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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS ANNOUNCES JOSHUA MCCLOUD TO NEW POSITION OF DONOR SERVICES & COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR



The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is pleased to announce Joshua McCloud as its new donor services & community outreach coordinator, a newly created position at the foundation.

Joshua comes to the foundation with a skill set tailored for donor-services work along with ties to southeast Kansas.

Joshua has lived in Pittsburg since childhood. He graduated from USD 250 schools and Pittsburg State University, where he obtained a B.A. degree in political science. After completing his undergraduate degree, Joshua moved to Texas, where he earned his law degree from Baylor University. His studies there focused on business organizations, tax, and estate planning. Since that time, Joshua operated his own law practice in Texas until returning to Pittsburg in 2015.

When asked about his new role at the community foundation, Joshua replied, "I am excited to be able to help advance the Community Foundation's mission to encourage charitable giving benefiting the common good and quality of life for everyone in southeast Kansas. I look forward to working with donors and others in the community to help them understand how we can all help each other."

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is a local public charitable foundation which awarded \$238,000 in Foundation grants in 2018 and has facilitated \$12.9 million in donations since its inception in 2001. The Community Foundation serves the region by providing donors with a wide variety of charitable interests and encouraging charitable giving that addresses present and future needs in our area.

Parks said, "It is with amazement and gratitude to have seen the Foundation's growth in recent years, from assets of \$18 million in 2015 to \$42 million in 2018. Due to this growth, it is the right time to add a new position to assist in our mission to serve our community. The Foundation Board of Directors and staff are pleased to welcome Joshua McCloud to our team."

Joshua joins Community Foundation staff Executive Director Kit Parks, Office Administrator Kim Lynch, and Program Coordinator Sherri Stephens.

GRANTS, GRANTS, AND MORE GRANTS!

One of our favorite tasks as a community foundation is awarding grants to southeast Kansas organizations that work tirelessly to meet the needs of others. So far in 2019, three of our funds have awarded 22 grants totaling \$51,386.

Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Foundation

The **Get Busy Livin' Foundation** awards grants up to \$500 for projects and activities of area organizations to support and promote youth volunteerism. This spring, the GBL Foundation awarded a total of \$4,361 to 10 organizations:

- **Boy Scouts/Labette County Fair:** For trash pick up by the Boy Scouts for the five nights of the Labette County Fair.
- **Pitt Chapel Church of God:** For the “Easter Changed Everything” door-to-door Easter-basket delivery by the Pitt Chapel youth group.
- **Erie High School Leadership:** To coordinate and sponsor a southeast-Kansas-region Special Olympics track and field event.
- **Fostering Connections:** For Kids Night Out, which provides a fun experience at The Cheer Pitt and Frontenac Swimming Pool for foster and adoptive children.
- **Northeast Arma 8th Grade:** To create a book box for the City of Arma.
- **Northeast Arma 4th Grade:** To have a penny war to collect money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
- **Special Olympics:** For Southeast Kansas Track and Field Day to support peer mentors through Erie High School.
- **SEK Humane Society:** To create a Jr. Humane Society resulting in enrichment activities for Humane Society animals and education for youth volunteers.
- **Wildcat Extension Foundation:** To make and donate cage comforters for the SEK Humane Society through the Kids Care Sewing Camp.
- **Wildcat Extension Foundation:** To offer a Leadership Day to youth across the SEK Wildcat District to learn leadership, citizenship and volunteerism.

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Women's Giving Circle & Circle of Friends

The **Women's Giving Circle** and the **Circle of Friends** both have the mission of improving the health and well-being of women by supporting education, increasing awareness, and sharing quality-of-life opportunities to benefit all women. Part of the **Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund**, these giving circles granted funds totaling \$34,820 to 9 southeast Kansas organizations this year, including:

- **Angels Among Us Inc.:** To support any and all financial needs of cancer patients in the southeast Kansas area throughout treatment
- **Community Health Center of SEK, Inc.:** To support "Mammograms Save Lives" in developing and launching a unique breast-cancer-screening campaign.
- **Fostering Connections:** For "Healthy Family Bonds," which provides mental-health support to southeast Kansas families caring for foster and adoptive children.
- **Horses of Hope:** For "Mind, Body & Spirit Horse," which uses Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy for women suffering with mental-health issues.
- **PSU School of Nursing:** For "Pediatric Hal," a pediatric-patient simulator, enabling more nursing students in the maternal/child curriculum.
- **Women's Resource Center of SEK:** To purchase an ultrasound machine probe for improved patient care.

Elm Acres Foundation

The **Elm Acres Foundation, Inc.** provides support for at-risk youth in Crawford, Cherokee and Labette counties. So far this year, Elm Acres Foundation grants have gone to three local organizations for a total of \$12,205:

- **Family Resource Center:** To support the "Crawford County Diaper Stock" project, which provides diapers and wipes to low-income families with infants and toddlers.
- **Fostering Connections:** For the education and support of foster and adoptive families and fun, educational activities for children in care.
- **Special Olympics Kansas, Inc.:** To help "Unified Bocce for Southeast Kansas" establish bocce teams in SEK high schools allowing for adaptive physical involvement.

Congratulations to all of these hard-working organizations for their well-deserved awards!

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS ANNOUNCES 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas had the privilege to assist in granting scholarships totaling over \$57,000 to 46 students for the 2019-2020 school year. The scholarships administered by the Community Foundation are funded by donors who believe in our area's youth and support their pursuit of higher education. The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas would like to thank those donors and congratulate the following scholarship recipients:

M. Lee and Noretta Caldwell Scholarship

- Nicole Aikins – Erie HS
- Madison Batchelor – Fort Scott HS
- Ashley Dillinger – Neosho CC
- Jenna Kendrick – Parsons HS
- Traci Lee – Labette CC
- Kylee Marler – Neodesha HS
- Aidan O'Hara – Frontenac HS
- Gabbi Sands – Girard HS
- Alexandria Thomas – St. Paul HS
- Zachary Yarnell – Erie HS

Commerce Bank Scholarship

- Hazel Harper – Pittsburg HS
- Katelyn Radell – St. Mary's Colgan

Craig Crespino Scholarship

- Garrett Bolinger – St. Mary's Colgan
- Mya McCleod – Girard HS

Pat Forbes Scholarship

- Aubri Piccini – St. Mary's Colgan

Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Scholarship

- Amanda Becker – Southeast HS
- Tejay Cleland – Northeast HS *
- Kreed Curran – Girard HS
- Caroline McKnight – Frontenac HS *
- Madison Nagel – Pittsburg HS
- Morgan Noe – Pittsburg HS *
- Katelyn Radell – St. Mary's Colgan *
- Rachel Ruiz – Pittsburg HS
- Cecilia Stockard – St. Mary's Colgan

**Received the GBL Volunteer Abroad Grant*

Dylan Meier GBL Dragon Award

- Joel Kafka – Pittsburg HS

Dylan Meier GBL KPREPS Player of the Year Award

- Jace Friesen – Basehor Linwood HS

Stacy Goedeke Scholarship

- Kirsty Gordon – Kansas State

Haberbosch Family Scholarship

- Kari Shadden – Marmaton Valley HS
- Karlie Stephens – Marmaton Valley HS

Bill House Hereford Scholarship

- Josh Butler – Arkansas City HS
- Ian Messenger – Arkansas City HS
- Brianne Nelson – Oklahoma State
- Tatum Norwood – Arkansas City HS
- Thomas Parsons – Kansas State
- Kayla Signer – Oklahoma Panhandle State
- Braden Snyder – Cedar Vale HS
- John Wells – Sedan HS

Tyler Jeck Scholarship

- Annie Snow – St. Mary's Colgan

William Lehman History Scholarship

- Madylynn Ard – Uniontown HS

Minnis Oral Health Scholarship

- Ruth Wilinon – Pittsburg State

Joe & Margarita Sauer Scholarship

- Abi Doherty – Girard High School
- Gabbi Sands – Girard High School

Short Family Fine Arts Scholarship

- Kamryn Kelly – Pittsburg High School

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William Sollner Family Scholarship

- Heather Chase – Northeast HS
- Alyssa Rosette – Northeast HS
- Bailey Williams – Northeast HS

Vinylplex, Inc. Scholarship

- Delaney Cedeno – St. Mary's Colgan
- Brett Freeman – Pittsburg HS
- Hayley Moyer – Girard HS
- Cade Simmons – St. Mary's Colgan
- Leah Wescott – Pittsburg HS



Did you know? A scholarship fund established with the Community Foundation is another way a family can leave a legacy and impact the future of our community. If you would like to know more about establishing a scholarship fund, contact the Foundation office for more details at 620-231-8897 or email kit.parks@southeastkansas.org.

CFSEK GRANT-WRITING TRAINING A HUGE SUCCESS!

We were pleased to welcome Nancy Daniels, Community Vitality Specialist with K-State Research and Extension, along with SEK organizations, to the Pittsburg Public Library for a grant-writing training on April 4. The Wildcat Research and Extension District partnered with CFSEK to bring this educational opportunity to our area. We appreciate the partnership and sharing of resources.



Nancy facilitated goal-sharing and the many opportunities that exist within our communities. She taught grant-writing skills needed to create a quality, competitive grant proposal.

Thank you for your insights, Nancy!

WE HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK!



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If you've already signed up and would like to update which mailing lists you're subscribed to, check out the bottom of one of the emails you've received from us for a link to update your profile.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) Board of Trustees is a dedicated group of community leaders who believe in the CFSEK mission and our SEK communities.

New to the board in 2019 are Susan Cook, Megan Fry, Diane James, David Shepherd, Steve Ward, and Lynda Wilkinson.

A full list of current Board members is always available on our website. For 2019, our Board includes:

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- **Lynda Wilkinson**

We greatly appreciate the time and talents of all our Board of Trustees members. We are lucky to have them!



Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

Annual Match Day

Tuesday, December 3, 2019