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Winter 2018

Match Day 2018 A Great Success



#GIVING
TUESDAY



Tuesday, November 27, National#GivingTuesday, was an exciting day filled with gratitude and amazement at the Community Foundation office! We are delighted to announce a grand total of our third Match Day event**\$205,017!** Private donations were raised in the amount of \$175,017, plus the \$30,000 match provided by the Community Foundation. "We are blessed to live in a community that is filled with such generous people who believe in these organizations and the services they provide", Kit Parks, Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) Executive Director.

National#GivingTuesday became a movement in 2012 inspiring a global day of giving that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Twenty area non-profit organizations that have endowed funds with CFSEK accepted the invitation to participate in Match Day 2018. Organizations were eligible for a portion of the \$30,000 matching funds based on a pro-rated percentage, not to exceed 20% of the match total. All donations to an organization and the match donation from CFSEK are placed in the organization's endowment fund. Organization endowment funds are invested for the purpose of producing present and future income annually, with distributions used for their operating, programming or special projects .

The Community Foundation is thrilled to provide this Match Day opportunity to organizations because the work they do and the services they provide are important and make a real difference in our community. The success of this event is attributed to the many philanthropic partners who care about others and the well-being of their community. Thank you to everyone who made Match Day a success!

Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their leadership in 2018:

Kevin Mitchelson-President, Ron Rhodes-Vice President, Chris Ward-Secretary, Douglas Stuckey-Treasurer, Marty Beezley, Todd Coleman, Dale Coomes, Vicki Dennett, Jeff Elliott, Linda Grilz, Paul Grimes, Joe Hart, Connie Kays, Rob Lessen, Crystal Marietta, David Martin, Wilda Pentola, Pam Phalen, Diana Polston, Mark Schifferdecker, Betty Scripsick, Becky Sloan, Montie Taylor, Wendell Wilkinson, Talaat Yagmour

2018 Annual Grant Celebration

Grant recipients, board members, and friends of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) gathered at the Wilkinson Alumni Center on the PSU campus Tuesday, November 13, to celebrate and recognize the organizations who received grant funding through CFSEK in 2018. Ninety nine grants totaling of over \$238,000 were awarded from the Community Foundation general grant funds, the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund Giving Circles, the Future Fund Giving Circle, the Get Busy Livin' Foundation and the Elm Acres Foundation. Angels Among Us, a CFSEK partner organization, provided food, beverage and beautiful décor for the evening. Musical entertainment was provided by McKenna Shaw representing the PHS musical theatre production of Urinetown. A special part of the evening was hearing representatives from several of the organizations who shared a story or successes about the impact of the grant funded project. Please see the listing of the 2018 grant recipients on the following page.



Cathy Farmer, St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Schools student, shared from a college application essay about her experience on the Our Lady of Lourdes West Virginia youth mission trip which received funding from the Get Busy Livin' Foundation. Cathy's message was such a hit she gave us permission to share some of what she had to say. **"Your generosity has been put forth to such amazing use. Not only are we able to go to West Virginia and physically help the people we meet there, we are able to take a step back from our hectic lives for a week, see the beauty both in the grandeur of the mountains and the simplicity of the lifestyle people live, and truly appreciate the gifts we have been given. I want to thank you on behalf of every student who attends our Mission Trip, but I want to extend a very personal thank you to you as well. Without your recognition of the importance of experiences such as these and your selfless generosity, many kids, including myself, would not be blessed with the understanding of how incredibly fortunate we are to have what we do have and the determination to strive for those intangibles in which we are lacking. Yes, on this trip we are able to help others in need, but I truly believe that most of the students who attend could attest to the fact that we take away so much more than the feeling of accomplishment or simply knowing that we have helped someone else."**

We thank Cathy for sharing her story at our celebration and allowing us to also share it in our newsletter. Her experience brings home the importance of the granting CFSEK funds allow us to be part of here in SEK and elsewhere. Cathy's complete "The Mission to Finding Peace" essay can be found on our blog page at www.southeastkansas.org.



2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

CFSEK General Grants

Arts & Culture

USD 250 PHS Theatre

Basic Human Needs

Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition

Catholic Charities Inc.

CLASS LTD

Eastern Kansas Adult Education

Families & Children Together, Inc.

First United Methodist Church - Wesley House

Kansas Children's Service League

K-State Research & Extension

Labette County Emergency Assistance Center

Labette Health Foundation

Mercy Hospital Fort Scott

Mount Carmel Foundation.

Next Steps Inc.

Safe Haven Outreach Mission

SEK Women Helping Women

Stilwell Heritage and Educational Foundation

Tri Valley Developmental Services

Youth Activities

Cherry Street Youth Center

Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

City of Arma Recreation

City of Girard

Curious Minds Discovery Zone

Family Resource Center

Horses of Hope Riding Center Inc.

Kids First Day Care & Preschool

Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush

Miner's Hall Museum

Pittsburg Public Library

PSU School of Nursing

Restorative Justice Authority

Special Olympics Kansas

USD 235 Uniontown

USD 246 Northeast (2)

USD 249 Frontenac

USD 506 Labette County

Elm Acres Foundation

Cherokee County Research & Extension

Community Health Center of SEK

First United Methodist Church - Wesley House

Horses of Hope Riding Center, Inc.

PSU Enactus

Restorative Justice Authority

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the 4 States

SEK Interlocal 637 (2)

Special Olympics Kansas

USD 250

USD 506

Future Fund

Communities in Schools of Mid-America, Inc.

Community Health Center of SEK

First United Methodist Church—Wesley House

Kansas Children's Service League

Pittsburg Mother to Mother Ministry

Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Foundation

PSU Enactus

SEK Humane Society

SEK Interlocal 637

SEK Women Helping Women

Special Olympics Kansas

The Lord's Diner

The Salvation Army

Get Busy Livin' Youth Volunteer Grants

Cherry Street Youth Center

Crawford County 4-H Junior Leaders

Galesburg Christian Church Youth Group

Labette County Fair/Boy Scouts

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Trip 2019

SEK Humane Society

Special Olympics Kansas

Rita J Bicknell Women's Health Fund

Circle of Friends

Crawford County Health Department

SEK Interlocal 637

Women's Resource Center of SEK

Women's Giving Circle

Angels Among Us Inc.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas

Labette Health Foundation

PSU School of Nursing

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the 4 States

Special Olympics Kansas

Charitable Giving Funds – Benefitting our Community

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) was founded in 2001 by a group of citizens interested in encouraging charitable giving and strengthening communities. Community Foundations are public, nonprofit organizations that seek to increase charitable giving and bringing donors and worthy causes together.

The long term goal of CFSEK is to build permanent funds, supported by many donors for the purpose of reinvesting in our local area. Preserving the area we call “home” describes our mission. CFSEK gives citizens of this area the opportunity to make a lasting gift to the community to give resources back to their hometown area, where they grew up and enjoyed a good life.

Donors want to give to charitable causes they care about. Perhaps their church, or school where they or their children attended, or a park where their grandchildren play. They want to ensure that future generations benefit from the wonderful resources in the community.

The Community Foundation pools the assets and represents the ideas and interests of people who want to increase the impact of their philanthropy. It is not a place to give money, but rather a method of giving money for charitable purposes.

The Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses, and foundations to carry out their charitable objectives, while offering flexibility and providing tax advantages.

CFSEK can help you establish a fund in your own name or in the name of someone you want to honor. Almost any charitable purpose can be served through a variety of funds. Endowment funds or perpetual funds only disburse a spendable percentage or earned income, not the principal. This enables the fund to grow, increasing disbursements over time to chosen charities in perpetuity. Non-endowed funds may also be established allowing the principal of the fund to be disbursed to chosen charities, at the suggestion of the funds advisors.

A gift to CFSEK is a gift to the future of our community. CFSEK is the host for 155 funds which donations are accepted, to support many causes such as: Education, Arts, Culture & Humanities, Health & Wellness, Animals, and for Public & Societal Benefits.

To make a contribution, or if you are interested in establishing a charitable fund, call the 620-231-8897 or email kit.parks@southeastkansas.org.

For more information visit our website at www.southeastkansas.org



This time of year inspires us to count our blessings! We want to thank individuals in our community for being a part of our work, our philanthropic partner and believing in the services and benefits the Community Foundation provides. We wish you and yours a Happy Holiday and Joyous New Year!

CFSEK Board and Staff