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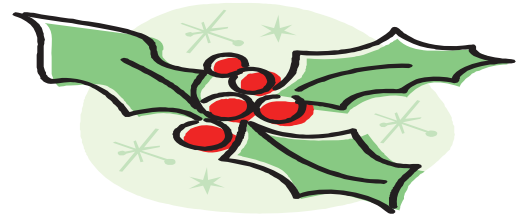
WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching
western Kansas
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and leadership.

NEW FUND



Anne Campbell Memorial Scholarship



The Western Kansas Community Foundation is proud to announce a newly established, permanently endowed scholarship fund to benefit nursing students. The fund has been established by the family of Anne Campbell of Garden City. Memorials and additional donations to the fund will be permanently endowed and earnings from the fund will be used to assist nursing students to defray the cost of their formal education.

Anne Wesley was born in Hutchinson to LC and Venita Wesley. After graduating from high school, she attended Kansas State University and graduated with a degree in home economics in 1945. She worked for two years in Parsons, KS for the Kansas Gas Service Co. On Valentine's Day, 1948, she married Delbert Campbell and they relocated to western Kansas, where they began their long life as Finney County residents. Del was a farmer and cattle rancher in north Finney County, near the Scott/Finney County line. Anne was a homemaker. They have four children; Ron of Wichita, Christine of Wichita, Kathy of Topeka, and Wes of Garden City. They also have eight grand children. Anne was known for her contagious smile, warm heart, and a multitude of friends, young and old.

Anne Campbell passed away on July 29, 2009 after a brief hospitalization at St. Catherine Hospital to repair a hip that was broken due to a fall in her home. After her death, a permanent scholarship fund in Anne's name has been established by her family. Anne's family felt this was an important way to honor their mother and pay tribute to the excellent nursing care Anne received while a patient at St. Catherine Hospital.

Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative

Western Kansas Community Foundation is proud to announce grants to the Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) initiatives of Grant and Wichita Counties. \$25,000 grants were awarded to members of the AIM committee in each county, participants in the Nutrition and Physical Activity program. These funds will be used to further several successful programs in both counties during their third year of the NPA program.

The Nutrition and Physical Activity initiative is a grant program administered by the Western Kansas Community Foundation through the generosity of the Kansas Health Foundation of Wichita, Ks. This is the third year of the initiative that has helped create and grow health and nutrition awareness programs in Wichita, Haskell, Finney and Grant Counties in southwest Kansas.

Wichita County, where the community of Leoti is located, has been a standout in the NPA initiative effort. Local champions were able to gather a group of engaged citizens to create a highly functioning steering committee. Early in their work they branded themselves as the Wichita County AIM Committee (A-Add a Fruit & Vegetable, I - Increase Physical Activity and M - Minimize screen time). Their tag line was: Aim for a Change and it has been very effective in promoting the small, simple and intentional steps to better health.

The vision statement developed by the Grant County steering committee was "Everyone in Grant County lives a healthy lifestyle." Their mission statement tied back to a source of community identity and pride by helping their citizens in "choosing to pioneer nutritional, healthy lifestyles." They have pioneered several successful programs and have increased the understanding and depth of living a healthy lifestyle in many already accomplished efforts.

Significant grant awards have also been made in Haskell and Finney Counties during the three year NPA program. Both counties continue to grow their capacity and expand their efforts to citizens interested in living healthy lifestyles.

"Community champions have made the NPA Initiative an incredible success in both Grant and Wichita Counties" said Troy Unruh, WKCF Program Officer. Each of the four counties who have participated in the Nutrition and Physical Activity initiative continue to challenge southwest Kansans with opportunities to "change something" by taking small, simple intentional steps toward a healthy life.

President's Perspective



Tom Walker
WKCF President

Well, here it is in the middle of the holiday season. Thanksgiving is past and Christmas and New Year's eve are just around the corner. This is a glorious season and we all have a lot to be thankful for, and have many joys to celebrate in the coming weeks.

Things at the Western Kansas Community Foundation are going well! The economy and markets are improving weekly. Funds at the Foundation are recovering nicely, and you the supporters of the Western Kansas Community Foundation continue with your generous support and contributions that keep your Foundation growing and thriving. It's gratifying to be a part of an organization that is respected and supported by so many people in our fifteen county service area. Thank you for your trust, foresight and generosity in making 2009 a good year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our supporters, board members and staff a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

The vision to establish a new fund at the Western Kansas Community Foundation, titled Women of Purpose, has become a reality! After months of planning, speaking with interested donors and rolling out the basic premise of the Women of Purpose fund, we are pleased to announce the Founder's level of the fund has been reached and the opportunity is now closed. Fifty three Women of Purpose Founders will forever be linked to this new opportunity to help women in our service area.



The goal of the Women of Purpose fund is to empower southwest Kansas women to take an active and powerful role in philanthropy to serve other women.

The next phase of this new fund will be to complete the 100 Women of Purpose voting members. We are inviting 100 area women to contribute \$100 to become voting members. These ladies will decide how Women of Purpose grants will be distributed by voting on which applications from area non-profits to fund during an upcoming grant opportunity.

For more information on Women of Purpose, please call the Western Kansas Community Foundation office at 271-9484.

December 31 IRA Deadline Approaches

A special IRA rollover provision allows individuals who are 70 1/2 or older to take tax-free withdrawals from their IRAs as long as that money goes directly to a charity such as the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Although the donor cannot claim the gift as a tax deduction, the IRA withdrawal that is donated directly to a charity is excluded from income. The withdrawal counts against the required minimum distributions for the year.

IRA owners who are 70 1/2 or older are required to withdraw a minimum amount every year and pay taxes on the money, even if they don't need it. By donating the money to a charity, that requirement can be fulfilled without incurring a tax bill.

Elements to keep in mind:

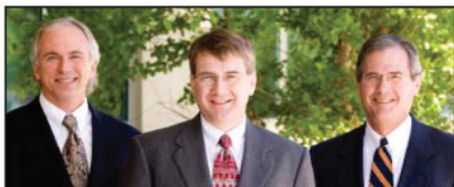
1. The provision is limited to withdrawals from IRAs. Money in a 401(k) or similar plan will need to be rolled into an IRA before a direct contribution can be made to a charity.
2. IRA distributions must go directly to the charity. If the check is made out to the IRA owner, they will owe taxes on the distribution.
3. Private foundations and donor advised funds are not eligible for tax-free IRA distributions. A gift to any existing fund at the WKCF other than a donor advised fund is eligible.

For more information, contact your financial advisor or the WKCF office at 271-9484.

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 Garden City Chamber of Commerce
 Leadership
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 Leadership Children
 Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
 Garden City Family YMCA
 Garden City Public Schools Foundation
 Panama Christian Medical Mission
(established by Rotary District 5690)
 Sublette Public Schools Foundation

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Arts & Culture

Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel Fund
In Memory of Carole's parents
Dale & Jeanne Beach Corley

Children

Kansas Health Foundation Children's
 Fund
Kansas Health Foundation
 Our Children, Our Future
John & Elizabeth Scheopner

Development

Grant County Fund
 Haskell County Community Fund

Education

Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
 Garden City Sunrisers Kiwanis Club

Health & Human Services

Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
 Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
 Mary Lou Spanier Fund
 Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Builders of Hope
 Cancer Care of the Plains Fund
 Erdene Corley Fund
 Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
 Emmaus House Fund
 Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
 Finney County Library Fund
 Cecil and Frances O'Brate Family Fund
 for Youthville
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 Southwest Arts & Humanities Council
 Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
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 Eugene and Ruth Wright Fund

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Garden City High School
 Charles Helfrich Memorial Scholarship
 Rich Jantz Scholarship Fund
Southwestern College
 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
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Satanta High School
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 Bernadine Sitts Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
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Community College
 Stoeckly Family Scholarship Fund
Garden City Community College
 Sublette Rotary Club Fund
Sublette High School
 Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
Brewster/Winona- Triplains/Oakley-Monument
 Chase Mitchel Webber Sublette Recreation
 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School
 Tonya Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School

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 Max & Marianne Miller Family Farm Fund
In Honor of Max's parents
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Robert & Cleo Mathews

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Report from Executive Director Shea Sinclair



I am often asked, "What is a community foundation and how does it work?" An important part of my position at the WKCF is to help people understand our role in the communities we serve. Recently, I was looking through the Council on Foundation's website and came across some great basic information to help explain what a community foundation is and how it works. I thought I would share it here:

What are community foundations?

Community foundations are independent, public charities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to community-based organizations. Community foundations strengthen communities by enabling people to create charitable funds that address a wide range of interests. Through visionary, diverse, and inclusive philanthropy, community foundations have become catalysts for significant community change.

Where do community foundations operate?

More than 700 community foundations operate in urban and rural areas throughout the United States; currently, 572 belong to the Council on Foundations. More than 475 community foundations in the United States earned the National Standards Seal from the Council on Foundations for attaining the highest standards for grantmaking integrity and accountability. The community foundation model has also taken hold across the world, from the Americas to Europe to Australia, and is expanding rapidly across Africa. The Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support estimates that 1,175 community foundations work in 46 countries, with many more forming around the world.

How do community foundations acquire charitable assets?

Nearly every type of asset—including cash, real estate, stock, and artwork—can be contributed to a community foundation. Gifts come from living donors and bequests through various types of funds and giving vehicles. In the U.S., community foundations nationwide hold nearly \$44.8 billion in assets. In 2005, they received an estimated \$5.6 billion in donations from individuals, corporations, government agencies, and other foundations. Community foundations range in size, from those with more than \$2.3 billion in assets to those with \$100,000 or less. Community foundations invest in diverse and soundly managed portfolios.

How do community foundations serve their communities?

Community foundations play a key role in identifying and solving community problems. In 2006, they gave an estimated \$3.6 billion to a variety of nonprofit activities in fields that included the arts and education, health and human services, and the environment and disaster relief. The Community Foundations National Standards Board confirms operational excellence in their grantmaking through National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. Since 2001, more than 475 community foundations have been awarded the National Standards Seal for maintaining the highest standards in grantmaking, organizational operations, legal compliance, and accountability.

How do community foundations serve their donors?

Community foundations offer donors many advantages. They work with individuals, families, attorneys, and estate and financial planners to design gift plans tailored to meet diverse economic situations, maximizing the benefit donors receive from their contributions as well as the impact of their philanthropic dollars. Community foundations' in-depth knowledge of local issues enables donors to invest in issues about which they care.

Inspiration Point!

Good news is everywhere! We have many great things to share and successes to celebrate with the supporters of the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Your generosity is what makes these success stories happen each quarter when the WKCF awards grants to charitable entities and important causes throughout western Kansas. Grants support the causes you are interested in and allow entities to further their mission into the communities they serve. Each quarter we will share a story that communicates the way your support and donations have helped so many.

“Preventing Cancer with your Knife and Fork”

“Preventing Cancer with your Knife and Fork” was a series of four Extension educational programs presented in October 2009 in four counties in southwest Kansas: Finney, Hamilton, Scott and Wichita. The program included an explanation of the top eight types of cancer in Kansas, as well as cancer statistics for each county. Diet and lifestyle recommendations for preventing cancer were discussed, accompanied by a lunch of cancer-preventing foods.

Before the program, only 23% of participants could correctly identify the eight leading types of cancer cases in Kansas. About half of the 122 participants could name three or more foods which could help to prevent cancer, half could not. By the end of the program, all participants had learned the most prevalent cancers in the state as well as diet and lifestyle recommendations to help prevent cancer.

Extension agents from Finney, Scott, Hamilton and Wichita Counties collaborated to bring this valuable training opportunity to area residents.



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