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The
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Another Successful Match Day is in the Books!

On December 1, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted its fifth annual Match Day. CFSEK holds Match Day every year to celebrate giving back to the community on National Giving Tuesday, a day dedicated to giving and philanthropy.

We are happy to announce that the 2020 Match Day grand total is \$204,235! Community contributions raised \$164,235, and the Community Foundation provided an additional \$40,000 in match funds.

Match funds are distributed to participating non-profits' endowed funds in proportion to their share of community contributions. Endowed funds are managed to generate present and future income annually, which organizations can use to address community needs.

Since the Community Foundation's first Match Day in 2016, more than three-quarters of a million dollars has been given in support of community



non-profit organizations that provide essential services and opportunities.

"In this year of the pandemic, we weren't sure what to expect on Match Day, but we were thrilled with the outcome," Executive Director Kit Parks said. "Hundreds of community members gave to organizations that do so much for our community every day. Each donor and every donation is an important part of our campaign's success. We are grateful to everyone who supported this event." 🌻



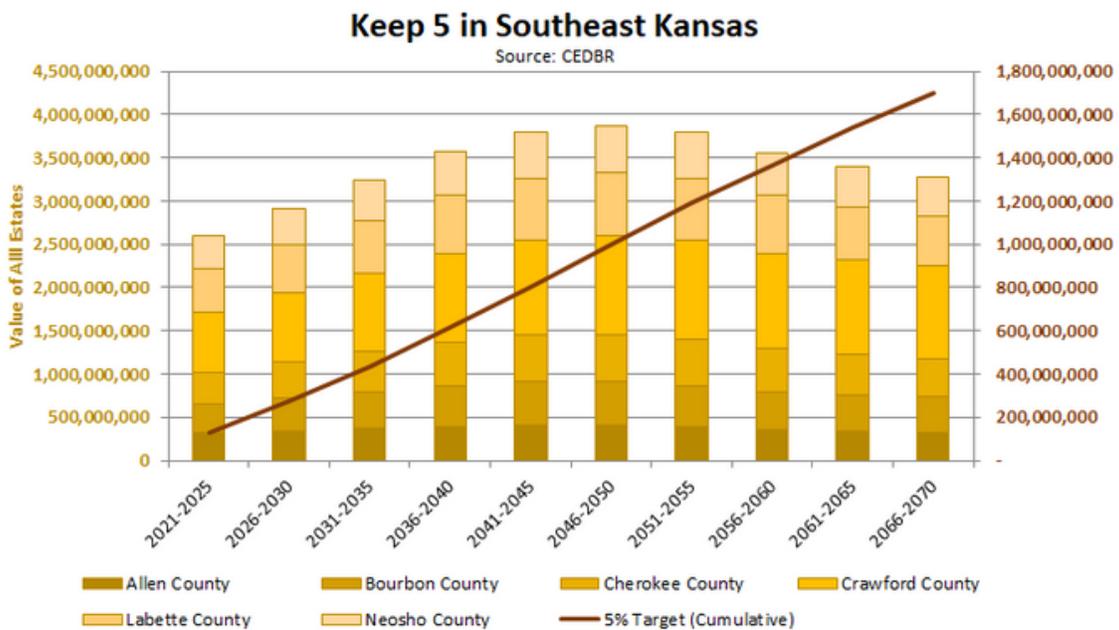
A Plan to Help Southeast Kansas Forever

Between 2021 and 2070, more than \$34 billion will be transferred from one generation to the next in Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, and Neosho Counties, according to recently updated estimates from the [CEDBR](#).



Many people designate their entire estate to their children, but as more people leave the communities where they were raised, much of that wealth leaves, too. That means there will be less support available for the places and organizations that made a difference in your life.

That's where the Keep 5 in Kansas plan comes in. If everyone in those counties left just 5% of their estates to a local community foundation, that would put over \$1.7 billion back into local communities. If placed in endowed funds, that amount could provide \$85 million for SEK non-profits every year. Forever. 🌻



Our Newest Funds

By the end of 2020, the Community Foundation will have added eight new funds to our stable of nearly 170. Four of our new funds are donor-advised funds. The other four are:

- The **Gabriel John Ison Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships for PHS and SMC students who are interested in studying business or education.
- The **PSU Foundation Endowment Fund** is an agency fund that supports the educational mission of the PSU Foundation.
- The **Friends of the SEK Symphony Endowment Fund**, established with an estate gift by Martha L. Baxter, provides annual support to the SEK Symphony's musical and educational programs.
- The **Pittsburg Community Development Fund**, established with gifts of stock in the Pittsburg Industrial Development Corporation by dozens of shareholders, supports economic development in the Pittsburg area. 🌻

Mark Your Calendars: Coming Up in 2021

The start of a new year means the start of a new busy season at CFSEK! Our #SEKscholarships and grant-cycle time frames are as follows:

- **Jan. - Mar.:** [#SEKscholarships](#) applications will be available.
- **Mar. - May:** Grant cycles for the [Get Busy Livin' Foundation](#), [Elm Acres Foundation](#), and Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund [Women's Giving Circle](#) & [Circle of Friends](#).
- **Jun. - Aug.:** Grant cycles for the [CFSEK General Funds](#) and [Future Fund Giving Circle](#).

[Subscribe to our email lists](#) to receive announcements about when our scholarships become available and our grant cycles open. 🌻

A Special Thank You to the 2020 CFSEK Board of Trustees

The CFSEK Board of Trustees is a dedicated group of community leaders who believe in the CFSEK mission and our SEK communities and who volunteer their time to help guide and improve the Foundation's work. Each member serves for up to three consecutive three-year terms.

At the end of 2020, two of our Board members will be retiring. We're going to miss Betty Scripsick and Dale Coomes in 2021. Thank you to them and all our Board members for all your service, contributions, and thoughtful guidance in 2020!

We also want to specially thank Ron Rhodes for his leadership as he concludes two years' service as president of the CFSEK Board.

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