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Ensuring the Bright Future of Lincoln

The Lincoln Vital Signs report highlights so many positives about the city we call home. There are significant challenges as well. We seek to play a meaningful role in addressing Lincoln's pressing needs and promising future....and as is usually the case, preparing for a bright future starts with our children.

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR GREAT CITY:

- We are enjoying substantial economic success
- We have a 95% high school graduation rate
- Our rates of domestic violence and violent crime are declining and are well below the national average

THE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS:

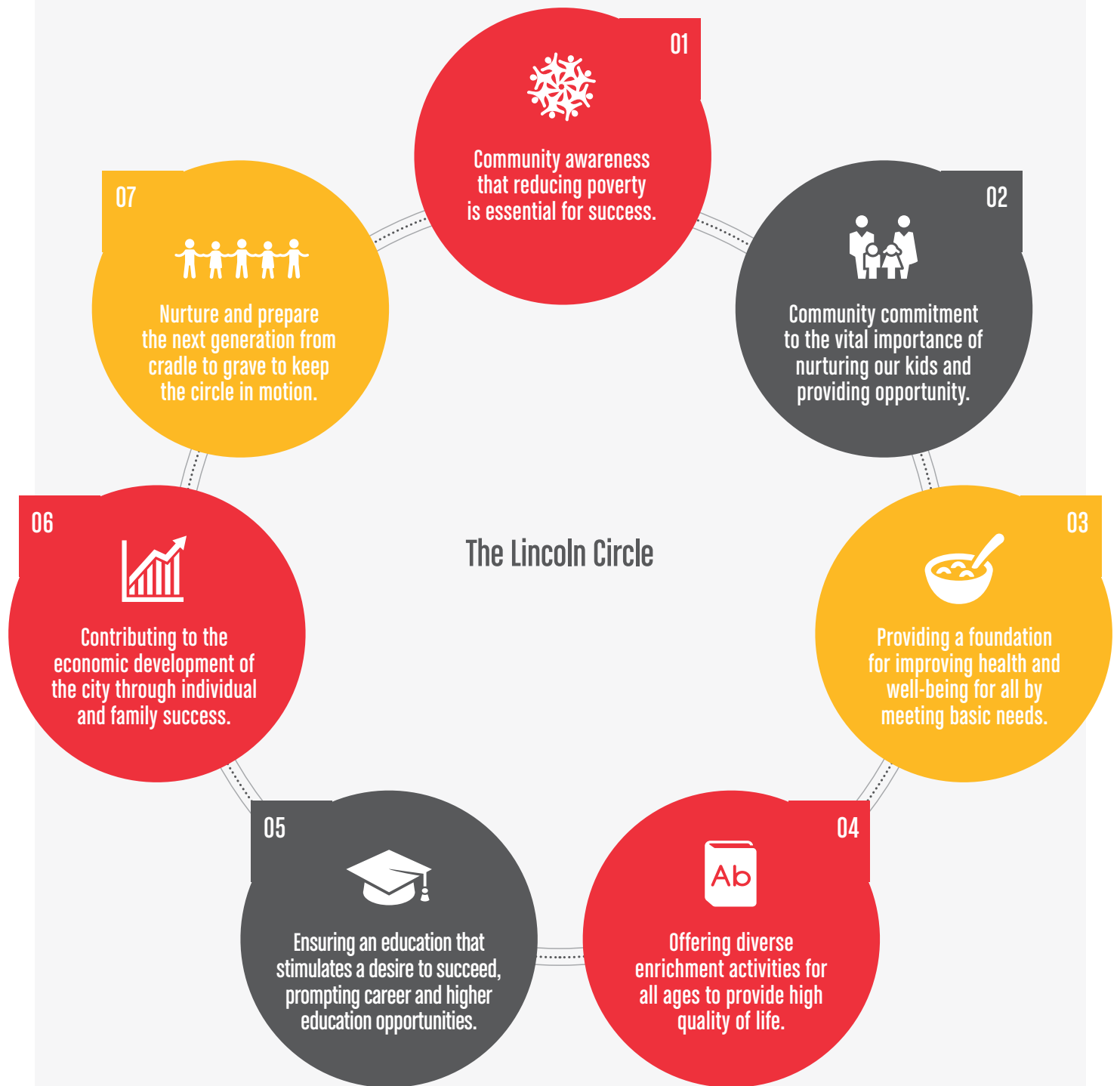
- 12,500 Lincoln children live in poverty, that's 1 in 5
- 1/3 of our homeless population is children
- Physical health, proper nutrition and a degraded education are all issues with our impoverished youth sector
- Lack of career development contributes to the cycle of poverty
- Lincoln has experienced a 41% increase in homelessness since 2007

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Data is from the 2014 Lincoln Vital Signs report
which is available online at LincolnVitalSigns.org

The Lincoln Circle

Ensuring the success of the community depends on providing opportunity for the citizens who comprise it...and it has to start with our kids and it has to overcome poverty in all sectors of the city. Here's a simplified overview of the life cycle for success.



01 Community awareness that reducing poverty is essential for success.

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02 Community commitment to the vital importance of nurturing our kids and providing opportunity.

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03 Providing a foundation for improving health and well-being for all by meeting basic needs.

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04 Offering diverse enrichment activities for all ages to provide high quality of life.

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05 Ensuring an education that stimulates a desire to succeed, prompting career and higher education opportunities.

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06 Contributing to the economic development of the city through individual and family success.

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07 Nurture and prepare the next generation from cradle to grave to keep the circle in motion.

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