

CIRCLE CONVERSATIONS

On October 13, the women of the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund giving circles met at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas office to review grant requests and select projects to fund. The Women's Giving Circle awarded \$43,312 to five SEK nonprofit organizations, and the Circle of Friends Giving Circle awarded four nonprofit organizations \$7,680.

Women's Giving Circle Grants

- **Angels Among Us** will provide financial assistance to support cancer patients and their families.
- **Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas** will purchase a surgical colposcope to diagnose precancerous cells in the cervix.
- **Fostering Connections** will provide teen girls entering care with a gift card to a local apparel store.
- **Labette Health Foundation** will purchase a colposcope to identify medical concerns in the cervix, such as early detection of cancers.
- **Mount Carmel Foundation** will purchase an abdominal probe for use with a bedside ultrasound machine.

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Women's Health Fund 2022 Grant Review

At left, members of the Women's Health Fund Women's Giving Circle and Circle of Friends Giving Circle pose before the annual grant review meeting on October 13, 2022.

Coming Up

2022

- **November 2:** CFSEK Grant Celebration
- **November 29:** CFSEK Match Day*

2023

- **January:** Next Circle Conversations
- **April:** New Circle Conversations
- **May:** Coffee and Conversations with grant recipient TBA
- **July:** New Circle Conversations
- **August:** Annual membership donation due

2022 Grants (cont.)

Circle of Friends Giving Circle Grants

- **Friends of Mapleton Association** will train local responders to provide emergency first aid to visitors of the Mapleton City Park or surrounding area.
- **Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters** will host a personal-growth event for its Big Sister/Little Sister matches.
- **Labette County USD 506 Meadow View Elementary** will take its 8th-grade girls to Greenbush's Girl's Day in Aviation.
- **Safehouse Crisis Center** will provide new beds for five of its women clients.

Congratulations to all this year's grant recipients, and thank you for all you do for Southeast Kansas women and girls!



***Match Day is Nov. 29**

CFSEK is offering \$51,000 in matching funds to help grow 36 local organizations' endowments, and the Women's Health Fund's Nightingale Endowment is included! The Nightingale Endowment exists to support future technology enhancements at the Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing Simulation Hospital at Pittsburg State University. Keep an eye on CFSEK's website and social media for more details!

Why I Joined

It has been an honor to be a part of the giving circle that has touched the lives of so many women in our community. I feel it is my personal responsibility to do all I can to support and strengthen other women and help build a better future.

Johnna Norton

What We Do

- Together we are pooling our money
- Together we are deciding where we give our money
- Together we are learning about our community and philanthropy and
- Together we are helping women and girls in Southeast Kansas!

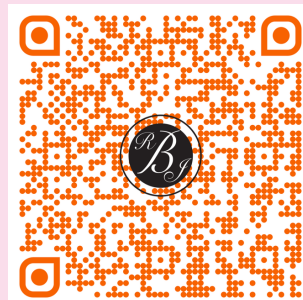
Thank You!

Thank you to all our Women's Giving Circle and Circle of Friends Giving Circle members! Your contributions of time, ideas, and funding have made this year's grants possible! We look forward to continuing to grow the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund and increasing its impact in the new year!

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