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## MATCH DAY 2019 RAISES OVER \$109,000!



On December 3rd, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas hosted its fourth annual Match Day. CFSEK holds Match Day every year to celebrate giving back to the community on “Giving Tuesday,” a day dedicated to giving and philanthropy.

CFSEK is pleased to announce that the 2019 Match Day grand total is **\$144,894!** Community contributions raised \$109,894, and the Foundation gave an additional \$35,000 in match funds on a pro-rated percentage basis. The 24 participating non-profit organizations benefited by increasing their endowed funds, which will generate present and future income annually to address community needs.

Since the Community Foundation’s first Match Day in 2016, the event has raised more than **\$550,000** to support non-profit organizations that provide essential services and opportunities in our community.

“CFSEK was honored to host Match Day again this year,” said Community Foundation Director Kit Parks. “Hundreds of community members gave to organizations that do so much for our community every day. Each donor and every donation is an important part of our campaign’s success. We are grateful to everyone who supported this event on Giving Tuesday.”

Learn more about Match Day by visiting [www.southeastkansas.org/post.cfm/match-day-2019](http://www.southeastkansas.org/post.cfm/match-day-2019).



## CFSEK GRANT CELEBRATION 2019

On Tuesday, November 12th, CFSEK hosted its annual Grant Celebration at the Wilkinson Alumni Center. More than 100 grant recipients, board members, and friends of CFSEK attended to celebrate the work of the nonprofit agencies that serve our community and its needs.

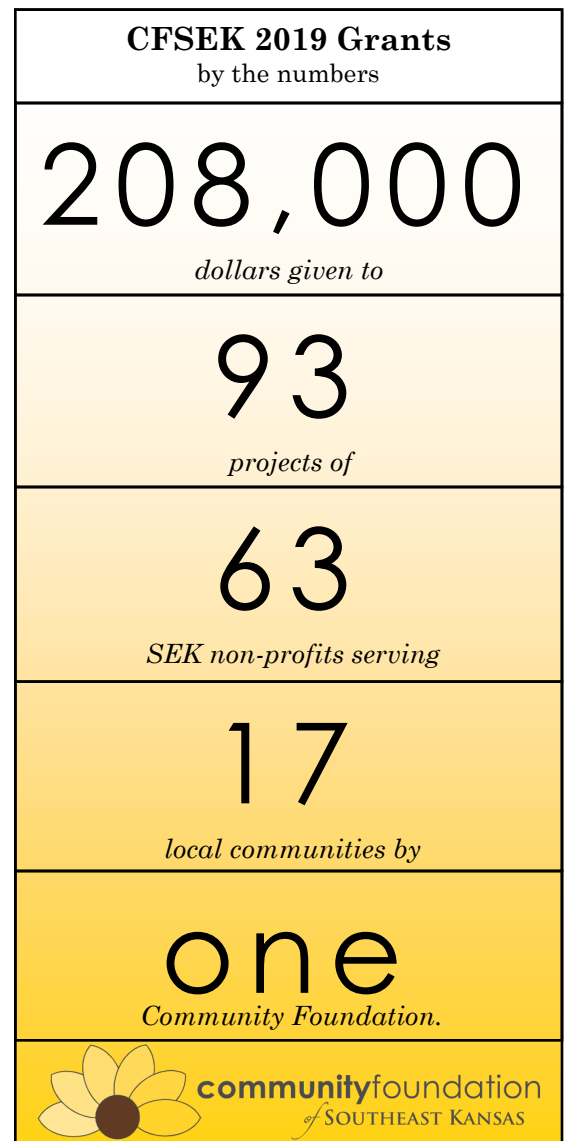
Attendees heard from representatives of seven featured organizations about how they put CFSEK grants to use improving the quality of life for SEK residents.

During 2019, 93 grants totaling \$208,000 were given from CFSEK's 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. The Foundation holds annual grant cycles that accept applications from non-profits, government entities, educational institutions, and religious organizations across the SEK region.

A list of all 2019 grant recipients can be found below.



Program Coordinator Sherri Stephens and former CFSEK Board President Joe Hart attended the Grant Celebration 2019.



Read the Morning Sun's report on the Grant Celebration at [bit.ly/grantcel19](http://bit.ly/grantcel19).



## 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS

### CFSEK General Fund Grants

#### *Arts & Culture*

- Miners Hall Museum

#### *Basic Human Needs*

- Beacon, Inc.
- Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition, Inc.
- Catholic Charities, Inc.
- Class Ltd.
- Eastern Kansas Adult Education through Neosho Community College
- Friends of Recovery Association
- Labette Community College Adult Education
- Labette County Emergency Assistance Center
- Labette Health Foundation
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Safe Haven Outreach Mission
- SEK Women Helping Women: A Fairy Godmother's Fund
- Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging
- TFI Family Services, Inc.
- Women's Resource Center of SEK

#### *Youth Activities*

- Cherry Street Youth Center
- City of Edna
- City of Pittsburg Parks & Recreation
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
- Curious Minds Discovery Zone Inc.
- Family Resource Center
- First United Methodist Church Fort Scott
- Fostering Connections
- Good Shepherd Child Care Center
- Gordon Parks Center for Culture & Diversity
- Horses of Hope Riding Center, Inc.
- Kids First Day Care & Preschool
- K-State Research & Extension Wildcat Extension Education Foundation
- KVC Behavioral Health, Inc.
- Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush
- Northeast USD 246
- Ozark Trails Council
- Pittsburg Family YMCA
- Pittsburg Public Library
- PSU School of Nursing
- RV Haderlein Elementary
- Safehouse Crisis Center
- SEK Interlocal 637
- Special Olympics Kansas
- Spring River Mental Health & Wellness
- The Salvation Army
- USD 234 Fort Scott
- USD 234 Fort Scott Winfield Elementary
- USD 250
- USD 250 Lakeside Elementary
- USD 506 Meadow View
- Victory Life Center
- Fort Scott Area Community Foundation
- Girard Area Community Foundation

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Learn more about all these grants: [www.southeastkansas.org/page.cfm/for-grantseekers](http://www.southeastkansas.org/page.cfm/for-grantseekers).

**Future Fund Giving Circle Grants**

- Chicopee Foundation on behalf of Cato School
- Children’s Advocacy Center
- Family Resource Center
- Girard Warriors Youth Track Club
- Homer Cole Community Center, Inc.
- Kansas Children’s Service League
- Kansas Kids Gear Up
- Pittsburg State University
- PSU Enactus
- PSU Foundation
- Quilts of Valor
- Restorative Justice Authority
- Safehouse Crisis Center
- SEK Women Helping Women: A Fairy Godmother’s Fund
- Special Olympics Kansas (New Hope)
- The Salvation Army

**Get Busy Livin’ Foundation**

- Boy Scouts/Labette County Fair
- Pitt Chapel Church of God
- Erie High School Leadership
- Fostering Connections
- Northeast Arma 8th Grade
- Northeast Arma 4th Grade
- Special Olympics
- SEK Humane Society
- Wildcat Extension Foundation



**Rita J. Bicknell Women’s Health Fund Grants**

*Women’s Giving Circle*

- Angels Among Us Inc.
- Community Health Center of SEK, Inc.
- Fostering Connections
- Horses of Hope
- Pittsburg State University School of Nursing
- Women’s Resource Center of SEK

*Circle of Friends*

- Angels Among Us
- Fostering Connections
- Southeast Kansas Special Education Interlocal 637



**Elm Acres Foundation Grants**

- Family Resource Center
- Fostering Connections
- Mount Carmel Foundation
- PHS Club 209A
- Special Olympics Kansas, Inc.



**Mark your calendar!** Our 2020 grant cycles are just around the corner. Here are the general timeframes grantseekers need to know:

- **Spring 2020:** Get Busy Livin’ Foundation, Elm Acres Foundation, RJB Women’s Health Fund Women’s Giving Circle & Circle of Friends
- **Summer 2020:** CFSEK General Fund, Future Fund Giving Circle

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## SPEAKER OFFERS LESSONS FOR WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY



CFSEK offered a training specifically for women interested in philanthropy. Empowering Women was the focus of a Lunch & Learn on September 26. Sandi Fruit traveled to Pittsburg from central Kansas to talk to women from our SEK communities about money, managing it, and using it to build a family legacy. A small group of women gathered to hear about the unique role women have in retirement, what it means to be part of a sandwich generation, and stories about Kansas women who have impacted their own communities.

Sandi shared her knowledge from 25+ years of experience in non-profit management, planned giving, marketing, and public relations in higher education and healthcare. Sandi retired as the Executive Director of the Central Kansas Community Foundation in 2014. She continues to be a champion for community foundations across Kansas.

Throughout the year, CFSEK offers educational opportunities as a service to the community. Empowering Women was the third community service provided this year. A grant writing training was offered in collaboration with Kansas State University Research & Extension in April. Every June, an estate planning continuing education training is offered to area professional advisors. CFSEK enjoys being able to provide these needed opportunities to the community as another way of carrying out our mission.

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## YEAR-END GIVING STRATEGIES YOU SHOULD KNOW

The end of 2019 is fast approaching, and that means many area residents are thinking about saving money on taxes. For many, reducing their annual tax burden through charitable giving has become a little trickier in recent years thanks to changes in federal tax laws. Those changes include an increase in the standard deduction, shrinking the number of Americans who can itemize.



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Fortunately, legal and tax professionals can help taxpayers use creative giving strategies to continue taking advantage of the charitable deduction, such as:

- **Bunching multiple years' donations into a single year.** By combining bunching with a donor-advised fund, a donor can claim a tax deduction in the current year and still remain involved in distributing the funds to nonprofits in subsequent years.
- **Charitable rollovers from an IRA.** Individuals who must take a required minimum distribution from a tax-deferred IRA can offset the taxable amount of the RMD up to \$100,000 by making a non-taxable qualified charitable distribution. (This benefit is not available for distributions to a donor-advised fund.)

To learn more about these giving strategies, contact your CPA or other tax professional. To learn more about donor-advised funds, [contact us](#) at the Community Foundation.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees is made up of SEK community members who volunteer their time to help guide and improve the Foundation's work. Each member serves for up to three consecutive three-year terms.

At the end of 2019, three of our Board members will have served for three consecutive terms, meaning they will be going off the Board. We're going to miss Vicki Dennett, Kevin Mitchelson, and Montie Taylor in 2020. Thank you to them and all our Board members for your thoughtful guidance in 2019!

### CFSEK 2019 Board of Trustees:

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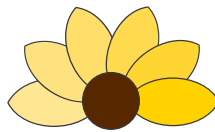
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