

# Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

Connecting people who care with causes that matter



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## Making a Difference Forever

For 2 Grant County Agencies, what started as a dream in 2012 turned into a "dream come true" one exciting day in 2013.

In the spring of 2012, Kristy Frazee, Administrator of the Grant Co. Health Department & Jerry Jo Deckert, Director of the Grant Co. Ambulance Service were focused on the future funding for their departments. With the support of Grant the County Commissioners, they took these actions:

### Estate Gifts leave a lasting Legacy

- Established Agency Funds with GCCF to handle donations.
- Participated in Grant County Gives, receiving donations and matching funds.

In 2013, both of these county departments received sizeable gifts from the estate of Floodene Hertel that were added to their Agency Funds in GCCF.

- ◆ Over \$83,000 for the Grant County Health Dept.
- ◆ Nearly \$49,000 for the Ambulance Service.



Congratulations to all of these forward thinking people, the department heads and the commissioners for their vision and preparation. Now, Floodene's gift will give back to these agencies forever!

**Using historical yields as a basis, in 16 years, the Grant County Health Department and the Ambulance Service will receive grants totaling the entire amount of the legacy gift. And the funds will both increase by 32%.**

**Projections for 50 years reveal that given historical yields, the gifts will produce grants for these 2 organizations equaling 4 times the original gift and the fund will more than double its beginning balance!**

**Since 2012, Grants of \$208,821.74 have been given to 28 non-profit organizations.\***

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Organizations receiving grants were:

Communities in Schools  
Loaves and Fishes  
Du Good Events, Inc.  
Parents as Teachers  
Girl Scouts  
Grant Co Scholarship Foundation  
GI Forum  
UM Mexican American Ministries  
Bright Beginnings Pre-school  
Grant County Home Products Committee  
HIGH Program  
BWMGCH Auxiliary  
American GI Forum  
Liberal Area Domestic Violence (for Grant Co. Victims)  
Grant Co. 4-H  
Grant Co Health Dept.  
Grant Co. Ambulance Service  
Grant Co. Chaplaincy  
Grant Co. Recreation  
GCBWM Hospital Permanent Fund

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## Keep 5 in Kansas Campaign

*A little planning, A big impact*

### What is important to you?

- The church where you worship
- The schools your children attend
- Keeping a local hospital
- The 4-H program that helped mold your children's character
- Your favorite charity

How can you ensure that the things that make Grant County unique continue long after you're gone?

Think about establishing a fund in the community foundation to continue your support for generations to come.

### 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.*

## Grant County Gives

Thanks to many generous donors, a total of **\$108,444.40** was received for the participating organizations during the 2013 Grant County Gives campaign. Checks totaling 108,444.40

were distributed to the 20 organizations, with each one receiving the donations designated for it plus **69.7%** from the matching funds pool.

The matching fund donors are a key part of the success of the program. A total of \$32,250 was donated by 17 businesses and individuals providing an additional 69.7% to donations made during Grant County Gives.



### Third Annual Grant County Gives November 3-8, 2014

Would you like to:

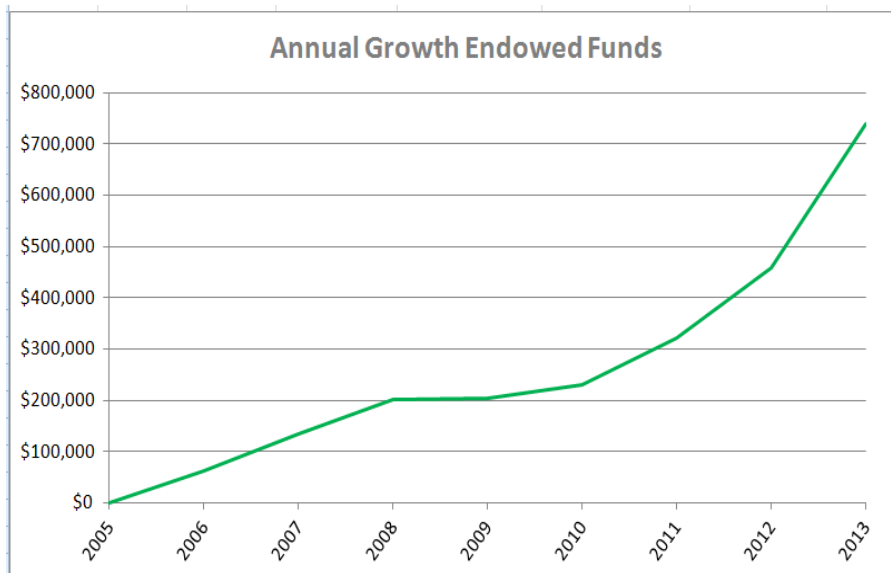
- ♦ Contribute to the Matching Funds?
- ♦ Host an Event?
- ♦ Organize a fund raiser for your favorite organization?

Call Ken Keusler  
620-575-5598

## Thank you Grant County

2013 was a phenomenal year of growth for GCCF with an increase of \$296,129. Of that amount, \$60,000 was from the Kansas Health Foundation as a partial payment on the \$300,000 GROW II grant approved for the Grant County Community Foundation. The rest came from the people of Grant County.

At year-end, GCCF had asset totals of \$754,357!



## The President's Perspective



Teri Christian

*When I joined the GCCF Board of Directors 4 years ago, I knew nothing about community foundations! Frankly, it has taken me a while to wrap my mind around the enormous potential the community foundation structure has to*

*offer. But I'll tell you friends, I think it may be the difference between thriving and languishing for small rural communities like ours.*

*Two things I have found personally rewarding are Women of Purpose and Gifts of Grain. Women of Purpose because it provides a*

*way for a group of women giving modest donations to lend a helping hand to other women and children in Grant County.*

*Since I am a farmer, a Gift of Grain is a way for me to make a "before taxes" gift. Better yet, I still have the production deduction. Works for me!*

## Non-Cash Gifts

Did you know, the Grant County Community Foundation can accept non-cash gifts either now or from an estate. Here are some of the assets that can be accepted:

- Stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- Life Insurance
- Commodities
- Real estate
- Minerals
- IRA's and other types of retirement accounts.

*Cash gifts are often the most expensive for the donor both in tax consequences and on their cash flow.*

*Isn't it wonderful to have alternatives?*

# Grants—What it's all about

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The Legacy & Park View  
Women of Purpose  
Russell Child Development  
(for Grant Co. programs)  
Park View Assisted Living  
Compass Behavioral Health  
4-H Shooting Sports  
USD #214  
Other groups have also benefited in the past.  
USD #214 for the Musical  
Masonic Lodge  
Ulysses Rotary Club  
Shelton Memorial Christian  
Pre-school program  
Kepley School "Snack Attack"  
program  
\*List includes Grant County  
Gives Recipients

*Grant County Community Foundation exists only to serve Grant County, Kansas! By investing the gifts entrusted to us and returning the earnings to support important and needed services, we can make a difference now and even more in the future.*

*"It's only through the generosity of our citizens that we are able to make grants each year," said Teri Christian, President of GCCF.*

## Grant Application

### Deadlines:

**February 1st**

**May 1st**

**August 1st**

**November 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](http://www.grantccf.org)



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