

The Chamber

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Quarterly Newsletter



**/// Welcome 2020!**

**Jan/Feb/Mar 2020**

# Charter Members

The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful to our Charter members for their ongoing support, which allows us to offer programs and events that help our city and members grow and prosper.



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# FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

## Guest Speaker

PLEASE NOTE:  
WE WILL NOT  
HOST A  
LUNCHEON IN  
JANUARY!



*Zach Walker*  
**City Manager**

Plan to attend the February Membership Luncheon, where we will hear remarks from City Manager Zach Walker as he presents the State of the City Address.

**When:**

Wednesday  
February 19, 2020  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Where:**

Stoney Creek Hotel  
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# Calendar of Events

## JANUARY 6

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## JANUARY 7

**iN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Drury Inn & Suites  
20300 E 42nd Street S.

## JANUARY 8

**BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## JANUARY 9

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
4:30 PM-6:00 PM  
Midwest Genealogy Center  
3440 S Lee's Summit Road



## JANUARY 10

**EGGS & ISSUES**  
7:30 AM-9:15 AM  
Ennovation Center  
201 N Forest Ave



## JANUARY 14

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## JANUARY 15

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Crown Services  
4201 S Noland Road

## JANUARY 17

**MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Road

## JANUARY 18



**6:00-9:00 PM**  
Arrowhead Stadium North Club  
1 Arrowhead Drive

PRESENTED BY:



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**DAVID KOECHNER**



## JANUARY 22

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Bridge Space  
210 SW Market Street  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

## JANUARY 24

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Carrabba's Italian Grill  
19900 Valley View Pkwy

## JANUARY 29

**iMEMBERSHIP 101**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## JANUARY 30

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Planet Fitness  
2337 S Route 291

## JANUARY 31

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Zarda Bar-B-Q & Catering  
214 N 7 Hwy  
Blue Springs, MO 64014

## FEBRUARY 3

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## FEBRUARY 4

**iN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Drury Inn & Suites  
20300 E 42nd Street S.

## FEBRUARY 5

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## FEBRUARY 8

**YIP's SOCIAL EVENT: MAVERICK'S GAME**  
7:05 PM - 10:00 PM  
Silverstein Eye Centers Arena  
19100 E Valley View Pkwy

## FEBRUARY 11

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## FEBRUARY 12

**BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## FEBRUARY 18

**SPEAKER SERIES**  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road



**TOPIC:**  
You Should Start a Podcast!



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Paul LeVota

Podcasting has become an increasingly popular way to tell stories and promote your brand. Paul will share his experience as a former public official and podcast / streaming radio talent / producer (www.kctkradio.com) with you.

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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
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## FEBRUARY 21

**MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## FEBRUARY 25

**EJC CHAMBER DAY AT THE CAPITOL**  
8:00 AM  
Jefferson City, MO

## FEBRUARY 27

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



**Main Event**  
4600 S Cochise Ct  
Independence, MO 64055

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## MARCH 2

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## MARCH 3

**IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Drury Inn & Suites  
20300 E 42nd Street S.

## MARCH 10

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## MARCH 11

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
8:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## MARCH 18

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
9103 E 39th Street

Be sure to join us for the March Membership Luncheon, where we hear from Toby Cook, Vice President of Publicity for the Kansas City Royals!



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## MARCH 20

**MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## MARCH 26

**BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS**  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM



Phoenix Home Care & Hospice  
14330 E 42nd St S

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We're looking forward to seeing you at these Chamber networking events

Register for these events or for more information, please visit

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## A message from the Chair

Over the holidays, I watched the movie "Miracle." It tells the story of the U.S. Men's Hockey Team's run in the 1980 Olympics. It's an inspiring film that'll make the toughest guy sob. One of the best parts of the movie, I believe, is the quotes that are in it. "Great moments are born from great opportunity" and as an Independence Chamber member, you have many great opportunities to help make the Chamber stronger in 2020. As I list the priorities of our Chamber in 2020 below (in no particular order), please consider where your interests are and what talents you can bring to "Play YOUR game."

- Restart exploration of a Festival Park concept that would bring a permanent facility for the annual SantaCaliGon Festival, as well as other community events throughout the year.
- Address the issue of Quality and Affordable Housing and safe neighborhoods, with the goal of developing new opportunities for homeownership.
- Explore the feasibility and development of community-owned broadband to provide high-speed data services to all residents and businesses. There is an existing backbone of fiber already in place.
- Enhance visibility and exposure for members.
- Chamber for All/Inclusivity. We want to make sure as an organization that we are meeting the needs of our members regardless of their size or level of membership.

Membership is the backbone of what we are, and a 100 members-in-100-days campaign (for our 100th year!) will be the focus of the first part of the year. Please invite a guest to a Chamber event. Again. Again. Again.

This is our time. The next 100 years start right now.

*Sonci Bleckinger*  
*Your 2020 Chamber Board Chair*

# 2020

# Legislative Agenda



*Our Legislative Agenda is developed by the Public Policy Committee and communicates the Chamber's positions on issues at the state, local and federal levels of government. Working together with various legislative organizations helps promote public policy decisions that reflect the priorities of the Independence business economy. Below is our stance on our economy's pressing issues, as of January 2020.*

## **PRIORITY**

- Support an initiative petition that allows a Medicaid solution in Missouri that closes the coverage gap, prevents the loss of health care jobs in Eastern Jackson County, maintains and advances access to Medicaid coverage for low-income, vulnerable and uninsured residents, and avoids a reduction in health care services offered within the community.
- Continue to support full funding of early childhood education and the A+ program.
- Support legislation increasing the bond capacity of public-school districts from 15% to 20%.
- Support current law which limits charter schools to Kansas City and St. Louis school districts. All local tax funds should be under the control of a publicly elected local board.
- Support legislation that would reinstate municipal courts the ability to enforce and assess fines for violations of minor traffic offenses including the suspension of licenses for offenders who fail to pay court fines and/or appear in court and to place the limit of the fine amount to \$500.00.
- Support current legislation that grants the Local Education Agency (LEA) the ability to determine the best educational placement of a student including the impacts of virtual school participation.
- Support funding for improvements to Missouri Highway 7 in Independence.
- Expand the MOABLE Program through supporting the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.
- Renew the Hospital Reimbursement Allowance.

## **MONITOR & SUPPORT**

- Support the development and adoption of a prescription drug monitoring program by the State of Missouri based upon the St. Louis County model.
- Continue positive dialogue between the municipal utility company and the community to achieve the best possible electric utility rates and services for commercial ratepayers.
- Support a long-term Congressional solution to the National Flood Insurance program that is equitable and sustainable.
- Support the development of a plan for increased transportation infrastructure including funding for highways, bridges, roads, transit, commuter rail and pedestrian trail options in Eastern Jackson County, to include monitoring of entities and budget bills for funding.
- Support the efforts of the City and other actors in keeping the Steamboat Arabia museum in Missouri.
- Support the Current laws that allow Community Broadband.
- Support an increase in MTC Funding.

## **ONGOING SUPPORT**

- Support reasonable tax credit programs for historic preservation, affordable housing, job creation, workforce development, youth services and education as necessary incentives for the community.
- Support balanced economic development in partnership with the City and local taxing entities to ensure Independence can remain competitive in attracting jobs and capital investment.

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Sarah Beth Wood at [sarahbeth@ichamber.biz](mailto:sarahbeth@ichamber.biz) or call (816) 252-4745**

# Ribbon Cuttings



**October 17, 2019**

**Bella Casa Flooring & Design  
17001 E US 24 Hwy  
Independence, MO 64056**



**October 22, 2019**

**Ecologix  
3675 S Noland Rd, Suite 225  
Independence, MO 64055**



**November 15, 2019**

**Dentists of Independence  
15904 E 23rd Street, Suite B-1  
Independence, MO 64055**



**November 19, 2019**

**ELOAH Creative  
2425 S Crysler, Suite 7  
Independence, MO 64052**



**November 21, 2019**

**Black Bear Diner  
4053 S Little Blue Pkwy  
Independence, MO 64050**



**December 3, 2019**

**KC Baby Back Ribs  
305 N MO 291  
Independence, MO 64056**



**December 11, 2019**

**Summit Salon Academy KC  
815 W 23rd Street S  
Independence, MO 64050**



**December 17, 2019**

**Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop  
4201 S Noland Rd, Unit F  
Independence, MO 64055**



# Tell your story!

Reserve  
your  
space  
today!

## 2020 Membership Directory & Resource Guide

NOW IS THE TIME to reserve a space in the directory to advertise and promote your business to fellow members, consumers and businesses who are seeking to relocate. This year the Chamber is celebrating 100 years! This publication offers many opportunities to build your network, your business and engage with fellow members. The four-color, magazine-style guide features our communities and members. More than a plain listing of member names and addresses. The publication is mailed to all Chamber members as well as distributed to government offices,

libraries, REALTORS, hospitals, visitor centers, major area employees, schools and other businesses and residents. Reach more than 18,000 readers! Copies are also sent to those requesting information about this region. Sections within the directory will focus on tourism, commerce, education, history, recreation, demographics, transportation and the health of the region.

In addition to the print version, we have developed an enhanced digital edition that is emailed QUARTERLY to all members. This edition presents all the stories and content in a format just as easy as reading the actual publication. No zooming or pinching ... WITH LINKS to your company! That means your advertisement in our publication will be seen up to 5 times (once in print and four times in digital). More exposure to an even wider audience!

Thank you for your continued support of the Independence Chamber as we celebrate YOU and your partnership and continue to promote our area as a great place to live, work, shop and enjoy. Ad rates are attached to this email; with AWESOME discounts for members only. Contact Chamber member Tammie Easson at 417-629-7935 or teasson@metromediapublishers.com to secure the best placement in this annual directory.

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEAD INDEPENDENCE



# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO HAVE JOINED OUR 110% CLUB



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- Hartsook
- Hollis & Miller
- Independence EDC
- Rotary Club of Independence
- Speaks Chapels, LLC
- Independence Ennovation Center
- JE Dunn
- Kapke & Willerth
- Leone-Knipp Insurance Group
- RDS Equipment
- Rotary Club of Eastern Indep.

We invite you to join our 110% Club. When members voluntarily contribute an extra 10% over their annual investment amount, your contribution is tax deductible and will help the Chamber in strengthening our infrastructure.

As a member of the 110% Club, participating businesses will receive recognition on the Chamber's website, social media pages, in the Chamber's newsletter, and at Chamber events throughout the year. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Kris Zerr - kris@ichamber.biz or (816) 787-0313.

## MEWA Healthcare Coverage Options for Small Business

### Exclusively for Chamber Members



Many small businesses in our community continue to search for affordable health coverage options. That's why the Independence Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry to create a new health program that offers potential savings to businesses with 50 or fewer eligible employees. This new program is called the Missouri Chamber Federation Benefit Plan. It uses an innovative structure that enables smaller employers to join together to share in the overall claims risk. This creates a larger self-funded pool providing greater stability and financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage. This is called a multiple employer welfare arrangement, or MEWA.

We encourage our members who have 50 or fewer eligible employees to look into this new health coverage option. It is possible that many employers in our business community could find a cost savings by participating in the Missouri Chamber Federation Benefit Plan.

**Questions? Contact the Chamber 816.252.4745**

# March Luncheon

*Guest Speaker*



**Toby Cook**

*KC Royals  
Vice President of Publicity*

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**Where:**

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# Happy Anniversary!

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## 1-4 Years

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TCC  
Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse  
Barefoot Lawn Care  
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Jackson County Historical Society  
Heritage Companies  
RJ's CoffeeLand  
Crane Agency  
ELOAH Creativity Center  
Good Shepherd Hospice  
Croley Insurance and Financial  
ProSource Wholesale  
Washington Roofing & Insulation Inc.  
H&R Block 40 Hwy  
Steve Hancock Agency  
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APEX ALEWORKS  
H&R Block-Independence Square  
Jim Barnes  
Slim Chickens- Liberty  
Sunterra Springs Independence  
TSM Event Services LLC

Church of the Four Corners  
PeacePathways  
Candlewood Suites  
National Association of Parliamentarians  
RDS Equipment, Inc.  
The Delaware Event Space  
ACS Services  
Rottler Pest Solutions  
Flying Colors Painting  
Sarpinos Pizzeria  
Paramount Health Chiropractic  
Collins Roofing  
Rachel House Pregnancy Centers Inc.  
Brent Lilly Agency  
Bingham-Waggoner Estate  
National Frontier Trails Museum  
Chicago and Alton 1879 Depot  
Adventure Oasis Water Park  
Hartsook  
LDS Independence Missouri Visitors' Center  
Nancy K Eppert  
McAlister's Deli  
GM Peters Agency, Inc.  
Duluth Trading Company  
Sonshine Sports Apparel, LLC  
The Trevor Tilton Farmers Agency  
Englewood Properties, LLC

## 15-24 Years

Jim Blau Insurance Agency Inc.  
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 40 Hwy  
DeLuccie and O'Hara Law Offices LLC  
Summit Computer Solutions  
Redwood of Carmel Hills  
Swope Health Independence  
Northrop Grumman  
Northrop Grumman: Lake City Business Center  
Developing Potential, Inc.  
Nativity of Mary School  
NorthWest Communities Development Corporation  
Residence Inn by Marriott  
Consultants in Gastroenterology/Division of Digestive Health Specialists  
City of Sugar Creek  
Specialty Landscape Services LLC  
Stewardship Capital, Ltd.  
Blue Springs School District  
CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services of K.C.

## 25-39 Years

Truman Heartland Community Foundation  
Drumm Farm Center for Children  
Kapke & Willerth LLC  
United Consumers Credit Union  
Hawthorn Bank- 39th St  
Hawthorn Bank- White Oak  
K Martin Kuny Attorney  
Super 8 Independence  
Tim's Pizza  
Truman Medical Centers Lakewood  
Spire Inc.  
Unilever  
Independence Center  
Republic Services of Kansas City

## 5-14 Years

Matchstick Websites  
Zucca & Daughters & Sons Roofing Co., Inc  
Truckmovers.com  
Carhartt Independence Center  
ReeceNichols East  
Hometown News  
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City  
All Copy Products  
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Victorian Society of the Vaile Mansion and Dewitt Museum  
Continental Siding Supply  
Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More  
Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care  
Sibley Orchards  
Revive Church  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
The Springs at Independence  
GOAD COMPANY  
One Community Hospice  
Palmer Place Leasing Office  
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

McClain Brothers Real Estate  
Villages of Jackson Creek  
Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care  
University of Central Missouri  
Foster Adopt Connect  
Wyatt Violin Shop LLC  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City  
Village Heights Community of Christ  
Kansas City Zoo  
Blue Springs Ford  
Family Wrench LLC  
Bayer Crop Science  
Drury Inn & Suites Independence  
Sterling Plaza Apartments  
WIC Independence (Women, Infants and Children Nutrition)  
Jackson County Health Department  
Medical Imaging Eastland  
Vance & Associates, Inc.  
Office Products Alliance  
Sonic Drive In - Jackson Drive  
Cruise Planners  
Edward Jones, Jon Klassen

## 40-49 Years

AT&T  
State Farm Insurance, Phil Burress  
Jeannie Colvin CPA PC  
Comprehensive Mental Health Services  
Independence School District  
Commerce Bank- Noland Rd  
Stewart Cook Constance & Minton LLC  
UMB Bank- Gudge  
Independence Family and Cosmetic Dentistry  
Pharaoh Cinema 4 Theater  
Centerpoint Medical Center  
Speaks Chapels LLC

## 50 Years

Carpenter and Company, Inc.

For more info about these businesses & all Chamber members visit [www.iChamber.biz](http://www.iChamber.biz)

## Officers:

**Sonci Bleckinger**  
Chair of the Board  
Central Bank of the Midwest

**Julie Moreno**  
Treasurer  
The Examiner

**Beth Franklin**  
Chair Elect  
Keller Williams Real Estate

**Terri Steele**  
Past Chair of the Board  
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Independence School District

**Dr. Paul Kinder**  
Blue Springs School District

**Dr. Thomas Meyer**  
MCC - Blue River

**Tom Lesnak**  
Independence EDC

**Dr. Jason Snodgrass**  
Fort Osage School District

**Zach Walker**  
City of Independence

## Board of Directors:

**Jim Allin**  
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**Austin Conley**  
Austin Conley Agency

**Kim Deveney**  
American Funding Solutions, LLC

**Ron Finke**  
Stewardship Capital

**Bob Glaser**  
Community America Credit Union

**Steve Graffeo**  
Community of Christ

**Yvonne Hall**  
Blue Ridge Bank & Trust

**Mary House**  
Cruise Planners

**Cindy McClain**  
McClain Enterprises, Inc.

**Matt Medley**  
Medley Smiles

**Laurie Dean Wiley**  
Justin Larkin Team at Waddell & Reed

**Eric Knipp**  
Eric Knipp Agency, Inc.

**Bret Kolman**  
Centerpoint Medical Center

**Brad Smith**  
Drumm Farm Center for Children

**Brad Speaks**  
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### Meet Lynne Baker the NEW Business to Education Connector

After a career in education, most of which has been in the Independence School District, I find myself working at the Independence Chamber of Commerce! The position that I am currently filling is "Business to Education Connector". This position involves meeting businesses and connecting them with the Independence School District Academies. This job, which is supported by both the Independence Chamber of Commerce and ISD, allows me to meet Business owners and workers to discover the ways the ISD Academies can benefit the businesses and the students.

To say, I love school...is really an understatement! My journey in public education began after I graduated from Christian College for Women and the University of MO. I began teaching at Glasgow, MO, a rural school district, which was a perfect place to begin my career. I came to Independence and taught at Palmer Junior High with the subject being Eighth Grade Social Studies. I then transitioned to Truman High School as a Counselor. What a joy my twenty-two years at THS was! I then spent some time returning to school, University of Kansas, where I earned my MSW and then worked at Washington High School in KCK. When Van Horn came into the Independence School District, I returned to Van Horn and served as a Counselor, experiencing the immense pleasure of seeing Van Horn bloom and grow!

Although I am not from Independence, my love for this city has grown over the many years, I have lived here. I so appreciate the historic setting and benefits Independence offers, as well as the wonderful people of this city! I have known up to three generations of families and have seen the progress ISD and the city has made. I am married and live in Independence. My three children graduated from THS. I have many interests including: serving as a Counselor for mental health issues, belonging to JSL, serving on the Board of Trustees for Columbia College and earning my first-degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

I am blessed, beyond my imagination, in being invited to do this fabulous job, in a place I love, for two organizations I highly respect. If you are involved in a business and would like to explore the opportunities in which you would invest in a high school student...or if you have a student and have questions about the ISD Academies, please email or call me. ISD Academies is a high school program that is so progressive, that other school districts around the area are attempting to emulate the educational process that has been created.



## Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“Don’t find the fault,  
find the remedy”

~ Henry Ford ~



## New Chamber Members October - December 2019

- Planet Fitness- 291 Hwy
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
- Crown Services, Inc
- Barbour Concrete Co.
- Konica Minolta Business Solutions
- Little Richards Family Restaurant Inc
- Worlds of Fun
- Evansfield Distillery
- Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
- KC Baby Back Ribs
- E. Edwards Workwear
- Frisk Brothers Moving
- Bridge Space



## Save the Date

February 27, 2020  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



*Together We Play*