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The Family Resource Center Renovation Project

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas is proud to support the Family Resource Center as it prepares for the 2009 school year in a new building:



Plans are being made for a late August transition to the new Family Resource Center at 1600 N. Walnut.

The community of Pittsburg is getting a new face on a tried and true system of serving children and families. Family Resource Center, Inc. is close to completing the renovations of a donated building at 1600 N. Walnut. \$1.9 million have been raised locally to support the effort of relocating the nationally accredited child care center and preschool that serves over 300 children. Along with providing care to hundreds of local children, the FRC is also home to multiple family services including: educational opportunities for children 0-12 with disabilities, workforce programming for the early childhood field; and adult basic education.

The community rallied around the renovation of the facility following a call to action from the Board of Directors of the Family Resource Center. The Board raised awareness of not only the vast array of services offered in the facility but the overall decline of the safety and efficiencies of the 80 year old existing facility. Roof damage, outdated systems, and lack of funding contributed to the need for a reorganization and help from the community.

CFSEK holds Professional Advisors' Seminar:

On June 5, 2009, the CFSEK hosted 30 local Attorneys, CPAs, Certified Financial Planners, and Insurance Agents for the *2009 Estate Planning Forum*. The forum offered four hours of continuing education credits for all attendees. The program was presented by Timothy O'Sullivan of Foulston & Siefkin, LLP, Attorneys at Law of Wichita, KS.



For more information about leaving a charitable gift in your will, contact Executive Director Kim Clark at 620.231.8897 or kim.clark@southeastkansas.org.

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Key Value Statements of the Community Foundation of SEK

1. Personalized service: Community foundations help individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofit agencies achieve their charitable and financial goals by providing tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible, and effective.

- Donors can create a charitable fund and recommend grants that support the issues and groups they care about — such as the arts, education, the environment, and healthcare — even if these groups are located outside of their local community.
- We are an attractive alternative to starting a private foundation, since we handle all record keeping, reporting to the IRS, accounting, and investment management.
- Donors can establish a variety of funds, depending on their financial and charitable goals. Some approaches focus on giving in the near-term, while others enable donors to make giving a part of their estate planning strategy.
- Donors have opportunities to be involved in the grant making process, including recommending grant recipients.
- Donors can create an individual or family legacy by establishing a named fund at a community foundation — which can help ensure that future generations learn the value of giving back.

2. Local expertise: Community foundations have an in-depth understanding of the community's challenges and the groups and individuals addressing them.

- We closely monitor community issues, opportunities, and resources.
- Our knowledge of the community enables us to make a difference by funding high-impact initiatives addressing a broad range of local needs.
- Our expertise helps donors learn more about local issues in order to make their giving as effective as possible.

3. Community leadership: Community foundations play a key role in addressing community needs, now and in the future. We serve as community catalysts, convening diverse voices and groups to work on solutions to local issues.

- We build endowments to ensure that grants are always available to support the community.
- We foster greater giving and volunteering in our community.
- We are governed by leaders with strong ties to the SEK area.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Project Update:

During 2009, the CFSEK has been working to establish health and wellness committees in Bourbon, Cherokee, and Labette Counties. The purpose of these committees is to act as a central resource for county agencies, organizations, schools, and citizens for all things related to health and wellness, and specifically nutrition and physical activity opportunities.

Each county's committee has established a regular meeting date and time, along with a mission statement to guide them as they work to establish a community plan to address the nutrition and physical activity needs of each county. Listed below are the meeting dates and locations for each of the committees, along with their mission statement. You may also learn more about these committees by visiting our website: www.southeastkansas.org, and clicking on the link: NPA Project.

Crawford County:

The Health and Wellness Committee of Crawford County is a sub-committee of the Crawford County Community Coalition. Their mission is: *To promote healthy lifestyle choices through education, motivation, and support for all generations.* This Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm, in the CFSEK Board Room.

Cherokee County:

The Health and Wellness Advisory Board of Cherokee County meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12 pm, at the Family Life Center in Riverton. Their mission statement is: *To promote and sustain an environment for all Cherokee County Residents to live a health, active, happy, balanced, and productive life.*

Bourbon County:

Visioning a Healthier Bourbon County's mission statement is: *To encourage Bourbon County citizens of all ages to have opportunities and resources to make healthy choices, leading to active, productive, meaningful lifestyles.* The Committee meets on the third Thursday of every month at 12 pm, at First United Methodist Church in Fort Scott.

Labette County:

Healthier Labette County meets on the fourth Thursday of every month immediately following the Labette County Family Coalition (approx. 9:30) at the Parsons SRS Office. Their mission statement is: *We are a collaborative community that encourages wellness, nutrition, and physical activity, through education, promotion, and resources.*



School Foundations Continue Work

Through a \$400,000 School Endowment Challenge from the Kansas Health Foundation, the CFSEK has been working with local school foundations to bolster their endowment funds. The 'Challenge,' which began in May 2008 and runs through May 2010, will match an additional \$1 for every \$2 raised for each individual school foundation. All accredited school systems within the CFSEK service area were invited to join in the opportunity. Three schools-USD 246-Northeast School Foundation, USD 250-Pittsburg School Foundation, and the St. Mary's-Colgan School Foundation- elected to participate.

The Challenge will be completed in two phases. In Phase 1 of the challenge, all 3 schools were required to raise \$10,000. Two schools, St. Mary's Colgan and USD 250, were successful in meeting this requirement of Phase 1 and were allowed to move onto Phase 2. In Phase 2, matching dollars were allocated based upon individual school enrollment figures. For more information on the school endowment challenge, please contact Kim Clark at the CFSEK office.

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