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Report from the Executive Director Michelle Komlofske

Because of **you**, the Western Kansas Community Foundation just celebrated ten years of giving! We are grateful for your participation and look forward to another wonderful ten years. As we reminisce about the past, it is only through your support and dedication this milestone was reached. Your vision became a reality and developed a mission to serve. You make a difference in the lives of local neighbors everyday. Many, many, THANKS! Your generosity has allowed the WKCF to provide grants totaling over one million dollars since 1996. Philanthropy is about giving back and when communities work together for the common good, we see tremendous and positive results. The assistance

given to our western Kansas counties continues to grow. What a great way to celebrate the holiday season!

I would like to recognize our board members and county advisory committees for their time and devoted efforts. Individuals serving as volunteers on non-profit boards are the reason these organizations are successful. Their encouragement and planning improves the viability of our communities. We will always be thankful for their service.

The year 2007 is approaching with much excitement. Grant applications will be accepted year round and the opportunity to help provide for additional programs will occur more frequently. We have four due dates for applications in 2007: February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Check out our newly updated website to download the application as well as the guidelines for awards.

Many blessings to each of you this Christmas season. Thank you for your loyal and caring commitment.

Garden City Community College Endowment Association, Commerce Trust Company of Garden City and Western Kansas Community Foundation, is proud to sponsor a **Stewardship Counseling** program every month. Appointments are offered at no cost to individuals and families who would like assistance in estate planning.

John Griffin serves a wide range of community foundations and private foundations across Kansas to offer this service. He also reviews existing estate plans free of charge. No products are sold or endorsed through this counseling process, just the opportunity to gain ideas. Stewardship Counseling is offered the fourth Thursday in each month. Please share your interest with any WKCF Board or staff member or call (620) 271-9484 for additional information.



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