SITUATION: Significant gaps in community capacity (civic infrastructure, resources and power) inhibit the health and well-being of the 640,000 children in the city of St. Louis; St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; Madison, St. Clair & Monroe Counties in Illinois.


STRATEGY: Strengthen the region’s capability to achieve positive outcomes for children and youth through collaborative engagement and investment with diverse partners to improve systems and sustain actions that have long-term impact on the health and well-being of children.

VISION: Deaconess envisions a community that values the health and well-being of all children and gives priority attention to the most vulnerable.