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Annual Grant Celebration Honors Philanthropy in Southeast Kansas

On the evening of November 14, 2011, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted its Annual Grant Celebration at Memorial Auditorium to honor our 2011 grant recipients. By the end of the evening, the CFSEK had recognized \$75,742.97 in grants from 2011. The event was well attended by trustees, grantees and friends of the foundation. The evening was a chance for not only the celebration of the 2011 Grants but acknowledgement of the ten year anniversary of the foundation as well. Joe Hart, CFSEK Board President, took a moment during the evening to thank the Founders of the foundation for their leadership and forethought when beginning the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas on February 28, 2001.



Joe Hart, CFSEK Board President



Kim Clark, Executive Director, spoke to the importance of the non-profits in the region and the role the CFSEK plays in fostering and supporting those organizations. Clark also distributed grants for the Future Fund Giving Circle, the CFSEK General Grant recipients along with special recognition for those grantees receiving funds from the Rosalie Manley Endowment Fund (see pgs 2 & 4 for details). Mrs. Manley, a retired telephone operator, died in 2008. However, on this evening seven non profits in Southeast Kansas received over \$28,000 in her honor. The CFSEK is honored each year to make these grants in her name.

Along with the General Grant recipients, the CFSEK recognized non-profits who received grants from CFSEK's two giving circles,

Future Fund and the Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Fund. Combined the giving circles were responsible for over \$23,000 in grants for 2011. Giving Circles are groups of individuals who donate their own money to a pooled fund, decide together where to donate the funds and, in doing so, seek to increase their awareness of and engagement in the issues that concern our community.



2011 Future Fund Giving Circle Grant Recipients

Donors and grantees alike enjoyed spending the evening celebrating the successes of 2011 while looking forward to the work to be done in 2012.

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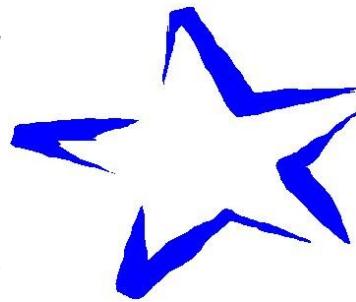
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Future Fund Giving Circle Awards

Future Fund is a giving circle hosted by CFSEK since 2005. Future Fund is a group of community leaders that are pooling their resources for important charitable causes in the area. Each year members donate \$250 which is put in the Future Fund Endowment Fund. Future Fund is essentially many people giving a little to make a big impact.

The following grants were voted on by the membership and awarded for 2011:

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Crawford County - Get Fit Youth "TRY"athlon - Grant dollars will be used for the printing of safety signage along the course route.



Elm Acres – Gorillas in the Midst/Rewards and Incentives—Funding will purchase small gift cards from variety of businesses in the area for the youth to use as a reward for good behavior and support the PSU program Gorillas in the Midst.

Wesley House (First United Methodist Church) - Hygiene Pantry - Funds will be used to purchase hygiene items such as shampoo, bath soap, razors, toothpaste, combs, etc

Franklin Community Council – Coal Corner—Funding will go towards the cost of purchasing a computer and workstation for the upcoming Smithsonian traveling exhibit in 2013.

Friends of the Pittsburg Public Library – Young Writer's Workshop - Funding to provide a one-day workshop for 2nd-5th graders will feature a local children's author as guest speaker followed by breakout sessions pertaining to writing, illustrating, and utilizing the library as a writing resource

Mount Carmel Foundation – Parent Prep Class - Funds will be used to purchase new resources for the Childbirth Prep and Parenting workshops and make videos available for families to view in postpartum rooms.

Safehouse Crisis Center – Pittsburg Shelter Weatherization — Grant dollars will purchase and install two new insulated steel doors for the Pittsburg shelter. Increasing the safety and comfort for the current facility as well as decreasing utility expenses.

Special Olympics Kansas – Bike for Life — Funding will purchase a new stationary bike for special needs athletes in Crawford County.

USD 250 - Prescription Drug Abuse Education — Grant dollars will be utilized to film the PHS reparatory theater class' original performance providing education on prescription drug abuse.

For more information about the Future Fund Giving Circle, contact Jill Ward at jill.ward@southeastkansas.org.

Matching Funds Available

Matching funds are available to donors of the Community Foundation. As a result of a challenge grant from the Kansas Health Foundation, donor gifts can be matched to make the maximum impact for our region. Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas and Fort Scott Area Community Foundation have been in this matching program since 2009. Recently, we were excited to learn that CFSEK's newest affiliate, Girard Area Community Foundation, has also been accepted into the matching GROW II program from KHF. These programs and affiliates make it possible for donors to leverage their gifts to make the biggest difference in their local communities.



Now, more than ever, charitable gifts need to make the maximum impact possible. Gifts through the Community Foundation that support your charitable giving priorities can leverage matching dollars for the benefit of the community.

Gifts can leverage 50 or 25 cents on the dollar depending on the fund you select. Matching funds are available on gifts to all endowed funds except for scholarship funds. For details on how you can make the most of your charitable dollars for your region, contact Kim Clark at 620-231-8897 or kim.clark@southeastkansas.org.

IRA Charitable Rollover Available



Individuals 70 1/2 or older can make tax-neutral contributions to the Community Foundation directly from their IRA. A special IRA rollover provision allows for tax-neutral IRA withdrawals as long as the distribution goes directly to charity. IRA owners who are 70 1/2 or older are required to withdraw a minimum amount each year and pay taxes on it, whether they need the money or not. The benefit of this rollover provision is that it satisfies the minimum distribution and by donating the money to charity, the requirement is fulfilled without incurring a tax bill.

Distribution checks must be made out to the qualified 501(c)3. The provision is limited to withdrawals from IRAs. Money in a 401k or similar plan would need to be rolled into an IRA before a direct contribution can be made to a charity. Private foundations and donor-advised funds are not eligible for tax-free IRA distributions. With their transfer, individuals may establish a new fund or contribute to an existing fund except for a donor advised fund.

As of the printing of this newsletter, this tax law is only in effect until December 31, 2011. For more information, contact Kim Clark at 620-231-8897 or kim.clark@southeastkansas.org.



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CFSEK General Grants

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas provides grants throughout the Southeast Kansas region to fund programs that strengthen the counties we serve. On November 14, 2011, the CFSEK awarded a total of \$52,294 to the following agencies for their programs for 2011.

Catholic Charities – Preventing Homelessness in Southeast Kansas –To provide rental assistance to individuals or families facing eviction from their homes or cut off of essential utilities

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas – CHC/SEK Teenage Pregnancy Care Management –To help ensure low-income teenagers expecting a baby (or just delivered) have adequate food, housing and medical services and to encourage and reward their achievement of personal life and educational goals.

CLASS, Ltd – Emergency Health and Wellness Assistance for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities – Funding to assist Crawford, Cherokee and Labette County residents with developmental disabilities obtain needed goals, services, and supports for emergency needs related to their health and well being.

KS Big Brothers Big Sisters Crawford County – YMCA Match Membership –Program to fund YMCA passes for all Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors in order to provide a free, healthy activity for "bigs" and "littles" to participate in together.

KS Big Brothers Big Sisters Labette County- DREAMS – Develop Relationships, Enthusiasm, and Much Sharing –Funding for four match events throughout the 2011-2012 year. Match events are events for "bigs" and "littles" to spend time together doing a fun activity to

develop their mentor relationship.

Labette County Emergency Assistance – CFSEK Cares –Funding will provide food, utility and rent payment assistance for citizens of Labette County.

Mother to Mother Ministry – Bourbon County – Resource for Basic Needs Assistance - Funding to provide parenting classes, fatherhood support as well as basic needs for families with children.



2011 CFSEK General Grant Recipients

Mother to Mother Ministry – Crawford County – Earn while you Learn – Grant funds will be used to purchase diapers, wipes, and children's clothing that caregivers earn by meeting their children's health related goals and by participating in parenting classes.

SEK-CAP– CHOICES Emergency Shelter – Funds will be use to increase the quality of life of women residing in the homeless shelter by establishing a medical home for preventative health care and establishing positive habits around nutrition and exercise.

Wesley House – Children's Summer Food Program – Children's Summer Food program provides food for families with children during the summer months when school lunches are not available.

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Women of Purpose: Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Fund

In early November, the women of the Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Giving Circle met to review the year and plan for the future. The women came together to hear about the grants they had made in 2011. By combining their contributions, they are able to make a large impact for a variety of women's health issues facing women and the families they support throughout Southeast Kansas. Each fall the women invite a grantee to come and discuss the funds they have received and the impact it has had on the women in their programs. In addition to the fall meeting, the women often participate in site visits to grantees during the year to get a first hand glimpse at the work that is being done with the help of their funding.

The recipients of the Women Health Giving Circle for 2011-2012 are the following:

Horses of Hope – Funding will support the “H.O.P.E for Healthy Living Mentoring Program” that will improve the mind, body and spirit of participants. The program pairs women with disabilities with able-bodied women mentors to work with equine therapy.



Members of Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Fund

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas – To fund the Comprehensive Women's Health Services for the Most Vulnerable. This program will provide equipment to be used for the diagnosis of cervical and vaginal cancer.

Mt Carmel Foundation – Funding will support the purchase of a central fetal monitoring system to be used in the new Women Center at Via Christi Hospital.

If you're interested in the Women's Giving Circle, contact Jill Ward at jill.ward@southeastkansas.org or 620-231-8897.

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2011 Rosalie Manley Endowment Grant Recipients

NAMI– Empowering Mental Health Consumers &

Family Members –Funding to train mental health consumers and family members to implement signature educational programs about mental

illness and recovery

Regional Prevention Center (Learning Tree) – Student Financial Leadership – Funding will be used to purchase financial literacy curriculum and materials for middle school students in Crawford and Cherokee counties

Pittsburg Public Library – Art at the Library –

Funding will provide free creative art programs for area children and young adults at the Pittsburg Public Library

Congratulations and thank you to these recipients for their hard work and innovative thinking!



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Year End Giving? Check!

The giving season is here! This season is filled with holidays, family and fun, but it can also come with a lot to do. Santa has his "naughty or nice" list while we have a "to do" list. Fortunately, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas can help you check some items off that list.

If you need a tax deduction now but aren't sure which charities you want to support, we can help! You can transfer any amount of cash or stock to a charitable donor advised fund, immediately receive your tax deduction, and then take your time researching how you want to distribute your charitable dollars.

We encourage you to start your year-end giving early and enjoy spending extra time with family and friends, but if you need a little more time our office will be open through December 30th. If you're mailing a contribution please make sure it is postmarked on or before December 31st. Stock transfers will need to be made before the close of business on December 30th.

Contact Kim Clark at kim.clark@southeastkansas.org or 620-231-8897 to make a contribution to your current fund or to start a new fund.



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