

BY THE NUMBERS

Prevention

3,982 students participated in **187** anti-bullying workshops

1 K-9 Officer purchased for LSPD

1,650 pounds of unused medication collected and disposed of responsibly

11 party patrols, **4** compliance checks and **88** minor-in-possession citations completed by LSPD

Parenting

119 parents received Love and Logic and other parenting classes, directly affecting over **400** youth

2,899 students benefited from mental health services provided within their schools

1 licensed therapist hired to counsel students in **2** elementary schools

Character

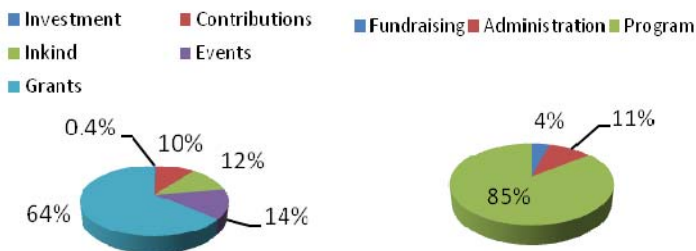
\$3,000 in scholarships was awarded to graduating high school seniors

40 businesses participated in the Character Business Sector

671 attended the Mayor's Character Breakfast

FINANCIALS

2014 Audited Income



2014 Audited Expense



THE HIGHLIGHTS

Updated Mission Statement

LSC's revamped mission statement allows us to embrace the fact that keeping kids from abusing drugs and alcohol requires a multi-pronged, community oriented technique. By incorporating parenting skills and character education into our prevention methods, we aim to prevent substance abuse before it even begins.

Behavioral Health Therapist for Early Prevention

In 2014, LSC hired a licensed therapist to counsel youth in two elementary schools. A focus on behavioral health works as early prevention for students who might otherwise turn to substance abuse later in life.

Completed Community Safety Survey

Parents, students, and community members completed the third annual survey about youth violence in Lee's Summit. Updated and regular data ensures LSC programs address pertinent problems facing today's youth, including bullying.

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OUR MISSION: Lee's Summit CARES is a nonprofit community coalition dedicated to preventing youth substance abuse and violence, empowering positive parenting and promoting exemplary character.

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Message from the Director

Dear Friends and Supporters:

2014 was a proud and successful year for Lee's Summit Cares (LSC). We were selected as the **2014 Coalition of the Year**. We were second-time recipients of the Drug-Free Communities' five-year grant, an award of \$125,000 annually, and first-time recipients of COMBAT AVSI's \$25,000 grant geared towards stopping community violence in Jackson County. LSC adopted an updated mission and vision statement that incorporates our innovative parenting and community initiatives along with our well-established prevention work.

As a small non-profit that is continually expanding, we are aware of several challenges that we will face in the upcoming year. Our five-year strategic plan, updated in 2014, incorporates a strategy for sustainability by expanding our funding base, marketing our agency and engaging our Board of Directors.

Our annual community needs assessment highlights relevant areas of concern that our youth are currently facing, which include:

- An increase in behavioral health issues in our community.
- Accessibility of drugs and paraphernalia on the internet.
- A lack of public awareness and understanding of the harmful effects of legalizing marijuana.
- The changes in how alcohol and tobacco are packaged.

LSC works to create a healthy and safe community for children, youth and families of the Greater Lee's Summit area. We thank you for your support in helping us work towards this vision.

-- Rachel Nelson-Segobia, Director