

Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

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ON THE SCHEDULE

- July—Women of Purpose will focus on their first grant.
- August 1st—Deadline for 3rd quarter grants
- August 2nd—Michael L. Batchelor will present "The Giving Day" to the Board and other interested groups
- August 7th—Transfer of Wealth/FIMS training
- August 23—Doris Heiser will be in Ulysses for presentations about donor engagement and how to be donor centric.
- August 28–29—Kathryn Miree will be in Garden City to conduct workshops for Professional Advisors, board and non-profits.

Three New Agency Funds

Agency Funds are established to benefit the sponsoring organization. The intent of these funds is to help them ensure the future of their causes for years to come.

Many of our current funds were started by the Board of Directors as needs or interests in the community were identified. Recently, however, some forward thinking folks have discovered how a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation could grow over time and provide funding for a program or project for their agency.

Three agencies that have recently established funds in GCCF are:

Grant County Health Department

The Grant County Commissioners established an endowment fund to benefit the Grant County Health Department and plan for its future needs. The fund will grow from gifts, memorials, and inheritances.

This fund is ready to receive gifts. There is no minimum or

maximum amount required to participate and contributions are tax deductible. Businesses, organizations, friends and community members are encouraged to support Grant County Health Department in this way.

Kristy Frazee, Administrator of the Grant County Health Department commented, "I am amazed what a simple process it is to start a fund in the community foundation. A contact with a GCCF board member started the ball rolling. I am thrilled to have this new fund for the Grant County Health Department."

Grant County Extension

The Board of Directors for the Grant County Extension established a fund specifically to benefit 4-H programs offered by the Grant County Extension.



The 4-H programs have been very important to many of our youth. Grant County Extension is hoping the fund will grow through donations and it will help assure funding for 4-H programs in the future.

Grant County Ambulance Service

The Grant County Commissioners also established an endowment fund to benefit the Grant County Ambulance Service and plan for its future. The Grant County Ambulance Service has been an important critical care service for many citizens in the community, and it is important to provide a quality service. This fund is also ready to receive gifts



Providing an ambulance service requires highly trained EMT's and paramedics and the equipment is expensive and must be in top condition at all times. Hopefully as the fund grows, in the future it will be able to help fund some of these critical care needs.

All funds are governed by a fund agreement. Our fund agreements have met national standards and have also been reviewed by the county attorney and accountants.

Donations can be sent to any of the agencies or the Grant County Community Foundation. Gifts are welcome at any time and in any amount.



About GROW II

It is hard to imagine a circumstance where we could make 50% on each dollar invested in endowed funds—or even 25%! But with the matching funds pledged to the Grant County Community Foundation from the Kansas Health Foundation, that is the opportunity we have.

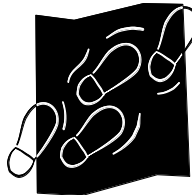
In November of 2011, we were accepted into the Kansas Health Foundation's GROW II program. GROW II is the 2nd phase of a generous and long standing program KHF has embraced for Growing Resources for Our World by strengthening selected community foundations in Kansas. GCCF is thrilled to be one of those selected.



Through a 3-pronged approach, KHF plans to inject \$363,000 into the Grant

County Community Foundation over a 6 year period of time plus provide a wealth of technical support, advisors and education for local professional advisors, boards, agencies and non-profits.

To maximize the opportunity, GCCF must raise over \$700,000 in new endowed funds to receive \$300,000 in matching funds. The percentage of matching funds is higher for endowed gifts for the operating fund, unrestricted grant fund and general health initiatives. But, most gifts to the GCCF are eligible for matching funds. The matching funds from KHF will be paid into 2 new endowed funds in the foundation, one



Building for the future one step at a time.

for operating and one for general health initiatives.

In addition, provided certain benchmarks are reached throughout the 6 year endowment building program, Kansas Health Foundation will provide:

- A grant of \$10,500 each year for operating expenses.
- An assistance grant each year to provide additional resources for education and advisors.

These will strengthen the community foundation's ability to better serve our community now and in the future.



Education Opportunities

ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS!

Please join us for a workshop featuring Kathryn W. Miree, JD, a nationally recognized speaker and author on gift planning.

Tuesday, August 28, 2012
 Workshop 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 Reception 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
 (with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres)
 Southwind Country Club
 Garden City, Kansas

It is planned for 2 hours of KS-CLE for attorneys and CE for accountants, financial planners and insurance agents. Application has been submitted & is pending approval. For those receiving continuing education credit, the cost of the workshop is \$35. Otherwise, the workshop and the reception are free.

This workshop is provided by 3 western Kansas community foundations:
 Grant County Community Foundation
 Wichita Co. Community Foundation
 Western Ks. Community Foundation

The backdrop for charitable planning keeps changing, with rapidly changing investment markets, low interest rates, uncertainty about income, gift, and estate tax rates, and a tightening legislative environment. While donors are continuing to give, they are seeking ways to maximize results. Ms. Miree addresses how you identify charitable giving options that best serve the needs of your clients in this rapidly changing environment.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS INVOLVED WITH NON-PROFITS AND AGENCY FUNDS!

Mark your calendars for August 29th! Kathryn W. Miree, JD will present a powerful workshop focused for non-profit organizations and agencies on donor engagement, endowment building basics and strategies for success.

Wednesday, August 29, 2012
 10:00—11:00 A.M.
 Location to be announced

In Ulysses

Michael L. Bachelor will present:
THE GIVING DAY

A dynamic interactive presentation for boards and interested groups on organizing a coordinated effort within the community for philanthropy.

Save this Day
 Thursday, August 2, 2012
 Grant County Library
 Cooper Clark Room

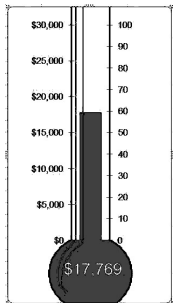
Doris Heisser will present
A Donor Centered Approach
 This program is targeted for local board members of various non-profits on successful strategies for donor engagement and how to be a donor centric organization. Registration is limited.

Thursday, August 23, 2012
 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
 Grant County Library
 Cooper Clark Room

How are we measuring up?

You may be thinking all of this is nice, but do we really have a chance of meeting these benchmarks?

We think so! In fact, we have already cleared the first hurdle. Before we could even apply last September, we had to have 10% of the money raised in either donations or pledges. Through the generosity of a number of individuals and businesses, we succeeded in meeting that requirement.

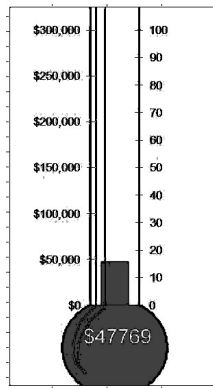


We received our first \$10,500 grant for operating funds in April and we've qualified for the 2nd one that is expected next April. We're working on year 3.

6 months into our 6 year challenge, we have raised 16% of our goal in new gifts to receive the matching funds.

Every member of the GCCF Board of Directors is aware of the daunting challenge and the wonderful opportunity that has been given to Grant County. We know that our citizens are generous to the things they care about most.

New funds can be established to benefit most causes and the board is committed to responding to the needs and wishes of current and future donors.



The Grant County Community Foundation exists only to provide a local alternative for philanthropy gifts. There is no minimum or maximum gift. Each donation is appreciated and can make a difference.

Donations can be sent to:
Grant County Community
Foundation
P. O. Box 65
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

President's Perspective

The Grant County Community Foundation has been given several challenges in the past few years to establish and grow our foundation. Possibly to date the most challenging step taken was to become an affiliate foundation under the umbrella of the Western Kansas Community Foundation rather than being just a fund in WKCF. Having made that transition, we had the opportunity to apply to The Kansas Health Foundation for a grant that will significantly increase our foundation as fully outlined in the article on the previous page.

Having a community foundation opens many doors that are closed to communities without community foundations or affiliations. With an uncertain future, we need to become more self sufficient and not dependant upon the good graces of the State or Federal governments. We have a vibrant community



and offer a lifestyle that few communities our size can match. We must take steps now to preserve our way of life.

The community foundation is one option. They are future oriented as the real benefits come with the maturity of the foundation and serve future generations.

In closing I ask you to take a careful look at the Grant County Foundation concept and its potential for enhancing life in Grant County for years to come.

Transfer of Wealth Information

In recent years, there has been an enormous amount of information developed about the amount of wealth that will be transferring from one generation to another over the next 10-50 years.

- \$66 billion will be transferred from one generation to the next in the state of Kansas by 2020.
- \$3.3 billion or 5 percent could be preserved in community foundation endowments.
- \$598 billion will be transferred in the state within the next 50 years.

The Kansas Association of Community Foundations will be presenting updated information about this topic at a seminar in Garden City on:

August 7, 2012

Finnup Center Lecture Hall

\$35 for members

\$250 for non-members

Register at www.kansascf.org



Women of Purpose Fund

The Grant County Women of Purpose are closing in on their original goal to establish a Founder's Fund of \$50,000 to provide the foundation of their philanthropy for women and children in Grant County.

We launched the Women of Purpose fund about a year ago with an opportunity for area women to become founding members, by investing a \$1,100 to create the founding endowment of the Women of Purpose fund. In the past year the permanent endowment has grown to just over \$40,000. The fund will continue to grow each year from the earnings on the endowment plus annual donations of \$100 from each Woman of Purpose. Plus there is an additional non-permanent fund accumulating funds to provide a grant each year.

The Grant County Women of Purpose have \$1,600 for their first grant.

In February, the Founder's determined the focus of this first grant would be:

Women entering or returning to the workforce.

Grant proposals were requested in the spring for projects or programs to support this focus.

During the coming months, all Women of Purpose will vote on the recipient of their first grant that will be presented at a luncheon in the fall.

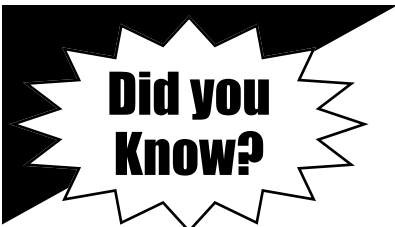
The goal of this fund is to empower Grant County women to take an active and powerful role in philanthropy to serve other women and children. The Women of Purpose fund will allow dedicated, engaged women to make a

difference in the lives of many without a significant time commitment. It is not a club and does not have regular meetings. It is designed so busy women can participate simply with a donation or if they want a greater level of involvement, the steering committee is looking for committed women to serve in a leadership capacity.

Do you know someone who would like to be a Woman of Purpose? Call Teri Christian at 620-356-3456 for more information.



Grants and Matching Funds- - - -



Since we first organized in 2006, over \$100,000 has been granted to organizations in Grant County from the Grant County Community Foundation and the Western Kansas Community Foundation working

together. Over 20 different groups and organizations in our community have received grant funds from our combined efforts.

In addition, through 2 previous successful matching funds initiatives, Grant County Community Foundation has received \$88,518.84 in matching endowed funds that has been invested and the earnings paid out in grants to Grant County organizations.

Remember!

Grant applications for the 3rd quarter granting period are due

August 1, 2012

Application forms are on the web

Do you have a passion for music, art or drama?

About a year ago, a generous donor established a wonderful new fund to benefit Fine Arts in Grant County.

Other gifts have been added to the fund, but it really needs a group of dedicated individuals to help generate interest in the fund and when the fund has reached \$10,000, to make grant recommendations to the Board of Directors. This is an important cause that needs some champions!

In recent years several people have expressed their concern about the dwindling resources available to fund the arts such as music, drama and art.

**The Fine Arts Fund
Needs you!**

The importance of these influences in the development of our children is well documented and yet funds to support the programs are becoming more and more scarce.

Please let us know if you or someone you know would be willing to organize a support group for this fund. Call:

Bill Stewart at 356-2017
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Types of Funds Available

AGENCY FUNDS

These funds are established to benefit the sponsoring organization. The organizations have the availability of creating both a permanent and nonpermanent fund. The intent of these funds is to help them ensure the future of the causes for years to come.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Foundation serves as a partner with donors in a very special way to specify a particular organization or particular cause. The Foundation makes these grants perpetually.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are typically used to promote "family philanthropy" by having donors and their heirs suggest possible grant recipients. This type of fund provides great flexibility to the donor while avoiding the costs and demands of a private foundation. The donor has the option of creating a permanent or nonpermanent fund.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

These funds offer support to charitable causes of particular importance to the donor. Donors become partners with the Foundation by specifying the area that most concerns them. The Foundation then makes grants to the most appropriate programs or organizations within that specific area. Fields include: Arts/Culture, Education, Health & Well being, Environment, Human Services, Recreation, Development and Youth.

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE/LEGACY SOCIETY

These funds are deferred gifts that will transfer assets to the Foundation at some future time. The donor may specify the purpose for which these funds are to be used when the fund is established, or the donor may decide to let the Foundation make grants where the funds are most needed in the community.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

This type of fund is for donors who have broad community interests and want to give the GCCF the most flexibility in deciding what organizations their funds should support. Donors who establish unrestricted funds become partners by entrusting their assets with the Foundation. They are assured that the Board of Directors would direct those funds to the organizations addressing the community's most pressing needs.

**New funds can be added at any time
to any of these categories.**

One of the truly wonderful features of the community foundation is the flexibility it provides to structure gifts to meet the needs and wishes of each donor. The Grant County Community Foundation has a truly amazing format to create funds and tailor gifts to meet a donor's philanthropy goals. In addition to cash, gifts of other assets can be accepted, such as real estate, mineral rights, stocks, life insurance, etc. Deferred gifts through estate plans, wills or trust documents are also an option.

If you have an organization or a cause you want to support, please call any of the board members listed to the left.

Current GCCF Funds

An Unrestricted Grant Fund
Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County
Hospital Permanent Fund
Grant County Health Department

Grant County Extension
Grant County Ambulance Service
Keusler Family Fund
Healthy Lifestyles

Fine Arts Fund
Women of Purpose Permanent Fund
Women of Purpose Non-Perm Fund
Endowed Operating Fund



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Grant County
Community Foundation

Grow II Pledge Card

I pledge \$ _____

to the Grant County

Community Foundation, to be
paid in the following increments:

2012: \$ _____

2013: \$ _____

2014: \$ _____

2015: \$ _____

2016: \$ _____

Fund preference: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Payment to be made in the following manner:

Check

Non-Cash Gift (property/stock/bonds)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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