



# Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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## **GABRIEL JOHN ISON MEMORIAL FUND**



John and Ronda Ison have experienced the best and the worst together. As you look at the picture of the Ison family, one special member is missing. Gabriel Ison died shortly after birth and he was John and Ronda's first born. Miracles do happen and soon Nicholas and little Greta joined big brother Anthony and John and Ronda have the family they always wanted. Ronda and John decided they wanted to honor Gabriel in a very special way. After much thought, they decided to honor him with a memory fund at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. When the time is right, John and Ronda, with help from their children, will begin honoring Gabriel by making grants that will benefit area youth. These grants will come from the Gabriel John Ison Memorial Fund. The Foundation wishes the Ison family a Merry Christmas and happiness always.

## **KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION—CHALLENGE IV**

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is currently participating in the Grow Phase IV Kansas Health Foundation Challenge until December 31, 2006. On November 28, 2005 at the Board of Trustee meeting, it was announced that the Kansas Health Foundation has increased its monetary promise from a 2:1 to a 1:1 match.

What does this mean to the CFSEK? If the Community Foundation can raise the necessary \$700,000, the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) will place \$700,000 of additional money into the KHF Children's Health Fund. This fund is held by the CFSEK and distributed as grants to organizations or agencies that improve the lives of Southeast Kansas children. In 2004, the CFSEK granted \$20,000 locally and in 2005, the grant dollars increased to \$46,000 which will be used to improve the lives of families and children in Southeast Kansas. Grant recipients for 2005 will be announced in early December.

The KHF has been instrumental to the growth of the CFSEK. Since 2001, the Community

Foundation of Southeast Kansas has been the recipient of \$756,388 in gifts from the Wichita based Kansas Health Foundation. The majority of these gifts have been placed into endowments so that grant money will be available yearly. Other monies have been used for immediate granting and capacity building workshops for area non-profits.

The CFSEK has raised 38% of its goal in 10 months and does have until December of 2006 to reach the magic \$700,000. However, with the recent incentives, the CFSEK is asking for your help now. With the 2005 year coming to a close, please think about beginning your own donor advised fund with the CFSEK. This offers you the 2005 tax deduction while making a meaningful gift that will be matched by the Kansas Health Foundation. In addition, you can begin a donor history now which will be your legacy in future years. For more information about donor-advised funds, please contact the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas at 620-231-8897.

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**KATRINA EMERGENCY****TAX RELIEF ACT**

The plight of the people of the Gulf Coast touched the hearts of all Americans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and many are extending a helping hand-both literally and figuratively-to the victims of this disaster. Thanks to special legislation, taxpayers will not have to choose between doing their part for hurricane relief and their regular support of favorite charitable organizations.

While, under existing law, the maximum amount of cash contribution deductible in any one year is 50% of adjusted gross income, that limit is being increased to 100% of adjusted gross income in the case of certain gifts made during the stipulated period. Requirements of the new Act:

- Individual contributions-unrestricted or restricted-may be made to any qualified public charity whether or not the charity is engaged in Katrina relief.
- Gifts must be outright gifts of cash made between August 28, 2005 and December 31, 2005.
- Cash gifts will not be subject to the tax reduction rule that reduces itemized deductions by 3% of the amount by which adjusted gross income exceeds \$145,950.
- A contribution to a private foundation, a supporting organization, or donor advised fund would not qualify for the higher limit.
- Corporate deductions (normally limited to 10% of taxable income deductible up to 100% if gifts are made to Katrina relief during the allowed time period.

Donors should consult their tax advisors about both the optimum amount to contribute in 2005 and the advisability of making such contributions.

**HURRICANE KATRINA THANK YOU**

Dear Community Foundation,

Thank you for the generous gift towards Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts. The Foundation's donation makes the lives of those we serve a little easier. Your much needed gift gives the Red Cross the capacity to act immediately. Hurricane Katrina is the largest mobilization of resources for a single natural disaster. Over 200,000 trained disaster relief workers brought hope in the form of shelter, food, water, clothes, financial support, medical and mental health services, and sometimes just a shoulder to lean on. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Aaron Phillips, Executive Director

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



**Executive  
Director  
Chris Ward**

Listed on page 4 of this newsletter are the recipients of our 2006 grant dollars. This task was extremely difficult for the CFSEK grant committee. 41 grant applications were reviewed and all held the promise of making Southeast Kansas a better place to live and raise children.

Even though we had doubled our available dollars to grant (\$46,000), our applications totaled over \$120,000. This validates the purpose of our foundation, to provide a permanent pool of funds to support charitable causes in our area. If we are able to meet the current Kansas Health Foundation challenge, the foundation will receive \$700,000 to place in our Children's Endowment Fund. The additional interest from this fund will allow our grant committee to fund more projects every year. Our communities can not afford to let this opportunity pass.

The CFSEK must say goodbye to three trustees who are completing their terms. Their knowledge and support has been instrumental to the growth and success of the CFSEK. Thank you Gordon, C.L., and Steve!



## **FUTURE FUND**



The Future Fund is a group of community leaders that are pooling their resources for charitable projects in the area. With tax-deductible contributions, members are building a permanent endowment fund. A yearly membership is open to anyone making a \$250.00 donation. Membership social events will be held twice a year. Listed below is the membership roster as of November 29, 2005. For more information on joining the Future Fund, please contact the CFSEK at 620-231-8897.

Barry Bedene	Tim Towner and Patrick O'Bryan	Jeff and Ann Elliott	Ron and Barbara Rhodes
Joe and Christl Beitzinger	Brian and Gina Pinamonti	Brian and Betsy Freeman	Dick and Marilyn Peterson
John and Kim Clark	Mitch and Diane Bicknell	Dennis and Jane Crain	Buddy and Patti Gorentz
Barry and Jennifer Coleman	Mark and Nancy Schifferdecker	Justin Crain	Larry and Linda Coltrane
Dick and Faith Coleman	Gary and Susie Lundy	Todd and Kelli McKnight	Ken and Debbie Brock
Frank Dunnick	Dr. Matt Lowe	Glenn and Dee Hough	Tom and Koeta Bryant
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Kevin and Cindy Komes	Ron and Vicki Marrone	Talaat and Marie Yaghmour	John and Deanna Fields
Kevin and Frances Mitchelson	Wendell and Lynda Wilkinson	Keith and Brenda Mallatt	Mike and Alice Coltrane
Randy and Susan Percy	Chris and Dawn McNay	Elias and Magda Tawil	Warren and Gail Deatherage
Bill and Pam Phalen	Henry and Julie Menghini	Richard and Nancy Miller	Bob and Jenny Schooley
Dale and Kris Orschlen	Mark and Cheryl Carlson	Roger and Katha Heckert	Jeff and Tonya Poe
Steve and Becky Sloan	Rick and Stacy Webb	Pat and Marty Beezley	Chris and Jamie Lee Curtis
Kala Spigerelli	Roger and Heidi Misasi	Kirk and Debbie Hawley	Joe and Janice Dellasega
Bill and Shelly Sullivan	John and Beverly Mitchelson	Barry and Joyce Draper	Bill and Mary Kay Wachter
Tom and Elizabeth Tolbert	Phil and Melissa Cedeno	Doug and Julie Dellasega	Jim and Linda Walker
Vince and Theresa VanBeceleare	Rick and Susan Baden	Tom and Denise Hayes	Steve and Kristi Bitner
Steve and Chris Ward	Steve and Jana Beykirch	Dick and Kaye Lynne Webb	Mike and Janet Heckert
Brad and Carol Wimmer	David and Marcia Sorrick	Cotton and Judy Westhoff	Aldon and Maxine Bebb
Jason and Crystal Marietta	Brian and Terri Sutton	Pat and Bonnie Crossland	C.A. and Margaret Walker
Kyle and Lori Fleming			Jim and Nancy Bishop

## **2006 CFSEK AREA GRANTMAKING**

**Big Bothers Big Sisters:** To purchase 30 one-use 35 mm cameras, develop the pictures, and provide scrapbooks which will document what they have done in the way of community volunteer activities with their adult volunteer.

**Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition, Inc.:** To provide recreation opportunities for disadvantaged children, as well as the basics of food and shelter through Bourbon County Coalition's Network for Families Fund.

**Catholic Charities, Inc.:** Requested dollars will provide help to low income families. Parenting classes will be provided free of charge. Special emphasis will be placed on helping mothers enrolled in the Mothers to Infants program with the purchase of baby items. Assistance for at-risk families needing help with utility bills will be available.

**Elm Acres:** To provide funding for the "Smart Choice" Program, a program aimed at assisting adolescents in maintaining a healthy, substance abuse recovery.

**Family Resource Center:** To purchase equipment that will provide increased safety for the children attending The Center. This will include six two-way radios and two computers, and a digital camera so that pictures can be included in computer files. In addition, the grant will also provide safety training in the form of two 5-hour workshops for regional childcare providers. Forty providers would attend.

**Girard Hospital #1:** To purchase equipment that will measure serum bilirubin in newborns without using needles.

**Lucky Riders 4-H:** To purchase paint, cement, and trees which will be used to complete a new horse arena at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

**McCune Library:** To purchase books and videos that will update the children's collection. The emphasis will be on Kansas history, nature, weather, and space. Also purchased will be a PBS video series.

**"Operation Car Care":**To provide car care to area single mothers and women free of charge. This program will provide oil and filter changes, safety inspections and with the help of Mt. Carmel and the highway patrol, infant car seats.

**Partnership for All Cherokee County Children:** (P.A.C.C.C.) Dollars will be used to improve the safety, well-being, and home permanency of Cherokee County children by enhancing family involvement in the state-wide Systems of Care Initiative which supports children and families with complex needs in foster care.

**Pittsburg Community Theatre:** To support the summer Children's Theatre Jr. Starz Program.

**Pittsburg Junior Leadership Program:** Crawford County Sophomores, after completing the Jr. Leadership Program directed by the Pittsburg Area Chamber Foundation, will use learned leadership skills in the area of philanthropy to focus on area children's needs. The students recommend to the CFSEK Board of Trustees a grant project using the allowed dollars.

**Restorative Justice Authority:** To provide transportation dollars that will allow children in foster care additional family visits.

**Southeast Community Health Clinic of Cherokee:** To purchase a Sensaire Spirometer to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric asthma.

**Special Arts Explorers:** To provide social interaction and appreciation of the arts for people with developmental disabilities in our local area.

**Walnut Parks Project:** Provide two 10x12 park shelters. The material for one shelter is being donated by a local lumber yard. There will be picnic tables and grills added as well as paint to spruce up existing play equipment. All labor will be provided by community volunteers.

**Wesley House:** Funds will be used to purchase food and supplies to continue the Children's Summer Food Program.

## **PLANNING A GIFT**



Development Director  
Kim Clark

What can we do for you today — and tomorrow?

This simple question shows how important your charitable interests and goals are to us at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. We excel at helping you—and many other individuals, foundations, businesses and nonprofit organizations who have worked with us—realize your vision for a better place in which all of us can work and live.

We are able to do this by providing a unique way to continue your charitable interests and to strengthen our area—both now and in the future. No matter what your interests are, we can tailor an arrangement to address your desires and help you achieve your goals.

There are many stories of the spirit of giving at work in community foundations across the United States. We've included one such example in the box below. Locally, we have our own success story being built. The **Future Fund** is a wonderful example of the generosity of so many citizens of southeast Kansas who, together with the CFSEK, are creating a permanent and growing charitable endowment which, through thoughtful granting, will help to tackle today's needs and prepare for tomorrow's challenges. You'll find a listing of the current members on page 3 of this newsletter. The **Future Fund** is a great tool in becoming familiar with the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas at a group level and the many ways in which it can help to further your philanthropic goals when you are ready to take your legacy wishes to a personal level.

Each of us can help build a vibrant and healthy community. Through the CFSEK, you will find that making a difference is simple, smart, and uniquely individual. The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is committed to representing you in fulfilling your philanthropy and, in so doing, creating for you a meaningful and lasting legacy.

We look forward to helping you today — and tomorrow!

### **THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT**

A half century ago, Paul Cesarz made a choice that continues to benefit his community today. He created an endowed fund in 1952 with \$150,000 in assets. The fund immediately began earning income and distributing grants to causes important to him. Fifty years later and 35 years after Paul's death, the Cesarz Fund had grown to \$1,066,003. And in that 50th year, it generated more than \$50,000 in grants, supporting a range of community needs—a park renovation, a museum exhibit, cancer research, and more. Because Paul chose to endow his gift, he has enabled more than \$1.1 million in grants to go to his community—almost eight times the impact he would have made by giving the original gift to charity all at once. And though Paul has passed away, the fund in his name will go on supporting his community, leaving a lasting legacy.

### **WAYS TO GIVE**

The CFSEK accepts gifts of many types. Some of the most common include the following:

- Gifts of Cash
- Securities
- Bequests
- Memorials
- Life Insurance
- IRA Beneficiary Assignments

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## **CFSEK AFFILIATED FUNDS**

Angels Among Us	Mother to Mother Ministry
Big Brutus, Inc.	Northeast USD 246 Foundation
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	CFSEK KHF Children's Fund
Caring For Kids	Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture
Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	Pittsburg Beautiful
Disaster Relief	Pittsburg Public Library Foundation
Europe Park	Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation
Family Resource Center	SEK Humane Society
Franklin Community Council	SKIL Inc.
Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter	Southeast USD 247
Future Fund	Special Arts Explorer Fund
Immigrant Park/Miner's Memorial	United Way of Crawford County, Inc
Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations	Vinylplex, Inc. Scholarship Fund

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*JANUARY 26, 2006 5:30-7:00 P.M.*

*CFSEK ANNUAL MEETING*

*SAVE THE DATE!!!*

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