As FY18 began, Communities In Schools of Mid-America was entering into the Kansas City, Missouri school district. We expanded our presence in Pittsburg, Kansas to serve every school in the district. We completed a merger with Communities In Schools of Ottawa so that Communities In Schools services could continue in the district with less concern about managing and sustaining a stand-alone organization.

In addition to service expansion, we also implemented a 401k plan. Mid-year, we purchased a building in Lawrence, Kansas to serve as our headquarters, enabling us to work more comfortably and productively, as well as build equity for a future that will include no rent or mortgage payments. We also began a generative thinking process, in which staff and board have joined to envision our next steps.

These are all exciting developments. Most exciting, though, is the work we do to support children and teens, to create positive outcomes real-time and positive lives in the future. Whatever we do, we serve these students to empower them. I believe in the power of our work to change lives. And I believe in the power of donors, who make not only our services possible, but who help sustain and expand them.

Communities In Schools of Mid-America is a visionary organization committed to delivering empowering, effective services to young people who need them. We can do that. We are doing that. We’re really good at it. And we’re going to do more of it. Join the thousands of donors, volunteers and partners who are part of this important work, and change a child’s life.

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.”

-Lady Bird Johnson
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Communities In Schools released the results of an economic impact study conducted by EMSI, one of the nation’s leading economic modeling firms. The purpose of the study was to quantify the return on investment of Communities In Schools’ 113 high school-serving areas in its network to taxpayers, businesses, and students. Among the 2012 findings:

- The average annual rate of return to society is 18.4%.
- The benefit/cost ratio is 11.6, which means that every dollar invested in Communities In Schools creates $11.60 of economic benefit for the community.
- High school graduates will be net contributors to their communities for an average of 44 years of their working life, using their increased income to purchase homes and cars, and paying taxes that will support the police officers, firefighters and teachers.

THE STUDENT IMPACT

Communities In Schools gained significant proof that what we do works. Over five years, ICF International conducted an evaluation of our work with students and schools across the country. Multi-level, multi-method, multi-phase, gold-standard research, the study was the largest and most comprehensive evaluation of dropout prevention programs ever completed. Among the 2011 outcomes are:

- Communities In Schools is one of very few organizations proven to keep students in school.
- It is the only one proven to increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates.
- More Communities In Schools students reach proficiency in 4th and 8th grade reading and math.
**Our**
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**
Among Case-Managed Students

- **98%** STAYED IN SCHOOL
- **76%** IMPROVED ACADEMICS
- **80%** IMPROVED ATTENDANCE
- **82%** IMPROVED BEHAVIOR
- **94%** PROMOTED
- **96%** SENIORS GRADUATED

**FUNDING SOURCES**

- **PUBLIC** 50%
- **FOUNDATION** 29.6%
- **CORPORATE** 3.85%
- **UNITED WAY** 3.46%
- **INDIVIDUAL** 2.34%
- **OTHER** 10.75%

Preliminary results based on case-management students served during the 2017-2018 school year.
We provided services during FY2018 in the communities of:

Kansas - El Dorado, Salina, Topeka, Lawrence, Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Emporia, Dodge City, Garden City, Liberal, Parsons, Pittsburg, Chanute, and Ottawa.

Omaha, NE | Waterloo, IA | Tulsa, OK

Our Network
2018-2019 School Year

Central Kansas
Emporia High School (pending)
Emporia Logan Avenue Elementary
Emporia Walnut Elementary
El Dorado Middle School
Marysville High School

Northeast Kansas
Lawrence Kennedy Elementary
Shawnee Mission West High School
Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
Topeka Highland Park High School
Topeka Ross Elementary
Topeka State Street Elementary
Topeka Jardine Elementary
Topeka High School
Topeka West High School

Southwest Kansas
Dodge City High School
Garden City High School
Liberal High School

Mid-Kansas
Ottawa High School
Ottawa Middle School
Salina Lakewood Middle School
Salina Central High School

Southeast Kansas
Chanute Elementary
Chanute High School
Ft. Scott High School
Parsons High School
Pittsburg Lakeside Elementary
Pittsburg Hettels Elementary
Pittsburg Westside Elementary

Iowa
Waterloo George Washington Carver Academy Middle School
Waterloo Central Middle School

Tulsa
Daniel Webster Middle School
Daniel Webster High School
Eugene Field Elementary
Kendall-Whittier Elementary
Sequoyah Elementary
Will Rogers High School
Will Rogers Junior High

Oklahoma Tribal CIS Project
Anadarko East Elementary
Anadarko Mission Elementary
Anadarko Sunset Elementary
Anadarko Middle School
Anadarko High School
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Unified School District 501, Tulsa, KS

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SchoolSmart KC - Kansas City, MO

$50,000+
State of Kansas
Unified School District 290, Ottawa, KS
Unified School District 413, Chanute, KS
Waterloo (IA) Community Schools District

$25,000+
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas-Iola
School District 001, Douglas County, NE
TechSoup - San Francisco, CA
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$10,000+
Cloud L. City Foundation, Kansas City, MO
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At the start of FY18, Communities In Schools of Mid-America embarked on a transformational journey with the facilitation of Dr. Howard Keim. Taking a leave of absence from the board to function as a consultant and facilitator, Howard led the board and staff leadership and management through a strategic and generative process designed to support us as we consider our future plans and development. It was an exciting time and strongly positioned us to undertake a year of strategic planning during FY19.

As we think of our future, one issue remains central: the needs of children and teens who face often-extraordinary barriers. And we have a critical responsibility to sustain a stable, solid organization so that we can deliver the services they need.

We have an incredible staff, led by Malissa Martin, whose dedication and enthusiasm for CIS has no boundaries. We are extremely grateful to them for their commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance. We are also grateful to the Board for their contribution to this wonderful organization.

If you’re already a donor or partner of Communities In Schools of Mid-America, thank you. If you’ve yet to make such a commitment, I hope you choose to join us in our mission. We’ll make good use of your support.
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