



**community**foundation  
*of* SOUTHEAST KANSAS

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## 2016 Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund Grants

In 2007, a group of caring and compassionate women came together in an effort to pool their time and resources to learn more about their community and make an immediate impact in specific areas of women's health. As a result, these community volunteers and philanthropists formed the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Giving Circle. Growing out of the Women's Giving Circle was the creation of the Circle of Friends in 2013. These giving circles allow for a leveraging of charitable dollars to carry out the Women's Health Fund mission 'To improve the health and well being of women by supporting education, increasing awareness and sharing quality of life opportunities to benefit all women'.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 RJB Women's Health Fund grant funds:

### **Women's Giving Circle Recipients -**

Angels Among Us Inc.: Care for Women- To purchase wigs, turbans and wig liners for women whose cancer treatments results in hair loss

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas: Eye Care II for Women will assist low-income sight-impaired women to receive vision testing and glasses.

Families and Children Together Inc.: Smiles of Hope for Women will fund denture and denture related dental needs for women receiving mental health services.

Special Olympics Kansas (New Hope of Pittsburg): Women's Fitness Club will purchase 3 Life Fitness Commercial Grade Recumbent Bikes.

### **Circle of Friends Recipients -**

Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center: Improving Life and Empowering Women will use the grant funding for daily operations to assist homeless women to break the cycle of poverty and abuse.

Interlocal 637-PHS Low Incidence Program: The 'We Belong' project will purchase a stackable washer /dryer to be installed at PHS so all 246 'at risk' female students can have the opportunity for improved personal hygiene, cleanliness and to develop personal care skills.

Mount Carmel Foundation: Co-Pay Assistance will help breast cancer patients afford oral chemotherapies.



GIVING BY WOMEN FOR WOMEN.



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### Plan a Gift for the Future and Leave a Lasting Legacy

*Many have a desire to give back, to preserve the kind of life they have had and the things they have enjoyed. With a little planning, you can create a lasting legacy that will impact your community and future generations. A planned gift through your estate will continue to grow and give to your community .... Forever!*

Consider what is important to you ..... the church where you worship, the schools your children attended, the park where your grandchildren play or a local charity that you care about. You can ensure that the things that make your community a great place to live, continue even beyond your lifetime.

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Legacy Society consists of generous individuals who have made a planned gift through their estates. While personal and family obligations should always come first, a Legacy Society contribution assures the donor that their contributions will make an impact well into the future.

Deferred gifts may be set up to go into any existing fund of the Foundation or you may choose to establish a fund to benefit the charity of your choice.

Legacy giving only requires a thoughtful intention to make a difference by identifying a charitable organization through a bequest in your will, trust or estate plan. You can designate a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate or specific assets such as stock, real or personal property. Another way to leave a legacy gift is designating the Community Foundation as the beneficiary or co-beneficiary of retirement plans or life insurance policies. We encourage donors to talk to their attorney, financial planner and/or certified public accountant to determine which kind of planned gift works best for their financial situation and tax benefit.

Imagine the good that could be done if each one of us remembered a favorite charity or cause in our will or estate plan. Help us make our Southeast Kansas communities a better place to live. **Consider leaving a legacy gift** through the Community Foundation. For more information contact us at 620-231-8897.

Sincerely,

Kit Parks, Executive Director

**“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy” - Kalu Kalu**

## 2016 Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Scholarship Recipients

### **M. Lee and Noretta Caldwell Scholarship**

Audrey Audiss – Erie High School  
Meghan Fountain—Northeast High School  
Bethany Robison—Fort Scott High School  
Amanda Trull—Paola Adult Education Center

### **Dr. Daniel & Jeannette Minnis Oral Health Scholarship**

Anthony Diskin – Pittsburg State University

### **Commerce Bank Scholarship**

Peyton Wydick - St. Mary's Colgan  
Amanda Hoffman – Pittsburg High School

### **Short Family Scholarship**

Will Jewett - Pittsburg High School  
Devon Coulter - Pittsburg High School

### **Pat Forbes Scholarship**

Peyton Wydick - St. Mary's Colgan

### **Craig Crespino Scholarship**

Corey Hollis – St. Mary's Colgan  
Laike Damman - Girard High School

### **Tyler Jeck Scholarship**

Jared Johnson – St. Marys' Colgan  
Sawyer Esch – St. Mary's Colgan

### **Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Scholarship**

Kennedi Fields – Frontenac High School \*  
Laike Damman – Girard High School  
Jessica Zamora – Northeast High School  
Abigail Harris – Pittsburg High School \*  
Joshua Lee – Pittsburg High School  
Sawyer Esch – St. Mary's Colgan  
Sicily Stahl – St. Mary's Colgan

### **Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Dragon Award**

Will Mengarelli – Pittsburg High School

\*Chosen to receive Get Busy Livin' Volunteer  
Abroad Grant



The Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Foundation (GBL) has been busy in 2016. They proudly announced two new programs sponsoring youth volunteerism activities. The desire to serve others has always been ingrained in the GBL philosophy. Dylan began volunteering early in his life through sports and various activities teaching leadership, hard work and camaraderie to all those he came in contact with. Later he combined his volunteering efforts with his love for adventure, traveling throughout the world.

A specific fund was established to provide matching grants to be used for the purpose of any and all activities relating to youth volunteerism. As a result, six groups received grants to fund youth volunteerism projects in the southeast Kansas area. Also, two of the GBL scholarship recipients were selected to participate in a volunteer abroad program in the Mayan Highland region of Guatemala in July.

Your donations and participation in this year's 5k run and walk enabled these programs to take flight. The GBL Foundation wanted 2016 to be the year that 'Get Busy Livin', gets busy givin'.



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## CFSEK Welcomes New Office Administrator

We were sad to see Marlene Braker leave the CFSEK staff as Office Administrator, but have been quite pleased to have Kim Lynch join our staff in that same position. Kim came to us in February as a recent Pittsburg State University graduate from the School of Business in Accounting. While at PSU, she was a Dean's Scholastic Honor student and a member of the Accounting and Information Systems Association. She adds to her educational training a long history of accounting and bookkeeping experience as well as several years in the field of education.

A native of Missouri, Kim has been a Pittsburg resident for 32 years. We're glad Kim has become part of our office and the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. We look forward to many years of working together.



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