

# Grant County Community Foundation Newsletter

Connecting people who care with causes that matter



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## Summer Celebrations

### What is important to you?

- The schools your children attend
- The local hospital
- The 4-H program that helps mold your grandchildren's character
- Senior Citizen programs
- The local Animal Shelter
- Drug & alcohol treatment?
- Recreation
- Fine Arts?
- Healthy Lifestyles

Now you can support any or all these causes plus more at the Grant County

Community Foundation.

This summer was an exciting time at GCCF with the addition of 6 new endowed funds and 3 new operating funds that greatly expand the options available to donors. Now with 30 different funds in the foundation, GCCF is better positioned to serve our community now and help to secure the future for a number of important services to keep our community vital. See the complete list of funds on page 5.

**Estate Gifts  
leave a lasting  
Legacy**

### Gift of Minerals

We have also received our first gift of minerals! Often, gifts other than cash can help a donor manage their tax burden and provide a lasting legacy to the community. The community foundation structure provides a way to gift non-cash assets such as:

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

### 6 New Endowed Funds

Greatly expand the range of interests now available in GCCF and give donors more choices to meet their philanthropic goals.

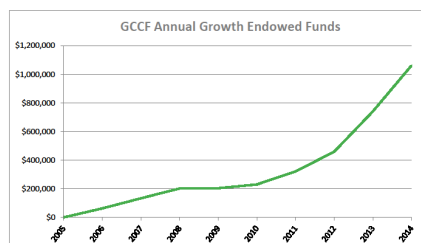
They are:

**Grant Co. Senior Center**  
**Ulysses Animal Shelter**  
**USD #214 Education Fund**  
**Substance Abuse Treatment Fund**  
**Park View Assisted Living**  
**Grant Co. Development, Inc.**

### Plus 3 New Pass Through Operating Funds

**Gt. Co. Senior Center**  
**Operating**  
**Ulysses Animal Shelter**  
**Operating**  
**GCCF Mineral Tax Fund**

## We've reached an important milestone



Endowed funds in GCCF now exceed one million dollars! Why is that important to you?

- In a normal investment year, GCCF will return \$50,000 to the community in grants and it will continue to give that much and more each year in the future as GCCF grows.

- An additional \$60,000 in matching funds from the Kansas Health Foundation has been earned for a total of \$177,000 in the last 3 years.

**We know our success is only due to your generosity! Thank you!**

# The President's Perspective



Teri Christian

Have you noticed our fall crops lately? It is amazing what this country can produce even in the face of adversity, isn't it? I am a farm girl, born and raised in the Moscow area, and I still cherish the land and respect what it gives back year after year.

A couple of years ago, I discovered **Gifts of Grain**. By choosing this option, my foundation gift is far less expensive for me because I just give the grain instead of sell-

ing the grain and paying taxes before I write the check! I am still able to deduct all the expenses as usual. I cannot tell you how happy I am to give more to my local community foundation instead of sending my money to Washington in taxes! It is easy—you just have to tell the elevator you are making a gift of grain and who it is to. The foundation has already established an account with



the elevator to receive your gift. If you have a specific fund in mind to receive your gift, a simple phone call to the foundation to direct the gift is all you need.

Since then, I have made my annual donation to GCCF with a Gift of Grain during Grant County Gives. That absolutely maximizes my donation for me, the groups I support and the foundation. It is good for all concerned!

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

## More about the new funds

We are pleased to welcome 2 **Grant County Senior Center Funds** into the foundation. This is an agency fund established to assure the Sr. Center will be able to continue to offer the wide array of services they provide for the senior population in our community.



**USD #214** transferred an existing endowed fund into the GCCF. With the interest on this fund, USD #214 plans to offer mini grants for classroom projects. Hopefully having a

local foundation for their fund will bring greater awareness and more donations to the fund.

**Ulysses Animal Shelter** now has 2 funds in the foundation. One is an endowed fund to gather donations to help keep a high level of service in the years to come.



The other fund is an operating fund to help defray the cost of treating sick or injured animals. All too often these animals are put down because funds are not available for their treatment.

We are pleased to announce that through the generosity of

the family of a former resident, a fund has been established to benefit **Park View Assisted Living**. What a wonderful legacy!

The City of Ulysses has established an endowed fund for the future **treatment of substance abuse**. This will allow the City Council to determine how the interest income will be used to support programs and services dealing with substance abuse.

All of these funds will be included in the 2014 Grant County Gives campaign during the first week of November.

# Grant County Gives

GCCF, along with 26 participating organizations are gearing up for the 3rd annual **Grant County Gives** campaign scheduled for:

**November 3-8, 2014**

## How does it work?

- ◆ Just write one check & indicate which of the organizations get how much money.
- ◆ Drop it in a donation box or mail it to GCCF, P. O. Box 65, Ulysses, Ks.
- ◆ OR—you can make an online donation with your credit card at [www.grantccf.org](http://www.grantccf.org)
- ◆ Matching Funds will be added to your donation in a proportional share.
- ◆ Checks for the total amount will be issued to the organizations for their share of the fund drive.

## What are matching funds:

Again this year, generous businesses have donated money to a matching fund. This is an important key to the success of the program! Money from this fund is added to each donation made during Grant County Gives week. Don't miss this opportunity to maximize your donation for those organizations you support!

*This has become an important event for the organizations serving Grant County! The total donations made in the past 2 Grant*

*County Gives campaigns are:*

*2012            \$76,708*

*2013            \$108,444*

*Total for both years    \$185,152*



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grant County Gives

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Organizations Participating

American GI Forum Educational	\$ _____
BWMGC Hospital Auxiliary	\$ _____
BWMGC Hospital Permanent Fund	\$ _____
Communities in Schools	\$ _____
Compass Behavioral Health	\$ _____
Du Good Events, Inc.	\$ _____
Grant Co. Ambulance Service	\$ _____
Grant Co. Chaplaincy Fund	\$ _____
Grant Co. Extension 4-H Fund	\$ _____
Grant Co. Health Dept. Fund	\$ _____
Grant Co. Recreation Fund	\$ _____
Grant Co. Senior Center Fund	\$ _____
Grant Co. Scholarship Fund.	\$ _____
High Program, Inc.	\$ _____
Liberal Domestic Violence Service (for Grant Co. Victims)	\$ _____
Loaves & Fishes	\$ _____
Mexican American Ministries	\$ _____
Parents as Teachers	\$ _____
Park View Assisted Living Fund	\$ _____
Precious Beginnings	\$ _____
Substance Abuse Treatment Fund	\$ _____
The Legacy & Park View Fund	\$ _____
Ulysses Animal Shelter Fund	\$ _____
Ulysses Girl Scouts	\$ _____
USD #214 Educational Fund	\$ _____
Women of Purpose Fund	\$ _____

**Donations not earmarked for one of the above participating organizations will be placed in the GCCF Community Betterment Fund.**

**Make Checks Payable to  
Grant County Community Foundation**

**Make plans to donate during GCG**

## Check out this year's grants!

**Compass Behavioral Health** received a grant of \$1,872 to purchase a "Why Try" and "Matrix Model curriculum to be used in collaboration with Ulysses High School and with teen youth in services at Compass Behavioral Health.



**Bright Beginnings Preschool** received a grant for \$2,000 to purchase materials to construct a fence and lay down the gravel beneath some playground equipment they received from USD #214. The playground equipment was previously at Hickok Elementary School.



**Communities in Schools** received a grant of \$300 to purchase a bookcase to organize and store recently donated books for the family engagement activities, such as Bingo for Books, Book Buddies, Fairy Tale Fair and more read-

ing literacy programs.

The **Chamber of Commerce and Home Products Committee** received a grant of \$1,000 to help fund this year's speaker for the Annual Home Products Dinner.

**Kepley Middle School** received a grant of \$2,800 to fund the first semester of the Snack Attack Program that provides healthy snacks to all students in Kepley Middle School during the mid-morning hours 3 days a week. Studies have shown that a healthy mid-morning snack helps improve student concentration during classroom instruction.

**Grant County 4-H Pistol Shooting** received \$1,200 to purchase equipment to be used in their Shooting Sports Project Classes.



**Precious Beginnings** received a grant for \$956 to purchase a Spanish Curriculum, DVD/s and literature to offer classes in Spanish for their Spanish speaking clients which is approximately 1/3 of their clients.

**USD #214** received a proactive grant for \$1,000 to begin their Classroom Projects Mini-grant program. USD plans to use future grants from their endowed fund to provide small mini-grants for various classroom projects. This grant will allow them to organize their teacher task force to solicit requests for worthy projects and recommend how the money will be allocated.

**Park View Assisted Living** received a grant for \$2,000 to purchase a Sportsart Recumbent Cycle to replace one that was obsolete and dangerous.



Last December we were able to make 2 Proactive Christmas Grants; one to Loaves and Fishes and one to the Liberal Area Rape & Domestic Violence Services for Grant County victims.

We have one more grant cycle this year. **Grant applications for the 4th grant cycle are due November 1st.** If you have a worthy project or program, please consider applying. The simple grant application forms can be found at [www.grantccf.org](http://www.grantccf.org)

## Plus 2 Women of Purpose Grants



Grant County Women of Purpose made 2 grants this year totaling \$3,500.

### Parents as Teachers for their TAPS program (Teens as Parents Support)

Received \$1,000 to support the TAPS support group that meets at Ulysses High School.



**Liberal Rape and Domestic Violence Services** received \$2,500 to start a support group in Grant County that meets weekly for victims of domestic violence. With this and the grant they received in December, they were able to add an advocate in Ulysses one more day a week and start the support group!



## Plus 8 grants to Agencies & Donor Advised Funds

In addition to the grants considered by the Grant Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, GCCF is pleased to have several agency funds and 2 donor advised funds.

With a agency fund, once a balance of \$10,000 is reached, the interest earnings less fees are returned to the agency to support the programs and services they provide. It is truly astonishing how these funds grow and give back over time.

We also have some donor advised funds. Once a donor advised fund reaches a balance of \$10,000, grant funds are made available each year for the donor to advise about where to make the grant. These grants can be made to different organizations each year according to the donor's wishes. This type of fund is designed to provide a way for a donor to make all their charitable donations through their donor advised fund.

### Endowed Foundation Funds

- BWMGC Hospital Permanent Fund
  - Grant County Ambulance Service
  - Grant County Chaplaincy
  - Grant County Development, Inc.
  - Grant County Fine Arts Fund
  - Grant County Extension 4-H Fund
  - Grant County Health Department
  - Grant County Legacy & Park View
  - Grant County Recreation
  - Grant County Senior Center
  - Grant County Women of Purpose
  - GCCF Community Betterment Fund
  - GCCF Operating Endowment
  - Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
  - KHF Operating Fund
  - KHF Children's Fund
  - KHF Public Health Fund
  - Keusler Family Fund
  - Pioneer Communications Community Fund
  - Park View Assisted Living Fund
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Fund
  - Ulysses Animal Shelter
  - USD #214
- ### Operating Funds
- BWMGC Hospital Foundation Fund
  - GCCF Operating Fund
  - Grant County Chaplaincy Operating
  - Grant County Women of Purpose Annual Grant Fund
  - Mineral Tax Fund
  - Ulysses Animal Shelter Emergency Fund

# 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.

## 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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