



# Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT GIFTING

On October 5, 2005, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas sponsored a seminar for interested area professionals who deal with financial planning at Crestwood Country Club. As an affiliate of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the nation, we're fortunate to have George Bittner, Vice-President of Development, as our resource who presented the seminar. George has dealt with many donors who have given charitable gifts of real estate or personal property. He shared many of his experiences and discussed various ways that gifting of personal assets can benefit both charities and the donor. An evening reception was held for friends of the CFSEK and George met many representatives of our various funds, donors, and trustees. Our Foundation is extremely fortunate to have both the Kansas Health Foundation and Greater Kansas City Community Foundation as allies during this time of growth and expansion.



Frank Dunnick, CFSEK President, George Bittner, GKCCF- VP of Development, and Chris Ward, CFSEK Executive Director at the October 5, 2005 seminar.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world.*

*Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead*

## HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER RELIEF



Local children operated a lemonAID stand to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina relief. They collected more than \$700.00.

Katrina reminded everyone how important it is to give back, and to help others. It also reminded us how fortunate we are to have homes, food, clothing, medical care and family. The response from our area has been extraordinary. The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of our area donors for their generosity. The CFSEK trustees voted to divide the collected dollars between the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Any dollars earmarked for a specific charity were immediately sent. To date over \$43,000 has been processed and sent to aid relief efforts. Let's pray this is the last time the CFSEK disaster fund is needed.

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## NEW FUNDS JOIN CFSEK

One of our new endowed funds was created by a donor in memory of his mother. This wonderful lady was very interested in helping needy children in the area. She and several of her friends would visit local schools and purchase coats and other items that would be distributed by the principal to those children in need. The "Caring for Kids Fund" provides a way to continue supporting the needs that meant so much to this special woman. "Caring for Kids" is a field of interest fund, the purpose of which is to improve the lives of children in the area. The primary focus of this fund is to provide shoes, coats, clothing, school supplies, and medicine to children in need.

**"Our quality of life is directly affected by how well the children around us are raised."**

**The Community of Kindness**

Another new fund is the "Big Brutus Endowed Fund". The Big Brutus Board of Directors realized that an endowment fund would insure that those interested in planned giving would have a fund in place. The shovel, heritage museum, grounds etc. will need continued financial help. An endowment can insure a steady stream of income so that future generations will understand how mining impacted our region. The Big Brutus Board of Directors encourages additional contributions so that this heritage can be preserved.



If you are interested in learning how the foundation can support your charitable giving, please call Chris or Kim at 620-231-8897.

## TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE RADIO SEGMENTS

We hope many of you were able to hear the "Time, Talent and Treasure segments on ESPN 1340 AM radio last month. We have received many positive comments. This idea was the brain child of Dave Sorrick, Director of Development and Special Projects for SKIL (Southeast Kansas Independent Living). Seventeen of our organizational funds were interviewed by Dave and Chris, as a means of educating the listening audience to the non-profit community that CFSEK supports. The CFSEK thanks SKIL, Inc. for allowing us to use their station as a way to promote our role in the community. We wish to thank the representatives from our affiliated funds who so wonderfully explained their organizations. Listen for us in December as we promote Christmas giving. Affiliates willing to join in these spots should contact the office, 620-231-8897.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



**CFSEK  
Executive  
Director  
Chris Ward**

As you read this newsletter, I'm sure you can feel the energy that our foundation is generating. The Board of Trustees is committed to helping area non-profits grow while remaining dedicated to our individual donors as they provide for their favorite charities now and in the future. This commitment is evident as the CFSEK Trustees focus on the future of planned giving by allowing Kim and I to receive additional training.

Kim Clark, CFSEK Development Director is attending a nationally recognized series of planned giving seminars held in Williamsburg, Va. at the College of William and Mary. This institute puts the donor at the heart of the planned giving process, while providing gift planners the tools to enable donors to plan for the future. This will ensure that as the CFSEK designs our planned giving program, we will be able to utilize the latest knowledge, research, and trends in all aspects of planned giving.

I have been asked to join the Board of the "Planned Giving Council of the Four States". This is a regional organization designed for the exchange of information, facilitation of charitable giving, and the advancement of expertise for planned giving professionals. By becoming a member of this council, the CFSEK is now affiliated with the National Committee on Planned Giving and will be permitted to use "Leave a Legacy" materials.

Sincerely, Chris

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY**

The Community Foundation Legacy Society was created to thank and recognize individuals who want to make a lasting contribution to their community through estate, trust and long-term gifts to the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. Membership in the society is simple: notify us that you have made or intend to make a planned gift to the Foundation or to any of our existing funds. Deferred gifts may be designated for deposit into any of the existing funds of the Foundation, or for the establishment of a new fund of the donor's choice. A new fund requires a \$10,000 pledge.

Anyone who returns our planned giving pledge notifying us of their intended gift to the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation prior to December 31, 2006, will receive a certificate designating him

or her as a Charter Member of the Community Foundation Legacy Society and will be permanently recognized as a Charter Member in our Annual Report. In addition, members will receive recognition at events and their name engraved on our Legacy plaque.

You are invited to join in this tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your name to our list with others who have realized the importance of a permanent endowment. We value the opportunity to thank donors now and show our appreciation for their generosity during their lifetime. We hope you will give us the opportunity to honor your visionary giving as you prepare to invest in the community even beyond your lifetime.



## **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 October 17, 2005. For more information on joining the Future Fund, please contact the Community Foundation office at 620-231-8897.

Barry Bedene	Jason and Crystal Marietta	Brian and Terri Sutton	Pat and Bonnie Crossland
Joe and Christl Beitzinger	Tim Towner and Patrick O'Bryan	Jeff and Ann Elliott	Ron and Barbara Rhodes
John and Kim Clark	Brian and Gina Pinamonti	Brian and Betsy Freeman	Dick and Marilyn Peterson
Barry and Jennifer Coleman	Mitch and Diane Bicknell	Dennis and Jane Crain	Buddy and Patti Gorentz
Dick and Faith Coleman	Mark and Nancy Schifferdecker	Justin Crain	Larry and Linda Coltrane
Frank Dunnick	Gary and Susie Lundy	Todd and Kelli McKnight	Ken and Debbie Brock
Adam and Karen Endicott	Dr. Matt Lowe	Glenn and Dee Hough	Tom and Koeta Bryant
Kevin and Cindy Komes	Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Elliott	Rob and Bette Lessen	George and Josie Nettels
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Kala Spigerelli and Guest	Rick and Stacy Webb	Pat and Marty Beezley	Chris and Jamie Lee Curtis
Bill and Shelly Sullivan	Roger and Heidi Misasi	Debbie and Kirk Hawley	Joe and Janice Dellasega
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Kyle and Lori Fleming	David and Marcia Sorrick	Cotton and Judy Westhoff	

## **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