



# Western Kansas Community Foundation

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## WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a convenient way for a donor to gift in support of a specific cause, project or for general philanthropy.

## NEW FUNDS

### Chase Mitchel Webber Sublette Recreation Memorial Scholarship Fund



Chase Weber was an amazing young man with a fun loving, free spirit. He was a positive and out-going individual who loved to play basketball. Chase truly enjoyed helping younger kids improve their skills and spent lots of time at the Recreation Center in Sublette. Diagnosed with juvenile epilepsy at the age of 16, Chase continued to attend high school and participate in basketball, starting as a varsity player his senior year. The team ended the season with a 15 and 4 record and also won the High Plains League Championship. He was a member of the Christian Church in Sublette and graduated from high school in 2005. He attended Garden City Community College his freshman year.

Chase was developing new friendships and had decided on a career in computers when he started experiencing frequent epileptic seizures. On February 20, 2006, a seizure took his life. He was just 19 years old. Through his trials of epilepsy, Chase always seemed to have a certain quality of peace about him. Believing Chase had discovered the secret of walking on life's path with God, his family saw an inner peace that allowed Chase to live life to the fullest. Those who knew Chase, knew he loved helping people. The scholarship is a way to continue helping kids for years to come. It may not be by teaching them basketball or other skills, but it will certainly assist with their education.

### Sublette Rotary Club Fund

The Sublette Rotary Club was chartered in 1949. They currently have 21 members with the officers for the current year being Bill Thomas, President; Terry Presley, Vice-President; Sterling Hall, Secretary/Treasurer and Gaylord Sanneman, Past President.

The Rotary Club has for a number of years made a scholarship available to a graduating Sublette High School student. This school year they were able to increase the scholarship to \$1000.00. Money from their annual community golf tournament has helped to support the scholarship fund. With the starting of the Haskell County Community Fund, the Rotary Club voted to invest their dollars in an endowed fund with the WKCF. By putting the money with the WKCF, the Rotary Club has made it possible for their scholarship grants to last for years to come and also help the Haskell County Community Fund. This follows Rotary's main theme "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

The Sublette Rotary Club has provided assistance and funding to many projects in their local community including:

1. High School Concession/Bathroom facility at the football field.
2. 50 years plus sponsor to the Sublette Boys Scouts.
3. Dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
4. "I Like Me" books for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders.
5. Support to the "Polio Plus" Rotary program to eradicate polio in the world.
6. Glasses and Coats for children in need.
7. Sponsor a Student of the month at the High School.
8. Sponsor a Student to the Rotary Leadership Camp.
9. Help distribute commodities (food) in Haskell County.

Sterling Hall said, "As you can see the Rotary Club has a number of ongoing programs. But we are excited about helping Haskell County and with added growth we may be able to give out more scholarships in the near future. I think the program that WKCF has provided for Haskell County has been a tremendous opportunity."