



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

Grant County Healthcare Foundation Fund

The Grant County Health Care Foundation (GCHCF) was formed in November, 1990 for the purpose of providing and advancing quality healthcare in Grant County. With potential Medicare legislation threatening the survival of small town health care delivery systems, a group of local citizens started meeting with Wally Boyd, then administrator of Bob Wilson Hospital, to discuss the possibility of forming a foundation that might eventually provide health related funding if it was ever needed. Original incorporators were Perry Rubart, Rod Kreie, Kent Carmichael, and Richard Pickler. Rod Kreie donated his services for the non-profit application and Richard Pickler donated his services for incorporating the GCHCF foundation. Original board members were Sam Forrer (Chairman), John Boylan (Vice-Chairman), Janet Kimball (Secretary), Kent Carmichael (Treasurer), Rod Kreie, Bill McNitt, Dr. Don Tillotson, Dr. A.P. Ramchandani, and Richard Pickler. For the first few years, the foundation accumulated funds mostly through memorial gifts and bequests. Small pieces of equipment were purchased for the hospital and the corpus gradually grew. With the change of administrators and eventual implementation of a management company at the hospital, the foundation became mostly a provider of scholarships for students pursuing careers in health care who would eventually work in the Grant County health care delivery system. Upon hearing

about the dollar for dollar matching "challenge" sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation through the Western Kansas Community Foundation (WKCF), it made perfect sense to pursue some type of collaboration. Funds developed for the benefit of Grant County were eligible to receive a dollar for dollar match by the WKCF to benefit the health and well being of children. The GCHCF board, chaired by Jeff Menzie, met with Michelle Komlofske to get a better understanding of how this partnership might work.

"After meeting with Michelle, and local WKCF representatives Eldon Dirks, Marlyn Redetzke, and Judy Keusler, our GCHCF board became comfortable with the concept of letting professionals manage our money and help administer our grants," said GCHCF treasurer, Rod Kreie.

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Jeff Menzie added "Our board liked the fact that the WKCF donor advised fund allows us to direct grants towards health care in Grant County. It's like having our foundation within their foundation. In addition to that, when we get another dollar, for each dollar that we turn over to the WKCF to use for grants for the youth of our community, merging our activities into the WKCF was the perfect way to continue fulfilling our purpose and to help obtain funding to meet other local needs."



What we do in this lifetime
 echoes in eternity.

