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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*

***Founders and Friends helped us celebrate***

As guests entered Pittsburg State University's Wilkinson Alumni Center attending the Community Foundation's Annual Grant Celebration were welcomed by Foundation Trustees, Vicki Dennett, Gordon Elliott and Joe Hart. 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*.

Something new for the popularly attended event was beginning the evening with music by Lisa Gerstenkorn. She is a voice teacher at Pittsburg State University. Ms Gerstenkorn's voice added to the celebration atmosphere of the evening as she performed popular standards and show tunes.



**Lisa Gerstenkorn entertaining guests**

Another addition to the evening was "Only a minute at the mic". Guests heard a 60 second sketch from each agency and the grant they received. This was an informative addition to the program giving the audience more insight into the grants the agencies received and their involvement in the community.



**Doni Gray, McCune Library**



**DeAnna Goering, CLASS Ltd.**



**Kim Vogel, Pittsburg Parks**

## Giving Tuesday 2014

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By now, we have witnessed the media hype for Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. Following a day devoted to Giving we find ourselves caught up in a media frenzy of spending, seeing way too many Santa Clauses, and fights over the best priced televisions.

According to initial estimates tallied by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and supported by the Case Foundation \$34.5 million was donated online.

More than 296,000 online and offline contributions to charities were made during the 24-hour period that began at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2 and continued until 11:59 p.m. The estimates are based on contributions tracked by several major donation processing platforms for nonprofits: Blackbaud, Donor Perfect, Global Giving, Network for Good and Razoo.

"Just as Cyber Monday and Black Friday are key indicators of consumer sentiment and economic health, this data on #Giving Tuesday can serve as an indicator of the health of our giving economy," said Jean Case, co-founder and CEO of the Case Foundation. "We're excited about what we saw yesterday, as millions of people came together to support more than 15,000 nonprofits across the globe, demonstrating the true spirit of the holidays proving that collectively small gifts bring big results.\*\*

***Charitable giving through the Community Foundation can be everyday.....***

Did you know that you can have a "GIVING TUESDAY" 365 days of the year when you click on the DONATE NOW button at the Community Foundation's website? You have the choice of giving to any one of over 100 funds including funds for our affiliates .



\*\*from the Lilly School of Philanthropy News, 12/03/14

## Photos from the Grant Celebration



Whether enjoying the delicious food, as Trustee Ron Marrone or having a minute at the mic like Chase Uhlich from Enactus, or hearing more about an agency; those attending the Grant Celebration had a fun time.

## Affiliate News

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation has experienced significant growth in the last year. They have grown from total assets of \$531,522 to \$2,010,297. The growth is attributed to the establishment of a large donor advised fund, the Good Works forever campaign and the partnership with the Adam LaRoche Family, and the City of Fort Scott in establishing the LaRoche Family Baseball Complex Fund.

FORT SCOTT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



New trustees are: Michael Bryant, Tim Bloomfield, Pat Alexander, Beth Nuss, Otie Thomas, Stephanie Witt, Melissa Wise and Bob Marshall.

The Foundation recently hosted a Chamber Coffee where they announced the agencies receiving \$25,793 in grants.

The Marketing Committee through The Good Works Forever campaign mailed brochures to 500 area residents. Local radio interviews have helped get out the word about the activities of the Foundation.

Officers for the Foundation are: Carla Farmer, chairperson; Janet Braun past chairperson, Blake Hudson vice chair person, Lindsay Madison secretary and Jim Banwart, Sr. Treasurer.



The Girard Area Community Foundation in its third year is enthusiastic about initial growth. It has \$650,000 in total assets with the addition of two new funds: Crawford County Fair Board Capital Campaign Fund and the Joe and Margarita Sauer Scholarship Fund.

At their annual meeting the Foundation awarded five grants for a total of 11,060. This was the second year for the Grant review committee to solicit grant applications from the Girard Area agencies.

For a second year the event Dancing with Our Hometown Stars generated funds for local charities and \$5000 in revenue for the Foundation. The Community Foundation partners with Celebrate Girard for the event.

As part of their outreach the Board hosts luncheons inviting people to learn more about the Foundation's good works. The lunches provide opportunity for the trustees to tell the Foundation's story with the hopes of involving more people in the Foundation's growth. Reaching out more to the agricultural community is part of the 2015 focus.



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## Solutions for charitable giving

### *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

## Have you considered your own charitable giving account?

The staff at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is available to help with any charitable giving needs, including [accepting last-minute donations to funds](#), sending grant checks to nonprofits and [setting up new charitable giving accounts](#), also known as donor-advised funds. These accounts are easy to establish and offer more flexibility, confidentiality and tax benefits than private foundations. Whether giving to your church, your alma mater or any charity we offer advice on making these processes easy for you. Each quarter you receive a statement of activity, how your fund has performed and it's balance.

Only closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day [Our office](#) is open through Dec. 31 to ensure everyone has time to make the most of their charitable giving in 2014 and beyond. We accept donations of cash, checks, stocks and [other complex assets](#), such as closely held stock, life insurance policies or real estate. ***If you are mailing a 2014 contribution to the Community Foundation, make sure it is postmarked on or before December, 31.*** Please also allow additional time for gifts of stock or complex assets.

If we can help make your giving simple and meaningful, contact us at 620.231.8897. Also allow additional time for gifts of stock or complex assets.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FAMILY OF FUNDS

|                                                      |                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Angel's Among Us Endowed Fund                        | Health and Wellness Advisory Board of Cherokee County |
| Angel's Among Us Fund                                | Hearts and Hammers of Pittsburg                       |
| Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Endowed Fund         | Homer Cole Community Center Fund                      |
| Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund                 | Homer Cole Community Center Endowed Fund              |
| Rita J Bicknell Circle of Friends Fund               | Imagine Pittsburg 2030 Fund                           |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County          | Immigrant Park Fund                                   |
| Endowment Fund                                       | J. L. Hutchinson Endowment Fund                       |
| Big Brutus, Inc. Fund                                | Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund              |
| Barton County Community Fund                         | Kansas Health Foundation Granting Fund                |
| CFSEK General Endowment Fund                         | Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund               |
| CFSEK Leadership Endowment Fund                      | Kansas Health Foundation Public Health Fund           |
| CFSEK Operating Endowed Fund                         | Robert Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations Fund     |
| CFSEK Operating Fund                                 | Rosalie Manley Endowment Fund                         |
| Caring for Kids Endowment Fund                       | Mother to Mother Ministry Fund                        |
| Cato School Historical Preservation Association Fund | Mt Carmel Foundation Endowment Fund                   |
| M. Lee & Noretta Caldwell Education Fund             | Mt Carmel Foundation Fund                             |
| Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. Endowment Fund      | Northeast USD 246 Foundation Endowed Fund             |
| City of Pittsburg Walking Trails Fund                | Operation Roundup                                     |
| Commerce Bank Scholarship Fund                       | Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture Fund                  |
| Craig Crespino Scholarship Fund                      | Pittsburg Area Chamber Foundation Leadership          |
| Crawford County Disaster Relief Fund                 | Endowed Fund                                          |
| Crawford County Health and Wellness Fund             | Pittsburg Beautiful Endowment Fund                    |
| Dylan Meier "Get Busy Livin'" Foundation Fund        | Pittsburg Beautiful non endowed Fund                  |
| Dylan Meier "Get Busy Livin'" Scholarship Fund       | Pittsburg Bi-Centennial Fund                          |
| Jeanette Edwards Memorial Scholarship Fund           | Pittsburg Fireworks Fund                              |
| Elm Acres Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund            | Pittsburg Public Library Endowment Fund               |
| "Everybody Plays" Playground Project Fund            | Pittsburg Public Library Fund                         |
| Family Resource Center Endowment Fund                | Pittsburg State University Enactus Fund               |
| Family Resource Center Fund                          | Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation Fund                     |
| Pittsburg Farmer's Market Fund                       | Safe House Crisis Center Endowment Fund               |
| Pat Forbes Scholarship Fund                          | Saint Mary's Colgan School Endowment Fund             |
| Foundation for Class Fund                            | Southeast Kansas Women Helping Women                  |
| Franklin Community Council Endowment Fund            | Southeast Kansas Humane Society Endowment Fund        |
| Franklin Community Council Fund                      | Southeast Kansas Independent Living, Inc. (SKIL) Fund |
| Friends of the McCune Memorial Park Fund             | Stilwell Heritage and Educational Foundation Fund     |
| Friends of the Southeast Kansas Symphony Fund        | Tyler Jeck Memorial Endowment Fund                    |
| Future Fund Endowment Fund                           | Tyler Jeck Memorial Fund                              |
| Gutteridge Foundation Fund                           | Tyler Jeck Scholarship Fund                           |
| Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County              | United Way of Crawford County, Inc. Fund              |
|                                                      | Vinylplex, Inc. Endowment Fund                        |