

# Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

*Connecting people who care with causes that matter*



July 15, 2019

## Grant \$\$ for Local Concerns

Are you concerned about underage drinking and drugs?

In a survey taken in January, 2019 of students in grades 6, 8, 10 & 12 in UHS and KMS, 23.48% of students self identified to engaging in drinking alcohol within the last 30 days. This is compared to 16.36% statewide.

In that same survey, 14.58% of students reported using marijuana within the last 30 days as compared

to 7.24% statewide.

We can no longer pretend it isn't happening and we can't ignore it is worse here than statewide! The statistics are from students in our own schools.

A year ago, the GCCF Board of Directors voted to apply for a Planning Grant from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. We were approved for that grant and have spent the past year with a coalition of 23 well-

connected people in Grant County developing a plan to address underage drinking and drugs. In our schools and our community.

This spring, we applied for a grant to implement that plan. We were 1 of 2 coalitions in the state that were approved for a 3 year grant. Our work started July 1st to implement the plan that identified 7 evidence based strategies that have proven effective. We also have a group of motivated people dedicated to communicating with the community as our work progresses.



*Kids are our future, and we owe it to them to do everything we can to ensure that they know the facts about the terrible effects of alcohol and drug abuse.*

### Coalition Members

Judy Keusler, Dave Younger, Stacey Gee, Mark Paul, Marieta Hauser, Shayla Jaquez, Macee Teeter, Jen Hittle, Jessica Akers, Tony Cavasos, John Becker, Alan Olson, Marina Alvarado, Sarah Britton, Kim Darrough-Hayden, Cindy Davis, Toni Irvin, Ilda Perez, Charlotte Peterson, Fernando Rodriguez, Juan Urbina, Monica Walker, Josh Sullivan and Jerry Jo Deckert.

These people gave generously of their time and talent to work through the implementation plan that was submitted to the state. Some of the evidenced based strategies will be implemented in the schools and some are to be shared with the community through a variety of distribution methods.

## More Grant \$\$

In that same survey mentioned above, an astonishing 25.22% of students in UHS & KMS reported smoking e-cigarettes in the last 30 days. This is compared to 12.60% statewide.

E-cigarettes are a relatively new phenomenon sweeping through the schools, and there is a com-

mon perception that there is little risk of harm in smoking them. The truth is alarming! The pods in some e-cigarettes hold as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes and it is ingested as vapor.

GCCF also wrote for a Planning Grant from the Kansas Chronic

Disease Risk Reduction Program to address e-cigarettes, and were approved.



Examples of e-cigarettes

# We Have a Home!

**We are so excited to have an office!**

**We are easy to find at  
123 W. Central, Suite C  
Ulysses, Kansas 67880  
It is just north of the post office and just west of Grant County Bank.**

We can now move out of the Keusler's home office and have a place to meet with donors and conduct our board meetings in a comfortable and private space.



We are in the process of buying the equipment we need and moving our files and supplies to this new location. We are available by appointment to meet with you. Please call, 620-356-4223 or 620-353-4287 for an appointment.

We are very grateful to the Grant County Bank for making this space available to us.

We look forward to coordinating this year's Grant County Gives campaign from our office and having a place for people to drop off their donations.

Soon we hope to have part-time staff that will be in the office a couple of afternoons a week in addition to the appointment schedule.

# Welcome Margaret Obholz



We are so fortunate to have Margaret Obholz help us organize and begin

the implementation of our 2 grants! Margaret has 15 years of experience in working with and managing state and federal grants. She has been an integral part of building and strengthening partnerships among different sectors and organizations.

Most recently she helped implement the same kind of KDADS grant for another community, so

she knows what needs to be done and how to do it.

Margaret has worked for Tru Coaching and Consulting on a number of grants and has facilitator training in all of the 7 evidence-based programs we have selected. She also has completed training in Mental Health First Aid.

The GCCF Board has hired Margaret to help us get started with the right protocols and activities to be successful and will help us until we can find and train an employee to continue the work. She is passionate about the work and dedicated to its success.

During the last year, Margaret participated in the Grant County Prevention Collaborative as a consultant with Tru Coaching, so she is very aware of the plan that was created by the collaborative and supports that work.

***"In the past I have lived and worked in Ulysses. My family and I always felt valued and welcomed and allowed me to build new lasting relationships. I have enjoyed reconnecting with individuals at the Grant County Task Force meetings. I am familiar with both the work and the Grant County Community Foundation and value both", said Margaret.***

## Wanted

### Part-time Office Manager and Grant Coordinator

- ◆ **Organize Foundation Activities**
- ◆ **Prepare board packets and record minutes of meetings**
- ◆ **Organize and coordinate all grant activity**
- ◆ **Promote GCCF and its activities within the community.**

**Send resume to:**

**GCCF  
P. O. Box 65  
Ulysses, Kansas 67880**

# Meet Mary Gleason



If you know Mary, you know she is a lady with a passion for edu-

cation! Both Mary and her husband were teachers and she has been instrumental in establishing several scholarships, encouraging young people to pursue their education.

And now, Mary is educating us about scholarships and has established the first scholarship fund in the

Grant County Community Foundation..

The Don and Mary Gleason Educational Scholarship is established to provide scholarships to anyone who is a U.S. Citizen and who is enrolled in college or entering college to pursue a career in the field of education.

Thank you Mary!

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Mary is also our most recent Legacy Society Member.

Join Mary and others in our Legacy Society by leaving a gift to the GCCF in your will or trust.

## Now Accepting Gifts of Grain

Are you a grain producer? Did you know you can donate grain directly to the Grant County Community Foundation?

The Foundation has established an account with some of the local elevators to receive your grain.

All you need to do is tell the elevator you are making a gift of grain to the Grant County Community



Foundation. It is as easy as that. Then, just make a simple telephone call to the foundation to let us know how to direct your donation.

For many cash basis farmers, significant tax savings can be achieved by donating crops directly to the foundation.

*You should always consult with your professional tax advisor prior to making any charitable gift*

## Presidents Perspective



I am proud to serve as the President of the

foundation this year! I believe in what we are doing and believe the GCCF is benefitting the community now and especially in the future.

One of my goals for this year was to start a scholarship program

and I am pleased that Mary Gleason has started the first scholarship fund. Hopefully, by this time next year, we will have several. If you would like to start a scholarship fund, please give me a call at 620-356-3381. I'd like to

visit with you about it.

I have a passion for helping kids! With the 2 grants we have received to help kids right here at home and the scholarship program, I feel blessed to be part of this organization and this community

# Grant County Gives



## November 3-9, 2019

We have started preparing for the 2019 Grant County Gives campaign.

- ◆ Organizations are signing up.
- ◆ Pledges are rolling in from the Matching Fund Donors
- ◆ Events are being planned,
- ◆ Check presentation is planned for:

**Friday, November 15th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Grant County Museum**

The organizations always plan some fun and interesting fund raisers .

### Matching Fund Donors

Each year, local businesses contribute generously to build the matching fund for Grant County Gives. Other communities have match days, but, most of them are much larger cities and often the match fund is provided by 1 or 2 people.

We believe it is the matching fund that assures success every year and we are always so thankful to watch the matching fund grow in support of our local non-profits and our local community! When the posters come out with the list of matching fund donors, please take a moment to thank these awesome generous people.



## What charity are you passionate about? Maybe we can help.

Are you passionate about:

- \* Diabetes like the Frazee's
- \* Scholarships like Mary
- \* Teacher Recruitment
- \* The Animal Shelter
- \* Fine Arts
- \* Leaving a Legacy

Or maybe you want to donate to your church now and continue after you're death.

The GCCF can help you set up a fund for any of these causes or something entirely different. Or you may simply donate to any of the existing 39 funds listed on the opposite page in any amount at any time.

## Grant County Community Foundation

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**2018 Grant County Gives**  
**\$96,007.23**

**7 Yrs of Grant County Gives**  
**\$581,212.55**

**Plus 7 years of grants from GCCF =**  
**\$775,600.99**

**Given to 40 local organizations in Grant County since 2012**

**Thank you to the caring community that makes this possible!!**



You can set up a legacy gift that is funded through your will or trust documents that does not impact your cash flow now.

Call us! We'd like to talk to you. If you have already established a legacy gift, we'd like to include you in our Legacy Society.

# Free Cancer Screening

Again, Women of Purpose are teaming up with Leave a Legacy Foundation and the BWMGC Hospital and Clinic to provide a Free Cancer Screening.

The screenings planned are:

- ◆ 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

## Free Cancer Screening



Sept. 7th  
BWMGC Hospital  
& Clinic  
9:00-12:00  
Registration at 8:30

This will be our 4th Free Cancer Screening. In the previous three, many potential problems were discovered and treatment arrangements were made. We know lives have been changed and saved by this free prevention service.



## Featured Fund



The story of Ginger's Hope began many years ago with my sister, Ginger. She was a very pretty little girl and super talented. She was excellent at singing and dancing, or at least as good as any little girl could be.

In July, 1960, Ginger became ill and my mom took her to the doctor where she was diagnosed with a virus and sent home with some medicine. On July 30th, 1960, Ginger fell into a diabetic coma and passed away at the tender age of 7 years old.

We hold firm to the belief that when somebody we love passes, we should honor and remember the life they lived rather than how they died.

This story continues with my

own diagnosis with Type I diabetes at the age of 12. I have managed my diabetes for 38 years now and I can tell you it is easier now than ever for me, but still a challenge every day.

We have established Ginger's Hope as an endowment fund with Grant County Community Foundation. It is our hope to one day provide financial assistance to diabetics and their families so they can gain access to the medication, supplies, education and equipment necessary to provide the best management and care available.

There are some excellent treatment options now, but they are expensive.

It is our dream, to help all diabetics learn to live their life to the fullest.

Kristy and Stephen Frazee

### \*Endowed Foundation Funds

#### BWMGC Hospital Auxiliary Fund

- 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
- Ginger's Hope Fund
- 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
- Alma and Kenneth Lampp Ministries Fund

### \*\*Demand Funds

- American Legion Auxiliary Demand Fund
- GCCF Operating Demand Fund
- Connect Ulysses Demand Fund
- Don & Mary Gleason Educational Scholarship Fund
- Marilyn Johnson Charitable Fund
- Memorial 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.**

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

# Important Info!

Discover the potential of the Transfer of Wealth

## What could Grant County do with \$70 Million Dollars?

That is a lot of money! No doubt we can think of a hundred ways such a windfall could be spent to better our community.

And yet, in Grant County Kansas alone, **that is only 5% of the estimated wealth that will be transferred from one generation to the next from 2020 – 2064.**

**The staggering wealth transfer in Grant County over the next 44 years is \$1.4 Billion!**

**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.

### Last Grant Application

Deadline for 2019:

**October 1st**

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

Applications and guidelines are available online at [www.grantccf.org](http://www.grantccf.org)

Or call 620-356-4223 for an application.



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