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## The Generosity of the Region Applauded at the Annual Grant Celebration

*Remember what you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone...  
Rather what is woven in the lives of others.*

*-Gandhi*

***Area residents attended an evening of celebrating for the good works the funded by the Foundation grants in 2014.***

Pittsburg State University's Wilkinson Alumni Center served as the site for the 13th annual Grant Celebration hosted by the Community Foundation. Guests mingled before the ceremony viewing an Agency Partners' Informational Fair while enjoying beverages and hors d'oeuvres prepared and served by *Angels Among Us*.

Executive Director, Cathy White welcomed guests followed by **Foundation Board of Trustees President Wendell Wilkinson** and Cathy making the grant presentations. When thanking the trustees and friends of the Foundation for attending Wendell added, *"This evening's event illustrates directly what*

*charitable giving means for our regional community and our agency partners. The Foundation is here because of the generosity of our founders and donors Thank you for being here and celebrating with us!"*



**Wendell Wilkinson, Foundation Board of Trustees President**

Since 2004 the Foundation's grant cycles have funded 196 projects totaling \$445,070.00. **48 non profit projects will be funded from grants for a total of \$142, 617.** The Foundation is serving the Region with funds for Basic Human Needs programs and programs directly impacting the Youth's Needs in the Region. These numbers represents granted dollars from funds the Foundation directly manages.



**2013 Grant Recipients**

Cathy closed the evening thanking attendees for their support of the Foundation. *"Tonight, we are witnessing how the generosity of our Founding Donors whose faith and confidence in this community gave them the desire to form a community foundation in 2001. This is generosity."*

## Community Foundation 2013 Grants

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### **Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Granting Fund-Basic Human Needs**

**Angels Among Us**— funds used to purchase \$75 gift cards for patients during a stressful time helping to relieve some of the financial burden during the holidays.

**Creating Assets, Saving & Hope**— educational program empowering households to life-long financial security by making behavioral changes in financial management sponsored by Interfaith Housing Services.

**CLASS LTD** Emergency Human Needs Assistance for Individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities. The organization helps fill the gaps for clients in fulfilling their basic shelter, food or clothing needs.

**Bourbon County Inter-agency Coalition, Inc.** Network for Families providing rent and utility assistance for families helping to keep families intact and housed.

**Labette County emergency Assistance Center** Program helps families and individuals within the community with basic living needs.

**Catholic Charities, Inc.** through their preventing homelessness in Southeast Kansas program Catholic Charities helps families with their rent or utility needs.

**Children's Advocacy Center** This technology update, purchase of a White Board will enable the Center to only have to collect information from a child in one interview then being able to process information in an efficient way, plus providing for better preservation of information and presentation in court.

**Visioning a Healthy Bourbon County** To provide youth access to recreational activities and the Bourbon County population access to meet human needs this grant will purchase transportation passes and fund scholarships for Buck Run recreational center.

**Special Olympics Kansas** As part of the Exercise for Life program giving residents with developmental disabilities who have a 42% greater possibility of obesity another piece of equipment to use in their program. This grant is funding a commercial quality rower.

**Kansas Children's Service League** This agency is the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse Kansas and through this grant will train 300 adults targeting families at higher risk: single parent, families living in poverty and families with multiple stressors.

**Women's Resource Center of Southeast Kansas** This grant will fund training to prevent shaken baby syndrome and training for coping with frustrations of parenting.

### **Grant from Pittsburg Area Arts & Culture Endowment**

**Pittsburg Public Library-** In cooperation with the Department of Teaching and Leadership at PSU the library will use this grant to bring a well-known children's or young adult author and/or illustrator to Pittsburg. The program will be free and offered to PSU education students, area school students, teachers, librarians and interested community members.

## Community Foundation 2013 Grants

### Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Granting Fund-Youth Activities

**Mother to Mother Ministry-** Self Sufficiency & Healthy Lifestyle Choices . Support Moms meet with Partner Moms as mentors and share activities while assisting in setting realistic goals individually and for the family

**First United Methodist Church, Wesley House-** Children's Summer Food program supplements food to children each week throughout the summer months when school isn't in session.

**Crawford County Sheriff's Office S.A.F.E.-** Seat belt project designed to increase teen seat belt compliance through positive rewards, involving all Crawford County high school students in a variety of activities. The \$25 gift cards will be given as incentives.

**USD 246 Northeast-Arma Mastery Connect-** This software will be an asset for the teachers as they transition next school year to the Common Core State Standards. The software tracks each students are progressing through each of the standards.

**Center for the Learning Tree Institute (Greenbush)-** Nature's Classroom: Everyday Astronomy. There is a seasonal element to Greenbush programs and this grant will support the astronomy activities to include the summer camps. Funds will be used for instructional materials, astronomy binoculars, and development of marketing materials for the entire program plus lesson plans and training guides.

**Horses of Hope Riding Center Inc.-** Strides to Success is a program designed to improve the physical mental and emotional lives of youth with all types of disabilities through therapeutic and educational work with horses.

**Miners Hall Museum Foundation-** This "Bringing History to our Youth" project will consist of a traveling trunk containing items from each area of the museum enabling teachers to use for telling the story of the southeast Kansas mining heritage.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County-** This grant will be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Get Fit TRYathlon and Get Fit 5K/10K run.

**Live Well Crawford County-** These funds will support marketing and development of annual activities the group promotes annually. Youth TRYathlon, Live Well visibility, Random Acts of Wellness Days, and the Apple awards program.

**Elm Acres Foundation** the grant will support a program for the Elm Acres Youth teaching violence prevention and gang resistance

**Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas-** Free Little Library-Free Book Exchanges. Three book boxes will be built and adopted by community members and an initial supply of books purchased. This is a collaborative effort with USD 250 giving teachers an overall awareness of the project with their input for sustaining and expanding the project.

**Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters of Labette County-** Funds will be used to pay for costs associated with holding match events in the community throughout the year.

**Pittsburg YMCA** to purchase two gymnastics mats

**Lowell Milken Center, Inc.-** This grant will fund the promotion of the exhibits featuring: "The Struggle for Freedom in SE Kansas: Jewish, Native and African Americans" Ribbon cutting for the exhibit will be in January of 2014. The funds are matched by the Lowell Milken Family Foundation.

**Restorative Justice Authority-** Healthy Changes- On the right track. Part of the issues facing the youth participants in this program is the lack of proper nutrition. For the small group sessions meeting to learn skills to negate criminal behavior nutritionally sound snacks will be provided.

**ENACATUS-** Building Southeast Kansas: Planting Seeds of Change Through "Always Be True to You" ENACTUS students will strive to intervene and prevent ongoing generational poverty, increase educational attainment and promote career success among southeast Kansas foster youth.

## Future Fund Giving Circle 2013 Grants

Future Fund is a giving circle made up of people who want to do great things for the community. By pooling resources together, the giving circle structure enables individuals to achieve more impact with their charitable giving than they can achieve on their own. Since 2006 Future Fund members have awarded \$30,749 in grants supporting projects to improve health and wellness in Crawford County.

This granting season \$7,700 was approved for non-profit partners to use in the Crawford County area.



Erica Wilson, SEK Humane Society , and Wendell Wilkinson  
2013 Grant Celebration

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters Crawford County**-funds to develop media campaign

**Children's Advocacy Center**- funds to for the Center to provide a two day training for forensic interviewers in SE Kansas

**Catholic Charities**-funds provide financial assistance for prescription medicines

**CLASS LTD**-provide uniforms for Special Olympics

**First Christian Church/Pittsburg Community Garden**-funds to build nine additional raised garden beds

**Salvation Army**- funds to purchase stocking stuffers for children's Christmas

**Southeast Kansas Humane Society**- funds to purchase Kuranda beds for indoor dog kennels and cat room

**Special Olympics**-purchase adaptive equipment for winter sports program



Chevi Peters, Special Olympics, and Wendell Wilkinson  
2013 Grant Celebration

The Future Fund Giving Circle is always looking for more members who believe Crawford County is a great place to live, work and play. Members annually contribute \$250.

If you believe as nearly 80 other Crawford County residents do that the Future Fund is important to the area, then contact Lee Ann in the Foundation office, 620 231 8897, or by email: [leeannn.ryan@southeastkansas.org](mailto:leeannn.ryan@southeastkansas.org).



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## Year End Giving? We have a solution for you!

We have waited all year and now the **giving season** is here! This season, a favorite for many is filled with holidays, family and fun, plus many things to do. While Santa is editing his “naughty or nice” list at the Foundation we are reviewing our “to do” list. Fortunately for you, when contacting the Foundation office we can help you with the **season’s charitable giving** on your list. At the Foundation we want to be your personal “Santa’s Helper” and help you with your **end of year giving**.

We can help the very busy person **needing a tax deduction now** who may be unsure of which charities to support. You can **transfer any amount** of cash or stock to a donor advised fund, immediately receive your **tax deduction**, and then **take your time** making decisions for the ways you want to distribute your charitable dollars when the excitement of the season passes.



We encourage you to **start your year-end giving early** then, enjoy spending extra time with family and friends. 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 26th.**

**Contact** Cathy by calling 620-231-8897 or by email [cathy.white@southeastkansas.org](mailto:cathy.white@southeastkansas.org) to make a contribution to your current fund or to establish a new fund.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

### *Need to find a gift for someone who has everything?*

Consider giving a Giving Card. Giving Cards are similar to retail gift cards, but they are redeemed to benefit any 501(c)(3) public charity in the United States (including churches, schools and synagogues). New designs are available now, so purchase your Giving Cards today! Cards can be purchased with a credit card online [www.southeastkansas.org](http://www.southeastkansas.org) or by calling 620 231 8897. Contact us if you would like to use your fund to purchase a giving card.

*Are you a business owner? Would you like to help your associates give charitably? You can do just that with Giving Cards.*



The Community Foundation can customize Giving Cards with your company's logo. You can use a portion of your annual business charitable funds and give to your associates to give to their church, school or favorite charity. Contact Cathy to learn more.

Please allow three to five business days to process and mail your order.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FAMILY OF FUNDS

Angel's Among Us Endowed Fund  
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 Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Endowed Fund  
 Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund  
 Rita J Bicknell Circle of Friends Fund  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County  
 Endowment Fund  
 Big Brutus, Inc. Fund  
 CFSEK General Endowment Fund  
 CFSEK Leadership Endowment Fund  
 CFSEK Leadership Project Endowment Fund  
 CFSEK Operating Endowed Fund  
 CFSEK Operating Fund  
 Caring for Kids Endowment Fund  
 Cato School Historical Preservation Association Fund  
 Cherokee County Health and Wellness Fund  
 Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Commerce Bank Scholarship Fund  
 Countryside Christian School Fund  
 Craig Crespino Scholarship Fund  
 Crawford County Disaster Relief Fund  
 Crawford County Health and Wellness Fund  
 Dylan Meier "Get Busy Livin'" Foundation Fund  
 Jeanette Edwards Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Elm Acres Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 "Everybody Plays" Playground Project Fund  
 Family Resource Center Endowment Fund  
 Family Resource Center Fund  
 Pittsburg Farmer's Market Fund  
 Pat Forbes Scholarship Fund  
 Foundation for Class Fund  
 Franklin Community Council Endowment Fund  
 Franklin Community Council Fund  
 Friends of the McCune Memorial Park Fund  
 Friends of the Southeast Kansas Symphony Fund  
 Future Fund Endowment Fund  
 Gutteridge Foundation Fund  
 Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County  
 Health and Wellness Advisory Board of Labette County  
 Healthy Families of Southeast Kansas  
 Hearts and Hammers of Pittsburg  
 Homer Cole Community Center Fund

Homer Cole Community Center Endowed Fund  
 Imagine Pittsburg 2030 Fund  
 Immigrant Park Fund  
 J. L. Hutchinson Endowment Fund  
 Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund  
 Kansas Health Foundation Granting Fund  
 Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund  
 Kansas Health Foundation Public Health Fund  
 Robert Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations Fund  
 Rosalie Manley Endowment Fund  
 Mother to Mother Ministry Fund  
 Mt Carmel Foundation Endowment Fund  
 Mt Carmel Foundation Fund  
 Northeast USD 246 Foundation Endowed Fund  
 Operation Roundup  
 Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture Fund  
 Pittsburg Beautiful Endowment Fund  
 Pittsburg Fireworks Fund  
 Pittsburg Public Library Endowment Fund  
 Pittsburg Public Library Fund  
 Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation Fund  
 Safehouse Crisis Center Endowment Fund  
 Saint Mary's Colgan School Endowment Fund  
 Southeast Kansas Humane Society Endowment Fund  
 Southeast Kansas Independent Living, Inc. (SKIL) Fund  
 Stilwell Heritage and Educational Foundation Fund  
 Tyler Jeck Memorial Endowment Fund  
 Tyler Jeck Memorial Fund  
 United Way of Crawford County, Inc. Fund  
 Vinylplex, Inc. Endowment Fund



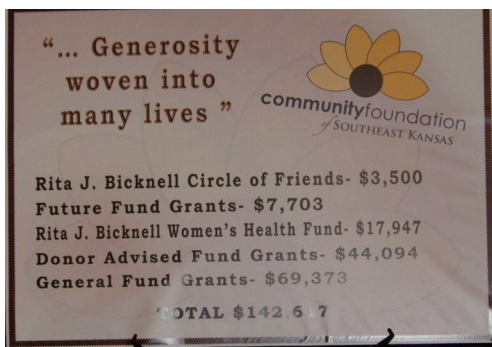
Rod Landrum, Labette Health, and Wendell Wilkinson  
2013 Grant Celebration

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## 2013 National Community Foundations Week



**Cody Pierce and Wendell Wilkinson**



**2013 Agency Fair**



**John Ketterman presenting Proclamation**



**2013 Chamber Coffee**



**Joe Hart introducing the Foundation singers**



**Events Celebrating the communities generosity**



## *Think about what matters to you ...*

The church where you worship. The schools your children attend. The park where your grandchildren love to play. A local charity you care deeply about. The music and art that means so much. How can you ensure that the things that make your community unique continue, long after you're gone?

We know that the impact of the transfer of wealth in our state could leave a big hole in many communities directly affecting their very existence. In the four county area of Crawford, Cherokee, Bourbon and Labette counties roughly \$3 billion dollars is projected to leave the area in the time span of 2010-2019. Families can secure their legacy and ensure funds are available to keep their home town's quality of life intact when establishing funds at the Community Foundation. Grants from funds planned for the future can sustain agency projects, schools and churches for many years to come. By Keeping 5 in Kansas, meaning, if a total of 5% of Kansas estates can be earmarked for Community Foundation funds, Kansas communities will have a better opportunity for continuing success.

I invite you for a conversation regarding your business or family's legacy. Learn how you can partner with the Community Foundation and your professional advisors to preserve what you value most about this community.

Sincerely,  
*Cathy White*  
Executive Director



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