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## First Secular Community Forms in Kansas City

KC Oasis Thriving After Just 3 Months

Kansas City, MO (July 23rd, 2014)— Kansas City's first freethought community, is going strong after launching in April. Oasis is an innovative community where freethinkers have a safe place to learn, celebrate life, find social support, and give back to the community.

Oasis is a retreat, of sorts, for the secular community, including (but not limited to) Agnostics, Humanists, Skeptics, Atheists, Freethinkers, Deists, questioning Theists and more. The mission is to bring like-minded individuals and families together in a compassionate environment, to celebrate the human experience, and to feel inspired and empowered.

"In just three months, the community has grown beyond our expectations," says Executive Director Helen Stringer. "And we couldn't be any more excited." Thanks to community participation, the weekly programs are always well attended, the email list has grown to nearly 200, and Facebook likes have surpassed 600.

The community comes together for coffee, live music and program every Sunday morning at Think Big to discuss real-world principles supported by evidence and free thought, grounded in reason. Because Oasis is family-focused, children are also given the opportunity to explore developing worldviews, ask questions and make friends in an environment that's supportive of critical thinking. Volunteer and social opportunities are now also being planned, thanks to community excitement.

KC Oasis is Kansas City's first alternative to faith-based communities, offering a community of compassion and reason to come together to celebrate the human experience. It's a place where life is celebrated, family is valued, and all people matter. For more information, visit KCOasis.org, visit us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.