

CREATE CAMPAIGN'S IMPACT REPORT



A WORD FROM OUR CEO

We're living an answered prayer.

10 years ago, I didn't set out to be a founder. I set out to be a difference-maker, connecting diverse entrepreneurs with the resources, information and connections to build stronger, more vibrant businesses. There was no outline; no affiliate or franchise model. Instead, we built Create Campaign organically with people committed to seeing challenges differently and responding in ways that hadn't existed before. Formalizing Create Campaign was intentional. The work needed to live and grow beyond me. And it has.

10 years later, Create Campaign isn't just existing — we're thriving. Our impact is clear: businesses are launching, growing and unlocking new levels of service and action. Our staff is dynamic, our leadership committed and our difference undeniable. As we reflect on 10 years, we celebrate those who supported, lifted and helped us build. We remain accountable to everyone who has ever helped or been served by this great organization.

2026 begins a shift. Two examples: we're deepening our technical assistance and introducing professional services inside of our organization. These shifts represent our commitment to stay hungry, nimble, flexible but, always, prepared to bring our best to every entrepreneur we serve.

We're thankful for everyone who is helping us create legacy-defining change. This is our call. It's also my answered prayer.

Christina M. Long
Founding President/CEO

Create Campaign, Inc.

A WORD FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings!

2025 marked a milestone for Create Campaign. With 10 years of service, the organization has a proven track record of impact and sustainability. Providing access to entrepreneurs who are looking for support, community and resources to launch, innovate and grow is the business of Create Campaign.

The work we do, the commitment we have and the dedication we display places us at the forefront of change for deserving entrepreneurs. We're changing outlooks, resources and possibilities in ways that are positively impacting the local economy. The work is significant and requires much of us at every level in the organization. It's work we do in partnership with a wide group of leaders across Wichita and our region. We invite you to explore our impact through the data and stories included in this report and consider how to get even more involved with Create Campaign.

Let's lift entrepreneurs as we build. Let's elevate our work to new levels. Let's be the difference.

In partnership,

Mitch Binns

Board President, Create Campaign, Inc. Market Leader, McCownGordon





Sana Christmann, Briaja Tucker, Cassandra Enlow, Karina Castañeda, Christina Long, Sabrina Stephens, Ti'Juana Hardwell & Iesha Henderson.

SUPPORTING CAST:





Our supporting cast plays a vital role in helping Create Campaign fulfill our mission of activating urban entrepreneurs in the Midwest to launch, innovate and grow.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mitch Binns, Board Chair, McCownGordon • Jenni Heartfield, Vice Chair, 6 Meridian • Zach Wiggins, Secretary, Martin Pringle • Shawn Whisenhant, Treasurer, VP, Fidelity Bank

Directors: Michele Valadez, Evergy • Shawn Bauman, Driven Tax Services • Dioane Gates, Kansas Leadership Center • Olivia S. Dempsey, Martin Pringle

Outgoing Directors: Joshua Enlow, ProTech • Gary Oborny, Occidental Management

































OUR PARTNERS



















































Shawn & Vicki Whisenhant

Margaret Dechant

OUR WINNING SEASON

Scan the QR codes to view Create Campaign's 2025 winning moments.



CAPITAL

Create Campaign maintains its own Create Capital Fund and is a sponsor of Network Kansas' Wichita Urban eCommunity with the ability to make lending decisions across a variety of gap-financing and no-match lending programs.

| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | TOTAL |
|--|------|-------|----------|-------|----------|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| NUMBER OF APPROVED LOANS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | | 6 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 67 |
| APPROVED LOAN FUNDING | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$21k | \$0 | \$65k | \$122.5k | \$15k | \$134.5k | | \$76k | \$403k | \$397k | \$226k | \$16.4k | \$1.4m |
| NUMBER OF BUSINESS GRANTS AWARDED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | - | 2 | - | - | - | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 38 |
| AMOUNT OF BUSINESS GRANT DOLLARS AWARDED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | - | \$550 | - | - | - | | \$2.8k | \$2.2k | \$850 | \$10.5k | \$60k | \$77k |

"Create Campaign is a pillar in the community. It's there to help entrepreneurs and I see that and love it." **CODY JONES** Owner, CJ Roofing

REACH



Numbers represent each touch point with entrepreneurs and may duplicate individuals who receive multiple services from Create Campaign. Reach is updated following the close of the calendar year for past years.

BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS STATS





*As of 11/13/2025



2022

77.5 HOURS

2024

52.5 HOURS

2023

31 HOURS 62 Consultations

2021

45.5 HOURS 91 Consultations

2020

HOURS 6 Consultations 2019 332.5 TOTAL HOURS

2019-2025



LLC STRUCTURING SUPPORT STATS

2025 9 Filings

Ray Neil's Creations LLC | Best You Better World, LLC | I GOT IT Junk Removal, LLC | Lisa's House, LLC | Daniela Creations, LLC | Toe Tappin' BBQ | Rocelna Valley, LLC | Mex-Claditos, LLC | Scentsory Blooms

2024 8 Filings

Jreamify Beauty, LLC | Traces of Flavor | Lara Roofing and Construction | VitaLink Healthcare LLC | Beyond Lashes Boutique N Apparel, LLC | Real Cleaning, LLC | Drywall Experts, LLC | Iesha Shanee Designs, LLC

2023 14 Filings

Owlly | JlongAchieves | Leadership First | Hidden Imperfections Studio | E.J.P Services | Nava Cleaning Services | Denise's House of Goods | Lady Burritos | Odyssey Counseling and Consulting | MJM Diseno & Sublimacion | Precision Exterior Services | Sol Delish | Moyo Creativo | Ad Hoc Language Services

2022 11 Filings

A1 Barbershop | The Selfie Center, LLC | C&C Lawn and Landscaping, PlantTea Therapy | Beaudeeful Day Play Center, LLC | Las Aventuras de Araceli | Estrada Lawn & Landscape | A.R.T. Project | Ty Davis Productions | Charcutistry | Clipperheads Barber Shop

2021 13 Filings

Brinkley Holdings, LLC | R&J Legacy Transport, LLC | N'Credibly Sweet | Room Esscentials | Reel Photography | We Got This Cleaning Service, LLC | The Embroidery Place, LLC | Community Blessed | Progressive Church Outreach Program By Dawn Transportation | Brian Black Executive Coaching and Public-Speaking | MNP Enterprises | Lipsey Consulting Group

75 TOTAL FILINGS

2015 - 2025*As of 11/13/2025

2020 4 Filings

Lighthouse Tutoring, LLC | ML Lawn and Fence Services, LLC | Kandy B, LLC | Inclusive Growth Strategies

2019 O Filings

Founders' Grove renovations year

2018 1 Filing

ELT Consulting

2017 6 Filings

AB&C Bilingual Resources, LLC | Pretty Girls Pound the Rock, LLC | Benitez Counseling, LLC | Wichita Cheesecake Company, LLC | Freeman Holdings | Simply a Lady, LLC

2016 3 Filings

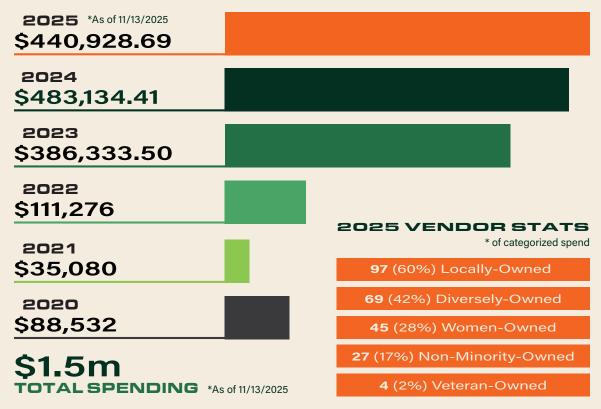
Yaujar Painting | Jenny Dawn Cellars, LLC | D&L Eventerprises, LLC

2015 2 Filings

A Time for Change, LLC | ProTech Learning, LLC

Create Campaign, Martin Pringle and Foreman Law collaborate to support structuring services.

CREATE CAMPAIGN'S PURCHASING STATS



- Vendors may appear in multiple categories. Self-reported demographic used.
- Purchasing demographic data tracked starting in 2020
- Create Campaign purchases using a request for proposal process and evaluates proposal on merits including: capability, price, value, demonstrated performance, demographic make-up, local ownership, etc.



SPARK COMMUNITY BUSINESS ACADEMY

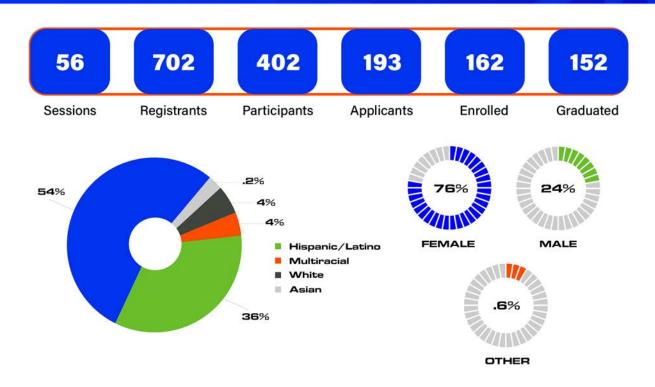
"The Community Business Academy has helped me see my business from a microscopic lens that helps me identify what makes a business reach that higher level of success. The details matter, the finances matter, the image matters, the logistics and business plan."

Sally Aguilar - El Gusto Mexican Eatery



Spark provides hands-on business training in planning, financials and management with curriculum and coaching tailored to diverse entrepreneurs. This 12-week program is designed for new and growing for-profit businesses.

SPARK



WITH CREATE CAMPAIGN'S SPARK, ENTREPRENEURS GAIN THE SUPPORT, STRUCTURE, AND STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL SUCCESS.

LLC STRUCTURINGS

54%

25%

93 have structured their businesses as LLCs or Corporations 23 of the structurings occurred within one year of participating in Spark

BUSINESS CAPITAL APPROVALS

\$58,659.74

in grants

TRADEMARK FILINGS

2

approvals across cohorts

59%

REVENUE IMPACTS

41%

24%

reported accessing Owner's Draw funds reported increasing business revenue versus the previous year

reported increasing household income versus the previous year

100% reported a

reported a clarified business idea

BUSINESS ACUMIN

92%

90%

reported knowing how to manage personal finances

reported knowing how to set their prices & make profit

Sources: Spark 2025 Annual Survey, Spark Fall Check-In Survey, Kansas Secretary of State's Office, Create Campaign business capital portfolio

NEXT SEASON 2026



THE CANOPY IS OPEN

The Canopy at Founders' Grove is now accepting bookings for 2026. Conveniently located in central-northeast Wichita, The Canopy is an ideal venue for entrepreneurs, small businesses and organizations. Elevate your next meeting, conference or corporate gathering.



A LA CARTE

The A La Carte Commercial Kitchen Incubator serves as a launchpad for culinary ventures; offering the tools needed to grow sustainable food-based businesses. Gain access to a professional-grade kitchen, entrepreneurial education and business services.



BUSINESS CONSULTING

Create Campaign staff and partners are prepared to help entrepreneurs launch and grow through free, confidential business consulting services. Whether looking to structure, apply for capital or overcome a challenge, move forward with the right support.





SPARK: ALUMNI SERVICES

After graduating from Spark's 12-week program, entrepreneurs receive additional support through alumni services. Technical assistance and business training on marketing, accounting/bookkeeping, legal, finance, sales and more is provided.



SUCCESS SERVICES

Create Campaign will launch a new suite of services for entrepreneurs to assist with marketing, branding and sales. Our new creative agency will provide cost-effective solutions for entrepreneurs ready to grow.



DIGITAL HUSTLE ACADEMY

Create Campaign continues working on more inclusive economic opportunities and will launch the Digital Hustle Academy. This initiative will introduce entrepreneurs to resources and strategies to better compete in tech and innovation economies.

