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Report from the Executive Director Michelle Komlofske

"Giving like never before." Experts say there's no such thing as a typical philanthropist; however, your kindness fits the nation's fastest growing profile: an active, passionate donor who wants to oversee benevolence during their lifetime. Thank you for your continuing support of the many charitable efforts at the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Stipulating funds in a will or charitable trust is another option, but individuals aren't necessarily giving to us - they are giving through us.

Assisting you with those causes closest to your heart is one of the most important services we provide to donors. Philanthropy is growing nationwide and western Kansas is no exception. According to the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group, who promotes philanthropy in the United States and abroad, community philanthropy is growing by leaps and bounds in rural areas. Much of it comes from the energy of local activists seeing other communities, and saying, "We can do it, too!" Your enthusiasm for giving is apparent and we are grateful. Area communities are looking toward the future with inspired hope. Whether you participate today or after your lifetime, philanthropy is about change and making a difference. Together we can do both!

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ Even if you haven't taken the first step of having a will or trust drafted, you already have an estate plan?
- ◇ You have an opportunity to visit with a qualified estate planning attorney completely confidential at no cost?
- ◇ Your local attorney and accountant may assist in the planning process?

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 and Western Kansas Community Foundation are proud to sponsor this program. Please call the WKCF office for more information.

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