

COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Southwest Kansas

2008 Report to the Community



Lighting the Way for Future Generations

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the midst of many uncertain predictions, and in keeping with the strong convictions of the mission of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, the year of 2008 was both challenging and rewarding. It is times such as this that resilience is tested and experience becomes a learning tool for the future.

Charitable giving is a unique and special opportunity to touch the lives of many people. Whether charitable gifts come to the Foundation from generous donors or the Foundation is granting benefits to charitable organizations for their causes, lives are being enriched because someone cared.

During the past year, the foundation was able to have a positive impact on more than 5,000 people, mostly youth, through programs made possible largely by generous donors and dedicated people. The Scholarship Program continues to be a vital part of the Foundation by the number of students who benefit from the program. The dynamic program, Rachel's Challenge (stop the violence), involved over 4,000 students from schools throughout our local communities. Other grants during the year were beneficial to many people of all ages, which included groups, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kids County and many others.

It is through the care and concern of donors, to whom the Foundation is most grateful, the efforts of dedicated and sound Board of Director members and staff, the Foundation will continue to have a tremendous future. As we continue to be of one mind, heart and spirit, the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas will remain strong both now and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Hamilton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Margaret Hamilton
Chairman of the Board
Community Foundation of
Southwest Kansas

THE ORIGINAL INCORPORATORS

The original nine incorporators of the
Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas.

Jay F. Bezdek

Joseph J. Bogner

Gary R. Chaffin

Tom Harkness

Larry R. Heyka

Duane Ross

Thomas P. Shirley

Kathryn E. Sughrue

Ben F. Zimmerman III

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOUNDERS

As of January 2008

Jay & Sharon Bezdek	Tom & Roberta Harkness
Landmark National Bank	Tom & Donna Shirley
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Credit Union of Dodge City	Vernon R. Zollars
Gertrude Goddard & James E. Goddard	Duane & Mary Jo Tasset

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HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas began as a dream of nine residents of Southwest Kansas in 1991. These individuals, called “the Founders,” raised \$90,000 by donating \$10,000 each to establish the Community Foundation.

The Foundation received its initial tax-exempt status notification from the IRS in September 1992. Other significant milestones include: successfully recruiting founders to fund the “Founders Endowment” and receiving a significant endowment from St. Mary of the Plains that funded the Scholarship Fund.

In September of 1999, the foundation changed its name from the Dodge City Area Community Foundation. The change was made to better reflect the geographic area the Community Foundation serves.

The organization was born by individual acts of philanthropy to insure the area’s future educational, health, leadership and quality of life needs. The Foundation has awarded over 2,671 scholarships totaling \$1,334,265. In the last ten years (1997 to 2007), a total of 248 grants have been funded in excess of \$1.5 million. The assets of the Community Foundation have grown from zero in 1992 to \$11.8 million in 2007.

The truly amazing fact is that the Foundation experienced phenomenal growth with only a part-time director. At mid-year 2001, the Foundation hired its first full-time director.

The Community Foundation began fiscal year 2001 with 25 named funds and ended fiscal 2007 with 62 named funds. During the same time period, assets have grown from \$6.3M to \$11.8M. This growth can be directly attributed to the Foundation’s involvement with the Kansas Health Foundation and the successful completion of five various campaigns that involved matching funds. The title program, “Grow Healthy Kansas” continues to bring substantial benefits and growth to our Foundation and the communities we serve.

To the Community Foundation’s partners, which include donors, volunteers and the Kansas Health Foundation, thank you for your commitment to our success.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2008

Margaret Hamilton
Chairman

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is to improve the quality of life in the Southwest Kansas area by providing ongoing philanthropic leadership and maintaining and enhancing the educational, social, cultural, health and civic resources of the community.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

- We do so by receiving and managing funds to build a permanent endowment that addresses the unmet needs of our community. We grant funds to support worthy projects in the areas of social and human services, arts and culture, education, and quality of life.
- We provide a flexible way for donors, with varied philanthropic desires, to affect positive changes in their particular areas of interest.
- We act as a leader in the local community by identifying and exploring important issues and concerns, and shaping effective responses.
- We help people strengthen our communities by thoughtfully changing lives and inspiring community commitment.
- We help donors target their giving by pointing out the difference between making a donation and making a difference.
- We make grants to community nonprofits.
- We help professional advisors serve their clients better.
- We serve as a leader, a catalyst for change, and a resource for philanthropy.
- We work to build and hold a permanent and growing endowment for the community's changing needs and opportunities.
- We strive for excellence in strategic grant making that benefits all citizens of our community in fields such as social services, education, health, the environment, and the arts.
- Our goal is to provide a flexible and cost-effective way for civic-minded individuals, families, and companies to contribute to their community - now and for all time.

STANDING COMMITTEES - 2008

Executive Committee:

Margaret Hamilton, Brad Ralph,
Janet Kliesen, Darrin Golliher

Grant Committee:

Darrin Golliher, Robert Swaim, Dr. E. A. Liebl,
Brad Ralph, Rolland Werner, Michael Hitz, Janet Kliesen,
Mindy Burkhardt, Margaret Hamilton

Scholarship Committee:

Esther Abbey, Martha Pfannenstiel, Vangie Trent,
Julene Konrade, Judy Bleumer, Tom Armstrong,
Alice Schoonover, Tim Schoonover

Investment Committee:

Lu Ann Wetmore, Darrin Golliher, Carolyn Eichman,
Rolland Werner, Michael Hitz, Margaret Hamilton,
Jeff R. Thorpe

Nominating Committee:

David Snapp, Martha Barnhardt, Brad Ralph

Asset Development Committee:

Margaret Hamilton, Kent Stehlik,
Janet Kliesen, Brad Ralph, Rolland Werner

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2008 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas was held Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. following dinner at the Knights of Columbus Lounge in Dodge City, Kansas.

Those attending included: Mary Ann Black, Barbara Miller, Jeff Thorpe, Dee Thorpe, Bruce Mock, Jo Anne Mock, Tim Schoonover, Alice Schoonover, Randy Shelman, Ruth Shelman, Jackie Trindle, Lea Ann Seiler, Gary Seiler, Dr. Glenn Mitchell, Susie Faulds, Bruno Hoffman, Marcie Hoffman, Marvin Hampton, Floris Jean Hampton, Mindy Burkhart, Phil Ziegler, Jerry Ziegler, Mary Stukenholtz, Dr. E.A. Liebl, Bea Liebl, Tom Armstrong, Terri Armstrong, Ron Herrman, Lea Herrman, Gordon Barnhardt, Martha Barnhardt, Margaret Hamilton, Don Skinner, Catherine Herman, Kent Stehlik, Larry Blake, Nancy Blake, Ella Mae Byers, Michael Hitz, Yvonne Hitz, Ron O'Hanlon, Mary O'Hanlon, Tom Shirley, Donna Shirley, Jim Coffin, David Snapp, Judy Counce, Van Lett, Mary Lett, Kim Herman Fisher, Stephanie Groth, and Pat Hamit.

Chairperson Margaret Hamilton called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the 2007 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Michael Hitz and seconded by Jim Coffin to appoint Dave Snapp, Brad Ralph and Martha Barnhardt to the Nominating Committee. The motion carried.

Chairman Margaret Hamilton recognized special guests, Founders, Board of Directors, and Committee Members. She recognized Mindy Burkhart for the donation of the Foundation's office space. She also recognized Lu Ann Wetmore for the assistance she provides the Foundation with accounting issues.

Chairman Margaret Hamilton made opening remarks addressing the needs of the Community Foundation and the needs of the communities and organizations the Foundation assists. Chairman Hamilton went on to explain how blessed we are as a community in that we have organizations such as Youthville, Big Brothers Big Sisters, CASA and United Way. She explained how crucial these agencies are and how the Community Foundation has a history of cooperation and grantmaking with these organizations. Ms. Hamilton concluded by recognizing the blessings the Community Foundation has enjoyed through its collaboration with the Kansas Health Foundation.

Scholarship Director Stephanie Groth summarized the 2007 activities of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Program. Ms. Groth reported that, in the past year, 151 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$103,320. The Scholarship Committee was recognized and commended for their hard work.

Executive Director Pat Hamit recounted the events and highlights from the past year. Mr. Hamit recognized the new funds established during 2007.

Jeff Thorpe, Funds Manager, presented the Financial Review for 2007. Mr. Thorpe reported that the Investment Committee had reviewed the investment portfolio on a periodic basis as needed. He reported that the year-to-date return for 2007 was 6.98% with a 10-year average return of 9.28%.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash	\$	18,056.66
KHF Grant Match Receivable		100,000.00
Investment Securities		9,431,248.26
Equipment, net		<u>22,605.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 9,571,909.92

LIABILITIES

Expense Payable	\$	1,941.68
Scholarships Payable		53,450.00
Agency Endowments		<u>433,371.22</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 488,762.90

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$	43,392.10
Temporarily Restricted		418,917.25
Permanently Restricted		<u>8,620,833.67</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 9,083,147.02

TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS \$ 9,571,909.92

*"We won't always know whose lives
we touched and made better for
our having cared."
-- Charlotte Lunsford*

FUNDS DIRECTORY

The Dodge City Fund

Unrestricted Fund

The Founders Fund

Designated Fund

Carol Wagner

Memorial Fund

Designated Fund for the
First United Methodist Church
in service to the needy

Don and Shirley Skinner

Donor Advised Fund

Norbert C. and Clara Irsik

Memorial Fund

Donor Advised Fund

Charles and Doris

Landers Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Regina Nufer Trust Fund

Field of Interest Fund

Leadership Dodge Fund

Designated Fund for the
Leadership Dodge program

Plains High School

Memorial Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

KHF Administrative Fund

Designated Fund for CFSK's
operational expense

Bill and Nona Chaffin Fund

Donor Advised Fund

James E. Blakely Fund

Donor Advised Fund

The Fry Family Fund

Donor Advised Fund

The Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Piano Teachers League Fund

Agency Fund

KHF Grow Healthy

Kansas Fund

Field of Interest Fund for
the well-being and interest
of children

St. Mary's Memorial Fund

Designated Fund

Karl Seith Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Plains Community

Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Fund
to benefit the
community of Plains, Kansas

Leadership Dodge

Children's Fund

Designated Fund for the Jr.
Leadership Dodge program

F.O. & M.A. Black Fund

Donor Advised Fund

R.D. Croll Endowment Fund

Designated Fund for the benefit
of United Methodist Youthville

Fowler Community

Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Fund to
benefit the community of
Fowler, Kansas

William and Imogene

Henton Fund

Designated Fund to benefit the
Sedalia Community Church

Meade Community

Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Fund
to benefit the community
of Meade, Kansas

Marvin and Barbara

Odgers Fund

Donor Advised Fund

Thomas R. and Roberta B.

Harkness Endowment Fund

Donor Advised Fund

Monsanto Choice Genetics

Safety Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Betty J. and Rolland E.

Werner Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

FUNDS DIRECTORY

Plains Community Building Fund

Special Project Field of Interest
Fund to fund a community
building in Plains, Kansas

United Way Emergency Fund

Agency Fund for natural or
economic distressed times

Boot Hill Museum Endowment Fund

Agency Fund for the benefit of
Boot Hill Museum

Crisis Center Endowment Fund

Agency Fund for the benefit of
the Crisis Center

Crisis Center Capital Fund

Special Project Agency Fund
to fund capital expenditure
projects

ACCESS-US Scholarship Fund

A Component of the Torch
Fund
Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund for the benefit of
“place-bound, non-traditional”
students at DCCC

Todd Mathes Cutcliffe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Dodge City Trail of Fame Fund

A Component of the Torch
Fund
Special Project Agency Fund
supporting the enhancement
of historic Dodge City

Dr. B. Richard & Patricia Dryden Education Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

Dodge City School Education Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship
Fund

U.S.D. 443 Marilyn Shipley Children’s Literacy Fund

Designated Fund for the
benefit of Title 1 Children’s
Literacy Program

Dodge City Habitat for Humanity Fund

A Component of
the Torch Fund
Special Project Agency Fund
for the use and benefit of
Habitat for Humanity

Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Fund to
benefit the community
of Spearville, Kansas

Minneola Community Foundation Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Fund for the
benefit of students from
Minneola High School

Jerry Slaton Fund

Field of Interest Fund for the
use and benefit of the youth
of the Hanston, Kansas area

Blake Stanley Memorial Fund

Field of Interest Fund to
benefit youth involved in 4-H

Vernon R. Zollars Fund

Field of Interest Fund to
benefit the Music Department
at Dodge City
Community College

Tom and Donna Shirley Family Fund

Donor Advised Fund

Kathy Sowers Cancer Fund

A Component of the
Harvest Fund
Donor Advised -
Pass Through Fund
benefiting the victims of cancer

Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Scholarship

The Plains Community Improvement Fund

Component of the Torch Fund
Field of Interest Fund

FUNDS DIRECTORY

**Irene L. Thompson
Endowment Fund**

Designated Fund
supporting various local
charities

**City of Dodge City
Commissioner's Fund**

A component of the Harvest
Fund
Donor Advised Pass-Through
Fund

**Bucklin Community Better
Life Foundation Fund**

Field of Interest Fund
for the Benefit of Bucklin,
Kansas

**Gail G. and Ora Mae
Schraeder Fund**

Unrestricted Fund

**Juanita Abel Pyle Scholarship
Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**KHF Children's Fund -
Spearville**

Field of Interest Fund
"for the well-being and interest
of children"

**James Blakely Endowment
Fund**

Designated Fund
Supporting various local
charities

Tim & Alice Schoonover Fund
Donor Advised Fund

Circle of Hope

Cancer Survivors Fund
Component of the Torch Fund
Field of Interest Fund

Leidigh Family Fund

Field of Interest Fund
Spearville High School
Business Dept.

**Friends of Meade State
Park and Lake**

Component of the Torch Fund
Field of Interest Fund

**Richard and Phyllis Johnson
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

James Goddard Fund

Unrestricted Fund

Gertrude Goddard Fund

Unrestricted Fund

Margaret Robb Fund

Unrestricted Fund

**Carolyn Seidl Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Ginny Ziegler Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Greensburg Area
Reconstruction Fund**

A component of the Harvest
Fund
Field of Interest Fund

Marvin Price Fund

Designated Fund

**Robert and Maida Waldman
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest

**Dodge City Area Community
Concert Association Fund**

Designated Fund

**Leonard Maxwell Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Marvin and Floris Jean
Hampton**

Field of Interest Fund

**Jaris J. Slaton Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Mullinville School District,
USD 424**

Designated Fund

THE BALANCING ACT

A Community Foundation has three functions. It is a Grantmaker. It is a vehicle for the philanthropy of individuals, corporations and organizations that have concern for a specific geographic area. It provides leadership in the communities it serves as an effective, independent arena for addressing difficult issues and/or advocating for needed programs, services and policies.

The Role of a Community Foundation as a Grantmaker

Many of us think that the community foundation's role of Grantmaker is the easy part. It might even be fun considering we are giving away someone else's money. The idea of providing support to local projects is what prospective board members find most appealing about community foundations.

In truth, grantmaking can be very difficult. This is especially true considering the community setting in which those making the tough decisions know the applicants. This is the primary reason that the balance required for thoughtful, effective grantmaking is difficult to achieve and maintain. If grantmaking is to be strategic, a certain number of applications - including some that are worthwhile - must be turned down.

However, good grant making is part of good stewardship. A community foundation that demonstrates the ability to award grants that make a real difference provides a compelling reason for the donors and prospective donors to place their trust and generosity in that organization.

Community foundations exhibit a broad range of grantmaking interest that includes Education, Poverty Alleviation, Arts and Culture, Community Development, Health and Human Services.

The community foundation's main virtue as a Grantmaker may be the process as opposed to the product. That is, ordinary people, using resources generated by other ordinary people, making decisions about the uses of those resources. The concept of a community foundation, by its nature, afford people a modest sense of control over their lives.¹

The Role of a Community Foundation as a Vehicle for Philanthropy

Traditionally, community foundations have focused on permanently endowed funds. This sets community foundations apart from other community-based philanthropic



activities. Creating a vehicle through which donors can give back to their communities remains one of the most critical components of a successful community foundation's mission.

Most importantly, benefits from permanently endowed funds will span generations. Permanently endowed gifts from the past continue to provide for the present and future. The good fortune enjoyed during good times produces income to fund services during hard times.

It is not uncommon for community foundations to hold endowments to benefit specific organizations. The community foundations become a "firewall," preserving and

protecting an organizations permanently endowed fund from the whims of the organization's directors who might view the endowment as a "rainy-day" fund.

Permanently endowed funds are usually considered to be an integral part of the definition of a community foundation. However, funds to be used for immediate grantmaking are an important part of every community foundation. In either case, community foundations are designed to be flexible, efficient vehicles with the potential to help communities take advantage of opportunities and address current needs.²

The Role of a Community Foundation as a Community Leader

Because of their experience working with a variety of donors, nonprofit organizations, grantees and various forms of government, community foundations' boards and staff often have special insights into community issues. This gives them a broader perspective than most other organizations.

A community leader can be defined as an individual or organization that identifies an issue, has a general sense of the desired outcome and conducts a process that includes a broad range of community interests that support the effort. Sometimes this leadership takes the form of acting as a convener and bringing together differing elements of the community. In other circumstances, the community foundation initiates the process to affect the desired outcome.

As community foundations continue to grow, develop, become more visible, while becoming more experienced it is difficult to find a downside to assuming a leadership role in the communities we serve.³

1. The Balancing Act, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Aug. 2008
2. The Balancing Act, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Sept. 2008
3. The Balancing Act, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Oct.20

SUMMARY OF 2008

Rachel's Challenge impacts students

"These hands belong to Rachel Joy Scott and will someday touch millions of people's hearts." These words were written inside the traced outline of Rachel Scott's hand on the back of her dresser-drawers. Her quotation was found after she was killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Since then, her words have become very prophetic.

Rachel's Challenge is a worldwide program designed to stop school violence. Darrell Scott, Rachel's father, started the program in 2001. He was determined to see that his daughter's death would not be in vain.

Rachel's Challenge, a powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a one hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. This is followed by an interactive 45-minute training session involving both adult and student leaders that shows how to sustain the momentum created by the assembly. The assembly creates the "want to" or desire for positive change. The training session teaches the "how to" and ensures that the positive impact will continue.

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas voted unanimously to devote a portion of the funds available for grants from the Kansas Health Foundation's "Children's Fund" to underwrite Rachel's Challenge for the schools in Southwest Kansas. "A certain part of the Foundation's grants will always be re-active, however, this is an opportunity to be pro-active in our grant making and provide a service to our catchment area and the communities we serve," said Foundation Chairwoman Margaret Hamilton. Hamilton went on to say, "We've all watched events unfold at Columbine and at Virginia Tech and wondered what can be done to stop this insanity. Rachel's Challenge is part of the answer. Change has to start at the grassroots level and work its way up in order to be truly effective and the Community Foundation is a catalyst for this change."

For three days in September, Rachel's Challenge was presented to Southwest Kansas. Thirteen area schools participated with an estimated 4,550 students in attendance. About 190 parents and community leaders attended the evening sessions. One of the evening sessions was conducted in Spanish.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

-- Aesop

"Three hundred folding metal chairs on a wooden basketball court filled with middle school age kids and you can hear a pin drop! Rachel's Challenge held their attention at the highest level." Reported Andrew Farber, the Principal at Spearville. Dexter Leach, Principal at Minneola High School, said, "Our students have learned a life long lesson on how kindness can change the world."

An article in the *Dodge City Daily Globe* reports that the students from Soule Intermediate School are making links in order to form a chain of human kindness. One link represents one act of kindness performed by the student. The concept of a single act of kindness starting a chain reaction is one of the precepts of Rachel's Challenge.

It is safe to say that, months after the event, Rachel's Challenge continues to evolve, grow and impact students from around Southwest Kansas.

Transfer of Wealth

Approximately \$66 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in Kansas by 2020, and that figure is expected to rise to \$598 billion by 2060, according to a recent study commissioned by the Kansas Health Foundation. The study was conducted by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University.

If five percent of the \$66 billion figure were designated for community foundations, that figure would generate \$3.3 billion that could be invested in community betterment projects or local non-profit organizations

In Ford County alone, approximately \$535.3 million is expected to change hands over the next 12 years.

Community foundations across Kansas, including the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, are launching a campaign to keep a portion of that wealth in their communities. The goal is to encourage Kansans to start thinking about planning their estates and leaving a portion of their wealth — up to five percent — to their communities.

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TRANSFER *of* WEALTH

COUNTY NAME	TOTAL COUNTY NET WORTH 2004	ADJUSTED TOW (ESTATES) 2004 - 2020	5% OF TOW 2004 - 2020	ANNUAL GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY
Clark	\$458,625,720	\$45,161,665	\$2,258,083	\$112,904
Ford	\$6,213,875,116	\$535,309,142	\$26,765,457	\$1,338,273
Gray	\$1,224,924,134	\$69,608,577	\$3,480,429	\$174,022
Hodgeman	\$425,503,818	\$34,556,916	\$1,727,846	\$86,392
Meade	\$892,463,857	\$70,283,765	\$3,514,188	\$175,710

Source: Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities created by and for local residents. Their mission is to help people support the issues they care most about, either immediately or through their will. The community foundations are equipped to identify a community's long-term needs and help people make decisions about their charitable giving.

Part of the foundations' goal is to educate people about estate planning and encourage them to remember their communities in their wills. Aubrey Abbott Patterson, of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations, said people who want to leave part of their estate to their communities should start planning that legacy now. "Many times, donors don't have heirs to pass it on to. And unless there's some sort of planning, that money goes to the government," she said. "There's a lot that can be done to make that a positive good for a community — the community that they loved and that helped them accumulate what they've got."

School Endowment Challenge begins

As a reward for completing Phase-5 a year ahead of time, the Community Foundation has been invited by the Kansas Health Foundation to join in a special campaign that will motivate area school districts to consider the benefit of an endowed fund that benefits their respective schools. The Kansas Health Foundation has capped the program at an overall total of \$400,000 to which they will match a total of \$200,000. No matter how you figure it, that is a 50% immediate return on the donor's gift. This campaign has the potential to be a great investment in many different ways

The Foundation's Board of Directors has upped the ante. Participating schools who raise \$5,000 for their school endowment fund will receive a \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation. In other words: at a minimum, participating schools will receive a \$1,000 grant (the grant does not qualify for matching funds) plus \$2,500 in matching funds from the Kansas Health Foundation once their respective endowed funds reach the \$5,000 level. The immediate total on a \$5,000 fund now becomes \$8,500 and what was a 50% return now becomes a 70% immediate return on the school's endowed fund.

Original 40 Founders List completed

In the beginning days of the Community Foundation it was decided to cover operation expenses of the organization through a Founder's Fund made up of 40 founders. This fund is permanently endowed which means that only a percentage of the earnings of the fund can be dispersed.

The Founders are a group of individuals, families, businesses and organizations from the surrounding area that are committed to the concept and work performed by the Community Foundation.

In early January 2008, Duane and Mary Jo Tasset became the 40th and final name to be added to the list of Founders of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. As promised 17 years ago, the original Founders Fund is now closed.

New Fund to continue Founders Fund concept

In order to continue the concept and practical application of the Founders Fund, a new fund that

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mirrors the mechanics of the Founders Fund has been established. Just like the Founders Fund, the new fund will be permanently endowed, open to 40 donors who contribute \$10,000, and used to defray the Foundation's administration cost. At the donor's discretion, the \$10,000 gift can be paid in four annual payments. Currently, the name being considered for this new fund is the Torch Fund. This name is reflective of the Foundation's logo and complementary of the motto, "Lighting the way for future generations." For more details, please call the Community Foundation office at 620-225-0959.

New Funds 2008

Leonard Maxwell Memorial Scholarship Fund: Leonard Maxwell dedicated his life to educating and counseling students. He spent his last working years with students as a guidance counselor in the Hanston area. Born in Quinter, Kansas in 1940, he passed away in March of this year. His wife, Roseann and his son Doug have been instrumental in establishing the scholarship that will memorialize Leonard's life and his dedication to education. This fund will benefit students from smaller schools in SW Kansas wishing to enhance their lives through higher education.

Marvin and Floris Jean Hampton Family Fund: If one were to list the organizations, interest and issues that concern Marvin and Floris Jean Hampton it would involve not pages, but volumes. All of us recognize that this part of Kansas faces a shortage of nurses. How many of us have connected the dots in associating this problem with the lack of qualified educators in the nursing programs? When conversing with the Hamptons concerning this subject, it becomes obvious that both of them are passionate about the shortage of nurse educators. The scholarship that bears their family name will primarily benefit students wishing to become nurse educators who intend to return to Southwest Kansas to apply their skill and trade or other students interested in a healing arts profession.

Dodge City Community Concert Endowed Fund: The Board of Directors of the Dodge City Community Concert Association voted to establish an en-

dowed fund that would enable the Concert Association to continue to fund live concert performances in Dodge City. Since 1936, the Dodge City Community Concert Association has been a cornerstone in providing quality stage performances in our area. By establishing an endowed fund, the Community Concert Association ensures that their history of contributing to the quality of life in Southwest Kansas will continue for many years to come.

Mullinville School District, USD 424: This is the first school district in Southwest Kansas to take advantage of the School Endowment Challenge offer by the Kansas Health Foundation. Darrel Kohlman, the new superintendent at UDS 424, views the school endowment program as a great opportunity for area schools to establish a source of funding to assist school districts in financing various programs without relying upon local tax payers to fund the entire project. Kohlman said that he is looking forward to a long-term relationship with the Community Foundation. Kohlman went on to say that the endowed fund makes a great vehicle for alumni and other donors to contribute to their hometown school.

Robert and Maida Waldman Scholarship Fund: Robert Waldman, age 78, originally from Park, Kansas, passed away on May 30, 2008. He and his wife, Maida, moved to Dodge City in 1963. Robert was the owner and operator of Dodge City Office Equipment. His wife, two sons and four daughters have established an endowed scholarship to honor the memory of their loved one. The scholarship benefits students wishing to obtain higher education.

Jaris J. Slaton Memorial Scholarship Fund: In the words of Jaris herself; "If days won't allow us to see each other, memories will, and if my eyes can't see you, my heart will never forget you". This is most certainly true for all those who knew her; this vibrant young lady profoundly touched the lives of many, in her not-so-many 14 years. She was born in Dodge City but spent most of her childhood in Grand Island, Nebraska, where she developed a passion for playing softball. She possessed great skill in many sports, but softball was where she truly excelled. To honor this memory her parents, Jarrett and Bonnie

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Slaton, have established this fund to benefit high school softball players intending to advance to the college-level of play.

Fowler Community Foundation Fund endows

Citizens of Fowler concerned with maintaining the viability of their town are now seeing their vision of an endowed fund that benefits the community fulfilled.

After several years of working to grow the fund through contributions and earnings, the Fowler Community Foundation Fund has endowed. With the dedication of the new public library in Fowler, community leaders made the first grant from the Fowler Fund to assist with the purchase of bookshelves.

Plains Community Foundation Fund endows

The people of Plains, Kansas have been in the forefront when it comes to using the Community Foundation to maintain the viability of their town. Over the years they have used the Community Foundation for their Main Street Project, a community center and other various projects. Community leaders, with a vision for the future, started an endowment fund to address quality of life issues for the overall benefit of the community.

This year the Community of Plains awarded a grant to re-start the local Cub and Boy Scout Troop in Plains. None of us have any idea how a young person's life will be changed by through an opportunity to be involved in scouting. As the fund that benefits the Community of Plains continues to grow, the fund will touch the lives of many people in Plains, Kansas.

Tim and Alice Schoonover Fund endows

The fund established by the Schoonovers is intended to help organizations in Dodge City continue to enhance their program delivery. The first grant from this fund was awarded to the Ford County Humane Society to assist with cost associated with the spay and neuter program.

Gail C & Ora Mae Schraeder Fund endows

This fund was established in January of 2007 by Mia Korbelik, Gina McCullough and Bernadette

Porter to honor their parents and memorializes their lives. The Schraeder fund endowed in 2008 with a grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters to help defray the cost of background checks for potential participants in this worthwhile program.

Bucklin Better Life Foundation Fund endows

The community of Bucklin, over the years, has developed a reputation as a town that sets lofty goals for itself and then goes to work to accomplish those goals.

A little more than a year ago, an endowment fund for the benefit of the community of Bucklin was established. This year the fund endowed and a grant was awarded to the community of Bucklin to help build a new swimming pool for that town. Yes, Bucklin is still a little bit away from actual construction, but does anyone doubt that there is a new swimming pool in that town's future?

The essence of both small town living and small town revival is enhancing the quality of life in those communities. An all too common thread throughout Southwest Kansas is that our children grow up and move away. When hometown kids reflect on how great it was to grow up in a town like Bucklin, Kansas it becomes something that they want their kids to experience and that desire is the beginning of the revitalization of our small towns in Southwest Kansas.

Like the Meade County funds, the Bucklin Better Life Foundation Fund is for the benefit of the community of Bucklin and is designed to allow anyone to give a gift to their community in any amount.

Residents of Bucklin, Plains and earlier this year Fowler are discovering that a community endowment fund allows people to add value to their town without being dependant on tax dollars or other equally hard to comeby sources of funds. Agreed, these grants are viewed as a small start, but it is a start, never the less. Years from now, as these funds continue to grow and mature, the possibilities and the impact upon the area communities can be tremendous and the originators of these funds will be viewed as visionaries.

For more information concerning a community endowment call the Community Foundation office at 620-225-0959.

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Foundation Factoid

In 1914, Fredrick Harris Goff formed what was to become the model for community foundations. Goff's intention was to provide a way for people of modest means to participate in large-scale philanthropy. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, since its inception, has been a passionate advocate of Goff's philosophy. In 2008, the Community Foundation received gifts as large as \$350,000, as small as \$5.00 and everything in between.

The difference between the largest gifts and the smallest gifts can be tracked annually back to the beginning of this Foundation and it is not just a one year occurrence. The Community Foundation is designed as a delivery vehicle for the donor. Every donation,

regardless of size, is important to this Foundation. As always, it is the wish of the donor that drives this delivery vehicle. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas remains committed to Fredrick Goff's philosophy, as well as adhering to the donor's wishes. After all, without the donor there would be no scholarships, no grants, and the idea of a community foundation would be a moot point.

To the donors whose funds endowed in 2008, congratulations! To the donors who have supported the Community Foundation throughout the years and to the donors who plan to support the Foundation in the future, thank you for your confidence and consideration. Your support enables this Foundation to "light the way for future generations."

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas Scholarship Program has a long-standing history of providing financial aid to over a hundred students each year to attain their goal of receiving a college education.

Scholarship criteria vary from fund to fund. The criteria ranges from financial need, to academic achievement, selected majors, and geographical location. Some are limited to a community college or a technical school, yet most are eligible to be used at any accredited institution of the student's choice as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student.

The majorities of our students attend schools within the state of Kansas, but in the past have covered areas from coast to coast. We pride ourselves on being able to help those who may not have otherwise had such an opportunity. Last year, 150 recipients attended some 32 different colleges.

The process begins each year on February 1st with applications being distributed to schools and businesses all over Southwest Kansas. The deadline is March 15th. The scholarship committee then begins its six-week review process. This committee includes men and women from our community with professional backgrounds in education and business. The Scholarship Director then makes their recommendations to the Board of Directors. After their approval, notices are then sent to the recipients May 1st.

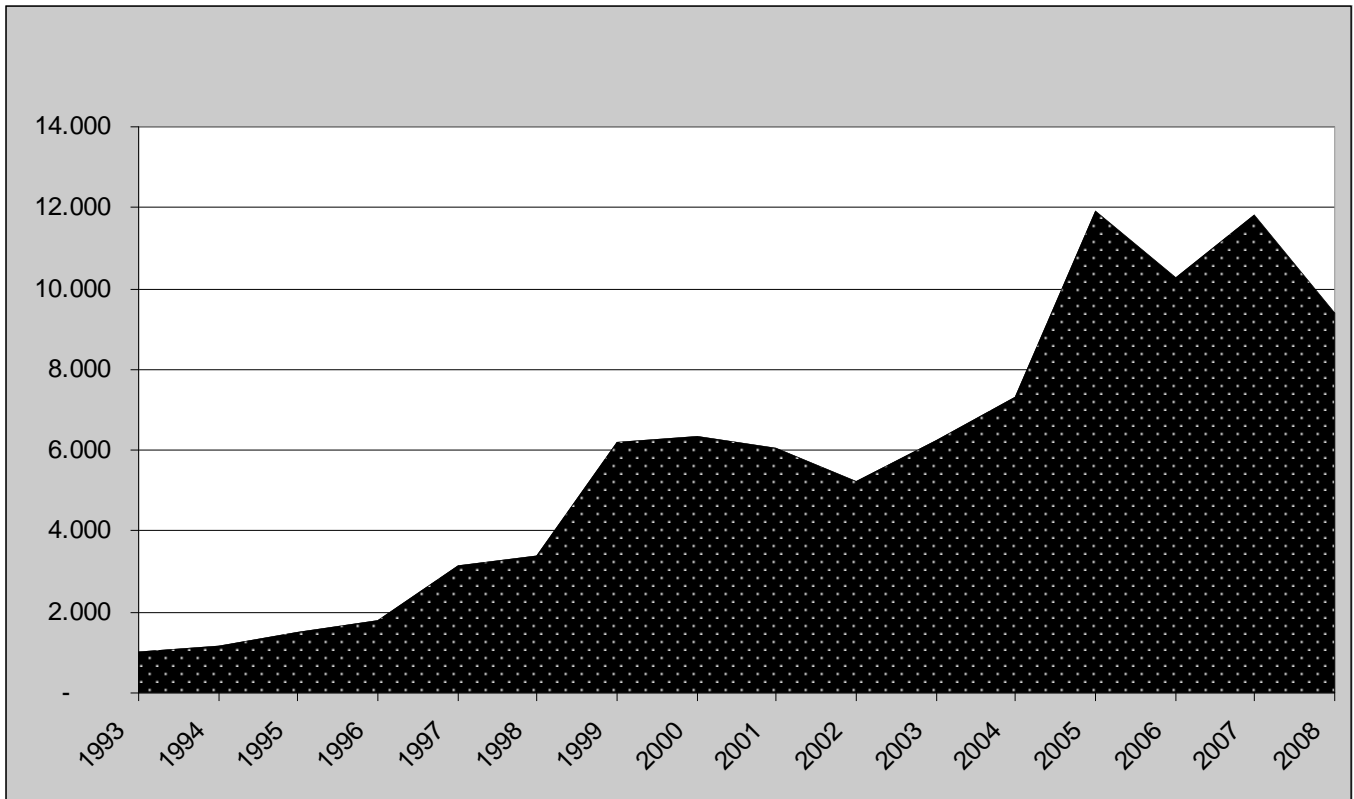
As funds endow, and the number of funds increases each year, we are able to provide more and more educational opportunities to students from southwest Kansas. It is an exciting process for us, and our donors to help cultivate a community of educated people who can help make a difference in the lives of all who live in our area of Kansas.

For more information feel free to contact the Scholarship Director, Stephanie Groth, at (620) 225-0959 or visit us at our website www.communityfoundationswks.com.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Academic Year	Scholarship Fund Dollars Awarded	Whitehead Scholarship Dollars Awarded
1993-1994	\$25,500	
1994-1995	\$27,500	
1995-1996	\$30,000	
1996-1997	\$48,000	
1997-1998	\$61,200	
1998-1999	\$95,000	
1999-2000	\$100,000	\$45,000
2000-2001	\$106,000	\$68,800
2001-2002	\$110,000	\$72,000
2002-2003	\$78,000	\$64,000
2003-2004	\$45,500	\$25,200
2004-2005	\$55,000	\$26,000
2005-2006	\$57,000	\$24,000
2006-2007	\$58,500	
2007-2008	\$112,065	
2008-2009	\$103,320	
TOTAL	\$1,112,585	\$325,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,437,585	
Academic Year	Scholarships Awarded	Whitehead Scholarships Awarded
1993-1994	105	
1994-1995	130	
1995-1996	120	
1996-1997	148	
1997-1998	170	
1998-1999	167	
1999-2000	170	90
2000-2001	170	86
2001-2002	173	90
2002-2003	143	80
2003-2004	103	63
2004-2005	130	65
2005-2006	123	60
2006-2007	135	
2007-2008	150	
2008-2009	151	
TOTAL	2,822	534
GRAND TOTAL	3,356	

ASSET GROWTH



FUNDS MANAGEMENT

WHY WE DIVERSIFY THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The ultimate balancing act: maintaining a diversified investment portfolio through asset allocation.

Diversification – it's the single most important factor in meeting the Community Foundation's investment goals.

Clearly, by diversifying the Foundation's investment portfolio among several asset classes – instead of 'putting all your eggs in one basket' – performance across the portfolio is less subject to erratic swings or market volatility. Think of diversification as an all-weather strategy.

Various asset classes do perform differently. So, if you combine dissimilar investments, i.e., stocks and bonds, you can balance out a portfolio that includes more-aggressive growth investments by incorporating less-volatile long-term performance choices.

No single sector of the market is the top performer year in and year out. Market conditions change, performance cannot be predicted and asset classes do not move in lockstep, which is why diversification is a fundamental of sound investing. Maintaining a diversified portfolio enables the Foundation to participate more fully in the potential rewards offered by all sectors over time. When you diversify investment across different types of securities, industries and regions, the resulting portfolio is better able to absorb inevitable market fluctuations – and the overall investment risk is reduced.

--Jeff Thorpe

2008 GRANTS FUNDED

Organization	Amount	Fund Source	Project Funded
Friends of Meade State Park	1,467.96	Friends of Meade State Park Fund	Fund Raising Expenses
Soule Intermediate School	1,000.00	Bank of America Pass-Through Fund	Current Projects
Dodge City Trail of Fame	1,000.00	Dodge City Trail of Fame Fund	Current Expenses
United Way of Dodge City	8,018.19	United Way of Dodge City Fund	Current Projects
Friends of Meade State Park	5,424.07	Friends of Meade State Park Fund	Kitchen Equipment
Friends of Meade State Park	500.00	Friends of Meade State Park Fund	Current Expenses and Projects
Rachel's Challenge	4,320.00	KHF Children's Fund	Secure Program Contract
Friends of Meade State Park	1,100.00	Friends of Meade State Park Fund	Kitchen Equipment
Circle of Hope Cancer Support	1,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Program
Circle of Hope Cancer Support	1,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Amy Wilkerson Memorial Fund Raising Project
United Methodist Youthville	7,847.00	Don & Shirley Skinner Donor Advised Fund	Equestrian Project
City of Greensburg	6,647.91	Greensburg Area Reconstruction Fund	Assist with Reconstruction
USD 422 Greensburg	500.00	Greensburg Area Reconstruction Fund	School Equipment
Relay for Life American Cancer Society	500.00	Bill & Nona Chaffin Fund	Relay for Life
Piano Teacher League	480.60	Piano Teacher League Fund	Maintain Grand Piano
The Fowler Public Library	240.00	Fowler Community Foundation Fund	Book Shelves for New Library
VFW of Dodge City	500.00	Don & Shirley Skinner Donor Advised Fund	Current Operations
The Depot Theater Company	400.00	Don & Shirley Skinner Donor Advised Fund	Current Operations and Projects
Sedalia Community Church	512.00	William & Imogene Henton Fund	On-Going Programs and Projects

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Organization	Amount	Fund Source	Project Funded
Four Clover 4-H Program	250.00	Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Fund	Grants for Kids to Attend 4-H Camp
21st Century Leadership Class	2,500.00	Leadership Dodge Fund	Kids Fest 2008
Spearville PRIDE Committee	28,500.00	Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund	Playground Equipment
Friends of Meade State Park	1,730.00	Friends of Meade State Park Fund	Furniture for Community Building
Rachel's Challenge	6,480.00	KHF Children's Fund	Program Contract
Cub Scouts of Plains, Kansas	384.00	Plains Community Foundation Fund	Start Scouting Program
United Methodist Youthville	13,269.00	R.D. Croll Endowment	On-Going Projects and Programs
Rachel's Challenge	285.00	Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas	Commitment Banners for Area Schools
11th Annual Women's Cancer Awareness	500.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Promoting Cancer Awareness
Shriner's Hospital	1,000.00	Don & Shirley Skinner Donor Advised Fund	Support for Current Projects
Children Diabetes Research	500.00	Don & Shirley Skinner Donor Advised Fund	Support for Current Research Projects
Spearville PRIDE Committee	21,968.00	Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund	Playground Equipment
Fowler Arts Council	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Oil Painting Classes for Kids
Meade County Safe Kids	750.00	KHF Children's Fund	Child Safety Seat Program
Dodge City Public Library	1,300.00	KHF Children's Fund	Kid's Furniture
Ford County Kids Count	1,500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Child Safety Seat Program
The Fowler Public Library	750.00	KHF Children's Fund	Overhead Projector
Hodgeman County Health Dept.	750.00	KHF Children's Fund	Child Safety Seat Program
CASA - Children Worth Saving	1,000.00	KHF Children's Fund	Volunteer Training/ Leadership Program
Dodge City High School	829.00	KHF Children's Fund	Science Olympiad
Coats for Kids	700.00	KHF Children's Fund	Winter Coats for Kids in Need

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Organization	Amount	Fund Source	Project Funded
Kansas Children's League Head Start	500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Climbing Structure for Cimarron Facility
Dodge City Lions Club	500.00	The Dodge City Fund	Funding for Project Eye Sight
City of Belpre	500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Playground Equipment
Crisis Center	2,500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Digital Equipment
Hospice of the Prairie	2,500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Children's Grief Counseling
Plains/Kismet Ministerial Alliance	500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Angel Tree Project to Feed the Needy
Hodgeman County Economic Development	800.00	KHF Children's Fund	Youth Mentoring Team Project
Bucklin Public Library	300.00	KHF Children's Fund	Reading Program
Bucklin Public Library	400.00	KHF Children's Fund	Kansas Notable Books and Authors for Kids
Dodge City Special Olympics	1,500.00	KHF Children's Fund	To attend Special Olympics
USD 459 Bucklin	1,400.00	KHF Children's Fund	Playground Equipment
Depot Theater Company	2,000.00	KHF Children's Fund	Destination Center Stage for Kids
Catholic Social Service	2,000.00	KHF Children's Fund	Funding for the Teen Moms Program
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland	1,000.00	KHF Children's Fund	Outreach Programs for Southwest Kansas
United Methodist Youthville	600.00	KHF Children's Fund	Therapeutic Instrumental Activity
Big Brothers Big Sisters	1,000.00	KHF Children's Fund	Funding for Volunteer Training
Big Brothers Big Sisters	200.00	The Dodge City Fund	Funding for Volunteer Training
Boy Scout Troop 162	650.00	KHF Children's Fund	Hi-Tech Camping using GPS
Ladies Community Outreach	500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Bookcase Reading Program
Dodge City Police Dept.	100.00	KHF Children's Fund	Jr. Police Academy
Boy Scout & Cub Scout Fowler, Kansas	500.00	KHF Children's Fund	Scouting Equipment
City of Dodge City	24,925.50	St. Mary Memorial Trust	Hennessy Hall

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Organization	Amount	Fund Source	Project Funded
Newman University	24,925.50	St. Mary Memorial Trust	Programs at Hennessy Hall
Crisis Center	1,000.00	Anonymous	On-Going Projects and Programs
USD 443 Dodge City	316.00	Marylin Shipley Fund	Reading Program
First United Methodist Church of Dodge City	391.00	Carol Wagner Memorial Fund	Feeding the Hungry
Dodge City Community College	526.00	Vernon Zollars Fund	Music Department
First United Methodist Church of Kismet	1,207.80	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
First United Methodist Church of Dodge City	1,207.80	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
New Chance	483.12	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
Arrowhead West	483.12	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
Salvation Army	483.12	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
Manor of the Plains	1,207.80	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
First United Methodist Church of Dodge City	966.24	Irene Thompson Fund	On-Going Projects
Spearville PRIDE Committee	21,968.00	Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund	Playground Equipment
Bucklin Better Living Foundation	1,865.00	Bucklin Better Living Community Fund	Swimming Pool Project
Soule Intermediate School	1,000.00	Bank of America Pass-Through Fund	Current Projects
Ford County Humane Society	333.00	Timothy & Alice Schoonover Donor Advised Fund	Current Projects
Circle of Hope Cancer Support	3,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Christmas Gifts for Cancer Patients
Pheta Chi Fraternity	1,000.00	Bill & Nona Chaffin Fund	Current Projects
Spearville High School Student Council	736.00	Spearville - ARVIL Children's Fund	Attend Leadership Conference
Boot Hill Museum	25,000.00	Boot Hill Museum Fund	On-Going Expenses
Girls Scouts of Plains, Kansas	300.00	Plains Community Foundation Fund	Current Projects

83 grants for \$261,679.69

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Community foundations build their endowments through contributions from several donors, usually within a given geographic region.

Community foundations support charitable activities focused primarily on local needs; those of a particular town, county or state. Community foundations are designated public charities by the IRS because they raise a significant portion of their resources from a broad cross-section of the public each year.

Community foundations provide an array of services to donors who wish to establish endowed funds without incurring needless administrative and legal costs. There are well over 500 community foundation across the United States and abroad. Endowments range in size from several thousand dollars to more than \$1 billion. What they share is a common mission to help maximize the current and long term impact of charitable activities in a community while providing donors with significant financial advantages, tax savings and recognition.

Community foundation growth exceeds the growth rate of other philanthropic organizations, mainly because of the singular appropriateness of their unique vision of endowed philanthropy serving donors who share a profound commitment to community well being.

*“Believe in something larger than yourself. . .
Get involved in some of the big ideas of your time.”
—Barbara Bush*



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Each year an independent CPA firm performs an audit of the Community Foundation's financial records. A complete copy of our audit is available upon request.