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**June 9, 2009**

Capital Plaza Hotel 415 E. McCarty Street Jefferson City, MO



## **Our Vision**

*As Missourians, we envision a just society of shared responsibility by individuals, communities, business, and government in which all individuals are respected, have opportunities to reach their full potential and to participate in thriving, diverse, sustainable communities.*

Missouri is a state rich in beauty and prosperity, in education and opportunity, in security and health, in values and vision. Yet, within our richness, lies poverty and fear, hunger and homelessness, unmet potential and despair.

- **In 2007, 310,000 Missouri families struggled to meet their basic food needs.**
- **The number of uninsured people in Missouri rose to 772,000 in 2007.**
- **Approximately 19,300 students did not graduate from Missouri's high schools in 2007. The lost lifetime earnings in Missouri for that class of dropouts alone are more than \$5 billion.**
- **Low income families pay an average of 46% of their income just for housing and energy.**
- **781,842 Missourians live in poverty... 263,484 of them are children.**

Please join us at the **Missouri Poverty Summit** on **June 9, 2009** at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO to learn more about ways of *Investing in People: Bringing the Community Together to End Poverty*. The summit will begin at 10:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Brenda Stegeman at (573) 634-2969 or visit the website at [www.communityaction.org](http://www.communityaction.org).

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