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Winter 2016

#### **Inaugural Match Day Event Huge Success**















## #GivingTuesday



## Match Day 2016

Earlier this year, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Board of Trustees made the decision to allocate \$20,000 from the general fund grant monies to be used to assist local non-profits with endowed CFSEK funds to grow their endowments. Recently concluding the first ever Match Day for the CFSEK, it turned out to be a very good idea.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted its first ever Match Day. The purpose of the event was to celebrate giving back to the community on "Giving Tuesday", the day proclaimed for giving. The results were even greater than anticipated. Over 200 contributions were received totaling \$71,883. 20 local organizations benefited by increasing their endowed funds which will generate present and future income annually to address community needs. The Community Foundation distributed an additional \$20,000 proportionately to the organizations, for a grand total of \$91,883.

Two Match Day organization directors shared their thoughts on the giving to their endowed funds. Bev Clarkson, Pittsburg Public Library Director, stated in a message to the Community Foundation "The Match Day was an inspired idea and a tremendous success. We appreciate all the good works that the Community Foundation does for the library and our community". Additionally, Angels Among Us Director, Diana Polston, shared the following, "I would like to thank our friends and family who were so generous in making donations for Match Day! We will be able to help so many cancer patients with financial needs and this reaffirms what great friends and what a supportive and loving community we have in Pittsburg, KS. Thank you to everyone who donated not only to Angels, but to all of the agencies who received donations!"

"These results reflect highly of our community and how compassionately people care about the wonderful work of our local non-profit organizations. We are thrilled with the results and grateful to all who supported and contributed to our Match Day organizations. The success of this event is a tribute to the generosity of people in southeast Kansas" stated Community Foundation director, Kit Parks.

The Community Foundation is so pleased with the results of Match Day 2016. It was our privilege to be able to offer area non-profits an opportunity to support programming now and for the future ensuring continued services to SEK residents in need.

#### 2016 Grant Celebration

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas celebrated \$190,873 in grant awards to agency partners throughout the southeast Kansas area. Grants are given from the Foundation general grant funds, the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund Giving Circles, and the Future Fund Giving Circle. Each year the Foundation holds three grant cycles that accept applications from non-profits, government entities, educational institutions and religious organizations across the southeast Kansas region.

On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted its annual Grant Celebration at the Wilkinson Alumni Center on the PSU campus. The celebration included the Foundation's Board of Trustees, founders, donors who make charitable giving within our community possible, and area agencies. The event celebrated the work of the non-profit agencies that serve our community and its needs. The event recognized 44 agencies and organizations who received a total of \$136,750 in grants this year from the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. The 2016 total amount supporting programs and projects from the Community Foundation and its affiliates is \$190,873.

The event kicked off with social time, food and beverages catered by Angels Among Us, a 2016 grant recipient, and music provided by PSU music education student, Carol Smock. The Community Foundation's first ever Match Day was announced, and 2016 grant recipients shared briefly about their agency and funded grant project. It was an evening of fun, fellowship, and heartfelt stories of the good work the Community Foundation and partners provide to our southeast Kansas communities.



Grant recipients Pittsburg Public Library and Women Helping Women



CFSEK Board President, Douglas Stuckey & trustee, Wilda Pentola



PSU Music Education Student, Carol Smock



Angels Among Us volunteers, Bill Erdman & Larry Polston

#### **2016 Grant Recipients**

<u>Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Fund</u>
Angels Among Us Inc.
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
Families and Children Together Inc.

Special Olympics Kansas (New Hope of Pittsburg

<u>Circle of Friends</u>

Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center Interlocal 637-PHS Low Incidence Program Mount Carmel Foundation

Future Fund CLASS

Crawford County Fair Association
Family Resource Center
Mount Carmel Foundation
The Salvation Army
Special Olympics Kansas
Women Helping Women
CFSEK General Grants

Basis Human Needs:

Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition, Inc. Bourbon County Senior Citizen's, Inc. Catholic Charities, Inc.

**CLASS LTD** 

First United Methodist Church, Wesley House
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Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center
Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc.
Labette County Emergency Assistance Center
Mount Carmel Foundation
Safe Haven Outreach Mission

Salvation Army Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Shirley Yeager Animal Friends Foundation Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.
Women Helping Women: A Fairy Godmother's Fun

**Youth Activities Grants:** 

Big Top Education Center Inc. Center Bethel Church

Center for the Learning Tree Institute
Cherokee County K-State Research & Extension

Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

City of Pittsburg Parks & Recreation Dept.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas Inc.

Erie Community Foundation, Inc.

**Family Resource Center** 

**Frontenac United Methodist Church** 

Horses of Hope Riding Center, Inc.

Interlocal 637 Community Based Instruction Program in

**Pittsburg Community Schools** 

Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc.

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Kansas Kids @ Gear Up

**Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes** 

Miners Hall Museum

**Northeast Unified School District** 

Pittsburg Public Library

Special Olympics Kansas (Pittsburg affiliate)

Spring River Mental Health & Wellness, Inc.

USD 250 George Nettels Elementary

USD 250 Lakeside Elementary Fort Scott Area Community Foundation

Girard Area Community Foundation

Arts & Culture Grants:

Mother to Mother Ministry

**USD 250 PHS Theatre** 

### **Charitable Giving Solutions**

The Holidays are here! The season is filled with family and fun, plus many things to do. While Santa is editing his 'naughty or nice' list, the Foundation is reviewing our 'to do' list. At the Community Foundation, we can be your personal 'Santa's Helper' and help you with your **end of year giving.** 

If you are needing a tax deduction, you can transfer any amount of cash or stock to a donor advised fund, receive your **tax deduction** and then take your time making decisions how to distribute your charitable dollars. You might consider a tax deductible gift to one of the many existing Community Foundation funds supporting education, children, animals, history or basic human needs. Donations can be made on-line at **www.southeastkansas.org.** 

If you're mailing a contribution, please make sure it is postmarked on or before December 31st. Stock transfers need to be received by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation before the close of business on December 29th.

**Contact** Kit Parks by calling 620-231-8897 or email kit.parks@southeastkansas.org to make a contribution to your current fund, establish a new fund or donate to an existing fund.

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# **Happy Holidays from CFSEK!**

As the new year approaches, we want to thank our board, donors and agency partners for all the work and contributions to help fellow Kansans. Looking forward to 2017, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas reaffirms our commitment to making southeast Kansas a great place to live.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas!



Kit, Sherri and Kim

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