# **T4C/Triumph Builders Club**

### History of Development

In 2009 Platte County received a Violence Prevention grant to address a mounting gang problem. The Time for Change (T4C) Anti-gang Coalition was developed and multiple groups were identified to assist with implementation of identified strategies:

- The Parent Group would be responsible for educating the minority families and community.
- The Youth Group would meet to assist with identifying ways that teens could volunteer in the community and create a leadership council made up of representation of Hispanic and Caucasian youth.
- The Community Group would organize a scholarship program to assist low income youth by awarding program activity vouchers to increase their participation in positive organized activities
- 4. Law Enforcement and County Attorney would be diligent in an increased presence in the community, monitoring the gang issues and the County Attorney would prosecute gang crimes at the highest level.

## Since 2009

- Gang crime minimal
- Gang issues at schools minimal
- Graffiti minimal
- T4C Coalition now lead by local Hispanic leaders
- Active Parent Advisory group developing local leaders
- Summer Park Program held at trailer court sites – serving low-income youth
- T4C Scholarships assisted over 200 lowincome youth (Hispanic/80%) with program fees
- Back-to-School event to raise awareness regarding topic such as: school truancy, healthy relationship building, law enforcement services
- Billboard contest promotes inclusiveness

## 2014 – Using Community Based Funding

- Development of the Triumph Builders Club an organized club for Hispanic youth that are referred by schools
- Components include: health and wellness, character building and boxing skill development
- Partnering with YMCA, Word of Life Church, Victory Boxing Club
- A total of 32 youth have been referred
- Directed by a local bilingual pastor
- Volunteers coordinate weekly efforts
- Continuation of T4C Anti-Gang Coalition



#### **Mission Statement**

The TBC is a club designed to help young Hispanic males build themselves in a holistic manner (spirit, mind, and body) in practical ways to achieve a better tomorrow.



