



Western Kansas Community Foundation

www.wkcf.org

September 2007 1500 East Kansas Avenue P.O. Box 1452 Garden City, Kansas 67846 620-271-9484

Board of Directors

Betty Benson
Chairperson
Lee Stapleton
Vice Chairman
Carolyn Myers
Secretary
Tom Walker
Treasurer
Michael Collins
Sheryl Dick
Mark Faulkner
Ardis Fry
Dale J. Gabel
Ralph Germann
Grant Harris
Judy Keusler
Pat LeClerc
Dennis Mesa
Kevin Mills
Will Nichols
Judy Nusser
Charles Stones
Sara Robinson
Millie Thomas-Norman

Advisors

John Crump
Kirk Olomon

Past Presidents

1997 Ardis Fry
1998 Marianne Miller
1999 John E. Crump
2000 Colleen Miller
2001 John E. Crump
2002 Ann Price
2003 Dr. James Tangeman
2004 Dr. James Tangeman
2005 Dr. James Tangeman
2006 Dale J. Gabel

Executive Director

Michelle Komlofske

Operations Director

Erin Teut

Program Officer

Troy Unruh

NEW FUNDS

Henselman Family Donor Advised Fund



Mildred Henselman

You probably didn't know Mildred Henselman. A local farmer, she was unassuming and lived quietly in western Kansas for most of her lifetime. Her philanthropic giving was quiet - that is until now. The vision she had through her estate plan will forever change the future of nine local agencies in Garden City. Mildred will support the causes most important to her with a named endowment fund at the Western Kansas Community Foundation.

Not only did she leave a tremendous first gift of almost \$500,000 to the WKCF, she will continue her giving to the foundation over the next twenty years through a charitable lead trust administered by the Commerce Trust Company. The organizations she chose to support will receive larger and larger grants every year from the Henselman Family Fund due to annual distributions from the charitable lead trust to the Family Fund at the WKCF.

Mildred was born in Missouri in 1914, but spent the majority of her life in western Kansas. She graduated from Deerfield High School and received her teaching certificate from Garden City Junior College. Mildred went on to teach in a one room school house until she met and married Donald Henselman and moved to Garden City. They had two sons, John and Gary. Tragically, in 1950, Donald, Gary and Donald's parents, John and Anna were killed in an automobile accident. Mildred and her son John were the sole survivors. They moved to Garden City where she raised John and later worked for many years at People Natural Gas.

Mildred was an active member of Community Congregational Church and was very involved with the Tumbleweed Girl Scout Council. She was a resident of Garden Valley Retirement Village for thirteen years prior to her death in September of 2005. Her son John lives in California where her grandson, Hans resides as well. A great-grandson, Adam was born August 1, 2005.

Among the organizations that will benefit from the Henselman Family Fund will be the Community Congregational Church, Tumbleweed Girl Scout Council, GCCC Endowment Association, Finney County United Way, Friends of the Lee Richardson Zoo, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Garden Valley Retirement Village, Emmaus House and The Salvation Army.

"The Western Kansas Community Foundation is honored to help fulfill Mildred's intentions. This gift is a wonderful example of her desire to support the remarkable work of many local agencies. Estate planning is an excellent tool that helps charitable individuals ensure organizations continue to be a viable part of the community," said Michelle Komlofske, director of the WKCF. "She cared so much about these causes and was gracious to remember them. Her generosity and planning established a fund that will honor her legacy and compassion for giving."

WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching western Kansas life through philanthropy, collaboration and leadership.

What we do in this lifetime echoes in eternity.