KANSAS
OVER 35 YEARS OF IMPACT

26,983
JOBS
CREATED/RETAINED

1,731
TOTAL BUSINESSES
FINANCED

846
MILLION DOLLARS
SBA 504 FINANCING

2.42
BILLION DOLLARS
TOTAL PROJECT COST

2022
111
MILLION DOLLARS
TOTAL PROJECT COST

WHO HAS A 504?
Here are a few notable 504 small businesses
• Bright Minds Academy
• Design and Detail KC, LLC
• Home Sweet Home Dog Resort
• Sunflower Care Homes

CDCs
• Frontier Financial Partners, Inc.
• Heartland Business Capital
• Mo-Kan Development, Inc.
• Pioneer Country Development, Inc.
• RMI Business Finance
• South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc. - SCKEDD
• Wakarusa Valley Development, Inc.
More Visible, Larger Location Serves Growth

Jeannie Gehrer, founder of Gear for You, is a former accountant and school teacher. Jeannie entered the embroidery business in 1997 at the urging of a friend who owned a silkscreen printing company. Customers were asking about embroidered apparel, and, not wanting to disappoint them, she asked Jeannie if she would develop the business. Jeannie said yes and bought her first embroidery machine and began operating out of her home. Soon she needed three embroidery machines and moved to a commercial location. The next move was to a larger facility in the north Wichita warehouse district of Bel Air. Still growing, her landlord built her a 6,000 sq. ft. building in 2012, where she operated for 7 years.

In 2019, Jeannie was forced to turn away work because of inadequate space and equipment, so Jeannie located a new location—a 12,000 square foot building on the eastern edge of town. She approached her banker and together they developed a plan for an interim loan, then a 504 loan to replace the previous one.

Soon Gehrer was able to use her 504 to purchase the new building. By July, Gear for You had moved into the new building with the much-needed equipment. The newer, more visible location meant more walk-in customers and four more employees were added as production capacity rose. Even Jeannie is impressed with what they can do.

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Jobs - created/retained

$1,090,100
Total Financing (CDC + Lending Partner)

Andover State Bank
Lending Partner

RMI
CDC