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# Blue Valley Community Action Partnership



Annual Report  
2007-2008

# 2007-2008 Outcomes

## OUTCOME #1: BVCA PARTNERSHIP HELPED LOW-INCOME PEOPLE BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.

### Employment

*This category reflects low-income participants in BVCA Partnership employment initiatives who got a job or became self-employed.*

- BVCA programs assisted 95 unemployed people to employment.
- 39 people obtained an increase in employment income.
- 15 people achieved “living wage” employment and benefits.



### Employment Supports

*This category reflects low-income participants for whom barriers to initial or continuous employment were reduced or eliminated through assistance from BVCA Partnership. BVCA assisted persons in acquiring and maintaining employment as follows:*

- 19 individuals obtained pre-employment skills required for employment.
- 5 individuals completed and received their ABE/GED certificate.
- 8 individuals received their post-secondary diploma.
- 4 individuals were awarded BVCA Partnership Scholarships to help them obtain college educations and acquire marketable work skills.
- 24 children were enrolled in “before” or “after” school programs.
- 102 were assisted in obtaining childcare for children or other dependents.
- 29 individuals obtained access to reliable transportation and/or a driver's license.
- 97 individuals obtained healthcare services for themselves or a family member.
- 46 individuals obtained safe and affordable housing.
- 95 individuals obtained food assistance.



### Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization

*This category reflects low-income households that achieve an increase in financial skills as a result of community action assistance.*

- 17 individuals obtained housing finance access.
- 14 individuals received home ownership counseling.
- 51 individuals obtained rental housing assistance.
- 113 individuals obtained rental housing subsidy.
- 102 individuals obtained housing via BVCA's 60 rental units.
- 459 individuals were housed in 131 of our limited partnership units.
- 17 individuals received home energy conservation education.
- 67 individuals were assisted with the preparation of their tax returns to receive \$110,099 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- 218 individuals demonstrated the ability to complete and maintain a budget for over 90 days.
- 68 individuals contributed to their savings account for a total of \$35,508.48 accumulated savings.



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# A Message from BVCA Partnership...

*Two thousand and eight was a year of change. Change is good, but some change is a challenge. Unfortunately, change we didn't want to see this past year was the downturn in the economy and the fact that it is now reaching Nebraska. Most of the services Blue Valley Community Action Partnership provides now have greater demands as low-income and increasing numbers of moderate-income families are stretched financially and seek our help.*

*The organization has had several tough years, with revenues declining from a high in 2002. Changes in government spending patterns including higher war related costs and lower spending on the poor, as well as government decisions to institute government operated programs rather than contracting with private non-profit charities like Blue Valley Community Action Partnership have lowered our revenues and stretched our private resources.*

*In these tough times, we have been awed at the strength and generosity of our low-income participants. Much of the private contributions Blue Valley Community Action Partnership obtains comes from contributions of these friends and neighbors, who themselves are having a tough time at present. Even in tough times though our donations are about the same as last year and it is in large part because of such local generosity.*

*There is a mood of optimism in the air. The federal government stimulus may offer some help. Change is all around us. Folks are hoping that change will include change for the moderate and lower income folks, who have struggled the longest. Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's canvassing of our communities each year, looking for support in our fight to help people and change lives, people have shown us growing support. Our friends across the religious community are stepping up by contributing more this new year. Those who have helped us to help the needy in our own communities have helped us over most of our 43 years. We thank them and the growing numbers who are new to helping us. We hope you will join them. Please join "Friends of Blue Valley," the volunteer network that is forming to help not only Blue Valley Community Action, but other charitable groups in need of volunteers. It shows the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Midwest. Please help us in our efforts to overcome poverty. If you haven't the time to contribute, consider a donation. If you need a reason, please view the contents of this annual report and see that, yes we can improve our communities when we all work together.*

*Community Action is all about communities acting to get things done!*



*Richard D. Nation  
Chief Executive Officer*



*Velma Lutz  
Board President 2007-2009*

# Board of Directors 2007-2008



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# Leadership Team



<b><u>Chief Executive Officer</u></b> Richard D. Nation	<b><u>Family &amp; Community Services</u></b> Ardith Hoins, Director
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<b><u>Housing &amp; Rural Development</u></b> Kelly Davis, Weatherization/Housing Rehab Manager Kim Vicars, Housing Development & Ownership Manger	



OUTCOME #3: BVCA PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGED LOW-INCOME PEOPLE TO HAVE A STAKE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Civic Investment

This category reflects the number of volunteer hours donated to BVCA Partnership. The total number of hours volunteered were 104,536.29 for a total value of \$1,240,544.43.



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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Head Start—3,580 hours | Early Head Start—1,864 hours |
| FCS—22,687.75 hours    | CSFP—1,117.5 hours           |
| Immunization—238 hours | FGP—58,779.04 hours          |
| AmeriCorps—7,630 hours | VISTA—8,640 hours            |
- Low-income individuals, community representatives and public officials also contributed to dozens of community and Board of Directors meetings throughout the year.

Thank you!

Community Empowerment Through Maximum Feasible Participation

This category reflects the number of low-income people mobilized as a direct result of BVCA Partnership's initiative to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of the community.

- 47 individuals participated in BVCA Boards, Councils and Advisory Groups.
- 214 individuals engaged in non-governance community activities/groups created or supported by BVCA.
- 9 individuals acquired businesses in their community.
- 17 individuals purchased their own home in their community—leveraging \$965,424 privately with \$148,200 in down-payment assistance. Homebuyer Education was also provided.



OUTCOME #4: BVCA PARTNERSHIP PARTNERS WITH LOCAL AND STATEWIDE SUPPORTERS AND PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME PEOPLE.

Expanding Opportunities Through Community-Wide Partnerships



- This category reflects the number of organizations, both public and private, BVCA Partnership actively works with to expand resources and opportunities in order to achieve family and community outcomes.
- BVCA collaborated with 349 organizations to promote family and community outcomes.
  - BVCA collaborated with 12 organizations to improve services for ethnic, diverse and refugee populations.
  - BVCA programs provided 29 various Community Education presentation to 561 participants.

OUTCOME #5: BVCA PARTNERSHIP INCREASED ITS CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE RESULTS BY ROADENING ITS RESOURCE BASE.

Broadening the Resource Base

This category reflects the number of dollars mobilized by BVCA Partnership.

- BVCA Partnership's core funding is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). \$276,164 was granted last year, which is 2.7% of BVCA's budget.

- For every dollar of CSBG over \$37 were leveraged.
- Over \$20,000 of gaming revenue was generated.
- Volunteers donated enough time to relieve the organization from expending \$463,500 on personnel costs. These funds were not available, so the donated hours increased the organization's capacity significantly.
- Value of contributions of clothing and other goods to thrift stores totaled \$1,657,316.



OUTCOME #6: BVCA PARTNERSHIP ASSISTED VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN ACHIEVING POTENTIAL BY STRENGTHENING FAMILY AND OTHER SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTS.



Independent Living

This category reflects the number of vulnerable individuals receiving services from community action that maintain an independent living situation as a result of BVCA Partnership's services.

- 1,479 senior citizens are able to continue living independently
- 1,151 individuals with disabilities are able to live independently

Emergency Assistance

This category reflects the number of low-income individuals or families that sought and received emergency assistance from BVCA Partnership.

- Food pantries served 2,418 individuals.
- 63 households received clothing and household goods.
- 279 households were assisted with vendor payments including Fuel/energy bills and rent & mortgage payments.
  - 22 households received rent/deposit assistance to secure housing.
  - 64 households received rent/mortgage assistance to avoid eviction.
- 13 households received emergency medical care.
- 28 households were provided with transportation.
- 37 households were provided with temporary shelter.
- 2 households were provided disaster relief from house fires and extreme weather conditions.





OUTCOME #6  
CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED...

Child and Family Development

This category reflects the number of infants, children, youth, parents and other adults participating in developmental or enrichment programs that achieve program goals.

- 388 parents and other adults improved their parenting skills.
- 378 parents and other adults improved their family functioning skills.
- 1,338 received items from special event donations.
- 1,631 individuals were provided with information and referral.
- Support transportation was provided to 76 individuals.
- 90 individuals were provided with interpretation services.



Nutrition



- 1,523 infants and children's health and physical development are improved as a result of adequate nutrition via the CSFP and WIC programs.
- 1,434 individuals were enrolled in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This included 1,174 elderly individuals, 74 women and 186 children.
- Head Start provided 40,667 meals and 2,743 snacks to children.
- Blue River Child Development Program provided 25,929 meals and 13,139 snacks to children.

- 1,310 infants and children obtained age appropriate immunizations, medical and dental care.
  - 298 Head Start and Early Head Start children received medical exams.
  - 289 Head Start and Early Head Start children received dental exams.
  - 318 Head Start and Early Head Start children received immunizations.
  - 992 other children received immunizations for a total of 6,630 shots.
  - 49 infants in Early Head Start received dental screenings.
- 550 women were examined in the WIC Program.
- 1,337 children were examined in the WIC Program.
- 158 women participated in the Healthy Weight in Women program.
- 90 individuals were enrolled in the Hispanic Healthcare Project.
- 3 women received mammograms.
- 2 individuals were provided with testing/treatment.
- 330 youth improved their physical health & development via the immunization program.

Health Services



OUTCOME #2: BVCA PARTNERSHIP HELPED IMPROVE THE  
CONDITIONS IN WHICH LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS LIVE.

Community Improvement and Revitalization

This category reflects an increase in, or safeguarding of threatened opportunities and community resources or services for low-income people in the community as a result of BVCA Partnership's projects/initiatives or advocacy with other public and private agencies.

- 91 safe and affordable housing units in the community were preserved or improved through construction, weatherization or rehabilitation.
  - 27 families were assisted with housing rehabilitation.
  - 52 homes were weatherized, assisting 102 individuals with more efficient energy use within their homes.
  - 12 families were provided with safe furnaces.
- Accessible and affordable health care services for low-income people were created or maintained—1,385 received services via immunization clinics.
- 152 received “before” and “after” school program placement opportunities at the FYI (Fairbury Youth Involvement) Center.
- 187 received safe and affordable childcare or child development opportunities at Blue River Child Development Program (BRCDP).
- 166 individuals were provided transportation via Fillmore County Rural Transit Service. A total of 8,152 trips were provided during 228 days of service; 29,596 miles were driven, which brings the grand total of miles to 725,808!
- 3 individuals participating in Project FIRST received their GED.



Community Quality of Life and Assets

The quality of life and assets in low-income neighborhoods are improved by BVCA Partnership's initiative or advocacy.

- BVCA Partnership increased or preserved the neighborhood quality-of-life resources.
  - 9 individuals participated in Crete's Landlord Tenant Advocacy Project.
  - 20 participated in Youth As Resources and SE NE Youth Empowerment Council sponsored activities for the community.



# 2007-2008 Client



## Our Vision

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership’s vision is that communities are safe and supportive; differences and traditions are respected; individuals and families are financially secure; and everyone has opportunities to develop their potential.



## Household Types:

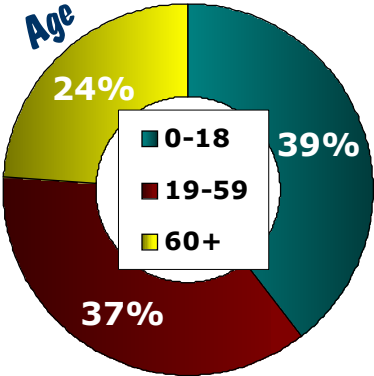
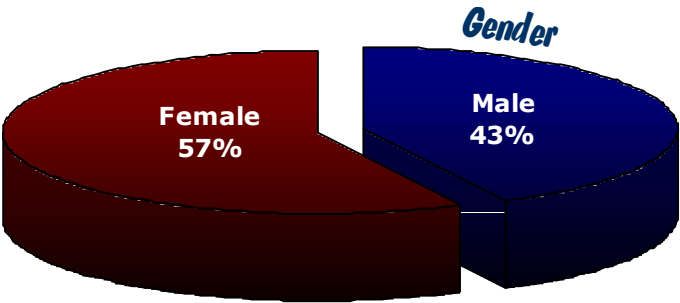
24%	Two Parents
19%	Single Parent
10%	Couple, No Children
41%	Single Persons
6%	Other

## Family Structure

The average community family size is 2.55 people per household compared to the average BVCA client family size of 2.54.

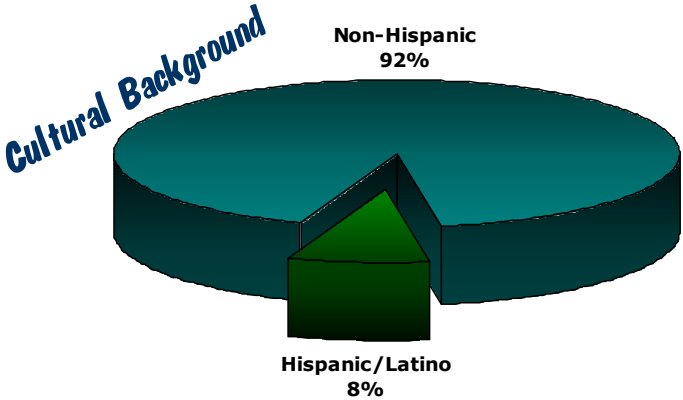
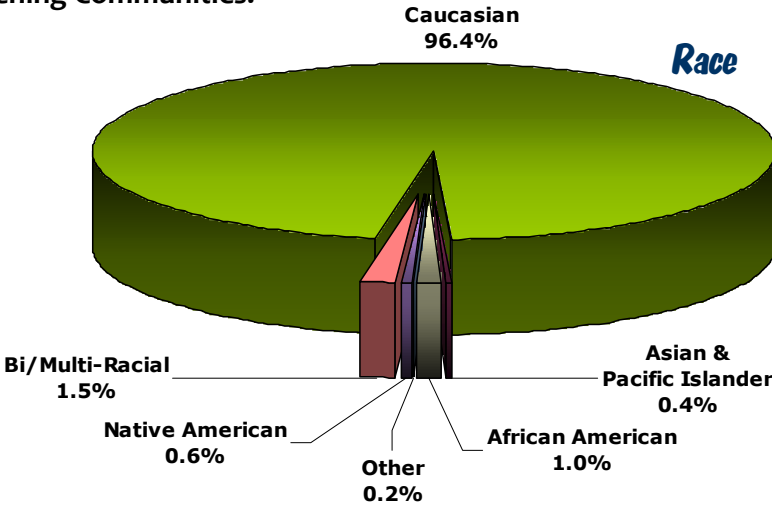
## Family Size:

41%	One Person
18%	Two Persons
11%	Three Persons
12%	Four Persons
9%	Five Persons
5%	Six Persons
2%	Seven Persons
2%	Eight or More Persons



## Our Mission

Overcoming Poverty by Helping People,  
Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities.



## Our Core Values

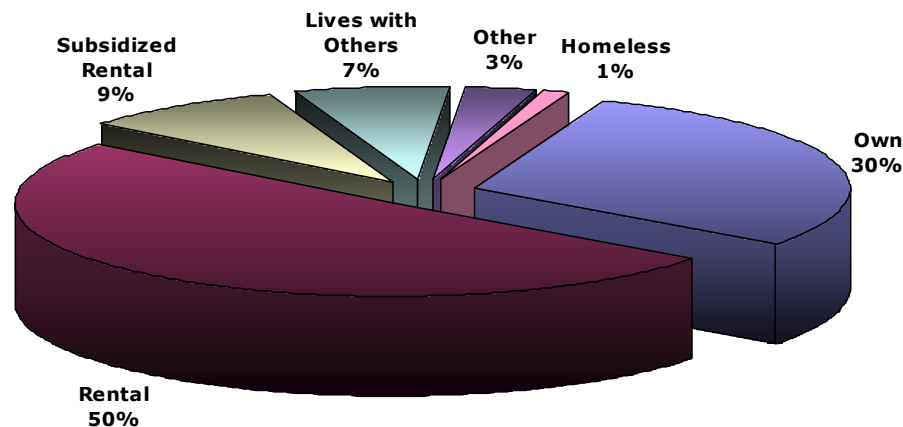
- INTEGRITY** Demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and personal ethics.
- DEDICATION** We are committed to conducting business in an accountable and responsible manner.
- CARING** Treating people with compassion and empathy.
- RESPECTFUL** Valuing the inherent worth of all people. Creating an environment free of prejudice and discrimination.
- VISIONARY** Using futuristic approaches to arrive at innovative and creative solutions.



The Seven Principles of Community Action

- OPENING DOORS AND LEADING THE WAY** We provide access to the opportunities people need to improve their lives, to help themselves and each other.
- TURNING HOPE INTO REALITY** We identify the needs of the entire community, collaborate with others in the community and take action to improve life for everyone in the community.
- EMPATHIZING** Our staff and volunteers are from the community they serve.
- TREATING PEOPLE WITH RESPECT** We treat people the way we want to be treated.
- Saying "yes"** If we do not provide the needed service, we will link you to those who do.
- GIVING A VOICE TO THE POOR** Through our advocacy, we seek to make society more flexible and responsive to the needs of the poor.
- MIRRORING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES** Our local boards include low-income people, local public officials, business and community groups.

Client Shelter Arrangements



The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

OUTCOME #6  
CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED...



Juvenile Services

- 152 youth improved their physical health and development through their participation at the FYI Center. In addition, they improved their social and emotional development and avoided risk-taking behavior. Youth increased their academic, athletic and/or social skills for school success through their participation at the FYI Center.
- 141 at-risk youth not yet within the justice system were supported with educational outreach.
- 8 youth have reduced their involvement with the criminal justice system by participation in Youth Diversion programming at the FYI Center.
- Drug prevention was provided in three public schools.
- AmeriCorps members hosted 7 community conversations focusing on youth substance abuse, 2 youth dances, 2 lock-ins and 4 service clubs.
- 271 students were registered in after school programming at the FYI Center.
- 39 students were involved in the Homework Assistance Program.
- 91 students utilized the Computer Lab.
- 12 children were served through the diversion program.
- 9 youth are currently members of the Youth Leadership Council.
- 47 youth attended various conferences sponsored by BVCA Partnership.
- 2 youth were tutored.
- Conflict resolution was provided to 24 students.
- 53 youth were served by the Project Santa program.

- 326 children participated in pre-school activities to develop school readiness skills.
- 187 children are now developmentally prepared to enter kindergarten or first grade.
- Head Start enrolled 309 children from 282 families. A total of 1,206 family members were served. The Head Start waiting list totaled 106 on the first day of classes and 98 on the last day of classes.
- Early Head Start enrolled 53 children and 9 adults. 45 families were enrolled, for a total of 166 family members. The Early Head Start waiting list totaled 71 on the first day of classes and 70 on the last day of classes.
- The Blue River Child Development Program served 227 children. 34 families have more than one child enrolled. The Blue River Child Development Program is open approximately 71.5 hours per week to accommodate the needs of working parents.



Children Services

# 2007-2008 Resources and Support

**PRIVATE:**

Donations	\$223,145.22
Rents	\$419,219.93
Investments	\$35,403.33
Corporate	\$47,283.25
Fees-Clothing, Childcare, Transit	\$997,929.38
Local Projects	\$120,343.74
United Way	\$26,942.76
Contracts	\$1,300.00
Inkind Donations	<u>\$2,084,562.98</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$3,956,130.59</u>

**FEDERAL:**

USDA CSFP Commodities	\$183,554.95
CNCS Foster Grandparents	\$250,211.25
HHS Head Start	\$1,908,458.16
HHS Early Head Start	\$480,895.96
HUD Supportive Housing	\$176,400.39
HUD HMIS	\$27,500.88
SE Regional Rehab	<u>\$367,500.35</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$3,394,521.94</u>

**STATE:**

NHAFT	\$105,459.07
Distressed Properties Crestland	\$17,937.26
Distressed Properties Trailview	\$1,654.73
NAHTF/NIFA Capacity	\$35,000.00
East/West Meadows Rehab	<u>\$307,422.79</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$467,473.85</u>

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

County Support	\$53,303.26
Diller Operating	\$1,756.66
Juvenile Services Aid	\$16,630.85
EAP Lead Prevention	\$30.03
Community Health Education	<u>\$4,279.15</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$75,999.95</u>

**FEDERAL VIA STATE:**

Child Care Food	\$114,472.18
ESGP	\$43,833.81
WIC	\$767,326.00
CSFP	\$91,225.00
Fillmore County Rural Transit	\$75,175.95
Immunization Action Plan	\$20,417.60
LIHEAP Weatherization	\$90,071.63
DOE Weatherization	\$147,034.09
CSBG	\$276,164.00
CCDBG—PLAY	\$9,633.00
Child Care Initiative	\$26,895.46
UNL Birth to Three	\$18,618.42
Fatherhood Initiative	\$1,901.45
Regional Homeowner Assistance	\$161,406.36
York CDBG Rehab	\$152,370.13
10 County Disaster	\$20,919.11
Gage County Disaster	\$2,596.59
Beatrice CDBG Rehab	\$170,174.38
Minority Health	\$30,757.43
Healthy Weights	\$92,722.65
FYI After School	\$34,946.73
FCS Administration	\$6,883.36
Preventative Health	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$2,356,045.33</u>

**FEDERAL VIA PRIVATE:**

Every Woman Matters	<u>\$4,496.12</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$4,496.12</u>



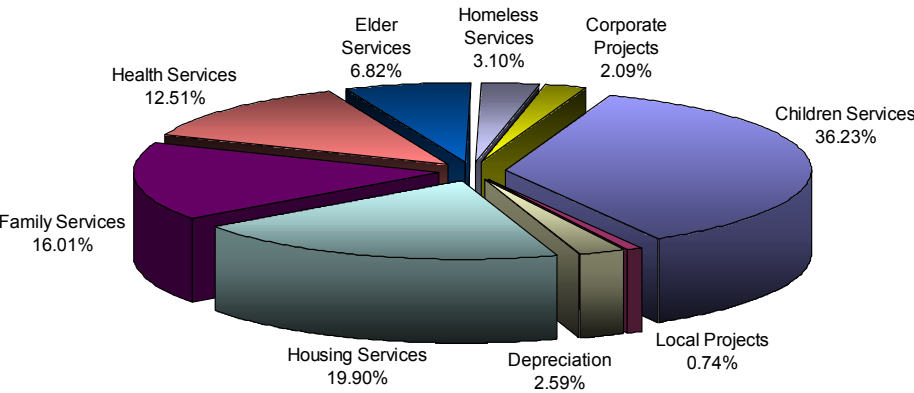
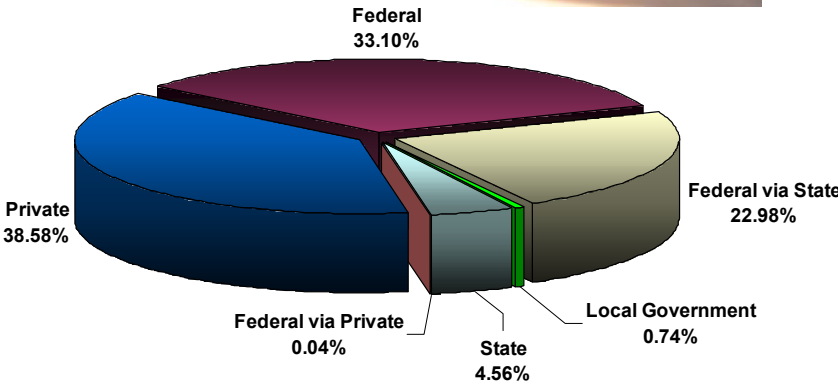
In addition, BVCA Partnership acts as the general partner in nine limited partnerships with private investors. (see chart below.)

**REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS\***

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assets</u>
East Meadows, Ltd., Crete	\$33,179	\$425,826
West Meadows, Ltd., Crete	\$35,562	\$427,590
Pinegrove, Ltd., Wymore	\$21,859	\$389,070
Trailview, Ltd., Hebron	\$21,668	\$436,657
New Horizon, Ltd., Beatrice	\$69,955	\$988,659
Prairie Woods CROWN, Ltd., York & Geneva	\$75,703	\$1,776,666
Blue Terrace CROWN, Ltd., Crete	\$89,441	\$1,986,858
Sunset CROWN, Ltd., Beatrice	\$92,173	\$1,777,084
York CROWN, Ltd., York	<u>\$65,697</u>	<u>\$2,127,567</u>
Total	<u>\$505,237</u>	<u>\$10,335,977</u>

*\*Not included in BVCA audit, as each is a separate company.*

**BVCA' s  
2007-2008  
Total Revenues:  
\$10,254,667.78**



**BVCA' s  
2007-2008  
Total Expenses:  
\$10,180,188.90**



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**Education**

5%	College/Tech Graduates
8%	High School Graduates w/ Some College
28%	High School Graduates/GED
19%	Non-graduating Adults
22%	Current K-12 Students
18%	Preschool Age and Younger

**Healthcare**

30.1%	SCHIP (Kids Connection)
15.7%	Medicaid
15.7%	Medicare
.1%	Native American
1.0%	Veterans
13.1%	Private Insurance
24.3%	No Insurance



**Declining Economy**  
BVCA employed 141 individuals in 2008, down from 199 in 2002.

60 of our 189 employed Head Start/Early Head Start parents lost their jobs during the year.

Local employers increase layoffs.

Nationally, unemployment is currently 8.1% and rising.

**Poverty Among BVCA Clients Families**

Percent of the Poverty Rate and Percent of BVCA clients at that rate:

50% or less	19%	101%-125%	20%
51%-75%	18%	126%-150%	7%
76%-100%	27%	151% or higher	9%
	64%		36%



What does it mean in real dollars for a family of four?

- \*50% of poverty is \$11,025 gross
- \*100% of poverty is \$22,050 gross
- \*125% of poverty is \$27,560 gross

Current minimum wage is \$6.55 per hour or \$13,624 full-time gross, significantly below the poverty rate. Even at \$7.25 per hour by July of 2009, the minimum wage for a family of four would be \$15,080, still well below the poverty rate.

# Acknowledgment

*Blue Valley Community Action Partnership would like to thank the counties, communities, agencies and dedicated individuals who make the work of our organization successful and positive for those we touch and who touch us by their gratitude and generosity.*

*Our private non-profit charitable corporation has become a major community resource for those in need throughout the area. It would not have happened without dedicated staff, community support and the hundreds of volunteers who assist us every year. As we enter our 44th year, we sincerely thank and acknowledge the generosity and community spirit of the folks in Nebraska and Kansas who are our fantastic neighbors and friends.*

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