



Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

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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.



The Council on Foundations has notified the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas that the Foundation has 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 grantmaking 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 citizen’s concerns, expand literacy, advance children’s issues, enhance education by awarding scholarships—and supporting countless other important causes.

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, grantmaking 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.

Expanded duties for Groth

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is pleased to announce that Stephanie Groth has been promoted to Program Director. She



Stephanie Groth

is a recent 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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Message from the Chairperson

“To dream anything you want to dream, that’s the beauty of the human mind; to do anything you want to do, that’s the strength of the human will; to trust yourself to test your limits, that’s the courage to succeed.”

The backbone and reward of every person who is able to identify what it takes to have the dream, the will and the courage, can enjoy the accomplishments of their successful journey. One of the blessings of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas comes from having the privilege of knowing and working with tremendous people in southwest Kansas.

The Foundation continues to work through economic challenges by carefully monitoring the investment portfolio, controlling expenses, adhering to the Spending Policy, and carefully planning the fulfillment of the Foundation mission.



Fortunately, the Foundation has been able to continue the Scholarship Program and Grant Program with minor adjustments. The Kansas Health Foundation gifts for the purpose of grants have allowed a stronger Grant Program than would have otherwise been realized.

As we move into the upcoming years, we continue to be blessed with the participation of the Kansas Health Foundation. In recent information from KHF they are pleased to announce a new challenge program to enrich the growth of foundations throughout Kansas. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas will again be a participant in this enrichment program.

The impact of the Foundation to the people of Southwest Kansas will remain stable and strong because of people like you. As the symbol of the torch is a beacon beyond all that surrounds us, the mission of our Foundation continues to be a beacon for the people of Southwest Kansas.

—Margaret Hamilton



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 recourses of the community.

—Mission Statement

Kansas Health Foundation Update

Security in an Uncertain Economy
- Officially the fifth matching funds challenge issued by the Kansas Health Foundation known as the GROW campaign ended on December 31, 2008. The matching funds challenge was in actuality a challenge within a challenge. Part of Phase-5 involved a challenge to raise operating funds for the Community Foundation and the match was at a 2-to-1 level. Receiving matching funds at this level, for any reason, is almost unheard of and too attractive to pass up. Receiving funding earmarked to offset operating expenses has allowed the Community Foundation to “grow” stronger and healthier in an uncertain economy.

School Endowment Challenge Continues - As a reward for completing Phase-5, 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 which they

will match with a total of \$200,000. The Kansas Health Foundation has extended the run time for this campaign. The last date for matching funds will be May 31, 2010.

Leveraging Your Gift - The Foundation’s Board of Directors has upped the ante. Participating schools or their benefactors who contribute at least \$5,000 for their school endowment fund will receive a \$1,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation to be paid to that fund. In other words, at a minimum, participating schools will receive a \$1,000 grant plus \$2,500 in matching funds from the Kansas Health Foundation. (NOTE: the CFSK grant does not qualify for KHF matching funds.) 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. This campaign has the potential to be a great investment in so many different ways: the donors leverage their gift, the local school has an endowment fund, and the students are the ultimate beneficiaries. Please call the Foundation office if you need more details on this program.

A Debt of Gratitude – The Community Foundation has enjoyed a relationship with the Kansas Health Foundation for almost 10 years. During that time the Community Foundation has benefited greatly. Through the GROW program, Giving Resources to Our World, the Community Foundation has received consulting services and pro-

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Sunnyside celebrates year of kindness

Impact of the Rachel's Challenge Program continues to grow—

By CLAIRE O'BRIEN
Dodge City Daily Globe
Posted May 21, 2009

DODGE CITY —

NOTE: The good news continues. The Community Foundation sponsored the Rachel's Challenge program in the Dodge City area last September. The program was presented to 13 area schools (about 4,500 students) over 3 days. Since that time we have been overwhelmed by the response from the area schools and the stories that just keep coming and coming.

Sunnyside School was NOT involved in attending the program when it was presented because the presentation was not considered age appropriate for the students at Sunnyside. However, the Sunnyside students and faculty were influenced by actions of the older students at the Middle School and High School as they strove to meet Rachel's Challenge.

It is fair to say that we at the Community Foundation have been humbled by the continuous feedback from

Students walk around Sunnyside Elementary Wednesday as part of Rachel's Challenge. *Courtesy photo.*



teachers, students, and parents. Rachel's Challenge was successful beyond our expectations. Plans to repeat this presentation to the students of Southwest Kansas in 2010 are underway.

For more information go to www.rachelschallenge.com

A crowd of small children gazed in astonishment as several classes of big third and fourth graders carried a long, long paper chain out the back door of Sunnyside School and over to their playground on Wednesday.

The older children walked around

and around their schoolmates, wrapping the chain as they went, until it encircled everyone at Sunnyside several times over.

"Wow, this chain is so big!" shouted a dazzled little pre-k scholar. "It just keeps coming and coming and coming!"

In fact, the Kindness Chain has been coming to Sunnyside since last September, when the whole school learned of a program called Rachel's Challenge in a school assembly.

Originally developed as a response to the Columbine High School shooting, Rachel's Challenge is a national program designed to teach children the importance of showing kindness. Sunnyside counselor Marianna Jones proposed that the entire school create a paper chain out of links representing individual acts of kindness. That's why a description of each kind act is handwritten on every single link of the long, long chain.

Each grade chose a different color for its paper color, and the idea took off like a chain reaction.

"The students started looking

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Students at Sunnyside Elementary show off their "Kindness Chain" Wednesday near their school. *Courtesy photo.*

New funds established

Edward Schinstock Family Scholarship Fund 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 Fund 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.



Dan and Janis Reichenborn

Also, the Reichenborns established the **Janis and Danny Reichenborn Scholarship Fund** 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.

When visiting with Janis and Dan, it is readily apparent that they love the kids and the community that they have dedicated their lives to. Establishing two scholarships is beyond ample proof of their life-long commitment to serving their community.

Ed Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because of the special bonus program offered by the Kansas Health Foundation, the Ed Jackson Scholarship and both of the Reichenborn Scholarships qualify for matching funds at 50 cents per dollar.

The Great Quack Attack Fund is a special project fund that the Community Foundation will hold as funds are raised. The Great Quack Attack is the rubber duck race held annually at Wright Park as a fundraiser that benefits children's charities and projects such as The Alley and other youth related organizations.

Thank You! It is the donors that enable the Community Foundation to fulfill its mission to improve the quality of life in Southwest Kansas. To the donors who created the Foundation's newest funds and the donors who have supported the Community Foundation throughout the years, thank you. Your generosity and vision are the tools that will be used to shape many lives for years to come.



Foundation Scholarships 2009-2010

Every organization, business, and person has been affected by the economic downturn our country is currently experiencing and, of course, the Community Foundation is not exempt. 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 2009 in order to protect future awards. That was the bad news.

The good news is that the Community Foundation was 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. Rather than dialing back the number of scholarship awards during this hard time, the Robb Fund has allowed the Foundation 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. The Community Foundation owes a debt of gratitude to the vision and forethought of Ms. Robb.

Overall more than 215 scholarship applications were received. The Community Foundation awarded scholarship to 98 students for a total of \$50,400.

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.

Scholarship	Recipient	Scholarship	Recipient
Agnes Fry Memorial Scholarship	Erica Michel	Dodge City High School	
Agnes Wherle Todd Scholarship	Lavona Swank	Class of 1953 Scholarship	Andrew Denton
Arthur and Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	Alyssa Hicks	Donald D. Trent Memorial Scholarship	Samuel Hertel
Arthur and Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	Lisa Martel	Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Casey Cook
Arthur and Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	Wendi Workman	Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Allison Estes
Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Angela Kessen	Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Jennifer Knust
Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Morgan Ratts	Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Kevin Sander
Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Wesley Rostetter	Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Shanell Torrez
Beth Ann Vierthaler Memorial Scholarship	Calvin Gabel	Donald P. Young Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Jennifer Sloan
Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund	Maranda Hutton	Donald P. Young Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Tegan Turley
Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund	Jana Snyder	Dr. B. Richard and Patricia Dryden Education Scholarship	Monica O'Hanlon
Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund	Josslyn Stremel	Dr. William V. Trekell Endowed Scholarship	Jenna Stremel
Brian Pfannenstiel Memorial Scholarship	Brianna Helfrich	Duran and Prelo Memorial Scholarships	Selena Tirrell
Buddy-O'Herin Memorial Scholarship	Desiree Vogt	E.T. "Ned" Guymon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Daryne Foote
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Scholarship	Jenna Stremel	Edward J. Schinstock Family Scholarship	Casey Brauer
Dave and Carol Wagner Scholarship	Shane Scott	Ernest and Esther Foote Clapp Memorial Scholarship	Cody Meeks
Dave and Carol Wagner Scholarship	Samantha Shirley	EXCEL Industries	
David Barber Perpetual Scholarship	Sarah Hubbell	Perpetual Scholarship	Patrick Crockett

Foundation Scholarships 2009-2010

Scholarship	Recipient	Scholarship	Recipient
F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Samantha Askew	James Nufer Scholarship Fund	Kaley Temaat
F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Shawna Burke	Jeanette A. Gabel Memorial Scholarship	Tasha Kolbeck
F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Reece Petty	Jess and Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship	Alison Edwards
F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Sarah Williamson	Jess and Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship	Chelsea Morton
F.F. and Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Kelsie Wilson	Jess and Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship	Jordan Pfannenstiel
F.X. and Louis Doll Memorial Scholarship	Brock Helfrich	Jim and Mamie Hogan Memorial Scholarship	Loren Ashlock
Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Melissa Conway	Joan Caouette Perpetual Scholarship	Donovan Wahrman
Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Rosie Nguyen	John and Ceilia Oberle Memorial Scholarship	Donavan Wahram
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Tanner Brock	John and Dorothy Perrier Endowed Agri-Business Scholarship	Lauren Rumbaugh
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Alex Held	John G. Slattery and John B. Slattery Memorial Scholarship	Emily Konrade Seminary
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Shelby Hill	John Lampe Memorial Scholarship	Kendra Stroud
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Brianna Mitchell	John Schartz, Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship	Enrique Preciado
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Tiffany Nguyen	Joseph and Anna Kliesen Scholarship	Donavan Wahram
Fred and Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Monica Rojas	Joseph McCall/Peggy McCall Theis Memorial Scholarship	Robert Burcher
Fremont and Beatrice Buehne Perpetual Scholarship	Sarah Kirby	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Makenzie LaCost
George Womack Memorial Scholarship	Emily Konrade	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Robert Parry
Gilbert Konrade Memorial Scholarship	Enrique Preciado	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Dwight Wetzell
Gregg Steimel Memorial Scholarship	Emily Durler	Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Christopher Schwartz
Herbert and Kathryn Sughrue Perpetual Scholarship	Emily Schneweis	Landmark National Bank Endowed Scholarship	Christopher Schwartz
Hoffman-Dewell Memorial Scholarship	Brittney Imel	Lee Triplett Jr. Scholarship	Enrique Preciado
J. Floyd and Seville Breeding Scholarship	Sarah Hubbell	Leo Konda Memorial Academic Scholarship	Melinda Downey
James F. and Fayette Casey Family Memorial Scholarship	Desiree Vogt	Lewis P. Gomez Memorial Scholarship	Patrick Crockett
		Louis and Nora Lix Family Endowed Scholarship	Megan Bolmer
		Marsha Marie Trent Award	Daniel Berg
		Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Marshall Dwyre
		Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Tommy Wessel
		Michael C. Hornung Perpetual Scholarship	Pamela Brack

Foundation Scholarships 2009-2010

Scholarship	Recipient	Scholarship	Recipient
Minneola Community Foundation Scholarship	Bradley Lies	St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships	Abbey Rudd
Monsanto Choice Genetics Scholarship	Megan Gibson	St. Mary's of the Plains High School Alumni Scholarship	Emily Schneweis
Monsanto Choice Genetics Scholarship	Emili Hawley	Sunflower Select Fund*	Kathryn Riese
Monsanto Choice Genetics Scholarship	Hannah Hoffman	Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship	Chad Gerber
Monsanto Choice Genetics Scholarship	Channing Pepper	Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship	Lindsay Lloyd
Nell Lyons Memorial Scholarship	Bradley Pechanec	Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship	Clay Payne
Norbert and Clara Irsik Memorial Scholarship	Ashley Siek	The Wright Centennial Scholarship	Melinda Downey
Norbert J. Tasset Memorial Scholarship Fund	Kendra Stroud	Tom Lowery Memorial Junior Golf Scholarship	Katelyn Hamilton
Ralph Weaver Behan Photography/Graphic Arts Memorial Scholarship	Tyler Perkins	Tom Lowery Memorial Junior Golf Scholarship	Brennan Savage
Ralph Weaver Behan Photography/Graphic Arts Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Shogren	USD 443 School Education Foundation Fund	Lauren Rumbaugh
Ray Bryson and Lois Flanagan-Bryson Endowed Scholarship	Nolan Gabel	William and Clara Tenbrink Family Perpetual Scholarship	Amanda McMahan
Red Demon Football Booster Club Scholarship	Jason Kirchman	* The Sunflower Select Funds includes:	
Rev. John Handly General Assembly Perpetual Scholarship	Kaley Temaat	Virginia Burke Clements Memorial Scholarship	Inez "Irene" Ardery Memorial Scholarship
Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund	Jared Flowers	John H. Stickney Memorial Scholarship	Fred Hall Memorial Scholarship
Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund	Kristin Gleason	Southwestern Bell Scholarship II	Catherine Fox Memorial Scholarship
Scheckel-Snyder Perpetual Scholarship	Seminary	Tony Olivarez Memorial Scholarship	Kiwanis Club of Dodge City Scholarship
Sgt. Ben and Elaina Morton Scholarship	Katlen Eddy	Judith Walker Memorial Scholarship	Leroy Heath Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sr. M. MelEesa Ryzek Memorial Scholarship	Hope Stein	Eugene Flax Memorial Scholarship	Leo Lopez Memorial Scholarship
St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships	Megan Canfield	Linus Brazil Memorial Scholarship	Rev. Dr. Michael McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
St. Mary's of the Plains Alumni Scholarships	Amanda McMahan	Catherine Hertel Memorial Scholarship	Besse Welsh Scholarship Fund
		Ronald G. Herman Memorial Scholarship	

Difficult Economic Times Challenge Charitable Giving

It has become a sign of the times, lower personal spending combined with lower household budgets. An entire new generation of Americans has learned to prioritize their personal spending in regards to needs versus wants. Not exclusive to America, very few parts of the world have escaped the current difficult economic times.

During these difficult times, people are tightening their financial belts. Current surveys show that in the fall of 2008, the individual savings rate increased to its highest level since 2002. This trend is directly attributed to the continuous barrage of bad economic news. As this trend continues a sense of thrift and sacrifice becomes interwoven in all of our daily lives.

Expectedly, the present trend towards reduced spending has had an impact on individual charitable giving. In December of 2008, a study published by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University link charitable giving trends to economic indicators such as the GDP, the S&P 500, the Dow Industrials and reported individual income. Forecasting the level of charitable giving in this economic climate, the authors of this study noted that the amount of giving may decline in periods of economic uncertainty and may decline considerably during a prolonged recession.

Surprisingly, this study also notes that most households continue to give during times of financial insecurity.

Fortunately, the desire to support favorite charities remains very strong with most Americans.

Considering the current economic conditions, a charitable bequest remains one of the most popular forms

of giving. This type of planned giving allows the donors to continue to utilize their assets during their lifetime and the simplicity of naming worthwhile charities in their will appeals to most charitable minded donors. A bequest is a way to memorialize the donor's commitment to their favorite charity or charities.

It is the role of the Community Foundation to act as the conduit for your charitable gift whether it is a current gift or a bequest. By the

donor's direction, earnings from their endowment at the Foundation can be directed to their favorite charities. This insures that their endowment will remain intact and favored charities will benefit forever.

As you might expect, there are many financial twist and turns involved in mapping out a planned gift. The Community Foundation can help maneuver you in the right direction. For more information call the office at 620-225-0959.

NEW TAX DEVELOPMENTS:

In a private letter ruling on the issue of naming a qualified charity (a 501(c)(3) organization) as a beneficiary of an employee's deferred compensation, the IRS has determined that the gift does not compromise the corporation's deduction pursuant to IRC Sec. 404(a)(5).

Clarifying the issue, the IRS further stated that: 1.) if the spouse makes the proper disclaimer with respect to the employee's deferred compensation, or 2.) if the spouse pre-deceases the employee, naming a qualified charity as the designated beneficiary of the deferred compensation would not preclude the employer's deduction of the compensation.¹

As always, the Community Foundation recommends that you consult your tax advisor concerning this matter.

1. Techniques, KU Endowment Newsletter, 2nd Quarter 2009



*It is one of the most beautiful compensations
of this life that no man
can sincerely try to help another without helping himself
. . . Serve and thou shall be served.*

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

KHF Update

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professional development for the staff and volunteers. Kansas Health Foundation established this Foundation as grant maker by providing funds to make grants in our community at times when little or no grant money would have been available. The icing on the cake has been the establishment of the KHF Children's Fund, which has become one of this Foundation's largest funds. Acknowledging a debt of gratitude is one thing, while repaying that debt is quite another. As a way of re-payment, this Foundation has made every effort to learn from the example established by KHF and to model ourselves after our benefactor. Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery and it is the most genuine expression of appreciation as well.

for kind things they could do for one another," said Shelly Huff, who teaches fourth grade at Sunnyside. "And every day, they carefully recorded those acts of kindness. It really did become a daily thing."

Jones said that the changes in Sunnyside students began to change the atmosphere of the whole school.

"It was wonderful for the children to see the importance of kindness in all of our lives, and to understand the difference it can make," said Jones. "And it was even more wonderful to watch the changes in the children themselves."

Fourth-grader Leana Saldana agreed that kindness blossomed at Sunnyside all year long, growing steadily and making that chain bigger and bigger.

Sunnyside celebrates

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"When one of us did something nice for another student, the chain actually got two more links," said Leana. "That's because the person who received the kindness could write it down, just like the person who gave it to them."

The grand finale of Sunnyside's extravaganza featured the triumphant unfurling of a huge banner displaying the spirit of the school's yearlong effort. It read: "Sunnyside Elementary is surrounded with Kindness."

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"Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I've got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as bright as possible before handing it on to future generations."

-- George Bernard Shaw

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