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CFSEK Welcomes New Affiliate: **Fort Scott Area Community Foundation**

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is pleased to announce the formation of the **Fort Scott Area Community Foundation** (FSACF). CFSEK Trustees and staff have been working with a group of Fort Scott citizens for several months. The result is a new community foundation serving the greater Fort Scott area.

FSACF Board of Directors include Jim Banwart, Sr., Janet Braun, Dave Birk, Susan Brown, Katie Casper, Tex Crutcher, Charles Gentry, John Horn, Carol MacArthur, Dean Mann, Shirley Palmer, Aileen Pollock, Carolyn Sinn, Paulette Smith, John Spencer, Allen Warren, Rick Werling, and Jared Witt. Janet Braun is serving as chairperson of the Board.



The Community Foundation of Southeast currently serves donors in Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties. CFSEK recognizes the need for individual communities within this service area to build long term community capital of their own. The CFSEK looks forward to providing technical assistance to the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation in it's endeavors to establish permanent funding for their community.

EUROPE PARK UPDATES



Progress on one of the CFSEK's community projects continues to move forward. Motorists driving in Pittsburg will notice that Europe Park, located on the east side of the 500 block of north Broadway, is undergoing a wonderful transformation including a beautiful copper water wall at the back of the property. Renovations on Europe Park are scheduled to be completed in early Spring.

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CFSEK Completes Fifth Challenge Early

Thank you to each and every donor who helped the CFSEK to complete the GROW Phase V Challenge from the Kansas Health Foundation. The Challenge required the CFSEK to raise \$700,000 in new endowment funds and \$50,000 in new operating funds. Due to our success, the CFSEK will be receiving \$350,000 to be placed in the KHF Children's Endowment Fund (managed by the CFSEK) and \$100,000 to be placed in the newly formed CFSEK Operating Endowment Fund.

Originally, the Challenge was to run through December of 2009. In early Fall 2007, the KHF announced plans to offer a Bonus Challenge to those community foundations that could complete Phase V by December 31, 2007. The Bonus Challenge encourages community foundations to work with school foundations to build endowment dollars. The CFSEK will be releasing more information regarding this opportunity in late Spring.

CFSEK has participated in the Kansas Health Foundation GROW initiatives since 2001. The GROW (Giving Resources to Our World) Healthy Kansas Initiative is a partnership between the Kansas Health Foundation and a select group of community foundations throughout the state of Kansas. The Kansas Health Foundation believes that Kansas community foundations build and strengthen their communities.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Future Fund Social Event: May 3, 2008 (Tentative)

Professional Advisor's Seminar: June 20, 2008

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Nutrition & Physical Activity

Project Update:

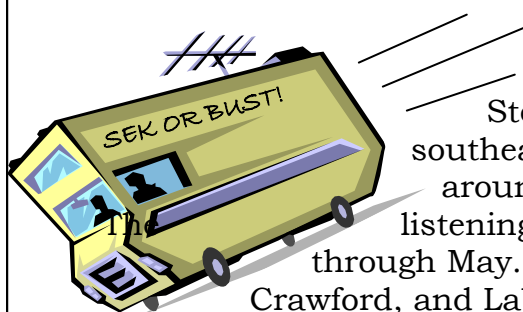


CFSEK to participate in 2008 Walk Kansas!

The Community Foundation is excited to participate in the 2008 Walk Kansas program. Team members Kim Clark, Frances Mitchelson, Megan Westhoff, Richard Oler, Kayla Joy, and captain Stephanie Joiner are taking part in the eight week program for better health. The kick-off for Walk Kansas will be Friday, March 7th at 5:30 pm at the Girard High School Track.

Walk Kansas is sponsored by the Crawford County Extension Office. It is a program "that motivates people of all ages to make the most important change...to get started." Team members will pool the mileage they walk each week to work their way across Kansas (423 miles!!). This year Walk Kansas is also focusing on the importance of fruits and vegetables in the daily diet, asking teams to record the number of daily servings consumed.

The CFSEK would like to challenge you to put together a team of your own. cost is only \$5 per team member, and the changes can last a lifetime. For more information visit www.walkkansas.org. To sign up a team, contact the Crawford County Extension Office at 620.724.8233. We hope to see you out there, put your tennis shoes to work!



CFSEK begins 2008 Listening Tour!!

Coming to a town near you... Program Director Stephanie Joiner has been traveling through southeast Kansas convening citizens and local agencies around the subject of nutrition and physical activity. listening tour began in February, and will continue through May. The tour will make stops in Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties.

Information gathered during the listening tour will be used by the CFSEK grant committee to focus the 2008 request for proposals and grant application for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Project.

The Community Foundation wants to understand the needs and concerns of citizens in southeast Kansas. If you would like to schedule a listening tour stop for any group, please contact Stephanie at 620.231.8897 or cfsekpro@mobill.net.

CFSEK's Featured Website: We recommend the following website:



<http://healthydiningfinder.com> . Check out this site to learn about healthy restaurants in your area, as well as healthy options at many of the local national chain restaurants. When making travel plans, this site can help you maintain your healthy eating habits!

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