



## Re-Grant Bonuses for Affiliated Community Funds

At the beginning of 2009 the Community Foundation's Board of Director announced a matching funds challenge for the communities in Southwest Kansas that had established an affiliated fund or any community wanting to establish an affiliated fund.

The matching funds challenge was designed to be simple and obtainable. Any of the affiliated communities qualified for matching funds at 50 cents on the dollar if they could increase their unrestricted fund by \$2,000 during calendar year 2010. Success would mean that the community endowment fund would be increased by a total of \$3,000.

As a way of saying congratulations for a job well done, the Foundation's leadership voted to offer a re-granting bonus to the successful affiliated communities. A \$1,000 bonus for community grants will be placed in each community fund. It will be up to each community's grant committee to decide how the grant funds will be used.

Affiliated funds for area communities are unrestricted endowment funds for the benefit of a specific community as determined by a local committee from that community. In other words: local people raise local funds to benefit local projects or programs. These funds allow area communities to make grants to organizations within their own community or for other projects or charitable purposes.

Nine years ago the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas began direct affiliations with area communities. By placing the first funds or seeding money into community funds for Plains, Meade

and Fowler it gave them a starting point and a direct relationship with Southwest Kansas was established. Since that time five other area communities have established funds to benefit their communities. Currently the Community Foundation has assisted with a total of 14 funds, both endowed and non-endowed, totaling over \$1.2 million for the benefit of our area communities.

Most of the area funds target quality of life issues in some manner. Quality of life

in rural Southwest Kansas is synonymous with public health and economic development. Establishing a source of private funds gives our neighboring communities options and leverage in addressing their quality of life issues.

Affiliated communities receiving the re-grant bonuses are: Bucklin, Fowler, Hodgeman County, Meade, Minneola and Plains. We look forward to seeing these communities progress and grow in their philanthropic endeavors.

### *Area Community Factoid—*

## Comparing the Decade - Population Statistics of Southwest Kansas

CITY	2000	2010	CHANGE
	POULATION	POPULATION	
Bucklin	725	794	10%
Dodge City	25,176	27,340	9%
Ford	314	216	-31%
Spearville	813	773	-5%
Cimarron	1,934	2,187	13%
Hanston	259	206	-20%
Jetmore	903	867	-4%
Fowler	567	590	4%
Meade	1,672	1,721	3%
Minneola	717	745	4%
Plains	1,163	1,146	-1%

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## Notes from the Chair

Recently, the Board of Directors of the Foundation held their annual planning session – a meeting that most of us usually want to avoid as being tiring and lifeless – but this year it was a celebration of the impact the Foundation has made across our multi-county region and its growing sustainability.

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas engages people, connects resources and inspires solutions to build both our local and regional community. This mission is the essence of our work as we raise awareness about the causes that affect the communities where people live. Then, we bring together grant dollars, people and talent to build the connections and address local needs. In addition, we partner with communities to find answers for local issues and needs. We help solicit ideas and give people the opportunities and resources to

be creative in answering those local needs.


Our goals for 2011-2012 are to continue that strong focus on our affiliate funds, adding to their 'tool box' the leadership and services that will strengthen and retain the future of their local communities.

A community is more than a collection of buildings or congregation of people. The word community defines our unity – our unique ability to gather from different cultures and status with a commitment to each other. Community defines our mission to successfully meet the needs of others where there are needs, to solve shared problems and collectively have the ability to accept success and move on – and to accept failure and move on. Community describes a oneness of purpose, of developmental

order, of our vision. Community success comes from focus – not on what we can see, but on what we can do, together.

Partner with us, whatever your role or charitable objective. We'll help you give back to our communities, and together, we'll create a stronger, healthier future for our region.

— Jeff Thorpe, Chairman



*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

# Founder's Passing

Tom Feist, among the Founders of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, was a man with a vision. Tom, a farmer and rancher, and lifelong resident of Spearville, Kansas, also taught history at Spearville High School and served on the Board of Education. He was co-founder and President of Feist Publications, Inc. Tom was also the owner and board member of the Ford County State Bank. Without a doubt, Tom Feist made Southwest Kansas a better place to live during his life time. Tom passed away on January 17, 2011.



Mike & Mindy Burkhart

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

## Youth Hockey Grant

Young people in Southwest Kansas will have a wonderful opportunity to learn a new sport as ice hockey comes to Southwest Kansas. The High Plains Youth Hockey Association, (HPYHA), a newly formed 501(c)(3), affiliated with USA Hockey and the Midwest Amateur Hockey Association, plans to begin league play this Fall. The HPYHA will initially target coed teams for kids eight years old and younger. In the preliminary meetings to establish public interest in the sport the organizers were pleasantly surprised to see that our community's social/economic demographic profile was fairly represented.

Since the Hockey Association organizers know that the sport is a huge unknown in this part of the country, plans include a coaches clinic in order to assist with everyone's learning curve. All teams will be given access to the ice as practice will be available an hour prior to weekly games. It is anticipated that four to six teams will participate in the inaugural ten week season.

The Community Foundation views this opportunity as a proactive grant that will allow youngsters from our area to be exposed to a new sport, participate in a healthy physical activity and to have an experience that is not offered in many other areas in Kansas.



*Lighting the Way*

## Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

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Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas

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# Establishing New Funds

## Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund

Establishing the Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund is essentially two gifts in one. Not wanting to wait a minimum of one year for their endowed gift to accumulate distributable earnings, the Shirley family contributed additional funds to be awarded immediately.

In a year that presented some challenges, both the Board of Directors and the Scholarship Committee were searching for ways to assist with the financial needs of the area students. The arrival of the Shirley Scholarship was both a surprise and a blessing. The timing could not have been better.

Three members of the Scholarship Committee, an independent standing committee of the Community Foundation, along with members of the Shirley family collaborated in determining the first students to receive the Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship.

For over 50 years the Shirley Family has been committed to Dodge City and Southwest Kansas. Tom and Donna Shirley moved to Dodge City in 1961. They were involved in the cattle industry and finance. Tom helped start Dodge City Roundup Rodeo and served on the Board of Directors of Youthville. Tom and Donna Shirley are founding members of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas in Dodge City. Their son, Brian, and his wife, Suzanne, are self-employed business owners in Dodge City, Kansas. Tom passed away on February 20, 2011.

The Shirley Family Scholarship benefits students living in Southwest Kansas and will serve as a lasting legacy that honoring the Shirley family for many years to come.



## The Dylan Rhoten #14 Memorial Scholarship

Beginning with 2013 school year students of Dodge City High School will have another reason to remember Dylan Rhoten. Darren and Beth Rhoten have established a scholarship to memorialize the life of their son.

This scholarship is intended to benefit students from Dodge City High School or the surrounding area.

For Dylan and his brother, Dayton, Motocross racing was as important to their life as breathing air. Dylan was known for his bright orange #14 racing bike. More than a quote, an entry on Dylan's facebook has now become a forecast: "Dylan Rhoten an awesome kid and a cool motocross racer. We'll never forget you."

Additional new funds are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

## Charles and Alison Guthrie Donor Advised Fund

Most donors have a passion that motivates their gift. Charles and Alison Guthrie are donors who fit that image. Both Charles and Alison have been involved in a lifelong endeavor of giving back to the community they love. Neither of the Guthries are strangers to public service. Giving time, talent and treasure to both their community and their church has been their way of life. Alison retired from teaching after 28 years and then became the Director for Hodgeman County Economic Development. Charles has always been involved in farming as well as other business ventures. Both of them have served on the Jetmore City Council at different times. By establishing a donor advised fund that benefits Jetmore and Hodgeman County they have enabled their capacity to give back to their beloved community forever.



*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.*

— Charles Dickens



# Scholarship Awards 2011-2012

The Community Foundation awarded scholarships to 122 students for a total of \$85,035. In addition to the Scholarship Committee's annual awards, the Community Foundation granted 27 Scholarships from the Juanita Abel Pyle Scholarship Fund totaling \$67,500. The grand total of scholarship awards for the 2011 – 2012 school year is \$152,535.

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	Last Name	First Name	City
Agnes R. Fry Memorial Scholarship	Pyle	Emilyjane	Dodge City
Agnes Wherle Todd Scholarship	Gleason	Adam	Meade
Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	James	Bridget	Dighton
Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins Memorial Scholarship	James	Abigail	Dighton
Bea Loeppke Educational Scholarship	Morgan	Kaitlin	Deerfield
Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Ediger	Tyler	Dodge City
Bess Dowdy Memorial Scholarship	Sotelo	Benito	Dodge City
Beth Ann Vierthaler Memorial Scholarship	Gabel	Calvin	Ness City
Betty J. & Rolland Werner Scholarship	Stremel	Jenna	Dodge City
Brian Pfannenstiel Memorial Scholarship	Helfrich	Brianna	Wright
Buddy-O'Herin Memorial Scholarship	Vogt	Desiree	Tribune
Cargill Industries Perpetual Scholarship	Slattery	Tyler	Dodge City
Carolyn Seidl Memorial Scholarship	Hernandez	Hugo	Dodge City
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Scholarship	Oberley	Rebecca	Dodge City
Catherine A. Hertel Memorial Nursing Scholarship	Stremel	Jenna	Dodge City
Danny & Janis Reichenborn Scholarship	Jensen	Blaise	Dodge City
Dave & Carol Wagner Scholarship	Schinstock	Taylor	Dodge City
David Barber Perpetual Scholarship	Waller	Danyel	Dodge City
Dodge City High School Class of 1953 Scholarship	Mejia	Stephanie	Dodge City
Donald D. Trent Memorial Scholarship	Liebl	Travis	Claffin
Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Graves	Dustin	Dodge City
Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Helfrich	Jared	Wright
Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Sander	Kevin	Hays
Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Smith	Morgan	Ness City
Donald D. Trent Scholarship	Young	Jerry	Dodge City
Donald P. Young Sr. Scholarship	Myers	George	Scott City
Dr. B. Richard & Patricia Dryden Education Scholarship	Rodriguez	Sandra	Dodge City
Dr. William V. Trezell Endowed Scholarship	Stremel	Jenna	Dodge City
E.T. "Ned" Guymon Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Ehrlich	Wyatt	Dodge City
Ed Jackson Memorial Scholarship	Rodriguez	Sandra	Dodge City
Edward Schinstock Family Scholarship	Brauer	Jessica	Dodge City
Emilio S. & Margaret Blanco Duran Scholarship	Tirrell	Selena	Tularosa, NM
Ernest L. Foote & Esther Foote Clapp Scholarship	Helfrich	Janae	Cimarron
Ethel Stein Memorial Nursing Scholarship	Snyder	Jana	Ingalls
F.F. & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Kolbeck	Tasha	Dodge City
F.F. & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Ratts	Morgan	Dodge City
F.F. & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger Memorial Scholarship	Riese	Kathryn	Concordia
F.X. & Louise Doll Memorial Scholarship	Beil	Kali	Jetmore
Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Caro	Stephanie	Satanta

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**Scholarship**

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>
Finnup Foundation Endowed Scholarship	Skidmore	Mikayla	Montezuma
Fred & Mary Ann Sproat Memorial Scholarship	Nguyen	Tiffany	Garden City
Fremont & Beatrice Buehne Perpetual Scholarship	Ferreiro	Mariel	Dodge City
George Womack Memorial Scholarship	Myers	George	Scott City
Gilbert Konrade Memorial Scholarship	Slattery	Tyler	Dodge City
Good Shepard Scholarship	Schuler	Dustin	Ness City
Gregg Steimel Memorial Scholarship	Shafer	Garrett	Spearville
Herbert & Kathryn Sughrue Perpetual Scholarship	Oberley	Rebecca	Dodge City
Hoffman-Dewell Memorial Scholarship	Benton	Virginia	Ingalls
J. Floyd & Seville Breeding Scholarship	Oberley	Rebecca	Dodge City
James Nufer Scholarship	Waller	Danyel	Dodge City
Jan & Dan Reichenborn Scholarship	Pyle	Emilyjane	Dodge City
Jaris J. Slaton Memorial Scholarship	Shippo	Jessica	Dodge City
Jaris J. Slaton Memorial Scholarship	Trosper	Taryn	Grand Island, NE
Jeanette A. Gabel Memorial Scholarship	Benton	Virginia	Ingalls
Jess & Juliet Denious Perpetual Scholarship	Dewell	Kaitlyn	Meade
Jim & Mamie Hogan Memorial Scholarship	Shafer	Garrett	Spearville
John & Cecelia Oberle Memorial Scholarship	Waller	Danyel	Dodge City
John & Dorothy Perrier Endowed Agri-Business Scholarship	Brauer	Jessica	Dodge City
John G. Slattery & John B. Slattery Memorial Scholarship	Oberley	Rebecca	Dodge City
John Lampe Memorial Scholarship	Ricketts	Tylan	Sublette
John Schartz Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship	Trent	Jesse	Dodge City
Joseph & Anna Kliesen Scholarship	Kepple	Gage	Ness City
Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Ackerman	Shelby	Offerle
Karl F. Seith Endowed Scholarship	Pfannenstiel	Parker	Jetmore
Landmark National Bank Endowed Scholarship	Kepple	Gage	Ness City
Lee Triplett Jr. Scholarship	Benton	Virginia	Ingalls
Leo Konda Memorial Scholarship	Slattery	Tyler	Dodge City
Louis & Nora Lix Family Endowed Scholarship	Ehrlich	Wyatt	Dodge City
Marcelino & Josephine Montoya Prelo Memorial Scholarship	Tirrell	Selena	Tularosa, NM
Marsha Marie Trent Award	Nichols	Tara	Dodge City
Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Dwyre	Marshall	Ingalls
Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Genereux	Kaitlyn	Dodge City
Marsha Marie Trent Scholarship	Taylor	Corbin	Dodge City
Marvin Z. & Floris J. Hampton Family Endowed Scholarship	Snyder	Jana	Ingalls
Mary D. Lupton Memorial Scholarship	Dwyre	Savannah	Ingalls
Michael C. Hornung Perpetual Scholarship	Konrade	Carson	Spearville
Minneola Community Foundation Scholarship	Lies	Jennifer	Minneola
Nell Lyons Memorial Scholarship	Liebl	Travis	Claffin
Norbert & Clara Irsik Memorial Scholarship	Vanderree	Riley	Ingalls
Norbert J. Tasset Memorial Scholarship	Slattery	Tyler	Dodge City
Ralph Weaver Behan Memorial Scholarship	Asmus	Danielle	Garden City
Ray Bryson & Lois Flanagan-Bryson Endowed Scholarship	Pechanec	Bradley	Bison
Red Demon Football Booster Club Scholarship	Trent	Jesse	Dodge City
Rev. John Handly General Assembly Perpetual Scholarship	Oberley	Rebecca	Dodge City
Richard & Phyllis Johnson Scholarship	Beil	Kali	Jetmore
Scheckel-Snyder Perpetual Scholarship	Ricketts	Tylan	Sublette
Sgt. Ben & Elaina Morton Scholarship	Rabe	Nikki	Spearville

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**Scholarship**

St. Mary of the Plains College Alumni Scholarship  
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St. Mary of the Plains High School Alumni Scholarship  
Sunflower Select Fund\*  
Terina Ann Irsik Memorial Scholarship  
Tom Lowery Memorial Junior Golf Scholarship  
Tom Lowery Memorial Junior Golf Scholarship  
Vivian Duran Prelo Scholarship  
William & Clara Tenbrink Family Perpetual Scholarship  
Wright Centennial Scholarship

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>
Konrade	Kelsey	Ashland
Wilson	Mikeyla	Dodge City
Wilson	Mikeyla	Dodge City
Gleason	Adam	Meade
Snyder	Matthew	Ingalls
Herrera	Brendan	Dodge City
Waldman	Brittany	Dodge City
Tirrell	Selena	Tularosa, NM
Wilson	Mikeyla	Dodge City
Helfrich	Brianna	Wright

**Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>
Briggs	Brandon	Dodge City
Burns	Miranda	Cimarron
Dewell	Justin	Dodge City
Donovan	Brett	Spearville
Durler	Shelby	Spearville
Durler	Laci	Dodge City
Ediger	Ethan	Minneola
Hines	Tonya	Spearville
Hollingsworth	Priscilla	Montezuma
Hornung-Heeke	Becca	Spearville
Imel	Brittany	Ford
McDaniel	Courtney	Dodge City
Nichols	Zachary	Dodge City
Nunez	Vanessa	Dodge City
Ocon	Maria	Dodge City
Orellana	Delmy	Dodge City
Orellana	Brenda	Dodge City
Rayo	Mario	Dodge City
Schmidt	Kiley	Ingalls
Sprenkle	Hali	Dodge City
Tasset	Aubrey	Spearville
Wade	Taylor	Dodge City
Wehkamp	Kayla	Ingalls
Williamson	Sarah	Dodge City
Woofter	Genare	Dodge City

**\*Sunflower Select Fund** Includes:

Inez "Irene Ardery Memorial Scholarship  
Virginia Burke Clements Memorial Scholarship  
Catherine Fox Memorial Scholarship  
Fred Hall Memorial Scholarship  
Ronald G. Herman Memorial Scholarship  
Leo Lopez Memorial Scholarship  
Rev. Dr. Michael McCarthy Memorial Scholarship  
Southwestern Bell Scholarship II  
Judith Walker Memorial Scholarship

Linus Brazil Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship  
Joan Caouette Perpetual Scholarship  
Eugene Flax Memorial Scholarship  
Leroy Heath Memorial Scholarship  
Kiwanis Club of Dodge City Scholarship  
Patrick & Clarice McCarthy Memorial Scholarship  
Tony Olivarez Memorial Scholarship  
John H Stickney Memorial Scholarship

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# Establishing New Funds

## Private Opportunity Program Fund

“I want students to have the opportunity to learn from various life experiences that will broaden their knowledge of the world around them,” said Peggy Stein as we visited about the intent of the Private Opportunity Program Fund also known as POP. POP is for the benefit of students at Sunnyside School and will help remove financial barriers that prohibit students from experiencing things that most of us take for granted and consider just part of our normal daily lives.

POP will offer Kids who have never experienced a concert or a sporting event have no idea what other positive possibilities that the world holds in store them. Exploring the world around you, even if it is in your own backyard, is an adventure in the making. The personal growth that awaits these youngsters is a journey that most of them will remember forever. With little doubt, this project fund is going to touch some young lives.



*The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”*

— William James



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