



# The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation

*The Charitable Connection*

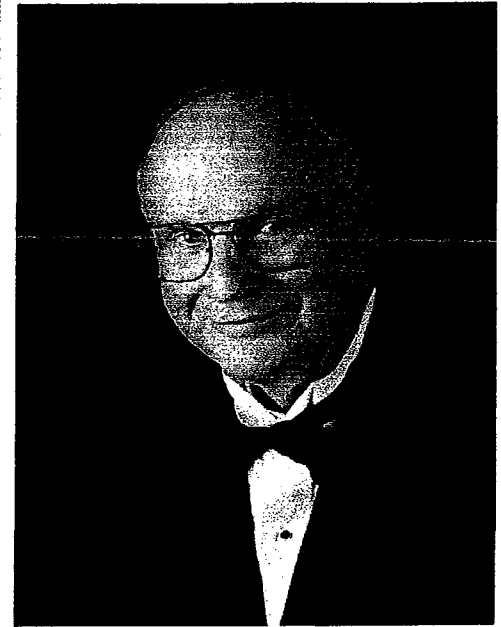
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## **A STRONG FOUNDATION**

## **A LASTING LEGACY**

*By Joseph Grady Smoot*

The men and women who accepted the challenge to create and operate the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation did so because they love Pittsburg and Crawford County as a place of heart. We selected strong community leaders to form the Foundation Board of Trustees and staff its committees. Quickly, we met the challenge of the Kansas Health Foundation to raise \$300,000 for operating funds and received their match of \$300,000 for the same purpose. As we worked to meet the second challenge grant of \$250,000, we raised more than \$500,000 in that effort. Today, the Foundation has a little more than \$2,000,000 in its funds and an excellent staff. We have a goal of raising \$7,000,000 by the end of 2007. We have accepted our third challenge grant program from the Kansas Health Foundation that will begin in January of 2005 and go for two years. Clearly, the Foundation and its trustees have acted on their vision and will soon have a fully viable Foundation in place for the needs of the people who live in Pittsburg and Crawford County.



**Dr. Joseph "Grady" Smoot**  
**PACF Founder/Trustee**  
**Vice President Emeritus-PSU**

It has been a personal joy for me to see this Foundation become active. I am honored to have been a part in establishing the Foundation and contributing my own funds to the enterprise. I believe that this is one of the most important developments in the history of Pittsburg and Crawford County, Kansas. Endowment funds will live forever as they produce income to finance the project needs of the people and organizations within our geographic territory. Our trustees and donors have acted on three fundamental principals of faith, hope, and love. We had and still have faith that this Foundation will grow and become a significant philanthropic force in our community. We hope that it will benefit people in many ways in the future. We work hard on this Foundation because we love people who live here, and want to make it a better place for future generations.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**PITTSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL CELEBRATION/GRANT PRESENTATIONS**

**JANUARY 27, 2005 5:15-7:00 P.M.**

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## ☆☆☆ 2004 PACF Grant Recipients ☆☆☆

**Backpack Buddies \$1,000** To purchase single serving, non-perishable food to send home with children over the weekend so they can come to school on Monday, ready to learn.

**Catholic Charities \$2,500** To be used to purchase materials and to provide parenting classes at no charge for three, 8-week classes. Additional grant dollars will be used for gas vouchers to assist parents in getting their children to medical appointments.

**Community Health \$2,275** To purchase a spirometer for our pediatric clinic. This piece of equipment aids in the diagnosis of asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

**Family Resource Center \$2,500** To purchase replacement items such as high-chairs, and baby swings. No new dollars have been available since 1997 for replacement of equipment.

**McCune Playground \$2,300** To purchase safe playground equipment and repair see-saw and slide. No playground equipment currently available for children age two to five.

**Mother to Mother Ministry \$350** Transportation and food for 25 mothers and children to go to George Washington Carver Monument. Introduction to a man who struggled and won. Many of our mothers need encouragement and positive role models like Carver.

**New Hope \$1,000** To pay for sporting events and sporting activities through Special Olympics for adults and children with mental retardation

**PACO \$1,000** To support a domestic violence program that is bi-lingual and culturally appropriate for the Hispanic population.

**Restorative Justice Authority \$1,000** To provide transportation for youth in State's custody from their current placement, back to the home in Crawford County. To assist the youth in successful reunification with their parents or caregiver through home passes.

**Wesley House \$2,500** To provide additional food to needy families with children during June, July, and August, 2005. The monthly increase for food during the summer months when children are not in school was 37.5% in 2004.

**Kids Voting Kansas \$3,500** To provide support to all Crawford County schools as they implement the "Kids Voting Kansas" curriculum.

*"What man does for himself dies with him—*

*What he does for his community lives long after he's gone."*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

## *Executive Director's Message*

As if getting ready for the holidays wasn't enough, the fast approaching year-end also means a review of tax issues and, for many, a flurry of year-end contributions to various charities. Your Pittsburgh Area Community Foundation can help! Listed on the back of this newsletter are funds that would be extremely appreciative of your gifts. You may write one check. If you would like that sum divided up between charities, let us know and we will provide that service.

Philanthropy does not have to be complicated. Nor does it require great wealth. It is not \$100. That is charity. Philanthropy is about change and knowing what you would like to accomplish. It requires a vision for the future. The PACF can serve you and your advisors by providing current information on the benefits and options of philanthropy, offering insight into our community needs and supplying a stable, tax-advantaged financial structure that maximizes your donation now and forever.

Before making any charitable gift, consult with your financial and legal advisors for help in making a charitable giving plan that is right for you. Once you understand the uses and benefits of making a charitable gift, your financial advisor can arrange a meeting with the PACF staff. We can help you achieve that vision for change. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to make the world a better place, one community at a time.

In a recent survey, individuals over 95 were asked what they would do differently if they could live life over. One of the most frequent responses was they would invest more time and resources in things that will last beyond their lifetimes. Most of us want to assure that the institutions we value continue to be supported during our lives and long after we are gone



## *THE FRIENDS OF FT. SCOTT ANIMAL SHELTER*

The word is spreading! Pittsburgh Area Community Foundation (PACF) is a wonderful place for organizations to establish endowments. Lynda Wilkinson, President of PACF, said, "The Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter decided that the Pittsburgh Area Community Foundation was the correct choice to invest and manage a recent \$70,000 bequest from Shirley Yeager. At their November Board meeting, the Friends voted to join the PACF. Looking toward the future, with a vision for helping animals, the Friends are committed to providing a permanent fund to help the Ft. Scott Animal Shelter."

"By investing with the PACF," Chris Ward, PACF Executive Director, stated "only the interest, not principal will be granted allowing the fund to grow. By establishing this endowment with a Foundation holding a 501 (c) (3), this fund can accept additional donations that will be tax deductible to the donor, and at the same time grow the principal, which in turn will increase the grants." The Executive Committee of the Friends of the Ft. Scott Animal Shelter is headed by Ann Gilmore-President; Tiffany Baker White-Vice President; Doris Sonntag- Treasurer; Halie Cannon-Secretary; and Brett Baker-Board Liaison to legal Counsel.

### **PACF AFFILIATED FUNDS**

Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture  
 Big Brothers and Big Sisters  
 Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.  
 Disaster Relief  
 Family Resource Center  
 Friends of the Ft. Scott Animal Shelter  
 Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations  
 Mother to Mother Ministry  
 Northeast USD 246 Foundation

PACF Children's Fund  
 Pittsburg Beautiful  
 Pittsburg Public Library Foundation  
 Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation  
 SKIL Inc.  
 Southeast USD 247  
 Franklin Community Council  
 Immigrant Park  
 United Way of Crawford County, Inc

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Looking for a worthwhile charitable cause to support in our surrounding area? You can establish your own fund (a named fund in any area of interest will require a minimum dollar amount) or you can make a contribution/memorial of any size to our affiliated funds listed above.

Please credit the enclosed contribution to the following fund.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial gift in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Donor Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have questions about the articles in this newsletter or would like more information, please contact the PACF office at 620-231-8897 or [pacfexecdir@mobill.net](mailto:pacfexecdir@mobill.net).



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