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newsletter of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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# 2023 Midyear Recap

2023 has been an exciting year here at the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas! We launched our new Making a Difference grant cycle and have continued to help area nonprofits achieve their goals while adding several new funds into the fold!

Our scholarship process also continued to grow this year. This year, we gave \$102,000 to 63 area students! We also have several new scholarship opportunities that will be available next year.

Not only that, but we've also hosted our Estate Planning Forum in June and will be partnering with PHS Launch to help research our focus for next year's Making a Difference grant: Housing.

And there's still plenty to come, including our Women's Health Fund grant cycle, our second round of the Making a Difference in Childcare - Bourbon County in September, and our annual Grant Celebration and Match Day fundraiser in November! As exciting as this year has been, it will only get better!

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all announcements! 🌻





# **Making a Difference: Special Grants Support Cherokee County Daycares**

In late August, CFSEK announced that it had awarded \$5,000 to four daycares in Cherokee County as part of its Making A Difference in Childcare campaign.

The grants addressed what CFSEK Executive Director Devin Gorman called “a critical need” in Southeast Kansas communities, explaining: “Our Board of Trustees wanted to explore ways that CFSEK could assist some of our current childcare providers and ensure that they can continue to provide their critical services.”

Based on data provided by the State of Kansas and Child Care Aware, the Foundation selected Cherokee County for its first round of Making A Difference grants. CFSEK partnered with its affiliate, the Columbus Area

Community Foundation, the local health department, and Child Care Aware to notify licensed childcare providers of the grant opportunity.

Applicants were asked to identify the areas of greatest need for their children. As a result of this one-time grant, the following daycares received funding for the following projects:

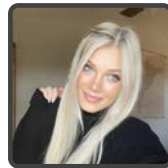
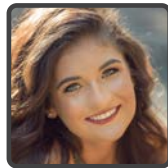
- **Highland Daycare:** Outdoor equipment.
- **Kayas Kids:** Rugs, bouncer, and nap mats.
- **Kiddie Garden Daycare:** Outdoor equipment.
- **Little Blessing Daycare:** Outdoor toys, storage, and nap mats. 🌻

# CFSEK Scholarship Yearbook 2023

For the 2023-2024 school year, CFSEK awarded \$102,000 to 63 students to help pay for college. Congratulations, students, and good luck with your studies!



## Albright Family Healthcare & Human Services Scholarship



Kenzie Coester  
Avery Couch

## Albright Family PHS & SEHS Scholarship

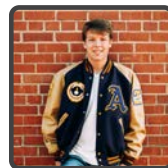
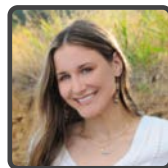


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Ella Rhuems  
Dawson Stegman

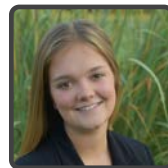


Zoey Tavernaro

## Bill House Hereford Foundation Scholarship

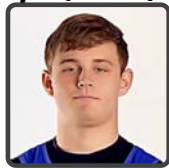


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Jacob Arnett  
Aidan Barholomew

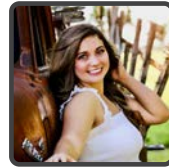


Madyson Broce  
Jessee Cox  
Reece Ingvoldsen  
Kaylee Lunsford  
Maggie McVey

**House Scholarships (cont.)**

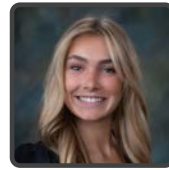


Braden Norwood  
James Osbun  
Jenna Richardson  
Kara Riffel  
Abby Strickland



Ainsley Viets  
JJ White  
Kiser Wiatrak  
Grace Young  
Katie Zwahlen  
*Not Pictured:*  
Brandy Myers

**Commerce Bank  
Pittsburg  
Scholarship**



Jason Adam Harris  
Ali Scripsick

**Craig Crespino  
Scholarship**

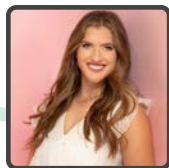
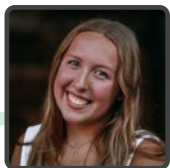


Darrel McLeod  
Lauren Torrance

**Dylan Meier  
Get Busy Livin' (GBL)  
Scholarship**



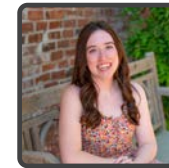
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Alex Coester  
Hannah Do



Carrie Dowling  
Keagan Flemming  
Hattie Hamblin  
Audrey Jacobs  
Ella Rhuems

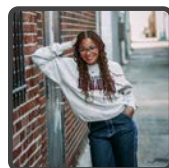
**GBL PHS  
Dragon Award:**  
JJ White

**GBL KPREPS  
Player  
of the Year:**  
Nolan Freund



Jackson Turnbull  
Callie Underwood  
*Not Pictured:*  
Audrey Goetting  
Ethan Rhodes

**Gabriel John Ison  
Memorial  
Scholarship**



Anna Westhoff  
Eve Bertoncino

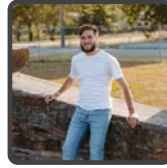
**Scholarship Recipients (cont.)**

Haberbosch Family  
Scholarship



Zach Allee  
Mallory Heim  
Madi Lawson

Larry & Regina  
Weaver Scholarship

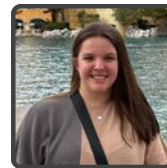
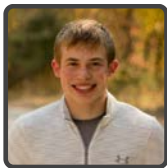


Jace Dungan  
Natalie Ruiz

M. Lee & Noretta  
Caldwell Scholarship

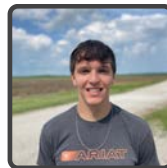


Sara Goble  
Kaylee Groff  
Sergio Leon



Andrew Perry  
Jacob Scott  
Taylor Storm

Minnis Oral Health  
Scholarship



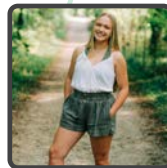
Brock Marquardt

Nancy Evans  
Community Health  
Nursing Scholarship



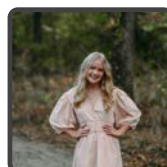
Kendra Bahr

Pat Forbes  
Scholarship



Haylee Caskey

Short Family Fine  
Arts Scholarship



Emily Reams



**Scholarship Recipients (cont.)**

Stacy Goedeke  
Scholarship



Grace Young

Tyler Jeck  
Scholarship



Keagan Fleming  
Leyna Ortega

Vinylplex/Sanderson  
Pipe Scholarship

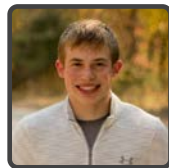
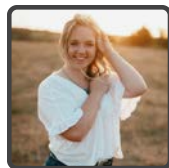


Zach Allee  
Kaylee Groff  
Anna Granau



Spencer Jagels  
*Not Pictured:*  
Crisie Flynn

William Lehman  
American History  
Scholarship



Jessee Cox  
Andrew Perry

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# Spring & Summer 2023 Grants

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas and its affiliates in Columbus, Fort Scott, and Girard host competitive-grant cycles throughout the year. So far for 2023, we've completed four of those cycles: Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Foundation,

Elm Acres Foundation, Knights of Columbus Endowment, and our General Funds grants.

Congratulations to this year's recipients! Learn more on our website, [SoutheastKansas.org](https://SoutheastKansas.org).

## Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Grants

The Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Foundation offers grants up to \$500 to area organizations for projects that promote youth volunteerism. These projects keep Dylan's spirit of adventure, fitness, curiosity, generosity, and a daily zest for life experiences alive and thriving. For 2023, the Foundation awarded \$4,000 to eight organizations across SEK:



- **DBLO Association:** Making Beds/Changing Lives for Children in Need
- **Fostering Connections:** Crawford County Back-to-School Event
- **Parsons Recreation Commission:** Baseball Scorebox Repair
- **Riverton Elementary School (USD 404):** Playground Improvement
- **Special Olympics Kansas:** SEK Youth Volunteers
- **Pittsburg High School GBL Club (USD 250):** Special Olympics Bocce Tournament
- **Oswego USD 504:** Community Service Day
- **Wildcat Extension District Education Foundation:** Parsons Kids Garden Club

Learn more about this year's GBL grants by visiting [SoutheastKansas.org/gbl23](https://SoutheastKansas.org/gbl23)



*The Year in Grants (cont.)*

## Elm Acres Foundation At-Risk Youth Grants



The Elm Acres Foundation offers support for organizations that provide services for at-risk youth. For 2023, the Elm Acres Foundation granted a total of **\$23,413** to **twelve local organizations**:

- **USD 250, Pittsburg**
- **KVC Kansas**
- **SEK Interlocal 637**
- **Special Olympics Kansas**
- **Wildcat Extension Education Foundation**
- **First Baptist Church Riverton**
- **Fostering Connections**
- **Communities in Schools of Mid-America, Inc.**
- **Families and Children Together, Inc.**
- **USD 504, Oswego**
- **The Foster Closet, Inc.**
- **USD 506, Labette County**

## Knights of Columbus Endowment Grants

Knights of Columbus Endowment Fund



Knights of Columbus  
Pittsburg Council 883  
Pittsburg, Kansas

The Knights of Columbus Endowment provides grants to projects serving elderly, disabled, and low-income residents. This year, the Endowment granted **\$62,000** to **9 local organizations**:

- **Catholic Charities, Inc.:** Housing and Homeless Supportive Services
- **CLASS LTD:** CEAF Funds
- **DBLO (Dream Big Little One) Association:** Healthy Sleep for Children
- **First Methodist Church Wesley House:** The Gathering Place
- **Fostering Connections:** VIP Kids Bags
- **Our Lady of Lourdes:** Helping People in the Community
- **Special Olympics Kansas:** Senior Games
- **The Salvation Army:** Emergency Assistance 2023-2024
- **Wildcat Extension Education Foundation:** Kitchen Restore Starter Kits

Learn more about these grants by visiting

[SoutheastKansas.org/ea23](https://SoutheastKansas.org/ea23) or [SoutheastKansas.org/koc23](https://SoutheastKansas.org/koc23)

*The Year in Grants (cont.)*

## CFSEK General Funds Grants

Every summer, the Community Foundation awards grants to programs focused on basic human needs, youth activities, and arts and culture. This year, CFSEK awarded a total of **\$160,000** to **53 organizations**.



### Arts & Culture

- **Gordon Parks Museum Foundation:** Gordon Parks Celebration
- **Olive Street Presents, LTD:** "Don't Stop Believin'" Music Programming
- **Pittsburg ArtWalk Association:** Audio Equipment

### Basic Human Needs

- **Caney Valley Agape Network, Inc.:** Improvements for Sustainability
- **Care Cupboard Hygiene Pantry:** It's All Essential
- **Catholic Charities Inc.:** Youth Homelessness Diversion Project
- **Community Food Pantry Fund:** Community Food Pantry Fund
- **Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas:** Clothing Our Kids
- **Crosstimbers Food Pantry Association:** The Blessing Bee Lift Gate
- **DBLO Association:** Continuing to Make Dreams Possible for SEK Kids
- **Eden Early Learning Academy:** Educational Enrichment for Children
- **The Erie United Methodist Church, Inc.:** Christmas Baskets
- **Families and Children Together Inc.:** Working for Wellness
- **First Baptist Church Riverton:** Share with Love Food pantry
- **First United Methodist Church Wesley House:** Homeless Supplies
- **Humanity House Foundation:** Feeding Allen County II
- **KVC Kansas:** Personal Care Items for Youth in Foster System
- **Labette County Emergency Assistance Center:** Emergency Funds
- **The Lord's Diner:** The Lord's Diner Project
- **Mosaic:** Emergency Funding for People with Disabilities
- **Sacred Heart Parish:** Providing Fresh Produce for Our Families
- **Safe Haven Outreach Mission:** A Good Night's Sleep
- **Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.:** Welcome Home
- **The Salvation Army:** Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance Program
- **SEK Women Helping Women:** Stay Safe

### *The Year in Grants - General Funds (cont.)*

- **SparkWheel:** Essential Services for SEK Students
- **Wesley United Methodist Church:** Grab & Go Food Ministry

### **Youth Activities**

- **Chanute Public Library:** Literacy4Littles
- **Cherry Street Youth Center, Inc.:** Reading Lab – Raz Kids
- **City of Galena:** City Park Splash Pad
- **City of Mulberry:** Basketball Court Upgrades
- **Columbus Area Community Foundation:** Youth Activities Granting
- **Curious Minds Discovery Zone, Inc.:** Outdoor Shelter & Safety
- **First Baptist Church Riverton:** Together Strong
- **First United Methodist Church Wesley House:** Coats for Kids
- **Fort Scott Area Community Foundation:** Youth Activities Granting
- **The Foster Closet, Inc.:** Family Enrichment Events
- **Fostering Connections:** Back to School Free, Family, Fun Event
- **Girard Area Community Foundation:** Youth Activities Granting
- **Happy Kids Daycare & Preschool, Inc.:** Frog Street Curriculum
- **Inspire Health Foundation, Inc.:** Health Resources for Students
- **Integrated Behavioral Technologies:** Teen Activity Room
- **Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Mentors and Matches
- **Pittsburg Community Theatre:** Jr. Starz
- **St. Mary's Colgan Schools:** Family and Consumer Sciences
- **St. Patrick Catholic School:** Student Learning Through Technology
- **SoHome Kids Foundation:** Safe Space
- **Southwind Extension Education Foundation:** Food, Safety, and Personal Hygiene Enhancement
- **Special Olympics Kansas:** Equipment for Special Olympics Kansas SEK
- **Spring River Mental Health and Wellness:** Pathfinders Activities
- **USD 250:** Holiday Vespers
- **Victory Life Church:** Back2School Event
- **Wilco Interagency Corporation:** Early Childhood Family Engagement 🌻

Learn more about our General Funds grants by visiting

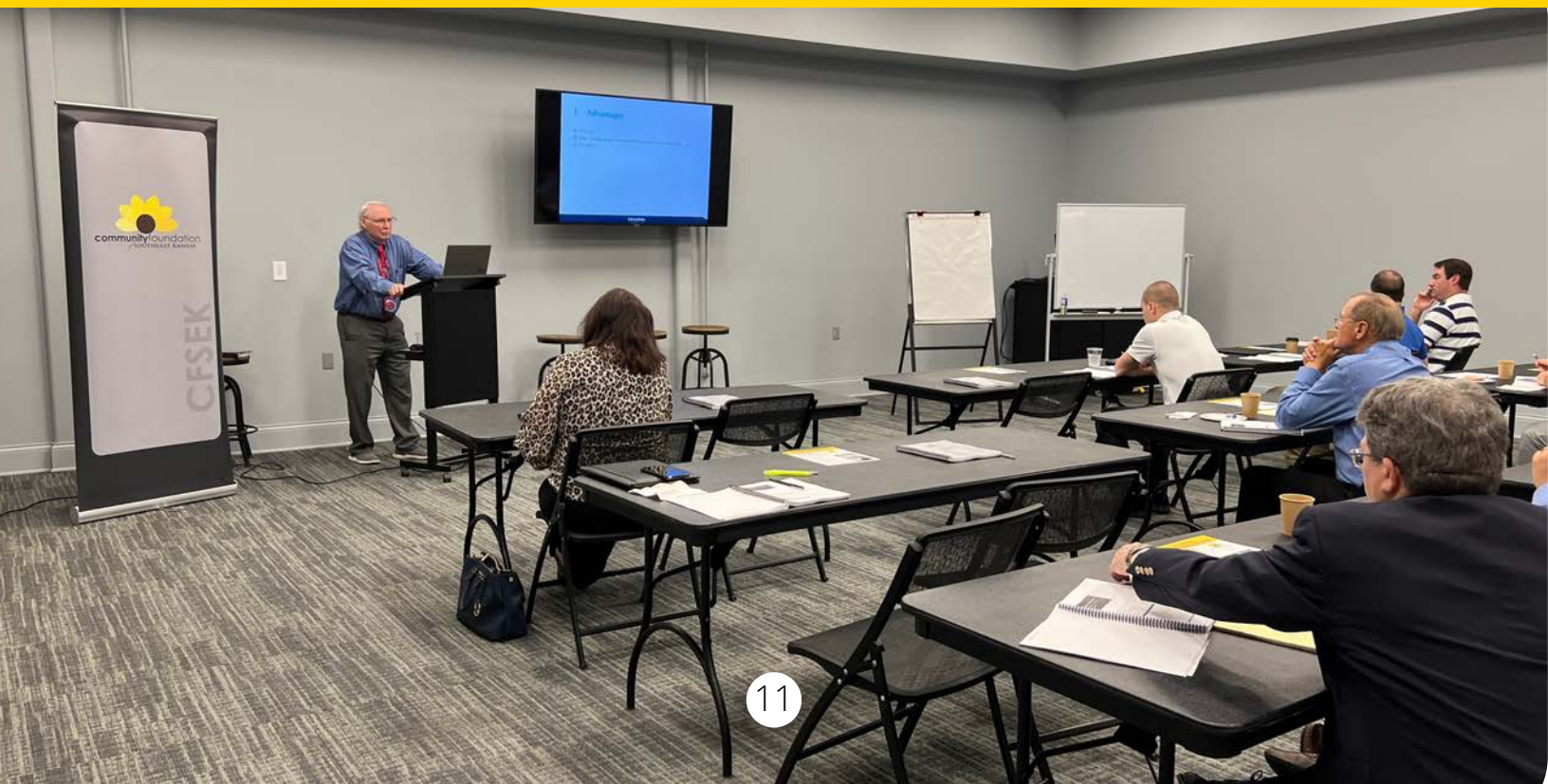
[SoutheastKansas.org/gf23](https://SoutheastKansas.org/gf23)



FSACF President Craig Campbell and CFSEK Executive Director Devin Gorman pose together at a Chamber Coffee hosted by CFSEK in March.



Tim O'Sullivan of Foulston Siefkin LLP discusses recent legal developments at CFSEK's Estate Planning Forum in June.





Executive Director Devin Gorman visited a few recipients of our General Funds Granting to present checks in person, featured here with the Sacred Heart food pantry volunteers.



CFSEK Trustee Diane James and Executive Director Devin Gorman visit with Pittsburg High School Music Department staff and present their check to benefit their Holiday Vespers concert.



# Coming Up at CFSEK

In **September**, the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund will open its annual grant cycle and host a members-only event (details TBA). Plus, GACF continues to accept grant applications through September 30. And CFSEK is offering \$5,000 in special, one-time grants in support of child-care facilities in Bourbon County until September 22.

annual Grant Celebration to honor all the excellent work being done by our 2023 grantees.

Finally, on **November 28**, National Giving Tuesday, the Community Foundation will hold its eighth annual Match Day, and this year, our affiliates are joining in, too! Stay tuned for more details! 🌻

On **November 8**, CFSEK will host its



The graphic features a white header with logos for communityfoundation of southeast kansas, COLUMBUS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, and girard area community foundation. To the right of the logos is the text "save the date!". Below the header is a large graphic with a purple-to-green gradient background. The word "match" is in brown on the purple side, and "day" is in brown on the green side. In the center, there is a vertical stack of four stylized hands in green, yellow, and orange. At the bottom, a green bar contains the hashtag "#SEKMATCHDAY" on the left and the date "NOVEMBER 28, 2023" on the right.

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