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CFSEK WELCOMES THE GIRARD PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT



Organizations throughout Southeast Kansas realize that endowments built today will help insure a tomorrow. The Girard Public Library recently established the Girard Public Library Endowment Fund and non-permanent fund within the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas.

The library realized the need to establish an endowment fund that would invest, manage and generate sufficient interest to fund library needs and services that the people of Girard expect and deserve.

The Girard Library Foundation may receive tax deductible gifts, bequests, and donations that will be held in trust so that interested citizens can help the library expand beyond the dollars available through tax appropriation.

Library Director Terri Harley said, "This is truly an important step made by trustees to secure the financial future of our library. We believe that the Community Foundation is the best possible place for our endowment dollars."

A SPECIAL LADY...A SPECIAL FUND

Roberta McNay is a very special lady... a former "Spirit of Pittsburg Recipient", she is truly a hero to many non-profit organizations in our community.

Roberta recently decided to begin a donor advised fund, The McNay Family Endowment, with the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. The Foundation is extremely proud to be chosen as her charitable giving partner. The CFSEK was a perfect choice for Roberta because she can support the many numerous organizations that are close to her heart. "Pittsburg has been so good to me and my family. By establishing this fund with the Community Foundation, I can give back to the community that I love now and forever."



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FUTURE FUND MIXES GIVING...WITH A TWIST

The CFSEK Future Fund kicked off its second year with a martini party at Crestwood Country Club on May 12, 2006 hosted by Steve and Becky Sloan, Pam and Bill Phalen, Ken and Debbie Brock, and Vince and Theresa VanBecelaere.

It was in early Spring 2005 that Steve Sloan, CFSEK Trustee, saw an opportunity for area residents to pool their resources and together give back to the area they love. By accepting annual membership donations, Future Fund members could build a permanent endowment to be used for area grant making.

“We surpassed our 2005 goal of 40 memberships, and today we have 90 memberships that belong to the Future Fund.” Sloan announced. “We will be making our first Future Fund grants in the Fall of this year. It just goes to show that by working together, we can make good things happen.”

Membership renewals are now being accepted for 2006-2007. Please feel free to contact the CFSEK office at 620-231-8897 for more information.

Future Fund Members 2006-2007 (as of July 7, 2006)

Barry Bedene

Pat and Marty Beezley

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PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR SEMINAR

Area accountants, attorneys, trust officers, insurance agents, and financial advisors attended the CFSEK's “2006 Estate Planning Update” seminar at Crestwood Country Club on June 1, 2006.

The seminar addressed three important areas in estate planning: Federal and State estate planning developments over the last year;

Medicaid planning after the 2006 Federal law changes; and present and future factors in the market place that are leading to emerging trends in estate planning development.

Presenters included Timothy P. O’Sullivan, partner with the Foulston Siefkin Law Firm in Wichita, and Kevin Mitchelson, attorney with Wheeler & Mitchelson, Chartered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Chris Ward
Exec. Dir.

The challenge from the Kansas Health Foundation remains our #1 priority for the remaining six months of 2006. Each challenge has brought new insight and additional dollars in which to grow our foundation. The fourth challenge focuses on specific types of endowments which will create sustainability for the future.

And why is this so important to everyone? Because we need to insure that the quality of life in Southeast Kansas will continue to improve and nurture children and families. To do this, our dollars need to remain in Southeast Kansas. By naming the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas as the irrevocable beneficiary in your will, trust, life insurance, 401K or IRA, you are assured the money will grow and remain in Southeast Kansas forever. This type of irrevocable planned gift counts toward the challenge.

Seventy percent of our goal is complete. If you have named the CFSEK as a beneficiary in a planned gift—please contact us so we may use your gift in this challenge. Your gift can be listed as anonymous. Remember that if the \$700,000 challenge succeeds, the KHF will add a match of \$700,000 to the KHF Children's Fund which is granted locally. Help keep our area strong.

*Thank you St. Mary's-Colgan and USD #250 for making the
Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas
your philanthropic partner on the Hutchinson Field and St. Mary's campus
facility improvements.*

EUROPE PARK ...

CFSEK HELPS DREAMS COME TRUE

Visiting other communities can provide us with new ideas or inspirations. The idea for Europe Park began when a very creative couple saw how other parts of the country were constructing "pocket parks" from unused space between downtown buildings. Instead of saying "that's nice" they said, "We could do this in Pittsburg, Kansas." And so the idea to create a unique, beautiful, garden park in downtown Pittsburg was born.

By establishing an anonymous donor

advised fund, which will provide for project construction and later upkeep and maintenance, the CFSEK will represent the donor as project manager. With vine covered trellises leading to a beautiful water wall, benches and plantings, this will become a focal point for downtown Pittsburg revitalization.

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is fortunate to have generous donors who continue to fund projects that make our communities better.

CFSEK AFFILIATED FUNDS

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

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