



2025 Annual Report

Impact at a Glance

- 7,843 subscribers reached through monthly newsletter with a 37% open rate
- 25 average attendees at monthly Coalition meetings
- Represented the Coalition at 128 community meetings
- Facilitated 341 collaboration meetings
- Welcomed 106 new partners
- Hosted 11 Coalition meetings featuring diverse community partners and topics

Community Leadership & Programs

- Co-hosted **American Heart Association HeartCorps member** Olga Lesnik (May 2024–May 2025) with K-State Research & Extension, advancing tobacco prevention, food access, and blood pressure monitoring
- Launched a **new Coalition website** in May, funded by the Sunflower Foundation and built by Enegren Technology including a blog and a community events page.
- Transitioned newsletter from Constant Contact to MailChimp in July, saving monthly costs and modernizing communications
- Advanced the **Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant**:
 - Promoted the ICT Food Circle Directory and Social Determinants of Health in Diabetes Prevention classes (through June)
 - Shifted focus to healthy eating and bicycle-friendly worksite policies (starting July)
 - Continued collaboration with Wichita Transit opening The Hub with healthy options
- Coordinated **Walktober** and **Bike Month** planning with Bike Walk Wichita and community partners

Events & Engagement

- Hosted a **Farm Field Trip** to Kansas City (April):
 - 18 participants from 12 organizations
 - 4 site visits
- Celebrated the **20th Annual Working Well Conference** (April 8):
 - 251 participants from 120 organizations
 - Representing 33,000 Kansas workers
 - 111 new newsletter partners
 - **97.9%** of attendees felt equipped to implement new wellness ideas
- Conducted **4 Coalition service projects**: United Way GIVE Warehouse, Larksfield Place, and Legacy Garden Works





Food, Equity & Policy

- Food Secure Community Grant Advisory Committee recruited Community Advocate Fellows for an **8-month cohort starting January 2026**
- Wichita named one of **six national Good Food Cities** by Partnerships for a Healthier America
- Food and Farm Council met regularly; HWC presented at **6+ meetings**
- Successfully convened partners for a **Road Safety Assessment** for 1st/2nd Street & McLean Blvd
- Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Grant: **4 of 5 packages** signed pledges and began minimum requirements
- Two local food system **Collective Impact** meetings were facilitated by WSU CEI under the umbrella of the Coalition

Capacity Building & Investment

- Invested **\$10,000+** in local organizations and professional development supporting attendance at **12+ conferences and trainings** across Wichita
- Ambruster Consulting completed a **Coalition Assessment**

Leadership & Governance

- Advisory Council met **5 times**
 - Welcomed new members: Jaime Nix, Aaron Davis, Elizabeth Ablah, Scott Evans, and Stephanie Wise

2025 was a year of growth, connection, and measurable impact—strengthening partnerships, expanding reach, and building lasting systems that make Wichita healthier for all.

