



Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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Community Foundation Awards 2008 Grants

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, we are pleased to share with you our Fall 2008 grantees. The CFSEK released a record \$107,000 during its Fall Grant Cycle. We are very fortunate to have many wonderful agencies and organizations make their home in southeast Kansas. We are honored to play a role in their continued success.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County: To be used for six “Little Moments – Big Magic” activities to increase public awareness, recruit volunteers, and to provide social interaction for the participants. This program serves at risk children in Crawford County ages 5-17.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bourbon County: To be used for three “Fun-Day Events” to increase public awareness, recruit volunteers, and to provide social interaction for the participants. This program serves at risk children in Bourbon County ages 5-17.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas: To be used for the “Reach Out and Read” program to distribute developmentally appropriate books to children, and to encourage parents to read aloud to the children. This program primarily serves low-income children in Crawford and Cherokee County.

Girl Scout Council of the Ozark Area: Funds will be used to help complete the repairs to the Columbus Girl Scout House. Flood damage was caused by the recent flooding in SEK. The Girl Scout House is used by the community of Columbus year round.

Christ’s Community Church: To provide funding to purchase food for the “Food Box Ministry.” This program serves families in emergency situations in Southeast Kansas with food for a week.

Covenant Harvest Church: To provide materials for “Operation Car Care,” an event for single mothers and single women in Southeast Kansas needing help with car maintenance (oil change & safety inspection), and car seat inspection and replacement.

New Hope Special Olympics: To help provide green fees, equipment, and uniforms for their “Summer Special Olympics Sports Program.” This year the program will add golf to their list of summer sports activities for over 30 individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Catholic Charities: To provide funds for utility assistance, baby supplies, prescription assistance, gas vouchers to help the unemployed secure and retain new employment, and materials/workbooks for free parenting classes for low income families and individuals in Crawford, Cherokee, Bourbon, and Labette Counties.

Partnership for All Cherokee County Children: To support “PACCC the Backpack,” a program that provides backpacks and school supplies for school children in Cherokee County. This program will serve approximately 500 children in the 2009 school year.

Colonial Fox Foundation: To provide support for the “Festival on Broadway,” a program that works to provide education in art experience for young and emerging artists.

Wesley House: To be used to purchase food and supplies for the 2009 Children’s Summer Food Program. This program serves low-income families in Crawford County that have children ages 1-17.

Salvation Army: To provide meals, transportation expenses, and education materials for the Youth Character Building Programs in the upcoming year. This program is for Crawford County children ages 5-18.

Memorial Auditorium: To help provide support for the presentation of Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Ballet. This program will support the community in two ways: a dress rehearsal to be dedicated to the Children’s Miracle Network, and to provide school performances to the districts in southeast Kansas.

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2008 CFSEK Grants Continued:

Boy Scouts Council of the Ozark Area: To support the “School Night for Scouting” program that works to recruit children to the Boy Scouts program in Cherokee, Bourbon, and Crawford Counties. This year the program looks to add over 250 children to their program.

Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center: To support the “Prescription Assistance Program” that provides immediate medication assistance to uninsured or underinsured children and families residing in southeast Kansas.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Labette County: To be used for four “Match Activities” to increase public awareness, recruit volunteers, and to provide social interaction for the participants. This program serves at risk children in Labette County ages 5-17.

Bourbon County Coalition: To fund the “Network for Families Fund” to provide financial assistance and emergency support for rent, utilities, and medical expenses for low-income families in Bourbon County.

2008 Nutrition and Physical Activity Grants:

SEK Interlocal 637: Funds for the continuation of Healthy and Safe Beginnings. This program began in 2007 and works to introduce fruits and vegetables and physical activity to 24 preschool age children, 12 with special needs, at Lakeside Elementary.

Elm Acres Foundation: To purchase wii consoles to implement healthier indoor activities in conjunction with their wellness plan that mentors residents in their nutritional and physical activity choices.

KIDS FIRST Daycare: To purchase supplies for the “Hooray for Health” program. This program is a continuation of the 2007 “Healthy Kids” program, and will start a walking program to encourage family activity, as well as parent meetings for additional nutritional information. This program will serve 54 children from infancy to six years of age, and their families, in Crawford County.

USD 248-Girard: To fund two “Family Movin’ Nights.” Each event will be held to educate and encourage families in healthy lifestyle habits. This program will serve approximately 430 students and their families in Girard.

Pittsburg Mother to Mother: To fund seven reflection meeting supporting NPA-focused, healthy lifestyle changes. Lessons learned and activities practiced at the reflection meetings will be supported through mentoring and goal setting. This program will serve approximately 30 women and their families in Crawford County.

USD 234-Fort Scott: Funds will help to support the “Healthy-Inside and Out” program that will connect children identified as at-risk, due to a high BMI, blood cholesterol, and blood glucose levels, with a registered dietician and personal trainer to create a healthier lifestyle plan. This program will be used to support the health and wellness program currently supported by the KDHE in Fort Scott Schools, and will serve approximately 460 middle-school students.

K-State Extension Offices: To support the “Walk Kansas for Kids” program in the 10 school districts with matching funds to provide incentives, nutritional education, and weekly newsletters for the students. This program will serve at least 3000 elementary students and their families in Crawford, Bourbon, and Allen counties.

Crawford County Health Department: To support “I am Moving, I am Learning,” a governmental program to increase the nutrition and physical activity of children in the Head Start program in Crawford, Cherokee, and Labette Counties.

City of Parsons: To support “Wellness in the Workplace.” This program will incorporate a six-week walking program with lunch and learn sessions and a health fair to enhance the physical well-being of the 128 employees of the City, and their families.

St. Mary’s Elementary and Junior High Schools: To fund the “Fat’s Out – Fit’s In” program for fitness and nutrition improvement with peer groups, mentoring, education, and incentives to help participants meet health and wellness goals. This program is for the faculty and staff of St. Mary’s Schools.

Youth Wellness Camp: To support a portion of the “Youth Wellness Camp” held in the summer of 2009 at PSU. This program provides an opportunity for the youth of Crawford County to participate in sports activities as well as learn about proper nutrition choices. These funds will be directly used for nutrition and physical activity education.

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Select the fund you wish your gift to support from the list below. Make a contribution of \$25 (per gift) or more to the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas using the form below. The Community Foundation will create and send a personalized letter to the honorary giver, and will provide you with a tax receipt for your charitable gift. **No wrapping, no shipping, no returning. This gift fits everyone, every time!**

Your gift can benefit any of the following funds:

Angels Among Us Endowment	Family Resource Center Building Fund	Pittsburg Beautiful Fund
Rita J. Bicknell's Women's Health Fund	Pat Forbes Scholarship Endowment	Pittsburg Beautiful Endowment
Rita J. Bicknell's Women's Health Endowment	Franklin Community Council Fund	Pittsburg Public Library Foundation Endowment
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County Endowment	Franklin Community Council Endowment	Pittsburg Public Library Foundation Endowment
Big Brutus, Inc. Endowment	Future Fund Endowment	Pittsburg USD #250 Foundation Endowment*
CFSEK General Endowment	Girard Public Library Fund	Raymond Community Home Endowment
Chamber of Commerce Leadership Endowment	Girard Public Library Endowment	SEK Humane Society Fund
CFSEK Leadership Project Endowment	Health and Wellness Fund	SEK Humane Society Endowment
CFSEK Operating Endowment	Immigrant Park/Miner's Memorial Fund	St. Mary's Colgan Schools Endowment*
Cato School Preservation Fund	J.L. Hutchinson Fund	Short Family Fine Arts Endowment
Caring for Kids Endowment	Robert Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations Endowment	Special Arts Explorer Fund
Children's Advocacy Center Endowment	Minnis Oral Health Scholarship Fund	Stilwell Heritage and Educational Foundation Endowment
Countryside Christian School Fund	Mother to Mother Ministry Endowment	Southeast Kansas Independent Living, Inc (SKIL) Endowment
Colonial Fox Foundation Fund	Multi-Generational Universally Accessible Playground Fund	United Way of Crawford County, Inc. Endowment
Crawford County Disaster Relief Fund	Northeast USD #246 Foundation Endowment*	
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*Gifts made to these funds will receive a 50% match.

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of: \$_____ (There is a minimum contribution of \$25 per gift).

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All checks should be payable to the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas.

2008 NPA Grants Continued:

USD 248-Girard: To help support the “Healthy Living on a Budget” program that will partner the school with the community of Girard to help participants learn about nutrition and physical activity. The program will meet every other week for three months in the spring and will include a walking challenge, nutrition classes, and a jumpstart to a healthier lifestyle.

USD 250-PCMS: To continue support of “Dragons Fired-Up for Change!” a 30 week, intramural program for walking, cooking, and education available to all female students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Pittsburg Middle School, that will offer education and motivation through activities and rewards for participation, as well as small group mentoring.

Southeast Kansas Education Center: To fund “Greenbush Healthy Start,” a program designed to implement healthy lifestyle changes for Greenbush employees by utilizing healthy breakfast meetings and walking teams as well as mentoring through an online motivational and tracking website. It will serve approximately 120 employees.

Class LTD: To fund the “A BIG Dose of B-6” program for Class LTD employees and clients. An incentive-based health and wellness initiative designed to improve nutrition and increase physical activity through education, peer support, and group motivation activities, this program will serve approximately 50 people, including 25 with disabilities.

IRA Charitable Rollover Update...

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) permitted individuals, 70 1/2 or older, to roll over up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the qualifying charity as income. While this provision expired on December 31, 2007, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424), enacted on October 3, 2008, extended the IRA charitable rollover provision so that eligible contributions may now be made through December 31, 2009.

This is good news for people who want to make a charitable gift during their lifetime from their retirement assets, but have been discouraged from doing so because of the income tax penalty.

For more information about the IRA charitable rollover, or for a list of funds that qualify for a rollover gift, please contact Kim Clark at 620-231-8897.

Nutrition and Physical Activity Project Update

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is convening citizens in Bourbon, Cherokee, and Labette Counties who are interested in promoting positive and accessible resources for nutrition and physical activities. Visioning sessions to achieve healthier communities are being facilitated by the CFSEK in each county.

During the visioning process, citizens are working to put together a strategic plan that addresses nutrition and physical activity needs. The CFSEK will use each county’s strategic plan to focus NPA grant-making in 2009.

If you are interested in being a part of the visioning process, please contact Stephanie Joiner at 620.231.8897 or stephanie.joiner@southeastkansas.org.

Community Foundation Participates in Continuing Education



In October the Community Foundation staff attended the annual conference of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations in Wichita, KS. Incoming Board President Richard Oler joined the staff for the two-day conference along with representatives of thirty-five community foundations from the state of Kansas.

Conference attendees were participated in continuing education sessions by national and local experts in the areas of: best practices in government, strategic planning, marketing and public relations, gift planning, economic development, and working with professional advisors. Attendees also benefited from the opportunity to network with other community foundation representatives and collaborate on state wide practices and policies to benefit all communities. For more information about the state association, please visit their website: www.kansasfcfs.org.

Giving Circles with the CFSEK

Giving Circles are generally defined as a group of individuals who pool their time and resources to collectively focus contributions in a common area of interest or social issue. The benefits of this idea of collective giving allow members to learn about philanthropy, their community, as well as specific areas of need, all while making an immediate impact.

The CFSEK currently hosts two giving circles, the Future Fund and the Rita J. Bicknell Women’s Health Giving Circle. Both are comprised of community members who want to have an impact in southeast Kansas and are using their collective resources to build a permanent endowment fund thereby establishing long term sustainability for worthwhile initiatives.

The CFSEK would like to recognize the charitable contributions made by the Future Fund and the Rita J. Bicknell Women’s Health Fund. At the Community Foundation’s Annual Grant Celebration, the Future Fund awarded two grants: \$1,860 was awarded to the Crisis Resource Center for playground equipment at the Pittsburg Safe House; and \$1,976 was awarded to the Colonial Fox Foundation to help support their annual Festival on Broadway. Also at the Celebration, Rita Bicknell, representing the Women’s Health Circle, awarded \$9,000 to the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas for the “Eyecare for Women” program.

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