

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Client Businesses to Again Join Enterprise Facilitation at KNZA Home, Garden, & Sports Expo

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 to March 1, 2008)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **424**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **31**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **12**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **117**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **7**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **32**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **48**

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For the third year running, Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation will take part in the KNZA Home, Garden, & Sports Expo. This year's Expo will take place from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, March 29th and 11 am to 3 pm on Sunday, March 30th at the Fisher Community Center, 201 E. Iowa, Hiawatha, KS.

As in previous years, Enterprise Facilitation will share exhibit space with client businesses who have opened, expanded, or received other EF assistance. Six businesses will be participating this year. Information on each follows.

All Around Sweets, a homemade pie and candy shop in Holton, KS, is a first time Expo participant. Owners Kevin and Angie Rawlings launched the business in September 2007 and continue to grow.

Coleman Nursery & Tree Farm in Hoyt, KS is another first time participant. Owners Ernie and Debbie Coleman are nearing the

completion of their first year in business.

Country Images is a laser engraving firm in Holton, KS. Owner Aleta Allen is participating in the Expo for the first time though she has been in business for several years.

Countryside Home Sales in Atchison, KS is returning to the Expo this year. Owner Jim Kesinger purchased the manufactured home business in 2006.

Jackson County Trader, a classified advertising website based in Holton, KS, was launched earlier this year by owners Tom and Penny Parker.

Mainstreet Flower Shoppe in Hiawatha, KS is participating in the Expo for the second time. Owner Kim Kleopfer opened in December 2006 and continues to expand her offerings.

Please plan to stop by the EF exhibit to see what these businesses have to offer!

Cottage of the Seasons Grand Opening



Facilitator Janet Griesel (far right) and EF Board Member Virginia Burchett (far left) congratulate Karen and Melissa Noll at their grand opening celebration on March 7, 2008.

Upcoming Events:

March 29 & 30, 2008

Enterprise Facilitation and Client Displays at the KNZA Home, Garden, & Sports Expo
Fisher Community Center, 201 East Iowa St., Hiawatha, KS

April 3, 2008

6:00 pm - Board Meeting at the Highland Community College Wellness Center, Highland, KS