

## Chris Harris

Chris Harris grew up in the same Ivanhoe neighborhood on Kansas City's east side he has devoted 23 years revitalizing.

He bought the city block across from his childhood home and began its years-long transformation into Harris Park, 40<sup>th</sup> and Wayne. It's now a four-acre supervised community gathering spot for neighborhood families with a nine-hole pitch-and-putt golf course, a children's playground, basketball and volleyball courts and horseshoe pitches. Statistics show crime in the area has dropped and home prices have risen.

At Milwaukee's Cardinal Stritch University, Chris majored in sociology, then returned home working as an assistant coach with the Kansas City Knights minor league basketball team before beginning his community park.

