

Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

Serving our community today to build a better tomorrow

Connecting people who care with causes that matter



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About GCCF

2020 has certainly been a year for the history books! The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic has disrupted life all over the globe and our little corner of the world has not escaped unscathed.

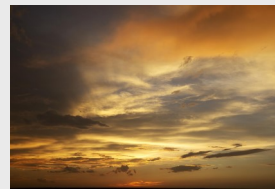
And yet, the resilience of our people has been evident as life goes on in Grant



County.

Even in the face of the pandemic and the disruption of life, GCCF remains a strong presence in the community. In the first 6 months of this year, we have:

- ◆ Started a COVID-19 Fund to accept donations to help Grant Countians who are struggling.
- ◆ Given \$93,043 in grants and scholarships through the various funds held in the foundation.
- ◆ Given \$10,000 in



scholarships to UHS graduates.

- ◆ Developed a Strategic Plan to move the foundation forward into the future
- ◆ Weathered the rollercoaster market swings in good shape.
- ◆ Increased GCCF assets to over \$2,400,000

New Office Hours

**Tuesdays
10:00-4:00**

**Wednesdays
10:00-4:00**

Where?

**123 W. Central
Suite C**

**Walk-ins Welcome
Or
Call for an appointment at 620-356-4223**

Meet Sue-Ellen Borthwick

We are pleased to welcome Sue-Ellen Borthwick as the new Administrative Assistant for GCCF.



Sue-Ellen has a life-time of experience in working for non-profits and was most recently employed by the Air Force Academy Athletic Corp. in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She brings a broad range of skills, abilities and experience to her new part-time position at the Grant County Community Foundation.

Sue-Ellen is married to Larry Borthwick, a pastor at New Be-

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ginnings. She is looking forward to meeting people in the community and being involved in community activities. Please stop by and visit with Sue-Ellen!



In January of 2020, students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 participated in the Kansas Communities that Care Survey. Results of that survey show that:

- ◆ 27.10% of students report drinking beer, wine or hard liquor in the last 30 days
- ◆ 20.08% of students report binge drinking (5 or more drink in one session) within the last 30 days.
- ◆ 19.01% report smoking e-cigarettes in the last 30 days.
- ◆ 13.74% report using marijuana in the last 30 days.

These percentages are higher than the state averages.

This is why we care! Statistics show students who engage in these types of risky behaviors are more likely to have substance abuse prob-

lems as adults.

Two years ago, GCCF received a grant from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services to address underage drinking and drugs. Last year, we also received 2 additional grants to address tobacco and opioid misuse. The total amount of these grants to date is \$150,750 with commitments for additional years.

With these grants, the IMPACT ULYSSES Coalition was formed and has been developing evidence-based strategies and purchasing programs for use in the Ulysses High School and Kepley Middle School. This fall they will also be launching additional prevention programs and a promotion & communication campaign.

Congratulations to Grant County Health Dept. and IMPACT ULYSSES on their new grant

The work and influence of the IMPACT ULYSSES has expanded to include some overall health and wellness components for the community.



Blue Cross and Blue Shield just announced last week that Impact Ulysses & Gt Co Health received approval for a \$200,000 BC/BS Pathways Grant to pursue several new initiatives for Grant County over the next 4 years

Coalition Members

- Marina Alvarado
- Jon Becker
- Tony Cavasos
- Kim Darrough-Hayden
- Cindy Davis
- Nathan Engelman
- Stacey Gee
- Lisa Guinn
- Marieta Hauser
- Fernando Infante
- Toni Irvin
- Shayla Jacquez
- Judy Keusler
- Kelli Medrano
- Margaret Obholz
- Jose Olivas
- Alan Olson
- Mark Paul
- Ilda Perez
- Charlotte Peterson
- Jeff Pflingston
- Marcia Raines
- Heather Reimer
- Troy Unruh
- Lance Walker
- Monica Walker
- Dave Younger

Opioid Task Force

- Caleb Woods
- Tyson Mullen
- Alan Olson
- Toni Irvin
- Dixie Flowers
- Charlotte Peterson
- Tim McCauley
- Jose Olivas
- Troy Unruh
- Margaret Obholz
- Lisa Barnes
- Lance Babcock

Featured Fund

We are pleased to highlight the **Grant County Scholarship Foundation Fund!**



The Grant County Scholarship Foundation has provided scholarships to seniors graduating from Ulysses High School since 1961. Over the years, they have given 773 scholarships totaling \$432,050. They have a rich tradition of helping young students pursue a college education. With thoughtful deliberation, Grant County Scholarship Foundation opened a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation to handle future scholar-

ships.. Through this collaboration, GCCF has assumed the administrative tasks that had become a burden for the scholarship foundation board, and they will continue to advise about the scholarships given each year. So it is good for all concerned. This spring they gave eight scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduating seniors.

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SCHOLARSHIP

WINNERS

Grant Co. Scholarship Foundation Fund:

- Kochitl Rojas
- Autumn Deyoe
- Brendan Stejskal
- Leonela Martinez
- Alex Acosta
- Jennifer Johnson
- Zachary Feldman
- Shelby Schultz

Career & Technical Education Fund:

- Aaron Delgollado
- Brendan Stejskal
- Cole Meyer
- Zachary Feldman

Don & Mary Gleason Educational Scholarship Fund

- Tyra Hayden

Grants



In the first 6 months of 2020, GCCF has made grants and scholarships totaling:

93,043*

From the 46 funds held in the foundation.

** includes commitments to be paid in the fall.*

Including 8 Grant County

Donor Advised & Designated Funds

Many of our grants are recommended by donors through their donor advised funds or Designated Funds. With a Donor Advised fund, Donors may recommend annual grants to a non-profit, according to their current charitable interests. With

Designated Funds, Donors with strong ties to a particular organization often establish a designated fund for its benefit.

Neither donor advised nor designated funds accept applications as their grants are donor directed.

Competitive Grants

GCCF awards competitive grants each year from funds that are established for that purpose. We welcome your interest in these opportunities!

Next Competitive Grant
Application Deadline
October 1, 2020

Grant Applications are available at:
www.grantccf.org or at the office at 123 W. Central
Return completed applications to:
P. O. Box 65
Ulysses, Ks. 67880
Or
grantccf@gmail.com

Grant County Gives

This year, we wondered if we should try to have Grant County Gives. And, we delayed making that decision until June as the COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on our world. But, after much soul searching, we knew the non-profit organizations in our community needed help more than ever and we decided to go ahead and plan as usual. We know those plans may change as circumstances change this fall. We will be flexible and do the best we can!

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

Check Presentation
Friday, November 13th
10:00 a.m.
Grant County Museum

The participating organizations always plan some fun and interesting fund raisers. This year they may be even more creative than ever as we all respond to our changing environment.



Mark Your Calendars

GRANT COUNTY GIVES

Nov. 1-7, 2020

We have started preparing for the 2020 Grant County Gives campaign.



A New Event for Grant County Gives this Year!

Grant County Gives T-Shirts



The student run U-Print business at UHS has agreed to make T-shirts for sale during Grant County Gives!

Students will design the shirts, print them and make them available through the U-Print store. More details to come later!

Board of Directors

Irene Velasquez, Chm.

Mike Bowden

Cindy Davis

Jerry Jo Deckert

Debbie Faulkner

Dixie Flowers

Ken Keusler

Randy Lucas

Marcus Matkin

Samantha Sanchez

Caleb Woods

Becky Zerr

Judy Keusler,

Executive Director

Sue-Ellen Borthwick,

Administrative Ass't

Free Cancer Screening

Sept. 19th

BWMGC Hospital & Clinic

9:00-12:00

Registration at 8:30

Again, Women of Purpose are teaming up with the BWMGC Hospital and Ulysses Family Physicians to provide a Free Cancer Screening.



2020 COVID-19 Fund

As the community began to feel the effects of the COVID-19 virus, the GCCF Board of Directors took swift action to create the 2020 COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund. They wanted to provide a way for people to donate to help oth-

ers in need, and they wanted to help through the foundation's grant funds.

In addition, they used the foundation's donation to create a matching fund so public donations could be matched \$.50 for each

dollar donated. A generous anonymous donor added \$10,000 to that Match Fund.. The Fund has:

- ◆ Received \$61,500 in donations.
- ◆ Granted \$40,154. to non-profits.
- ◆ Still has \$21,346 available for grants.

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

Funds

Anyone can start a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation!

- ◆ **Has to benefit a charitable purpose.**
- ◆ **Endowed Funds can be started with any amount, but must reach \$10,000 within 5 years to be a permanent fund.**
- ◆ **There is no fee to start a fund.**
- ◆ **Once a fund is established donations can be made to the fund at any time for any amount.**
- ◆ **You can leave a permanent legacy to your favorite charity.**

To start a fund in the foundation, call:

Judy Keusler, Executive Director

620-356-4223 (office)

620-353-4287 (cell)

***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

Friends of the Grant Co. Library

****Demand Funds**

American Legion Auxiliary Demand Fund

Career and Technical Education Scholarship Fund

GCCF Operating Demand Fund

GCCF Operating Reserve Fund

COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Fund

Connect Ulysses Demand Fund

Don & Mary Gleason Educational Scholarship Fund

Grant County Scholarship Foundation 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.

Donations are welcome for any fund currently in the foundation or you can establish your own fund.

Send donations to:

GCCF

P. O. Box 65

**Ulysses, Kansas
678980**

Or online at

www.grantccf.org



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