



## Karen's Final Newsletter

This is the last newsletter that I will write; May 13 will be my final day as UCS executive director. What a wonderful opportunity I have had to lead this organization. Thank you to past and present staff, board members and advisors. Thank you to colleagues, community partners, friends and family for your support during my 32 year tenure at UCS. I have learned from you, been encouraged and inspired by you, and worked side-by-side with you. Together, we've dissected data, filled flip charts and strategized; we've shared laughter and lunches; at times we've been discouraged and disheartened; but more often, we've been hopeful that our work can make a difference in people's lives.

I will take with me many memories of the meaningful work that we have done together. I leave with the knowledge that UCS is ready for the next chapter under the leadership of Julie Brewer, working with a talented staff, dedicated board members and supportive community partners.

Thank you to everyone who has extended their good wishes either at the reception, in person, via card, email or Facebook. (Thank you to the person at the reception who left a gift in a white bag with black polka dot tissue paper - there was no card, so I cannot thank you personally.)

One of the many things I will miss about this job are connections with colleagues. If you want to stay in touch, you can find me on a new [Facebook](#) page.

I wish you all the best as you continue working together to improve the quality of life for all residents of Johnson County.

## Data Trends 1980 and 2014

Johnson County is a different place today than it was 30+ years ago, when I started work at UCS. Changes in the make-up of the population, income, household composition and family life have implications for the demand and delivery of human

services today and in the future.

[Read the fact sheet.](#)

## The Reception

The reception on May 6 hosted by the board to say farewell to me and welcome Julie Brewer was incredible. (Thank you Jill Quigley and board members for planning a memorable event.) Past and present board, advisors and staff, along with colleagues, community partners, friends and family attended. Pictures are posted on the [UCS Facebook page](#).

Our mission: Provide data analysis, lead collaborative planning and mobilize resources to enhance the availability and delivery of health and human services.

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