enter the workforce after incarceration among other important re-entry work. To learn more about CTS: [www.connectionstosuccess.org](http://www.connectionstosuccess.org).

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Mr. Kanatzar extended his appreciation to **Ivanhoe Neighborhood** for donating the house, County Executive, **Mike Sanders** for his partnership in the program, Jackson County Legislator, **James D. Tindall, Sr.**, who helped identify a family in need of the house upon the completion, and a host of sponsors who contributed materials/services, including Morse Electric, Anderson Windows, Extended Stay America, Lance Kaden Plumbing, Home Depot on Linwood Blvd., Lowes of Shawnee, KC Heating and Cooling, Bryan Cave Law Firm, Rew Materials and ACME Floor Company.

This re-entry project has been a “win-win” situation for individuals to obtain hands-on job skills training and for the family who will eventually live in the house.

## Coming UP!

The Second Chance Foundation’s Coalition of Network Organizations who provide direct services to the ex-offender population will meet next on February 24, 2009, 3pm, in the auditorium at the Pioneer Campus of MCC, 2800 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

The first meeting of the coalition was January 27, 2009 at the Crime Commission offices. The coalition has quickly outgrown that space. Forty-seven (47) representatives of 31 organizations/agencies attended the meeting and many more who had intended to come were thwarted by snowy weather or other conflicts. Membership applications are being completed by the organizations and a complete listing will appear on the Crime Commission’s Second Chance Foundation web page.

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