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CFSEK Hosts 2009 Annual Events

During the first week of December, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted three community events, *'Tis the Season 2009 Non-Profit Expo*, a Donor Celebration, and the Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee. All three events were focused on celebrating philanthropy in southeast Kansas.

On the evening of December 3rd, the CFSEK was proud to host the first ever Non-Profit Expo in Southeast Kansas, *'Tis the Season...* The purpose of the expo was *to promote the work of non-profits in southeast Kansas, and their impact on our communities.* With a set-up similar to community business expo, thirty area non-profits set up booths to share information about their work at Parrot Bey.

Attendees were able to walk through the Expo, learn more about the agencies, and view their holiday wish lists. Thanks to a generous donation, two attendees to the Expo were able to make gifts of cash to the Non-Profit of their choice. Steve Barnett of Columbus won \$100 and donated it to Class LTD, and Galen Hiller won \$300 and donated it to the 23rd Street Bike Park.

Quote from Vonnie and or Sherri about how wonderful event was and how much

they enjoyed the opportunity to highlight the work of their agency and network with other agencies in the area.

Also on the evening of December 3rd, the CFSEK hosted a Donor Celebration Dinner at the Corner Bistro. At the Dinner, Pete Peterson of Clark, Mize, and Linville, Chartered gave a presentation on the benefits of philanthropy and the top ten reasons to work with a community foundation.

The CFSEK held a third drawing at the Celebration for \$200 to be given to a local charity. Rita Peterson of Salina was the winner and donated the funds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County.



Elm-Acres hosts booth at *'Tis the Season*



Harvey and Sharon Dean, and Sally and Joe Hart celebrated with the CFSEK at the Dinner.

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CFSEK Receives Estate Gift



Kim Clark and Richard Oler of the CFSEK receive a check from Gay Adams and Bill Morin. Photo by Brett Dalton, *Morning Sun*

The CFSEK received a gift of \$552,419.52 on Friday, November 13th from the Rosalie D. Manley Trust. It marks the largest estate gift left to the CFSEK to date.

Manley, of Pittsburg, named the CFSEK as the Remainder Beneficiary of her estate for the purpose of creating an Unrestricted endowment at the CFSEK. "She had

many charitable uses in mind," said Bill Morin, Manley's estate attorney, "but she wasn't sure what charity she wanted to give to. That's when we started talking about the Community Foundation." Annual allocations from the endowed fund will be used to make grants in Manley's name during the CFSEK's annual competitive grant cycle.

"The CFSEK is honored and humbled to receive this gift from Mrs. Manley," said CFSEK Executive Director Kim Clark. "We are always pleased to help local citizens with their charitable goals, and gifts such as these allow the CFSEK to make an impact on the changing needs of our citizens through strategic grantmaking."

The gift was a result of the Manley Estate that was managed by Commerce Trust Company, of Pittsburg, an affiliate of Commerce Bank N.A. "Because of Rosalie's caring concern for the welfare of her community, she is leaving this legacy that will benefit future generations and honor her memory for many years," said Gay Adams of Commerce Trust Company.

Manley was born in Pittsburg in 1928, and she graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1946. Rosalie was a member of the Telephone Pioneers Club serving as President and Past President, AARP, and Western Resources Retirees Club.

Invest in the community you call home.

Maximize the impact of your charitable dollars by building permanent endowments for your community.

Establish a fund and your legacy will live on.

For more information, contact Executive Director Kim Clark.

CFSEK Selected to Participate in Grow II

The Kansas Health Foundation recently announced that it has selected the first round of community foundations to participate in the second chapter of the Giving Resources to Our World Healthy Kansas Initiative (GROW II). GROW II is focused on strengthening the community foundation field in Kansas and building endowments to underwrite solutions to local health issues. The CFSEK is one of twelve community foundations selected to participate.

“We know that many Kansans care deeply about their communities and if there was an opportunity for them to give back, they would. GROW II is building the infrastructure to make that possible,” says Steve Coen, president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. The selected community foundations will be challenged to raise endowment dollars which will be matched by the Foundation. If these GROW II communities are successful in their fundraising efforts, over \$16 million will be raised for the betterment of communities across Kansas. The CFSEK is eligible to generate up to \$1.2 million for the benefit southeast Kansas.

The following is a list of the community foundations selected to participate in this first round of GROW II in addition to the matching endowed grant amount they are eligible to receive from the Kansas Health Foundation.

- Central Kansas Community Foundation (\$600,000) — serving Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties
- Community Foundation for Cloud County (\$300,000)
- Community Foundation of Dickinson County (\$500,000)
- Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (\$600,000) — serving Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford and Labette counties
- Douglas County Community Foundation (\$600,000)
- Greater Salina Community Foundation (\$800,000)
- Golden Belt Community Foundation (\$500,000) — serving Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford counties
- Heartland Community Foundation (\$500,000) — serving Ellis, Rooks and Trego counties
- Hillsboro Community Foundation (\$300,000)
- Republic County Community Foundation (\$300,000)
- Russell County Area Community Foundation (\$300,000)
- Smith County Community Foundation (\$300,000)

In addition to the matching endowed grants, each of the above community foundations will receive training, one-on-one consulting and support and, if they meet certain benchmarks, an operating grant of 3.5 percent of the matching grant awarded by the Foundation on an annual basis for six years.

The Kansas Health Foundation started working with community foundations across Kansas in the late 1990s as a way to further its mission of improving the health of all Kansans. The Foundation believes that strong community foundations build healthier communities.

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On the morning of December 4th, the CFSEK hosted the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee, sponsored by PSU. At the Coffee, Pete Peterson gave a presentation on the role of the Community Foundation within the community. To continue its support of the holiday season, the CFSEK gave away four, \$25 charitable gift cards. The recipients of each card are able to donate to a non-profit of their choice through the CFSEK website.

Also at the Coffee, the CFSEK announced its 2009 grant recipients for the General Granting Funds and the Nutrition and Physical Activity Funds.



Give the Gift of Charity Year Round

Need to find a gift for someone who has everything? Give a Giving Card. Much like retail gift cards, Giving Cards are given to celebrate birthdays, holidays, a job well done, or other special occasions. Giving Cards can be redeemed to benefit any 501(c)(3) public charity in the United States (including schools, churches and synagogues).

To purchase a Giving Card, go to the CFSEK website, and click on the link in the left panel. Choose from the three designs below. Each purchase of a Giving Card from the CFSEK is tax deductible.



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