

COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
*of Southwest Kansas*

**2009 Report to the Community**



*Lighting the Way for Future Generations*

# THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As we reflect on the past, focus on the future, and appreciate the present, the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, acknowledges the tremendous impact the Foundation, as result of outstanding and dedicated donors in our midst, has made to a large number of people in Southwest Kansas.

Since 1991, when the Foundation was organized and officially became a foundation, an incredible number of people have been involved to help build the Foundation to the organization it is today. Each year we bring to you the report of growth, grants, scholarships and service to the people and communities of Southwest Kansas.

During the past year, new funds were added, the scholarship program expanded, and, in spite of the challenging economy, grants were made possible from funds received from donors. The heartwarming letters received from recipients of any assistance provided through the Foundation helps us to realize, even the smallest amount, brings new hope to those who live on the threshold of limited options to improve their lives or the lives of those they serve.

The Kansas Health Foundation has allowed us to participate in their next level of challenge to bring us to another new plateau of vibrancy, effectiveness and making a difference to the people of Southwest Kansas. This six-year program presents an enrichment that our Foundation could not otherwise experience. Kansas is indeed blessed to have the Kansas Health Foundation and to have the opportunity to be part of their great endeavor to the people of Kansas.

The Foundation is engaging in various projects for the year 2010 with a continued focus to improve the lives of children in Southwest Kansas. These include a continued program of Rachel's Challenge to Stop the Violence among young people. The over-whelming response from the youth in our area, makes us realize the need for such programs as we reach out to our youth.

Our continued deep appreciation to our Donors seems insignificant compared to the value of the gifts you share with the Foundation. We encourage all of you to remain in contact with the Foundation and continue to walk the journey with the Foundation as we are "Lighting the Way for Future Generations".

Sincerely,

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

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

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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, referred to as original nine incorporators, had a vision of the positive possibilities that would result in the creation of a community foundation in Southwest Kansas.

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” to cover operating expenses 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. Since that time, eight area towns have established funds for the benefit of their respective communities.

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 3,498 scholarships totaling \$1,557,785. From 1996 to 2009 a total of 412 grants have been funded for over \$1.9 million.

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 2009 with 84 named funds. This growth can be directly attributed to the Foundation’s involvement with the Kansas Health Foundation and the successful completion of five 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 the Community Foundation’s success.

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# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2009

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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 - 2009

## **Executive Committee:**

Margaret Hamilton, Brad Ralph,  
Janet Kliesen, Darrin Gollhofer, Rolland Werner

## **Grant Committee:**

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

## **Scholarship Committee:**

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

## **Investment Committee:**

Lu Ann Wetmore, Darrin Gollhofer, 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

A special note of appreciation to Mike and Mindy Burkhart  
for the donation of the office space at 114 Gunsmoke.

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# 2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Those attending included: Tim Schoonover, Alice Schoonover, Randy Smith, Deb Smith, Ron Herrman, Lea Herrman, Bruce Mock, Jo Ann Mock, Don Skinner, Margaret Hamilton, Mary Ann Black with guest, Rolland Werner, Delores Werner, John Griffin, Terry Gleason, DeAnne Kuder, Tom Shirley, Donna Shirley, Charles Guthrie, Alison Guthrie, Jeff Oliphant, Darrin Gollhofer, Dave Snapp, Debbie Snapp, Jeff Thorpe, Dee Thorpe, Jackie Trindle, Esther Abbey, Le Ann Sieler, Marvin Hampton, Floris Jean Hampton, Karen Hamit, Janet Kliesen, Jean Koelling with guest, Tom Armstrong, Terri Armstrong, Dr. Glenn Mitchell with guest, Jean Honnold, Jack Honnold, Mary Stuckenholtz, Kent Stehlik, Stephanie Groth, and Pat Hamit.

Chairperson Margaret Hamilton called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Darrin Gollhofer and seconded by Rolland Werner to appoint the Nominating Committee at a later date. The motion carried.

Chairman Margaret Hamilton recognized special guests, Founders, Board of Directors, and Committee Members.

Chairman Margaret Hamilton made opening remarks addressing the impact of the economic downturn in 2008 and how such times test the resilience and the experience of the Foundation's leadership. She went on to speak about the generosity of the donors and how the grants from the donor's gifts truly make a difference. She explained how lives are being enriched because someone cared. Hamilton pointed out how the Foundation further serves the community through such vital programs like the extensive scholarship program and Rachel's Challenge. She concluded by thanking the numerous donors who continue to support the Community Foundation.

Scholarship Director Stephanie Groth summarized the 2008 activities of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Program. Ms. Groth reported that, in the past year, 142 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$120,200. 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 2008.

Jeff Thorpe, Funds Manager, presented the Financial Review for 2008. 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 2008 was -21.37% with a 5-year average return of 9.88%. Thorpe further reported that the Foundation is rated in the top 5% of our peer group in investment overall performance by the Council on Foundations.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2009

## ASSETS

Cash	\$	11,556.78
KHF Grant Match Receivable		16,175.00
Investment Securities		10,963,898.81
Farmland		320,000.00
Equipment, net		<u>20,580.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 12,837,362.20

## LIABILITIES

Expense Payable	\$	2,052.38
Scholarships Payable		55,075.00
Agency Endowments		<u>569,967.29</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 627,094.67

## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$	972,223.13
Temporarily Restricted		512,512.54
Permanently Restricted		<u>10,725,531.86</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 12,210,267.53

TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS \$ 12,837,362.20

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

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# FUNDS DIRECTORY

**The Dodge City Fund**  
Unrestricted Fund

**The Founders Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Carol Wagner  
Memorial Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Don and Shirley Skinner  
Fund**  
Donor Advised Fund

**Norbert C. and Clara Irsik  
Memorial Fund**  
Donor Advised Fund

**Charles and Doris  
Landers Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Regina Nufer Trust Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Leadership Dodge Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Plains High School  
Memorial Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**KHF Administrative Fund**  
Designated Fund

**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 Fund

**Piano Teachers League Fund**  
Agency Fund

**KHF Grow Healthy  
Kansas Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**St. Mary's Memorial Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Karl Seith Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Scholarship

**Plains Community  
Foundation Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Leadership Dodge  
Children's Fund**  
Designated Fund

**F.O. & M.A. Black Fund**  
Donor Advised Fund

**R.D. Croll Endowment**  
Designated Fund

**Fowler Community  
Foundation Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**William and Imogene  
Henton Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Meade Community  
Foundation Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Marvin and Barbara  
Odgers Fund**  
Donor Advised Fund

**Thomas R. and Roberta B.  
Harkness Endowment**  
Donor Advised Fund

**Monsanto Choice Genetics  
Safety Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Betty J. and Rolland E.  
Werner Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Plains Community  
Building Fund**  
Special Project  
Field of Interest Fund

**United Way Emergency Fund**  
Agency Fund

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# FUNDS DIRECTORY

**Boot Hill Museum  
Endowment**

Agency Fund

**Crisis Center  
Endowment**

Agency Fund

**Crisis Center Capital Fund**  
Special Project Agency Fund

**ACCESS-US  
Scholarship**

A Component of  
the Torch Fund  
Field of Interest Fund

**Dodge City Trail  
of Fame Fund**

A Component of  
the Torch Fund  
Special Project Agency Fund

**Todd Mathes Cutcliffe  
Memorial Scholarship**

Field of Interest Fund

**Dr. B. Richard & Patricia  
Dryden Education  
Scholarship**

Field of Interest Fund

**Dodge City School  
Education Foundation Fund**

Field of Interest Scholarship

**U.S.D. 443 Marilyn Shipley  
Children's Literacy Fund**

Designated Fund

**Dodge City Habitat  
for Humanity Fund**

A Component of  
the Torch Fund  
Special Project Agency Fund

**Kathy Feist Family  
Foundation Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Minneola Community  
Foundation Scholarship**

Field of Interest Fund

**Jerry Slaton Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Blake Stanley Memorial Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Vernon R. Zollars Fund**

Field of Interest Fund

**Tom and Donna Shirley  
Family Fund**

Donor Advised Fund

**Kathy Sowers Cancer Fund**

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

**Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial**

**Crop Quest Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Scholarship

**The Plains Community  
Improvement Fund**

Component of the Torch Fund  
Field of Interest Fund

**Irene L. Thompson  
Endowment**

Designated Fund

**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

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

Unrestricted Fund

**Juanita Abel Pyle Scholarship**

Field of Interest Fund

**KHF Children's Fund -  
Spearville**

Field of Interest Fund

**James Blakely  
Endowment**

Designated Fund

**Tim & Alice Schoonover Fund**

Donor Advised Fund

# FUNDS DIRECTORY

**Circle of Hope  
Cancer Survivors Fund**  
Component of the Torch Fund  
Field of Interest Fund

**Leidigh Family Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Friends of Meade State  
Park and Lake Fund**  
Component of the Torch Fund  
Field of Interest Fund

**Richard and Phyllis Johnson  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**James Goddard Fund**  
Unrestricted Fund

**Gertrude Goddard Fund**  
Unrestricted Fund

**Margaret Robb Fund**  
Unrestricted Fund

**Carolyn Seidl  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Ginny Ziegler  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Marvin Price Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Robert and Maida Waldman  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Dodge City Area Community  
Concert Association Fund**  
Designated Fund

**Leonard Maxwell Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Marvin and Floris Jean  
Hampton Family Fund**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Jaris J. Slaton Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Mullinville School District,  
USD 424**  
Designated Fund

**Edward Schinstock  
Family Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Danny and Janis Reichenborn  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Janis and Danny Reichenborn  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Ed Jackson  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Bea Loeppke  
Educational Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**The Good Shepherd  
Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Mary D. Lupton  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Howard and Elsie Young Fund**  
Unrestricted Fund

**Vernon and Mickey Schraeder  
Memorial Endowment**  
Unrestricted Fund

**Ethel Stein Memorial  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Field of Interest Fund

**Positive Pursuits Fund  
for Meade County**  
Agency Fund

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# TEN YEARS OF GROWTH - RETROSPECTIVE

Turning the calendar page over on January 1 puts a point on the stark reality that ten years have passed. It seems as though the ten year mark of almost anything is a catalyst for reflection. To sharpen the point on this need for reflection, a questionnaire from the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) was received shortly after the New Year began. How could ten years have passed since this Community Foundation first became associated with the Kansas Health Foundation through the GROW-1 program? It seems like it was only yesterday!

Here are some of the questions from the Kansas Health Foundation's survey. The answers are not necessarily in priority order:

## **What are two or three success stories or milestones related to the GROW I program that your community foundation is particularly proud of?**

Because of the GROW-1 program, the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, (CFSK), has been committed to encouraging and assisting the communities in our area grow and develop. The Community Foundation understands the need and importance of maintaining the viability of all the communities in southwest Kansas. CFSK has modeled ourselves after KHF albeit on a somewhat smaller scale. Our commitment to the area communities comes in form of endowed funds to help these towns start to become financially independent in relationship to supporting local projects and programs. To help interested communities get started, CFSK has provided seed money to start the endowments and has become a donor to these funds from time to time. To help in growing the area community funds, the Community Foundation offers technical assistance, consulting advice and sponsors seminars on planned giving, and community development. Further assistance includes fund accounting, donor recognition and an annual audit.

The first communities to affiliate with the Community Foundation were Fowler, Plains and Meade. Those three communities were followed by Minneola, Spearville, Hanston and Bucklin. During 2010, the Community Foundation is looking to form an affiliation

with two and possibility three more area communities.

Successfully completing all of the matching funds campaigns has allowed the Community Foundation to offer open competitive grants to our service area which were funded from earnings and bonuses from the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund. By providing open grants at a higher level than ever before, the Community Foundation soon became recognized as a funder, an agent of change, and most importantly a viable entity in our community. Since 2002, the Community Foundation has offered grants to churches, schools, nonprofit organizations and other charitable organizations with the goal of making this area of Kansas a better place to live.

School violence rates among the top three causes of student deaths in America today. We are all shocked every time it happens. With school violence becoming more prevalent it begs the question, "What is being done about this problem?" In answer to this question, the Community Foundation's Board of Directors voted to make Rachel's Challenge, the premier nationally recognized anti-violence – anti-bullying program, available to any and all schools in our area who were interested. An undertaking of this magnitude placed the Community Foundation firmly into uncharted territory. Quickly realizing

the overwhelming logistics involved, the Community Foundation quickly formed working partnerships with the local school district, the city, and private businesses.

For the most part, earnings from the KHF Children's Fund enabled CFSK to present Rachel's Challenge to thirteen area schools with over 4,500 students in attendance. A year later and CFSK is still receiving accolades for sponsoring this program. More importantly, students are working the program and the program is working.. Presenting Rachel's Challenge allowed CFSK to partner with various area community groups and organizations that we previously had not connected with. The proceeds from KHF Children's Fund allowed CFSK to be pro-active in our catchment area, heightened our community visibility and cast us into the role of facilitator and leader. Ultimately, the Community Foundation was able to



answer some of the questions concerning school violence and what is being done about it.

**What is the most important thing that GROW I has done to help your community foundation?**

The very first GROW-1 matching funds challenge involved administrative funds. The matching administrative funds have allowed this foundation to become more fiscally sound and financially secure while minimizing concerns about meeting daily operational expenses. A subsequent matching funds challenge allowed the Community Foundation to fill out our original roster of Founders. This enabled the Foundation to further insure our financial security with an endowed operational fund. By providing matching funds specifically for operating expenses, KHF gave this foundation the gift of security which allows us the ability to assure our donors that we will be here for many years to come.

KHF through GROW-1, provided consulting services and education that was essential in moving this Foundation forward. The education process was comprehensive, challenging, and ultimately resulted in being nationally recognized by the Council on Foundations as in compliance with National Standards.

By offering the inducement of matching funds, KHF provided the motivation and the means to make this Foundation grow. Potential donors were always intrigued to learn that they could leverage their gift through KHF's matching funds initiatives. The result was that the Community Foundation grew faster than it might have without this incentive.

It is extremely difficult if not impossible to single out one key ingredient in this recipe for success. All three of these elements are key ingredients in the growth and advancement of CFSK as a result of KHF's GROW-1 initiative.

**Who are some of your key donors over the past 10 years who decided to make a significant donation to your community foundation? Why do those donors stand out in your mind? Why were they moved to make that contribution?**

A donor, wanting to make an impact on her hometown was considering forming a private foundation or using a larger community foundation in eastern Kansas. Ultimately, she made a substantial gift to

CFSK as an endowment to benefit the community in which she grew up. One of the catalysis in her decision process was the matching funds offered by KHF which enabled her to leverage her gift. Since then, earnings from her fund have built a state of the art playground for the children of this small town and a miniature water park is being considered.

Through an associate at work, a donor became aware of the Community Foundation's affiliation with the KHF's GROW program. He established a substantial unrestricted endowment to which he makes additional substantial annual gifts. Being a CPA, he was impressed with the value added by leveraging his gift(s) through the matching funds offered by KHF to the KHF Children's fund. Establishing this fund somehow broke the ice concerning unrestricted funds. Since this time four new unrestricted funds have been established.

Another donor established a fund to benefit their community, a small town in our area, through economic development. This fund helps support their community by helping with the possible development of a community swimming pool and assisting to secure micro-businesses.

Still another donor's passion concerns the future of health care in this area of Kansas. They realize that health care in our area faces a huge crisis in providing trained nurses. Husband and wife, both nurses, established a scholarship to benefit nurse educators. They want to provide educational assistance to assure that nurses receive a quality education from a well trained instructor, preferably a teacher from our area who is living and working in our area.

The common thread that ties these donors together is the desire to see this part of Kansas grow and become a place others will consider a great place to live and raise their children.

**What are one or two examples of times in the past 10 years when your foundation has been able to help your community get through a crisis or meet an urgent need?**

In the past, the main crisis concerned the disaster at Greensburg. CFSK raised funds to grant to the school district and the City of Greensburg. More recently, CFSK stepped in when Ford County Kids Count lost the bulk of their financing through state



cutbacks. Upon learning of this situation, within hours CFSK was able to secure a significant donor to enable this nonprofit to remain in operation and buy time to search for other sources of funding while continuing to provide services for children at risk.

**Was there a time during the GROW I challenges that you weren't sure you could reach the goal you had set, but in the end you did reach that goal? Tell me what happened with that.**

The first matching funds campaign under GROW-1 involved multiyear pledges for administrative funds. As would become our habit, CFSK committed to the maximum matching funds available and while we had a very well organized plan, but again, we were entering into previously unexplored territory. The campaign progressed nicely and everyone involved seemed very optimistic. Everything changed on the morning of September 11, 2001. For several days after, the telephone was silent and the office was like a tomb as everyone in America was recovering from the shock. One particular Board Member realized that the campaign had stalled and the clock was ticking, he started making appointments with various donors for both him and the Executive Director to call on. As it turned out, CFSK finished the initial campaign with a month to spare.

With each challenge CFSK always had a plan, some better than others. While we were never sure exactly how we were going to be successful, the maximum match available was always our goal. Nothing succeeds like success and the previous taste of success fueled our confidence and our faith. Because completing every challenge involved draining the prospective donor pipeline, it could be fairly stated that our plan was based, by and large, on confidence in our mission and belief in our donors. Keeping in mind what the matching funds would mean to the Foundation and the communities CFSK serve, we just went for it! By remaining focused; using what we learned from the KHF provided consultants and working diligently we were always able to cross the finish line before the deadline.

It was always a combination of all the elements listed above plus board members and other volunteers stepping up to provide either a donation or a lead

on a likely prospective donor that helped to make us successful. Nothing happens in a vacuum. It took all hands on deck being involved that provided success every time.

**Is there anything else you'd like to add about how being a part of GROW I has affected your community foundation and/or your community?**

At the beginning of the GROW-1 challenge, CFSK was a somewhat obscure organization. Through the effort and initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation, we have become a viable entity in our area of Kansas. The KHF initiative has propelled CFSK into the limelight. A few short years ago we were unheard of, but today we have assumed the role as a leader in our service area and we are thankful. While a thank you seems somewhat inadequate, rest assured CFSK will not forget the huge benefit afforded us by KHF's GROW 1 Challenge. Since imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, CFSK remains committed to introducing surrounding committees to the benefit of endowed funds that help make their towns more viable and a better place to raise children.

The most critical element in each matching funds challenge has always been the donor. Without the donor's support of the Community Foundation's mission, success in the GROW-1 programs would have been an elusive dream.

It is impossible to thank these people enough. Their generosity has always been overwhelming. Through the combined generosity of our donors and the Kansas Health Foundation all five GROW-1 challenges were a huge success.

**To the Kansas Health Foundation:** Your commitment to this Community Foundation has allowed us to grow and develop into an entity which will always promote the KHF agenda of making Kansas a better place to live and raise children.

**To CFSK Donors:** The Community Foundation will always be mindful of your generosity and eternally grateful. It is our intent to honor your philanthropy by constantly working to become the nonprofit organization worthy of your confidence and pride. Once again, thank you. Thank you forever!



# HIGHER STANDARDS

To a community foundation, earning the National Standards seal is in the same league as other industries being awarded the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval or being certified by Underwriters Laboratories.



sues, enhance education by awarding scholarships, and supporting countless other important causes.

In early 2009, the Council on Foundations notified the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas that the Foundation had been certified as “in compliance” with National Standards.

National Standards sets criteria for operational quality, donor service, and accountability in the community foundation sector. The National Standards Seal by the name of the Community Foundation indicates official confirmation that the most rigorous standards in philanthropy have been met. It affirms the Community Foundation’s commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. It says our grant making includes an open, competitive process designed to address the changing needs of our community. The National Standards Seal also confirms our history of honoring donors’ wishes—to support the arts, address senior citizens concerns, expand literacy, advance children’s is-

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program was established in 2000 in cooperation with the Council on Foundations. National Standards guide community foundations in establishing legal, ethical and effective operational practices that serve as blueprints for internal development and benchmarks for external assessment. The 43 National Standards require the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas to document its policies in donor services, investment management, grant making and administration. To receive confirmation of National Standards compliance, the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas submitted its organizational and financial policies and procedures to a rigorous peer review.

By entering this voluntary compliance program in the 4th quarter of 2007, the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation once again confirmed its commitment to providing quality philanthropic services to our donors.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROMOTES GROWTH

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas was pleased to announce earlier this year that Stephanie Groth has been promoted to Program Director. She is a graduate of Friends University with a Bachelor of Business Management degree.

While Ms. Groth will continue to administer the scholarship program, she will manage the open grants program as well. Stephanie joined the Community Foundation as the Scholarship Director in 2006.

All of us involved with the Community Foundation offer well wishes and congratulations to Stephanie on her achievement and promotion.

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# FOCUSING ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE

This fall, the Community Foundation's Appreciation Dinner featured Terry Woodbury as the keynote speaker. The Community Foundation chose to feature Woodbury because of the Foundation's involvement in various communities in southwest Kansas.

Terry Woodbury, a native of western Kansas, is President and CEO of Public Square Communities, LLC. Public Square Communities, LLC is more than the typical economic development program for local small towns. This program focuses upon the four pillars that comprise every community's public square. Those pillars are: private business, education, health/human services, and government.

The strategy in re-inventing the public square is to identify and build on community assets, engage many more citizens than those currently involved, focus on achievable common goals and deliver ongoing results. The components and the process of this program are detailed and lengthy but worthwhile. The end product usually results in a change in community's direction, focus and attitude.

In our area, Woodbury is currently involved with: Greensburg/Kiowa County, Hodgeman County, Greeley County and the newest prospect is Meade County. To learn more about Public Square Communities, LLC visit the website at [www.public-squarecommunities.com](http://www.public-squarecommunities.com).

## SUPPORT FOR AREA COMMUNITY FUNDS

In order to focus attention on growth, the Community Foundation's Board of Directors awarded a grant of \$1,000 to each of the endowed community funds currently established at the Foundation. These grants will become part of their permanent community endowment and are provided without restrictions.

Should the area communities affected by this grant choose to participate; the Community Foundation will grant an additional award of another

\$1,000 to their respective funds in 2010. This is a matching grant that would require a contribution of \$2,000 to their endowment fund prior to year-end 2010. The communities included in this program are: Bucklin, Fowler, Hanston, Meade, Minneola, Plains, and Spearville.

The intent behind this offer is to assist area communities in growing their endowment to provide larger and more effective grants that will create more impact and improve the quality of life in southwest Kansas.



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*of southwest Kansas*

# NEW FUNDS

**Edward Schinstock Family Scholarship** memorializes the life of Edward Schinstock and his son, Bruce Schinstock, as well as other family members who preceded them in death. Edward was a lifetime resident of the Spearville area. He and his wife, Marion, were married for 65 years. This scholarship will benefit students from Ford County looking to pursue higher education in the field of agriculture.

**Danny and Janis Reichenborn Scholarship** was established through Dodge City Public Schools to provide scholarships to students who have graduated from Dodge City High School and intend to major in elementary or secondary education. While Dan is retired from teaching, he remains highly involved in the community and the local school system. He has served on the Board of Education for four years and is currently Board President.

Dan is the founder of Ladies Community Outreach, an organization that provides various community services in Dodge City. If you have attended the Meals on Wheels Chili and Soup Dinner or the Lions Club Pancake Feed, you have seen these young women in action.

**Janis and Danny Reichenborn Scholarship** was funded to benefit Dodge City High School students intending to major in music. It only takes a matter of seconds to discover that Janis Reichenborn has a passion for music. She spent the last 10 years as the Choral Accompanist at Dodge City High School. In her spare time she is involved with the Dodge City Area Community Concert Association and plays the piano at church.

**Ed Jackson Memorial Scholarship** was established to memorialize the life of Ed Jackson while benefiting students who have attended Dodge City Middle School and conduct themselves in a manner that would make Mr. Jackson proud. To say the least, Ed Jackson was an exceptional individual who touched the lives and hearts of everyone he came into contact with. He was always quick with a smile and a hearty laugh. Often times you could hear Ed before you saw him. He never met a stranger and

always saw the good in everyone, especially the kids at school. Even the most casual contact with Ed was uplifting as he closed every conversation with his friendly handshake and signature quote, "Stay happy." The memorial scholarship that bears his name will allow all of us to remember the way Ed lived his life.

**Bea Loepke Educational Scholarship:** Beatrice, or Bea to everyone who knew her, embraced life with various interests that ranged from gardening to designing rock jewelry. However, her passion was teaching. As a teacher, her focus was on the first grade. The scholarship that bears her name will benefit students living in Kearny County, Kansas wishing to obtain a degree in education.

**The Good Shepherd Scholarship** was established by the Vernon and Cinda Flax family. The scholarship benefits graduates of Sacred Heart School in Ness City, Kansas. Vernon and Cinda, along with their sons, Garret and Morgan, live and farm near Arnold, Kansas. The scholarship was established as a way to serve their community while providing deserving students assistance in furthering their education.

**Mary D. Lupton Memorial Scholarship:** Mary Lupton was a lifelong resident of Western Kansas. She and her husband, Dana, lived and farmed in Gray County. Mrs. Lupton taught in the Montezuma school system for over 30 years. During her time as an educator, she touched and changed the lives of many students. This scholarship will benefit students from Montezuma or Gray County wishing to obtain a degree in education. Jana Richards, Mary's daughter, established this fund as a way of memorializing the life of her mother and her dedication to serving young people.

**Howard and Elsie Young Fund:** The Youngs farmed in western Ford County. People who were familiar with Howard and Elsie would say that they were among the most kind and caring people they knew. The Youngs had a lifetime interest in pre-

# NEW FUNDS

erving our area's western heritage, as well as issues concerning children and animal protection. This fund is being established by the Trust Department of Fidelity State Bank and is unrestricted.

**The Positive Pursuits Fund for Meade County:** Concerned citizens in Meade County, to provide support for economic and community development projects, established this fund. This fund is a result of Meade County's Economic Development programs involvement in the Public Square Communities program.

**The Ethel Stein Memorial Nursing Scholarship:** This fund was established by the children of Ethel Stein as a way of memorializing her life. She was married to her husband, Floyd, for 39 years. A graduate of St. Anthony's nurse training program in Dodge City, Ethel worked as a registered nurse for 47 years. The scholarship that bears her name will benefit both traditional and nontraditional students from Ford County, Kansas, intending to obtain a degree in the healing art of nursing.

**The Vernon and Mickey Schraeder Memorial Endowment:** This unrestricted fund was established by their children, Jo Coltrain and Jim Schraeder, as a way of memorizing the lives of their mother and father. Vernon and Mickey farmed in Hodgeman County for 49 years. Service to the public at the State and local level, as well as, active participation in their church was very important to both Vernon and Mickey and they were active volunteers their entire lives.

**Bequest:** Earlier this year the Community Foundation was pleased to learn of a gift from the Ernest L. Foote Estate. Ernest Foote was a long time supporter of the Community Foundation's scholarship program.

Known by everybody as "Ernie," he was a lifelong resident of Gray County, near Montezuma, Kansas. He made his living as a farmer and was an avid sports fan. His other interests included rock collecting and wood working.

This long established scholarship will continue to benefit students from Montezuma and Gray County now and far into the future. It is impossible to calculate how many young lives have been and will be touched through this generous gift.

**Planned Gift:** A generous and giving couple who enjoyed life's journey and the people they encountered along the way is a quick way to summarize the lives on Marvin and Barbara Odgers. They dedicated time, talent, and treasure to helping others.

Both Marvin and Barbara strongly believed in the mission of this organization. They joined the list of the Community Foundation's Founders early on and later established an endowed fund which carries their name. Shortly after their passing, the Foundation was made aware it was to receive a gift of life insurance as part of the Odger's estate made possible through a planned gift.

Barbara passed away in July of 2008, and Marvin in March of 2009. Barbara's constant steadiness and Marvin's ornery smile will be missed.

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# 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, 142 recipients attended some 33 different colleges.

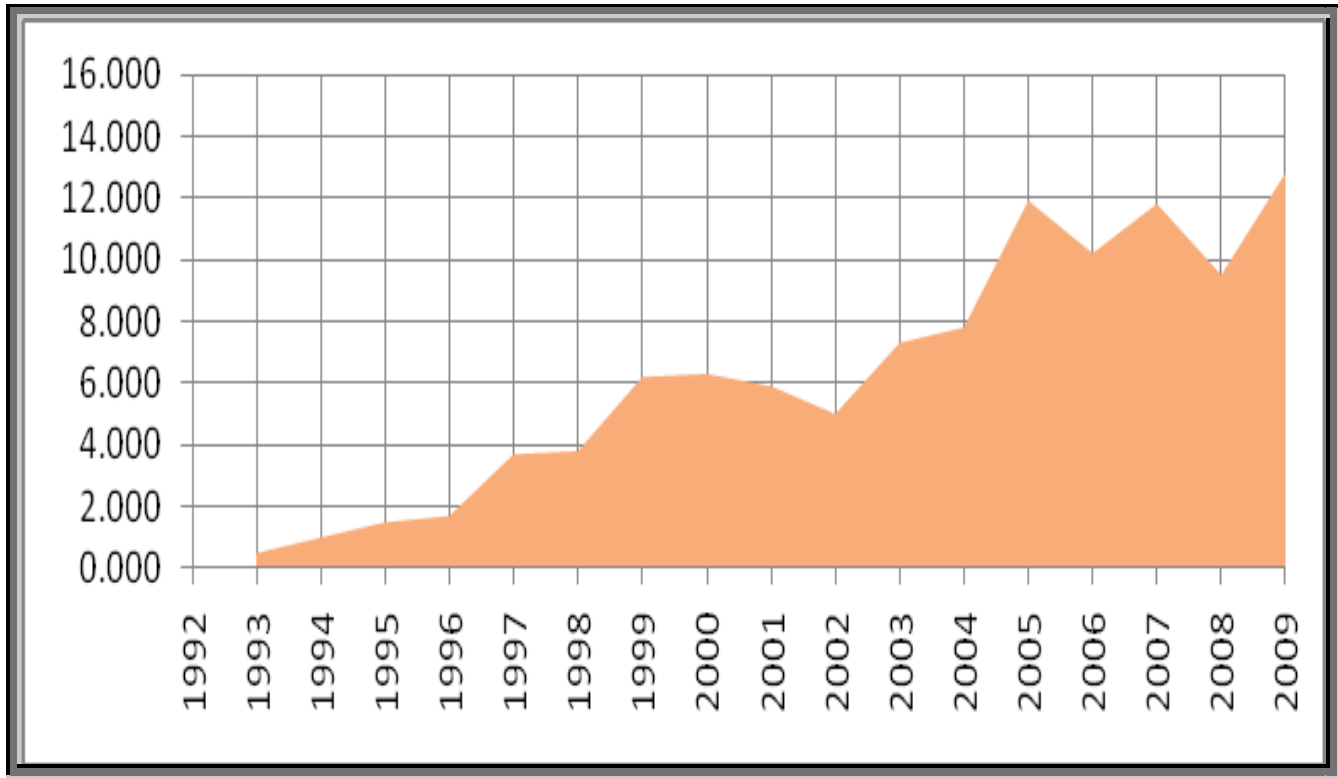
The process begins each year on February 1st with applications being distributed to schools and businesses all over Southwest Kansas. The deadline is March 15th. The scholarship committee then begins its six-week review process. This committee includes men and women from our community with professional backgrounds in education and business. The Program 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 Program Director, Stephanie Groth, at (620) 225-0959 or visit us at our website [www.communityfoundationswks.com](http://www.communityfoundationswks.com).

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Dollars Awarded</b>	<b>Scholarships Awarded</b>
1993-1994	\$25,500	105
1994-1995	\$27,500	130
1995-1996	\$30,000	120
1996-1997	\$48,000	148
1997-1998	\$61,200	170
1998-1999	\$95,000	167
1999-2000	\$145,000	260
2000-2001	\$174,800	256
2001-2002	\$182,000	263
2002-2003	\$142,000	223
2003-2004	\$70,700	166
2004-2005	\$81,000	195
2005-2006	\$81,000	183
2006-2007	\$58,500	135
2007-2008	\$112,065	150
2008-2009	\$103,320	151
2009-2010	\$120,200	142
TOTAL	\$1,557,785	3,498

# ASSET GROWTH



## THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHWEST KANSAS

*Local Resources*

for

*Local Projects*

for

*Local People*

# 2009 GRANTS FUNDED

The primary goal of the Community Foundation is to make this part of Southwest Kansas a better place to live and raise children. This goal is accomplished through the management and distribution of endowed funds. Earnings from the endowed funds are given back to the communities we serve as scholarships and grants. The Community Foundation was established to help donors realize their philanthropic dreams and goals. Every grant and scholarship awarded by the Community Foundation is a direct result of a donor with a vision and a desire to give something back to the community of Southwest Kansas.

Organization	Amount	Fund Source	Project Funded
Boot Hill Museum	\$20,000.00	Boot Hill Museum Fund	Current & ongoing expenses
Bucklin Community Projects	1,128.00	Bucklin Better Living Foundation Fund	Current community projects
Early Detection Works Program	5,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Proactive cancer detection
Ford County Humane Society	288.00	Tim & Alice Schoonover D/A Fund	Spay and neuter program
Dodge City Trail of Fame	750.00	Dodge City Trail of Fame Fund	Current expenses & projects
American Cancer Relay for Life	500.00	Bill and Nona Chaffin Fund	Cancer research
American Cancer Relay for Life	1,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Cancer research
The Great Quack Attack Duck Race	544.95	The Great Quack Attack Fund S/P	Current expenses
City of Dodge City	164.28	D.C. Commissioners Fund	Fourth of July Fireworks
Soroptimist Cancer Awareness	500.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Cancer awareness program
The Great Quack Attack Duck Race	10,066.67	The Great Quack Attack Fund S/P	Duck race payout
Hanston High School	233.00	Jerry Slaton Fund	1 Scholarship
Children's Diabetes Research	500.00	Don & Shirley Skinner D/A Fund	Ongoing medical research
Shriner's Children's Hospital	1,000.00	Don & Shirley Skinner D/A Fund	On going medical expenses
The Alley	15,507.52	The Great Quack Attack Fund S/P	Current expenses
Big Brothers Big Sisters	12,387.52	The Great Quack Attack Fund S/P	Current expenses
4 Clover Camp Group	50.00	Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Fund	Camp scholarship
Ford County Kids Count	20,000.00	Earl & Luther Fry Family Fund	Administrative expenses
The Community of Plains, KS	6,648.75	Plains Area Community Bld Fund	Current Expenses
Spearville High School	5,000.00	Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund	5 Scholarships
Hispanic Breast Cancer Awareness	500.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Caner Awareness program
Circle of Hope Cancer Program	2,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Fund	Current & ongoing expenses
Sedalia Community Church	248.00	William and Imogene Henton Fund	Funding for church programs
USD-424 Kiowa County Jr. High	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Mentoring Program
Safe Kids – Meade County	766.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Child Safety Seat Program
Meade County Coalition	1,500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Meade County Walking Trail
Dodge City Special Olympics	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	KS State Basketball & Cheerleading Tournament
Dodge City Lions Club	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Eye glasses for Kids Project
Youth Entrepreneurs - Kansas	1,500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Develop YEK program at DCHS
Credit Union of Dodge City	700.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Coats for Kids program
Crisis Center of Dodge City	1,500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Teen dating Violence Prevention
United Methodist Youthville	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Multimedia Equipment
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Youth Development
CASA-Children Worth Saving	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Recruit & Support Volunteers
OK Kids – Meade State Park	350.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	OK Kid's Day at the Park
Boy Scout Troop 162	640.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Laptop for digital Scout records
Plains/Kismet Ministerial Alliance	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Angel Tree Project
Fowler Arts Council, Fowler, KS	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Children's oil painting classes
Bucklin Public Library, Bucklin, KS	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Readercise Program

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Santa Fe Trail Council			
Boy Scouts of America	1,484.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Cub Scout Leader Training
Catholic Social Services	2,500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Teen Moms Program
CASA- Spirit of the Plains	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Parenting Curriculum
Dodge City Area Arts Council	1,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Carnegie Family Art Adventure
Hospice of the Prairie	2,500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Kids Grief Day Camp
Hodgeman Community Foundation	450.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	FAME – Friends & Mentors Engage
Hodgeman County Health Dept.	500.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Child Safety Seat Program
Depot Theater Company	2,000.00	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund	Destination Center Stage/ Youth
1st United Methodist Church – Kismet	574.00	Irene Thompson Endowment	Ongoing programs & projects
1st United Methodist Church-DCK	574.00	Irene Thompson Endowment	Ongoing programs & projects
Manor of the Plains	574.00	Irene Thompson Endowment	Good Samaritan Fund
Salvation Army – Dodge City	229.60	Irene Thompson Endowment	Program Support
Arrowhead West, Inc.	229.60	Irene Thompson Endowment	Program Support
New Chance, Inc.	229.60	Irene Thompson Endowment	Program Support
1st United Methodist Church Foundation – Dodge City	459.20	Irene Thompson Endowment	Educational Projects
Hays Arts Council – Hays, KS	1,000.00	Margaret Robb Unrestricted Fund	Mural of the State of Kansas
Ford County Humane Society	2,000.00	Margaret Robb Unrestricted Fund	Spay & Neuter Clinic
Dodge City Public Library	645.00	The Fund for Dodge City	
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Dodge City Arts Council	500.00	Gail and Ora Mae Schraeder Fund	Children's Listing Center Project
Kansas Pediatric Foundation	600.00	James E. Goddard, IV Endowment	Carnegie Family Art Adventure
		Margaret Robb Unrestricted Fund	Turn a Page – Touch a Mind Project
Depot Theater Company	1,000.00	Margaret Robb Unrestricted Fund	Destination Center Stage/ Youth
Maple Grove Cemetery	400.00	James E. Goddard, IV Endowment	Avenue of Flags Project
Montezuma 2nd Grade	800.00	Gertrude Goddard Endowment	Ceiling projector for classroom
Dodge City Community College	253.00	Vernon Zollars Fund	DC-3 Music Department
City of Dodge City	12,061.00	St. Mary Memorial Fund	Maintenance of Hennessy Hall
Newman University	12,061.00	St. Mary Memorial Fund	Programs at Hennessey Hall
Dodge City Public Schools	127.00	USD-443 Marylin Shipley Fund	Title 1 reading program
1st United Methodist Church	190.00	Carol Wagner Memorial Fund	Food for those in need
City of Spearville	6,960.00	Kathy Feist Family Foundation Fund	Life size Nativity
Fowler Public Library	56.00	Fowler Community Foundation Fund	Photo Archives project
Boy Scout Troop 146 – Fowler	75.00	Fowler Community Foundation Fund	On-going projects
USD-102 Cimarron	797.00	Bill and Non Chaffin Fund	Band instruments
Soule 6th Grade Center	1,000.00	Bank of America Pass-though Fund	School projects & programs
United Methodist Youthville	25,000.00	Don & Shirley Skinner D/A Fund	Current building project
Fowler Community Foundation Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Meade Community Foundation Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Plains Community Foundation Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Bucklin Better Living Fndtn Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Kathy Feist Family Fndtn Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Minneola Community Fndtn Fund	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
Jerry Slaton Fund for Hanston	1,000.00	CFSK Operations Fund	Bldg. community endowments
80 Grants @	\$203,871.69		

If it is creating a legacy or memorializing the memory of a loved one, establishing an endowed fund is a gift that gives forever. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas links donors and charities together in order to make Southwest Kansas a better place to live. For more information about a gift that will give forever, call 620-225-0959.

# 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.



Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

# Lighting the Way

Autumn 2010

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## Dental Care Fund Placed With Community Foundation

Early December of last year the Community Foundation was notified that United Methodist Health Ministry Fund planned to award a \$75,000 grant to the newly formed Dodge City Oral Health Coalition and the Foundation would be the administrator. The first part of the grant for \$50,000 would be applied to the first year's operating expenses while the remaining \$25,000 would go toward year two's expenses. The purpose of the grant is to start a clinic, which would function as an aid to those Southwest Kansans who are not able to access dental services that they desperately need.

With this grant award, the Oral Health Safety Net Clinic went from theory to reality with one giant step and while that might make it sound easy, the truth of the matter is that it was anything but easy. Moving this dental clinic from pipe dream to a practical business application took many months of hard work.

Ethel Peterson recently wrote an article in the Kansas Free Press in which she tells the story of the Dental Coalition from inspiration to inception to actuality. Peterson says, "The formation of the coalition is a story in itself. It begins with the Dodge City Rotary Club and the president-elect, Bill

Hammond. In his other life, Bill is the Director of Business & Finance for USD 443 in Dodge City. The president-elect, who was to follow Bill in office, was Dr. Richard Stein, a local dentist.

These two fellows rode together to a training session that Rotary Clubs require of their incoming officers. They saw videos of, and heard presentations concerning serious dental problems existing in Latin American countries. Various clubs had developed projects to, in some way, aid in alleviating those problems.

The two men discussed the possibilities during the drive home, and reportedly, Dentist Richard said, "Well, you sure don't have to go to Mexico or South America to see those kinds of mouths! I see them very often right in Dodge City." You can guess the rest. They started the Ford County Oral Health Coalition and now there is a beginning for improved oral health in Ford County.

Of course, there is more to the story. They discussed some screening that Dr. Stein had done at the school where his wife teaches kindergarten, a



**Ethel Peterson**  
**Former State**  
**Representative**

school that has more kids qualifying for free lunch than not qualifying.

Then they learned that United Methodist American Ministries had done screenings in two other schools. The results indicated a need for improvement. Contact with the Ford County Health Department confirmed the need and the fact they were searching for ways to

remedy the situation.

Three more people were added to the core committee, Ethel Peterson, a retired educator (who is also the writer of this article), Duane Ross, the retired publisher of The High Plains Journal, an agricultural publication with multi-state coverage area, and Morris Reeves, a retired school system financial manager in Kansas and in California.

When they began to discuss the problem, many other facets began to appear. They learned of organizations that they did not know even existed, yet those agencies were born of the same need for better oral health. One state-wide group is called Oral Health Kansas and was started seven

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## Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

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## Message from the Chairperson

From the many articles we read and hear in current times, they somehow connect with the Mission of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, “. . . to improve the quality of life in the Southwest Kansas area . . .” We also read: “Never in the history of America have we seen so much wealth, and never in America have we seen so much poverty.”

How in the midst of planning now and into the future for the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas do we sort through these vast concerns and focus on the most important matters for the people of Southwest Kansas and the Community Foundation?

In the recent past, you have heard our strong emphasis on “Retention of Wealth in Southwest Kansas.” This remains a high priority as we move into the



future. We continue to be involved in new programs and needs presented to us that create opportunities to improve our communities. The Foundation has the privilege to assist with the newly created Dental Coalition, bring Rachel’s Challenge in September to over 4,000 students in our communities and put forth continual effort to assist charitable organizations. While our sizeable Scholarship Program is able to provide scholarships to a large number of students, each year some applicants are denied awards due to the limited funds available. Perhaps someday there will be ample funds for everyone.

We encourage all of you to remain in contact with the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas and to share in the opportunity to reach out to the people of Southwest Kansas. The Board of Directors and Staff stand ready to serve in the Mission of the Foundation and together we will “Light the Way for Future Generations.”

—Margaret Hamilton,  
Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas



*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.*

—Mission Statement

# CFSK's Affiliate Challenge

At the 2009 year end, the Board of Directors voted to award a grant of \$1,000 to area communities that had an established endowment fund as a way of rewarding and encouraging those communities to continue to build their respective endowment funds, which ultimately will benefit their communities, which benefits all of Southwest Kansas.

Along with the initial grant, the Board of Directors is offering to award an additional \$1,000 to communities that grow their endowed funds by \$2,000 before year end 2010. The first award is a no strings attached grant to our affiliated com-

munities endowment fund. The second is a matching cash challenge to the same funds. By initiating and investing in a program such as this, the Board of Directors wish to encourage area communities to grow their endowments as the Community Foundation demonstrates our commitment to the area communities of southwest Kansas. This combination of a grant and a challenge is all about making communities in southwest Kansas a better place to live and raise children and will eventually provide these communities with a degree of independence and self-determination.

## Hodgeman Community Foundation Starts Endowment

In the spring of this year, the directors of the Hodgeman Community Foundation voted to place their unrestricted community endowment fund with the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. With the recent opening of Horse Thief Reservoir, Hodgeman County could be poised for an economic development boost that will benefit everyone in

our area of Kansas. When the Hodgeman Community Foundation Fund endows, it will benefit the Hodgeman County area. Grants from this fund will be directed by involved citizens of Hodgeman County.

Furthermore, by affiliating with CFSK at this time, the Hodgeman Community Foundation is eligible to participate in the affiliate challenge. See the related story in this issue.



Mike & Mindy Burkhart

(Call 620-225-0959 for more information on becoming a member of The Torch Fund.)

## Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

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# Rachel's Challenge—The Sequel

“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-drawer. Her quotation was found after she was killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Year to date 2010, over 679,000 students have attended a Rachel’s Challenge program. Her words have become her legacy and are very prophetic.

With a one year hiatus, Rachel’s Challenge is scheduled to return to Southwest Kansas in September of this year. In the fall of 2008, the Community Foundation, along with sponsoring partners, presented the Rachel’s Challenge program to 13 area schools that represented about 4,550 students. After all these months, overwhelming positive responses continue to be received from that original program.

School violence still rates among the top three causes of student deaths in America today. We are all shocked every time it happens. Whenever an act of school violence makes national news, it begs the question, “What is being done about this problem?” In



answer to this question, the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors voted to make Rachel’s Challenge, the premier nationally recognized anti-violence and anti-bullying program, available to all schools in our area who were interested in attending. “Rachel’s Challenge is as relevant today as it was when it was started in 2001. We have all seen student violence continue to grow as it spreads from the high school campus to the halls of colleges and universities,” said Foundation Chairwoman, Margaret Hamilton. An undertaking of this magnitude requires partnerships throughout the community. The Community Foundation has formed working partnerships with the local school district, the city, and several local private businesses.

Rachel’s Challenge is a pro-active worldwide program designed to help stop school violence. Rachel Joy Scott was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999. 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. The Rachel’s Challenge program includes a powerful video audio presentation of Rachel’s life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spellbound during a one hour school presentation that

motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others.

To enhance the Rachel’s Challenge experience for students who participated in the first presentation, a program entitled Rachel’s Legacy will be offered. Rachel’s Legacy builds upon the original program and will be presented three different times over a two day period.

Both Rachel’s Challenge and Rachel’s Legacy are more than an hour long seminar. Students are given information and material is available to encourage and allow school programs to actively participate in working the program on an ongoing basis.

To date, 11 schools have reserved seating for Rachel’s Challenge. The schools planning to attend are: USD 102 Cimarron-Ensign, United Methodist Youthville, USD 225 Fowler, USD 459 Bucklin, USD 347 Kinsley-Offerle, Sacred Heart School, USD 381 Spearville, Dodge City Middle School, Soule Intermediate School, Comanche Intermediate School and Dodge City High School. This represents slightly over 4,200 students from around the Foundation’s catchment area and room is still available for schools interested in attending.



*Every charitable act  
is a stepping-stone  
towards heaven.*

— *Henry Ward Beecher*



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# Scholarship Awards 2010-2011

All of America has been affected by the economic downturn and the uncertainty of the recovery that our country is currently experiencing. Of course, the Community Foundation is not exempt from market influences and ambiguity. Being good stewards of our donors' funds, the Board of Directors voted to scale back the dollar amounts to be awarded to both scholarships and grants in 2010 as due diligence would mandate in order to protect scholarship awards in the years to come. The Community Foundation has been blessed with a large, unrestricted gift from the Margaret Robb Estate. The "unrestricted" label attached to this fund gives the Foundation's governing body the donor's permission to place the endowed money where those dollars will do the most good and make the most impact. The Robb Fund has allowed the Founda-

tion to grant scholarships at nearly the same level as previous years. Without the gift from Margaret Robb, it could have been a very hard year for many of us.

Overall, 205 scholarship applications were received. The Community Foundation awarded scholarships to 84 students for a total of \$46,900. In addition to the Scholarship Committee's annual awards the Community Foundation granted 33 Scholarships from the Juanita Abel Pyle Scholarship Fund totaling \$96,000. The grand total of scholarship awards for the 2010 – 2011 school year is \$142,900.

As always, the Board of Directors and staff of the Community Foundation wish to express our appreciation to the Scholarship Committee for their dedication of time and talent.

Last Name	First Name	Scholarship	Last Name	First Name	Scholarship
Denton	Andrew	Agnes Fry Memorial Scholarship	Stremel	Jenna	Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund
Perez	Jesus	Agnes Wherle Todd Scholarship	Schaffer	Trevor	Brian Pfannenstiel Memorial Scholarship
Dwyre	Marshall	Anonymous Fund	Vogt	Desiree	Buddy-O'Herin Memorial Scholarship
Estes	Allison	Anonymous Fund	Schinstock	Taylor	Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Scholarship
Fanning	Stephen	Anonymous Fund	Bruton	Rebekah	Dave and Carol Wagner Scholarship
Lix	Kevin	Anonymous Fund	Estes	Jessica	Dave and Carol Wagner Scholarship
Long	Reece	Anonymous Fund	Hubbell	Sarah	David Barber Perpetual Scholarship
Sander	Kevin	Anonymous Fund	Ortiz	Valerie	Dodge City High School Class of 1953 Scholarship
Taylor	Corbin	Anonymous Fund	Goebel	Clinton	Donald D. Trent Scholarship
Martel	Lisa	Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	Garinger	Lindsay	Donald P. Young Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Workman	Wendi	Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	Gunther	Janie	Donald P. Young Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Bernadac	Cristabell	Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Ehrlich	Codi	Dr. B. Richard and Patricia Dryden Education Scholarship
Denton	Dara	Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Stremel	Jenna	Dr. William V. Trezell Endowed Scholarship
Mendez	Yenedit	Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Tirrell	Selena	Duran and Prelo Memorial Scholarships
Gabel	Calvin	Beth Ann Vierthaler Memorial Scholarship			
Hutton	Maranda	Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund			
Snyder	Jana	Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund			

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Headrick	Hope	E.T. "Ned" Guymon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Ferreiro	Mariel	Fremont and Beatrice Buehne Perpetual Scholarship
Brauer	Casey	Edward J. Schinstock Family Scholarship-Pass Thru	Shogren	Jessica	George Womack Memorial Scholarship
Helfrich	Janae	Ernest L. & Esther Foote Perpetual Scholarship	Brauer	Jessica	Gilbert Konrade Memorial Scholarship
Downey	Melinda	EXCEL Industries Perpetual Scholarship	Schuler	Dustin	Good Shepard Fund
Kolbeck	Tasha	F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Maynez	Pamela	Gregg Steimel Memorial Scholarship
Nystrom	Nikki	F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Schinstock	Taylor	Herbert and Kathryn Sughrue Perpetual Scholarship
Ratts	Morgan	F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Hayes	Ryan	Hoffman-Dewell Memorial Scholarship
Riese	Kathryn	F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Hubbell	Sarah	J. Floyd and Seville Breeding Scholarship
Wasson	Janae	F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Temaat	Kaley	James F. and Fayette Casey Family Memorial Scholarship
Helfrich	Brock	F.X. and Louis Doll Memorial Scholarship	Temaat	Kaley	James Nufer Scholarship Fund
Erven	Calvin	Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Trent	Tara	Jeanette A. Gabel Memorial Scholarship
Estrada	Luz	Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Edwards	Allison	Jess and Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship
Nguyen	Rosie	Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Pfannenstiel	Jordann	Jess and Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship
Ellis	Rebecca	Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Ackerman	Mitchell	Jim and Mamie Hogan Memorial Scholarship
Knoeber	Craig	Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Brauer	Jessica	John and Ceilia Oberle Memorial Scholarship
Nguyen	Tiffany	Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Rumbaugh	Lauren	John and Dorothy Perrier Endowed Agri-Business Scholarship
Rojas	Monica	Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Ehrlich	Codi	John Schartz, Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Sanchez	German	Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Kepple	Gage	Joseph and Anna Kliesen Scholarship
			Brauer	Jessica	Joseph McCall/Peggy McCall Theis Memorial Scholarship
			Ackerman	Shelby	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship
			Thacker	Hillarie	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship

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Kepple	Gage	Landmark National Bank Endowed Scholarship	Rabe	Nikki	Sgt. Ben and Elaina Morton Scholarship
Rumbaugh	Lauren	Lee Triplett Jr. Scholarship	Stein	Hope	St. M. MelEesa Ryzcek Memorial Scholarship
Brauer	Jessica	Leo Konda Memorial Academic Scholarship	Eck	Courtney	St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships
Downey	Melinda	Lewis P. Gomez Memorial Scholarship	Konrade	Kelsey	St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships
Stein	Jacob	Louis & Nora Lix Family Endowed Scholarship	Reardon	Anthony	St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships
Varela	Angel	Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Eck	Courtney	St. Mary's of the Plains High School Alumni Scholarship
Meeks	Cody	Mary D. Lupton Memorial Scholarship Fund	Dow Snyder	Ethan Matt	Sunflower Select Fund Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship
Konrade	Carson	Michael C. Hornung Perpetual Scholarship	Snyder	Miranda	Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship
Ratzlaff	Shelbie	Minneola Community Foundation Scholarship	Bruton	Rebekah	USD 443 School Education Foundation Fund
Pechanec	Bradley	Nell Lyons Memorial Scholarship	Eck	Courtney	William and Clara Tenbrink Family Perpetual Scholarship
Siek	Ashley	Norbert and Clara Irsik Memorial Scholarship-Pass Thru	Downey	Melinda	Wright Centennial Scholarship
Schinstock	Taylor	Norbert J. Tasset Memorial Scholarship Fund			
Beil	Kali	Ralph Weaver Behan Photography/Graphic Arts Memorial Scholarship			
Shogren	Jessica	Ralph Weaver Behan Photography/Graphic Arts Memorial Scholarship			
Gabel	Nolan	Ray Bryson and Lois Flanagan-Bryson Endowed Scholarship			
Head	Landon	Red Demon Football Booster Club Scholarship			
Gleason	Kristin	Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund			
Seiler	Jeffrey	Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund			

## Honnold Family Endowment

Robert (Jack) Honnold established this fund as an everlasting memorial to his deceased wife Jeanie and his deceased son Gary. Mr. Honnold established this gift to benefit Southwest Kansas. The fund is basically unrestricted. It is intended to be used to further educational, social, cultural, health and public welfare programs in our area of Kansas and allows the grant committee great flexibility in the grant making process. With this gift the Community Foundation expresses our sincere appreciation and we look forward to using this fund to make Southwest Kansas a better place to live and raise children.

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# Dental Care Fund Placed

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years ago for the purpose of promoting community health clinics to educate and provide treatment for oral health problems. Another is Kansas Cavity-Free Kids and yet another is Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved. Those three organizations immediately provided hands-on help to the local unit.

To quickly “cut to the chase,” it can now be reported that there is a building donated rent-free for two years to be used for a dental clinic. Five local dentists have agreed to donate one day per month working in the clinic, thus providing the clinic with one day per week of donated dentist time. There is a dental hygienist available two days per week, and a very diverse community coalition in place.

Represented on the coalition are: USD 443 public school nurses and counselors, Center for Independent Living, Ford County Health Department, the Western Plains Medical Complex, the Dodge City Ministerial Alliance, Ford County Council on Aging, Kansas Ombudsman for Long Term Care, Arrowhead West, Methodist Youthville, The City of Dodge City, Ford County, Bright Beginnings of Head Start, SRS--Dodge City Office, The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, United Way of Dodge City, as well as the general sponsorship of the United Methodist Mexican American Ministries. There are many dedicated volunteers and several grant applications pending.

If developments continue at the

present rate, this dental clinic should be open and running by May of 2010.”

As you can see, a diverse group of organizations and people are participating in this program because of the need that is involved. This program and programs of this type fit nicely with the Foundation’s goal of making Southwest Kansas a better place to live and raise children. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is humbled to be asked and proud to participate in assuring the Dodge City Oral Health Coalition’s success. To find out more or to help this organization advance its goal, call the Foundation office at 620-225-0959. Thank you to Ethel Peterson for allowing the reprint of her article.

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