

Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

Connecting people who care with causes that matter



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We're Home!

We are an independent, hometown community foundation!



From the time we started organizing as a simple fund in the Western Kansas Community Foundation back in 2006, we dreamed of the day we would be strong enough to bring our foundation home to Grant County. That day has finally arrived and we are thrilled with the opportunity.

As of December 15, 2017, we completed the process to disaffiliate from Western Kansas Community Foundation and moved the foundation funds to the Grant County Bank Trust Department where they will be invested according to the instructions of the GCCF Finance Committee and Board of Directors. The GCB Trust Department also provides accounting for the individual funds as part of their service.



We are grateful to the Western Kansas Community Foundation for their help and guidance as we grew from a fund to an affiliate and finally to be able to step out on our own. Grant County wouldn't have a foundation without the help of the WKCF.

Our goal is to provide a hometown alternative for philanthropy and provide excellent community service as we move into the future.

Please join us on this incredible adventure!

New Funds

We have 7 new funds in the foundation since the GCCF board decided to form a corporation and apply for a 501(c)3. We are thrilled to welcome these new funds to the foundation.

Endowed Funds

Dr. Don Tillotson
Memorial Fund
Gary and Sonja Hathaway
Donor Advised Fund
United Sisterhood

Demand Funds

Connect Ulysses
USD #214
Teacher Recruitment Fund
United Sisterhood
Women of Purpose
Demand Fund

All of these new funds have a unique purpose to give back in Grant County.

We Welcome Scholarship Funds

It is time to think about scholarships!

We support the work of the Grant County Scholarship Foundation with their focus on scholarships for graduating seniors from Ulysses High School and congratulate them for encourag-

ing so many students to further their education.

If you have known a family struggling to pay for college or trade school, you know there is a lot of education expense after that first year. We believe GCCF can help match donors

who want to help with students that need the help. We will be researching that opportunity in the coming months. Visit with us if you have an interest.



The President's Perspective



Is making a memorable, lasting impact on your community important to you? What do you want your legacy to be? How do you want you and your family to be remembered?

With an estate plan that recognizes your desire to leave a legacy, you can organize prearranged giving that will fulfill your charitable goals today and last long into the future.

- It could be as simple as a donation made in your will to your favorite charity.
- It could allow a you to make bequests to a charity while still returning income to you & your family.

- It is usually a tax management tool and benefits your community at the same time.
- You design your legacy based upon your own resources.
- The options are almost limitless.

Some insights concerning planned giving include:

1. Almost everyone has the ability to make a planned gift from their estate.
2. Legacies are the major gift category of the middle class. (A legacy is an amount of money or property left to someone in a will.)
3. The average age of someone who determines to

make charitable giving a part of their estate plan is 45.

4. Donors desire to contribute to causes that are important to them.

Joan Moran, a blogger with The Huffington Post shares some opinions about leaving a legacy:

Support the people and causes that are important to you.

Reflect and decide what is most important in your life.

Share your blessings with others.

Remember, you decide what you want your charitable legacy to be. You have the ability to create a permanent legacy that honors your interests and lets them live on forever.

Grants given in 2017



The American GI Forum received \$600 to purchase a series of workbooks for the participants' use in the English for Spanish Speakers Education classes for adults that is provided by the American GI Forum.

The Ulysses Lions Club applied for and received \$3,000 to purchase a new SPOT Pedia-Vision Screener for the Kansas

Kid-Sight Program. Their goal is to screen the vision of each child in Grant County before they go to kindergarten.



The Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Auxiliary received \$6,474.39 to further their programs that benefit the patients in the hospital and provide scholarships for people entering the medical field.



Kepley Middle School received \$160 to purchase the Dave Ramsay Smart Money Smart Kids Foundations in Personal Finance curriculum for the middle school.



Giving Back—What it is all about!



Grant County Recreation received \$2,600 for the purchase and

installation of cameras at the Ulysses Baseball field. Those were installed in May of 2017.

The Grant County Extension grant for \$2,428 was approved to purchase 4 Janome Sewing Machines for the 4-

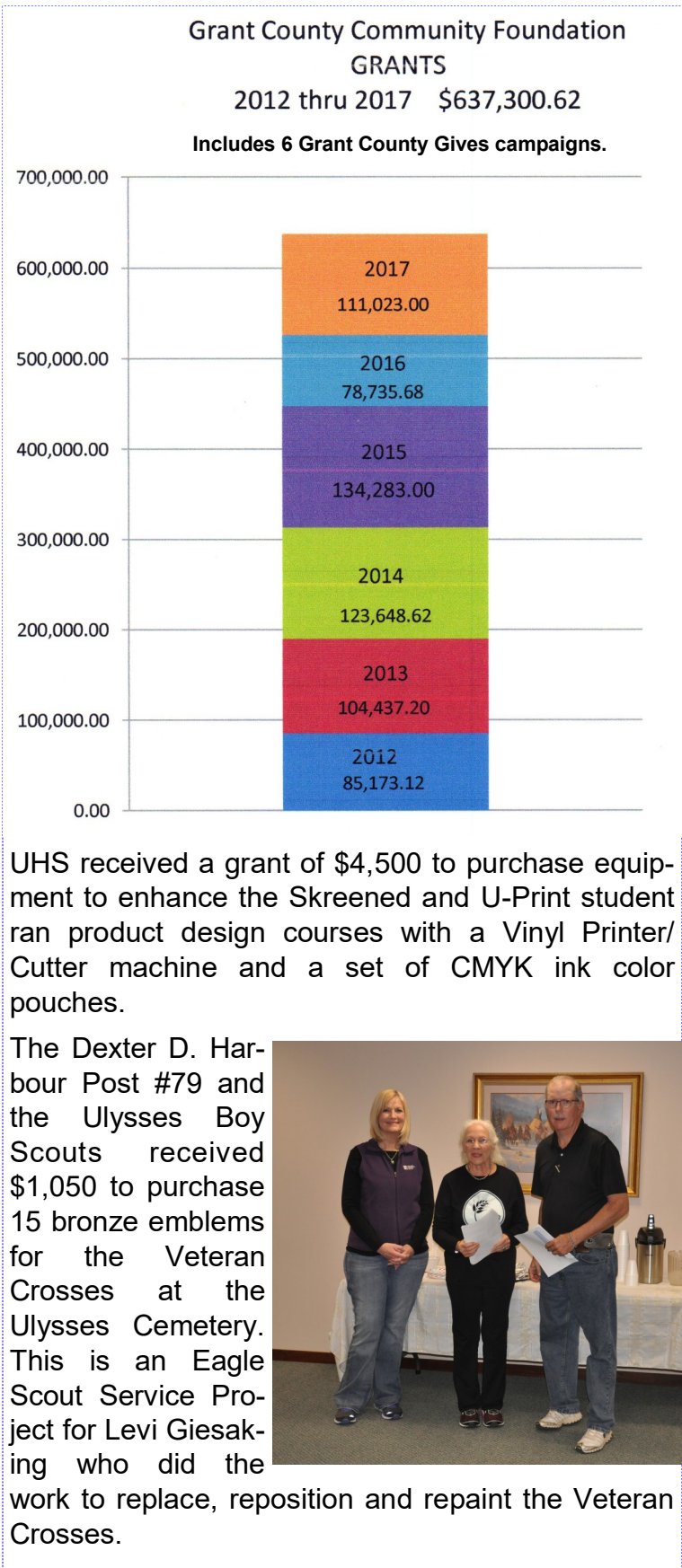


H Sewing and Fiber Arts Program.

Connect Ulysses received a grant for \$2,000 to continue the sidewalk around the grass



island that makes up the Barb Dye Park.



Grant County Gives

Each year the Grant County Community Foundation discusses whether to sponsor Grant County Gives for another year. We understand there can be a certain amount of "event Fatigue" for annual projects and events. We will be having that conversation very soon to consider Grant County Gives for 2018.

We are asking for feedback about the effectiveness of the program and how it benefits the community. We asked the organizations to share how they use the money they receive from Grant County Gives. A few of the responses are:

"We use our GCG money to support our children's programming," said Melissa Martinez of Compass Behavioral Health. "We plan to purchase a picnic table and glider for our side yard, so that we can create a comfortable outdoor space for our child clients."

"GCG money goes towards the Helping Hands Fund for Ulysses. We use this money to assist families in need by providing food, emergency utility assistance, fuel for traveling to appointments and many other crises essentials," said Andrea Gallegos, Genesis Family Health.



Speaking for the Grant County Historical Society, Ginger Anthony said, "We will be using

2017 Grant County Gives

\$75,946.94 raised

31 Organizations

\$22,000 in Matching Funds

6 years of Grant Co Gives

\$485,205.32 raised

our Grant County Gives money to help with the publishing cost of our 1930's era book. I love Grant County Gives and the help it gives to non-profits"

If you have suggestions for improving Grant County Gives, please let us know.

Call: 620-356-4223 or 620-356-2592

Amazon Smile

GCCF supports our local businesses and encourages shopping at home whenever possible! Our local businesses are very generous in their support of many projects and programs in the schools and local non-profits and we want to patronize them!

But, we also know that there are some things we cannot buy lo-

cally. If you are an Amazon shopper—

- Amazon donates .5% of purchases to a charity of your choice if you use the Amazon Smile website to make your purchases.
- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>

- Log in to your Amazon account
- Choose Grant County Community Foundation, Ulysses, Kansas from the list

Amazon Smile works just like the regular Amazon site and appears to have the same products and prices and your prime membership is also available.

Free Cancer Screening



Women of Purpose sponsored a Free Cancer Screening at the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Clinic. The Free Cancer Screening was provided by Leave a Legacy who received the grant for the screening. There were 67 people who were screened at the clinic with an estimated 4 screenings per person—268 screenings provided in 2 hours. Everyone received the screenings they wanted. The screenings provided were:

- ◆ Skin Cancer Screening
- ◆ Breast Cancer Screening
- ◆ Prostate Screening
- ◆ PAP Testing
- ◆ PPSA Lab Testing

- ◆ Bone Density Screening
- ◆ Blood Pressure Checks
- ◆ Oral Cancer Screening
- ◆ Pre-Diabetes Screening

Of the screenings provided:
⇒ 20 women receiving breast exams were referred for mammograms

⇒ 5 abnormal skin screenings with 2 suspected melanomas.

⇒ All were referred for further treatment

All of the mammograms were provided by Women of Purpose or Early Detection Works.

All of the mammograms and the 5 abnormal skin screenings were early detection for possible cancer. This is pretty sobering to have 38% of the 67 participants identified for possible cancers and referred on for further testing and/or treatment.

Beat Cancer with prevention and early detection.

Featured Fund

Teacher Recruitment Fund.

In a bold initiative, USD #214 has established a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation to help recruit and retain good teachers. Here's how it works:

- ⇒ It is funded by donations from anyone, at anytime and in any amount
- ⇒ All of the money in the fund can be withdrawn to pay for teacher recruitment & retention
- ⇒ May be used to pay on student loans for teachers or

for scholarships to college seniors that would come to Ulysses to teach



Support this new fund by:

- Checks to GCCF
- Online Donation
- Credit Card
- Payroll deduction

*Endowed Foundation Funds

GC Ambulance Service

GC Extension 4-H Fund

GC Health Department

GC Legacy & Park View

GC Recreation

GC Senior Center

Ulysses Animal Shelter

Kepley Family Fund

GC Chaplaincy

GC Women of Purpose

GCCF Operating

KHF Operating

Park View Assisted Living

Substance Abuse Treatment Fund

United Sisterhood Fund

USD #214 Educational Fund

Gary & Sonja Hathaway Fund

Keusler Family Fund

Pioneer Communications Community Fund

Dr. Don Tillotson Memorial Fund

GC Development, Inc.

GC Fine Arts

Healthy Lifestyles for GC

KHF Children's Fund

KHF Public Health Fund

GCCF Grant County Fund

**Demand Funds

GCCF Operating Demand Fund

Connect Ulysses Demand Fund

Ulysses Animal Shelter Emergency

United Sisterhood Demand Fund

USD #214 Teacher Recruitment Fund

Women of Purpose Demand Fund

***With Endowed Funds, the principal is never touched, only the earnings are granted annually.**

****Demands Funds allow both the principal and interest to be disbursed.**

Important Info!

Discover the potential of the Transfer of Wealth

In Grant County alone estate wealth handed down from one generation to the next is estimated to be:

\$196 Million by 2020

1.5 Billion by 2064

Designating just 5% to our community could significantly improve the quality of life here for generations. 5% of the estimated TOW in Grant County is:

\$9.8 Million by 2020

\$79.9 Million by 2064

A good estate plan can care for your family, leave a legacy to your community and manage taxes.

Information from a study by the Center for Economic Development and Research at Wichita State University.

- Think about a payroll deduction for your gift to the foundation. Maybe your company even matches charitable donations.

Grant Application

Deadlines:

March 1st

June 1st

October 1st

Grant applications must be received by the above dates to be considered for that grant cycle.

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.grantccf.org

Or call 620-356-4223 for an application.



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