

OVERWHELMING SUCCESS IN GRANT AND HASKELL COUNTIES

CONGRATULATIONS to advisory committee members in Grant and Haskell County for not only reaching, but exceeding the goal of raising \$50,000 in each of these communities! Each county established a fund to benefit charitable projects in their respective areas. Community funds were initially started in the fall of 2005 with the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Through a challenge sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation, the WKCF provided a 100% match to those contributions and earmarked the match for the health and well-being of children in each county.

Advisory committee members in Haskell County include Mike Cearly, chairman, Nancy Anton, Liana Colson, Jan McLeland, Charles Myers and Delaine Stalker, past chair. Committee members in Grant County are Judy Keusler, chairperson, Eldon Dirks, Mark Faulkner, Richard Pickler, Marilyn Redetzke, past chairman, Shirley Tillotson and Greg Wartman. These volunteer members are grateful to the many individuals and businesses for their support in successfully establishing their community funds. As the generous people of each county continue to build these funds, just imagine what can be accomplished!

Community foundations share the common goal of serving donors, non-profit organizations and the community as a whole. In addition, one of a community foundation's special functions is to evaluate and help coordinate the needs and services in its communities so that charitable gifts are used effectively to fulfill a community's most critical needs. The Grant County Fund and the Haskell County Community Fund will benefit area programs and organizations forever. And the matching fund for children will always be available to assist area youth. Since community foundations make up one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy today, this is such a wonderful way to ensure viability in the community.

KEY MESSAGES

Community foundations help individuals, families and businesses achieve their charitable goals by providing tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible and effective.

- ⇒ Donors create charitable funds and recommend grants that support the issues & groups they care about
- ⇒ Donors rely on local staff to make grants that reflect their particular interests or critical community needs
- ⇒ Donors may choose to be anonymous in their giving

Flexible giving makes a difference in the future.

- ⇒ Donors create lasting legacies, ensuring the causes they care about will be supported after their lifetimes
- ⇒ Funds are established to benefit a particular field of interest, organization or to meet contemporary needs
- ⇒ Community foundations are ideal beneficiaries of charitable trusts and other deferred giving arrangements

Community foundations understand the community's challenges and always work closely with area groups and individuals to address community needs, now and in the future.

- ⇒ Governed by leaders with strong ties to local communities
- ⇒ Foster greater giving and volunteering in our community
- ⇒ **Forever is a long time.** Community foundations build endowments to ensure grants are always available to support the community and that each donor's interest and legacy are honored forever



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