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NEW FUND

The Western Kansas Community Foundation is pleased to announce a new donor advised endowed fund recently established to honor the lives of Esther and Webb Smith of Kinsley. The fund will continue support for the causes most important to the Webb's during their lives and pay tribute to their long-time residence in western Kansas.



Uncle Webb & Aunt Esther Smith

The following family recollections were contributed by Debbie Dominick and Tom Scott, great-niece and nephew of Esther and Webb Smith.

"Aunt Esther was quite a gal! Born in the family homestead 12 miles north of Kinsley, Kansas she was the first child in the family. Four sons were born and tragically died, and one daughter, Ruth. Esther and Ruth were as close as their biblical namesakes. At around 16 or 17, Aunt Esther borrowed the family Model T Ford, loaded up her Sunday school class after church, and drove them out to Point of Rocks for an afternoon picnic!

She graduated Kinsley High School in 1935, enrolled in the Nurses program in Halstead, and began her professional career as a nurse. Aunt Esther had no children, but she attended the birth of Ruth's four children and loved each of them as her own. She attended their school events, cheering their accomplishments, and helping each of them move forward with their respective careers. As years past the extended family grew with nieces and nephews, then grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Aunt Esther enjoyed live theatre and shared with the family where in Kinsley they had presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in an outdoor setting with the stage on one side of Coon Creek and the audience on the other! A portion of the earnings generated by the fund at the Western Kansas Community Foundation will be designated to support the Capistrano Center for the Performing Arts in San Juan Capistrano, Ca.

Aunt Esther married Uncle Webb and she continued her medical career, rising to the position of Superintendent of the hospital in Kinsley. Aunt Esther and Uncle Webb founded the Kindar Kare rest home in Kinsley. The family plans to designate a portion of the earnings from the fund to support nursing scholarships.

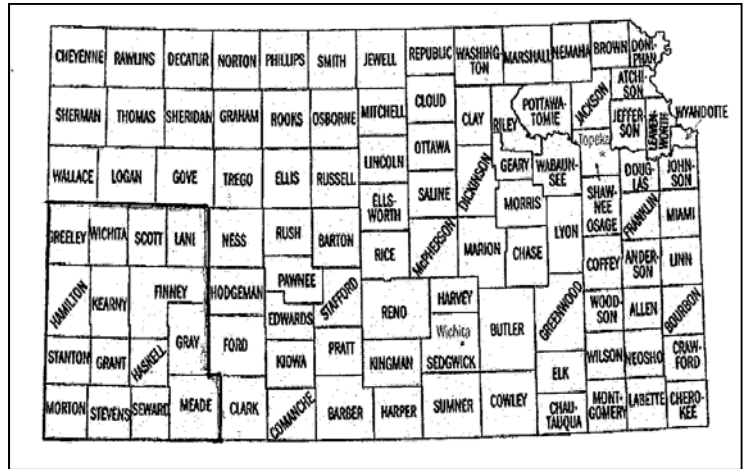
Aunt Esther and Uncle Webb both loved horses and bought land east of Kinsley where they kept several head for pleasure riding. A portion of the earnings from the newly created permanent fund will go to support an organization that cares for abused horses and at the same time provides therapeutic riding for children with various physical and emotional challenges."

WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching
western Kansas
life through
philanthropy,
collaboration
and leadership.

Western Kansas Community Foundation is proud to serve the charitable giving wishes of donors and provide grants to non-profit and charitable entities in the fifteen counties that make up southwest Kansas.

Counties we serve include: Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Morton, Stevens, Seward and Meade.



President's Perspective



Tom Walker

As it seem to be every month at the Western Kansas Community Foundation office, things are very busy. The staff is working very hard to install and convert to a new accounting software for our computer system called FIMS. This software will enable us to offer more service to our fund holders and donors, opening new areas of service that we have not been able to provide in the past. This will be an exciting enhancement for the Foundation!

In August, WKCF's board of directors voted unanimously to participate with the Kansas Health Foundation in their new GROW II challenge for community foundations. This opportunity is a matching challenge to develop new funds for the promotion of two important areas including community health and well being and sustainability for the Foundation. All new funds, with the exception of scholarship funds, will carry a \$1 to .25 match. New funds for health related endowments and permanent funds for Foundation operations as well as unrestricted grant-making endowments will be matched at the higher rate of \$1 to .50. The maximum level of participation in this program is \$800,000 and the WKCF board voted unanimously to reach for this exciting goal.

WKCF has participated in numerous challenges through the Kansas Health Foundation and has always participated at the maximum level. This enthusiasm to continually grow, improve and expand the foundation has passed from previous board members and founders of the WKCF. GROW II will be a six year challenge and has many requirements that a foundation must meet in order to participate in the program. I am proud to say that the WKCF qualifies in all required areas. We are excited by this new fundraising challenge and look forward to developing new funds and programs that will benefit our fifteen county service area.

Finally, I am thrilled to report the Women of Purpose founders have grown to a level in excess of 32 of the 50 founders being sought to close out the successful beginning of the new fund. Congratulations to the steering committee for their work in creating this special fund and to the newest founders of Women of Purpose.

Tips for Making the Most of Your Charitable Contributions

- 1. Plan for giving.** Plan your philanthropic activities right into your budget just as you would other financial obligations.
- 2. Keep the right records.** For gifts of less than \$250, a cashed check or receipt from the charitable organization is sufficient proof of contribution. For donating property, establishing a trust or an annuity, talk to your accountant.
- 3. Be aware of how much is really tax-deductible.** If you receive a premium in exchange for your gift (such as a book or a dinner), the amount of your tax deduction is reduced by the fair market value of the premium. You can turn down the incentive item if you wish to claim a deduction for the full amount of your gift. Ask the receiving organization for more details.
- 4. Ask about matching gifts.** Many employers match gifts made by their employees or make grants to organizations recommended by employees. Be sure to ask your company how it can help your gift go even further.
- 5. Remember your gift can be confidential.** If you prefer to have your gift remain confidential, you can expect the charitable organization to honor your request.
- 6. Consider alternative forms of giving.** Don't overlook the benefits to you and your cause received from bequests, charitable gift annuities, gifts in kind, endowments and many other creative forms of giving. Ask your tax advisor to help you make the best plan for you and your family.
- 7. Volunteer. In addition to financial support, consider giving your time and skills.** Not only will you help the organization, but you'll also make contacts, gain experience, and learn more about the charitable cause to which you're committing your time and money.
- 8. Be a proactive giver.** You don't have to wait to be asked. Plan a giving strategy in advance. Contact the charitable organizations of your choice to discuss how your gifts can be most effectively used and help make a difference in your community.



August was an exciting month for the growing Women of Purpose fund. The fund's steering committee planned and hosted two teas on August 20th to further introduce the concept of this meaningful fund to more area women. A lively event that was well attended, engaged women took the occasion to ask questions and understand the opportunity to work together to affect positive change in the lives of area women. Eleven new Founders were added to the fund during the event, rapidly approaching the goal of fifty Founders.

All levels of participation in the fund are filling up quickly. If you are interested in joining with other women to make a difference through philanthropy, please phone the Western Kansas Community Foundation at 271-9484 or check out our website www.wkcf.org for more information.

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AGENCY FUNDS

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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
 Satanta Lions Club Fund
 Bernadine Sitts Fund
 Southwest Arts & Humanities Council
 Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
 Unified School District #363—Holcomb, KS
 Dorothy M. & Louise Wampler
 Robert A. Whippo Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
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 Carol & Kent Nanninga Family Fund
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 Eugene and Ruth Wright Fund

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Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association
Garden City High School
 Charles Helfrich Memorial Scholarship
 Rich Jantz Scholarship Fund
Southwestern College
 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Holcomb High School
 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Continuing Education
 Laura Elizabeth Kleysteuber Memorial Fund
Garden City High School
 Jan McLeland Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School
 Duane Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund
 K O & Ruth Powell Scholarship Fund
Nursing
 Bernadine Sitts Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
 Joyce & Leroy Stapleton Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School and Garden City
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

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

James A. & Christina Becker Fund
 Community Betterment Fund
 Finney County Farm Bureau
 Garden City Company
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In Honor of Max's parents
Ralph & Idell Miller
 David C. & Judith A. Stanard
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In Honor of Judy's parents
Robert & Cleo Mathews

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Report from Executive Director Shea Sinclair



Looking forward! That's what we do!

I was reading through a list of quotes recently and found one by Nelson Henderson that helps explain our purpose at the Western Kansas Community Foundation: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under who's shade you do not expect to sit."

It's an interesting concept that we strive to achieve every day. This one simple statement helps explain our work with individuals, families and businesses to facilitate and carry out their charitable giving wishes. As a community foundation, we help donors achieve their charitable and financial goals by providing tools and resources that make giving simple, flexible and efficient. Starting a fund at the WKCF is like planting a tree that will continue to grow and offer assistance to initiatives that impact our area for generations to come.

The Western Kansas Community Foundation cares about meeting the challenges of our changing times. We share your interest in making southwest Kansas the best place to live! Together we can do more and work to grow a stronger community through philanthropy.

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ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES

Stewardship Counseling, LLC offers comprehensive estate planning for you and your family. John W. Griffin, Esq. travels across Kansas to offer this service through a wide range of community and private foundations. He will review your existing plan free of charge. No products are sold or endorsed through this counseling process, only the opportunities to gain ideas. Garden City Community College Endowment Association, Commerce Trust Company of Garden City, Finney County Farm Bureau Association and Western Kansas Community Foundation are proud to sponsor this program.

Please call the WKCF office for more information.

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.

Kansas Children's Service League-

Western Kansas Community Foundation recently provided grant funding to Kansas Children's Service League to purchase play woodworking tools for six Head Start classrooms in Garden City, Cimarron and Ulysses. The program, entitled "Building Better Learners", provides children with a new experience and helps them develop fine motor skills by learning to handle small tools, builds hand-eye coordination and logic skills including comparing, measuring and using numbers while exposing them to new language and life skills.

The Foundation is proud to offer grant funding to important programs throughout the area through the generosity of our donors.



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