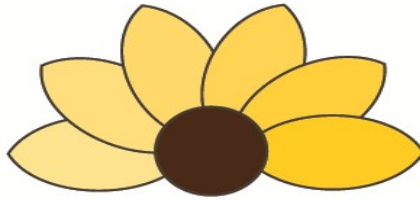




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Summer 2017

Celebrating \$30 Million in Assets

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) is a public non-profit Foundation founded in 2001 by a group of citizens who shared an interest in encouraging charitable giving and a commitment to strengthening communities. Specifically, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas and affiliate Foundations of Girard and Fort Scott serve the region by helping individuals and businesses fulfill their charitable giving goals in ways that benefit the common good and improve the quality of life.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$9.8 million in grants through its donor advised funds, unrestricted funds, designated funds, field-of-interest, scholarship, and organizational endowment funds. As the local center for charitable giving, the Foundation works with individuals, families, corporations, private foundations, and not-for-profit organizations to carry out their charitable objectives and address community issues. Across the nation, 780 community foundations help create stronger hometowns where families want to establish roots with recreational parks, social service programs, and scholarship opportunities for local students. Community foundations are at the heart of cities and towns. They know the places of need in the area, and can direct resources to help solve problems.

Donors find that community foundations are an ideal fit for their philanthropy, offering people the opportunity to give back to causes they care about. By partnering with the CFSEK, donors are able to achieve their charitable goals in ways that are easy, flexible, and effective. CFSEK works with individuals who want to provide charitable gifts to create positive impact. Look around our community. Many places you see and enjoy are in part, a result of charitable giving: Immigrant Park, Miner's Hall Museum, Europe Park, Pittsburg Public Library, Big Brutus, to name a few. Many local organizations, such as the Family Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Angels Among Us, Healthcare Access for All and Homeless Solutions have funds with the Foundation and can receive charitable donations and available grants. These organizations provide services and projects for health and basic human needs, education, and scholarships, children and youth activities and historical preservation, all making our community a better place.

Kit Parks, Executive Director commented "We are so fortunate to have had so many individual, from the original founders, Board members over the years, to our current 23 individuals serving on our Board who have a personal passion for our area, plus a desire to utilize their skills and talents to support the Foundation. Their belief in charitable giving which the Foundation promotes, helps bring about much benefit in this region and beyond. The Foundation would like to thank donors, organizations and programs who are a *force of good* in our community."

The Foundation works to achieve results for our community and is determined to continue the work in collaboration with our partners to realize a better quality of life for all. For more information on The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, call (620) 231-8897 or visit www.southeastkansas.org.



**The Community Foundation of Southeast
Kansas Announces 2017 Rita J. Bicknell
Women's Health Fund grant recipients**

In 2007, the establishment of the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Giving Circle was the philanthropic beginning for women helping women in Southeast Kansas. "To improve the health and well being of women by supporting education, increasing awareness, and sharing quality of life opportunities to benefit all women" is the mission of the Rita J. Bicknell (RJB) Women's Health Fund. In 2012, the Circle of Friends giving circle grew out of the Women's Giving Circle and today the RJB Women's Health Fund is made up of the Women's Giving Circle and the Circle of Friends. These giving circle memberships support area organizations through a granting process to promote their mission in southeast Kansas communities. Since its inception, the Rita J. Bicknell giving circles have generously given over \$133,000 impacting areas of need in our community.

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is pleased to be the host agency for the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund, established in 2001. The Rita J. Bicknell giving circles granted a total of \$22,300 this year to six worthy projects supporting women's health throughout southeast Kansas. The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas would like to congratulate the following 2017 grant recipients:

Angels Among Us Inc.: Meeting the various financial needs of cancer patients by providing wigs, turbans, air conditioners, fans, space heaters, etc., throughout the treatment process.

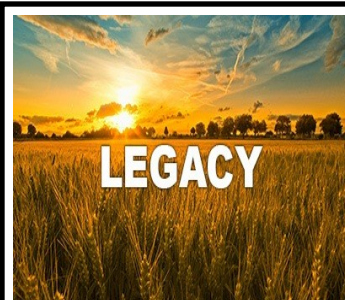
Community Health Center of SEK, Inc.: Get Tested! Get Cured! Will provide screening to 150 'Baby Boomer' women in Crawford and Cherokee counties for Hepatitis C.

Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center: Transportation for Education, Employment, and Improved Health Services will go to the purchase of reliable transportation for the center.

Mount Carmel Foundation: Women's Clinic Experience Improvement Project is to purchase a state of the art Colposcope.

Pittsburg Mother to Mother Ministry: Love & Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun will purchase a curriculum to teach Love & Logic and additional lending library resources.

Women's Resource Center of SEK: Educational Curriculum for Mothers' Physical & Emotional Health to improve and increase resources for the Earn While You Learn program.



Leave a Lasting Legacy - The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Legacy Society was created to recognize individuals who want to make a lasting contribution to their community through a will or trust. You are invited to join in this tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your name to the list of others who have realized the importance of charitable giving and investing in your community even beyond your lifetime. **Is there a charitable organization, church, school or cause that is important to you?** To find out how to leave a legacy visit www.southeastkansas.org or call Kit Parks at 620-231-8897.

2017 Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Scholarship Recipients

M. Lee and Noretta Caldwell Scholarship

Trenton Allison—Christian Learning Center
Shelby Hutchison—Ft. Scott Community College
Dakota Lamb—Ft. Scott Community College
Joshua Leistikow—Erie High School
Lindsey Robertson—Erie High School

Dr. Daniel & Jeannette Minnis Oral Health Scholarship

John Allen – Pittsburg State University

Commerce Bank Scholarship

Austin Lindsey - St. Mary's Colgan
Coral VanBecelaere – Pittsburg High School

Short Family Scholarship

Andrew Ortolani - Pittsburg High School
Lydia Winters - Pittsburg High School

Pat Forbes Scholarship

Bethany Elder - St. Mary's Colgan

Craig Crespino Scholarship

Dominic Piccini – St. Mary's Colgan
Eric Wilson - Girard High School

Tyler Jeck Scholarship

Alex Brown – St. Mary's Colgan

Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Scholarship

Kelli Cuthbertson – Girard High School
Lauren Eagon – Frontenac High School
Lindsey Fox – Northeast High School *
Margaret Murray – Frontenac High School *
Trina Paul – Pittsburg High School *
Eric Wilson – Girard High School

Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Dragon Award

Elijah Harris – Pittsburg High School

GBL/KPREPS Kansas Player of the Year

Will Schneider

*Get Busy Livin' Volunteer Abroad Grant recipients

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Announces 2017 Inaugural Elm Acres Foundation Grant Recipients

The same year Elvis hit number one with 'All Shook Up' and 'Jailhouse Rock', a group of concerned Crawford County citizens led by Rev. Costens, his wife, and the Committee of 100 began a long history of looking out for the needs and care of at-risk youth. Sixty years later the Elm Acres Foundation, in honor of Rev. Costens and the many loyal supporters, staff, and board members over the years, began a granting process to further promote their purpose of providing support and services for at-risk youth in the Southeast Kansas community (Crawford, Cherokee and Labette counties).

The Elm Acres Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas would like to congratulate the following 2017 grant recipients:

Communities in Schools

Family Resource Center

Partnership for All Cherokee County Children

The Restorative Justice Authority

Wesley House

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TUESDAY**

Community Foundation of SEK
2nd Annual Match Day
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Get ready!

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Orosi Valley, Costa Rica Adventure

Once again, the Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' (GBL) Foundation sponsored students to embark on an adventure, give back to a community, and broaden their experiences. This year three of the six GBL scholarship recipients, Trina Paul, Lindsey Fox, and Maggie Murray, were selected to travel abroad to a location of their choice through Cross Cultural Solutions summer programs. They chose Orosi Valley, Costa Rica and had an amazing experience. Time in Costa Rica was spent volunteering at a local nursing home, zip lining, visiting the Basilica (the oldest church in Costa Rica), Latin dance class, and, the top vote getter, exploring an active volcano site. The GBL 'flash 9' sign photo below was taken at the Irazu Volcano. However, "simple moments connecting with others" seemed to be the theme when describing the experiences that impacted them most.

