A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Korte Elementary School in Independence, Mo.
Introduction

About Caring Communities

Caring Communities was developed by the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to fulfill the role once played by the courthouse square: a place where the community gathers together, shares ideas, and holds neighborhood events. The growth of Caring Communities reflects increasing national interest in creating “community schools.”

The LINC Caring Communities effort, which began in 1992, has grown to 80 sites in seven school districts in Kansas City and Jackson County, MO. LINC’s school district partners include Kansas City, Independence, Fort Osage, North Kansas City, Hickman Mills, Grandview and Center. Other partners include charter schools, local government, state agencies, and community organizations.

What is a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community stakeholders which leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Community schools are open to everyone—all day, including evenings and weekends. Community-based organizations or public institutions often work as lead agencies in community schools, helping to mobilize community assets and support students success.

Coalition for Community Schools
www.communityschools.org

About This Book

The Korte Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the Korte community — parents, neighbors, site council members, staff and the general public. We hope the facts, figures and resources contained in this book will help these decision-makers to better understand their neighborhoods and identify needs and opportunities for better coordination of services. We hope this book will help build on the success of Caring Communities and help it thrive in the future.

To request additional copies of this book, or to suggest improvements for future editions of this book, contact the Korte Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at www.kclinc.org/korte

Korte Caring Communities
Established 1998

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Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Korte community was established using Korte Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ overlaps, but is not identical to, the Korte school boundaries (blue shaded area). The CAZ allows for analysis of data about residents, neighborhoods and services that, while not necessarily located within the official school boundaries, nevertheless pertains directly to the community served by the Caring Communities site.

For the purpose of this book the boundaries of the Korte CAZ and the “Korte community” are the same, and the terms “CAZ” and “community” are used interchangeably.

Data for the site book was obtained from a number of resources including but not limited to the City of Independence, Mo.; U.S. Census Bureau; Jackson County, Mo.; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; United Way of Greater Kansas City; Missouri Department of Social Services; University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information; and University of Michigan National Poverty Center.

Community data was analyzed by census tract (red boundaries) within the CAZ. Census tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county delineated by local participants as part of the U.S. Census Bureau’s Participant Statistical Areas Program. The U.S. Census Bureau delineated census tracts in situations where no local participant existed or where local or tribal governments declined to participate. Census tracts generally have between 1,500 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau.)
Education

Korte Elementary
Mr. Ron Alburtus, Principal
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(816) 521-5430
ron_alburtus@isdschools.org

2012 Student Demographics

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

2012 Student Attendance Rate

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Free/Reduced Lunch

Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

5th Grade Science

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Education

2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), continued

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Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Demographics

Race

Age by Sex

Family Type with Related Children

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Economy

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Source: U.S. Census

Poverty

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U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

Note: The United States determines the official poverty rate using poverty thresholds that are issued each year by the Census Bureau. The thresholds represent the annual amount of cash income minimally required to support families of various sizes. A family is counted as poor if its pretax money income is below its poverty threshold. Money income does not include noncash benefits such as public housing, Medicaid, employer-provided health insurance and food stamps.

Source: National Poverty Center

Employment by Industry

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**Housing**

### Vacant Houses

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Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

### Vacancy Rate

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Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

### Home Values

- Less than $50,000: 13% (Korte), 8% (Jackson County)
- $50,000 to $99,999: 25% (Korte), 26% (Jackson County)
- $100,000 to $149,999: 28% (Korte), 17% (Jackson County)
- $150,000 to $199,999: 6% (Korte), 3% (Jackson County)
- More than $200,000: 22% (Korte), 3% (Jackson County)

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

### Gross Rent

- Less than $300: 4% (Korte), 6% (Jackson County)
- $300 to $499: 17% (Korte), 11% (Jackson County)
- $500 to $749: 44% (Korte), 37% (Jackson County)
- $750 to $999: 24% (Korte), 28% (Jackson County)
- More than $1,000: 11% (Korte), 18% (Jackson County)

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates
Community Resources

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## Community Resources

### Churches

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Source: Yellowpages
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