

Nonprofit Chamber of Services Partner of the Month

It is our pleasure to recognize the Hugo Wall School of Urban & Public Affairs, Wichita State University , as the partner of the month. The Hugo Wall School carries out its unique mission to enhance the quality of public affairs and administration by (1) offering high-quality graduate instruction through the Master of Public Administration degree program, (2) conducting applied research, and (3) providing community service through the Center for Urban Studies and the Kansas Public Finance Center .

The Nonprofit Chamber of Service recently recognized the Hugo Wall School for its generosity in serving as the “incubator” for the Nonprofit Chamber from June 2005 through July 2006. As part of the School’s commitment to support and advance local nonprofits, the School added the Nonprofit Executives Seminar in 2002 under the direction of Lynne McCraw Schall, Public Affairs Associate. The Seminar offers a collegial forum for agency heads and subject matter experts to exchange ideas and experiences in leadership and management.

The Hugo Wall School will kick off the fifth year of the *Nonprofit Executives Seminar* on September 8th with Dr. Melissa Walker, the most recent addition to the School’s faculty. Dr. Walker will lead the discussion, “Staying Alive in an Era of Contracting,” with panelists Carolyn Risley Hill, CEO, Starkey, Inc.; Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Sedgwick County; Beth Oaks, Vice President, Community Planning and Resources, United Way of the Plains; and Mark Reed, Executive Director, Sedgwick County Zoo.

Founded in 1958 as the Center for Urban Studies, today’s Hugo Wall School continues a long-standing mission of applied research and community service begun by Dr. Hugo Wall, Wichita State University professor and Center founder. Faculty, staff, and graduate assistants associated with the Hugo Wall School respond to requests of public officials and community organizations to conduct research, offer training and professional development, and provide technical assistance and consultation.

Historically, the Center primarily served public agencies and community organizations in Wichita and Sedgwick County . Today, the Hugo Wall School extends its services to elected officials, state and local public managers, nonprofit agencies, and professional associations throughout Kansas . The School seeks to enhance the quality of public affairs by assisting nonprofit and government organizations to meet the challenges of governance and improve service delivery.

We welcome the partnership that the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs has developed with the nonprofit community. We are thrilled to recognize the faculty and staff of the Hugo Wall School for their dedicated efforts in advancing the nonprofit community and encourage you to take advantage of their services. For further

information on the many opportunities the School provides to the community, visit their website at hws.wichita.edu or telephone Lynne McCraw Schall at 978.7240.

To know more about the Nonprofit Chamber, log on to www.NonprofitChamberKS.org.