



The Charitable Connection

THE PITTSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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PACF Plans for the Future

PACF Board and committee members participated in a strategic planning session on April 12, 2004, to set goals for the next 18 months.

After a preliminary discussion of the successes of the past three years, the group considered the changes which will be necessary for PACF to continue this successful pattern in the future.

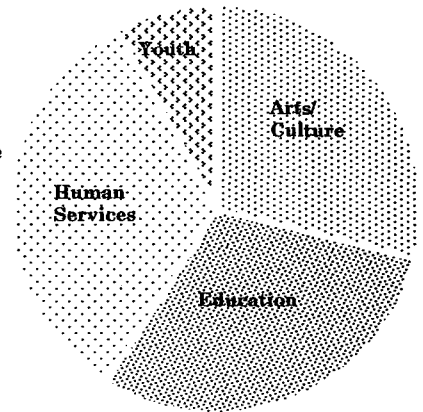
The PACF established a two-fold focus: 1) Provide donor services to help donors achieve their charitable goals, and 2) build a permanent pool of assets to improve the quality of life in the county-wide community.

According to Lynda Wilkinson, PACF President, "The planning session went very well. Although we have outlined a lot of ambitious projects, I have confidence that our Board and Committee members are up to the task."

PACF Grant History

Since the PACF was organized in 2000, more than \$126,000 in grants has been given through the PACF. Although the majority of these grants were made from donor advised funds, it was the venue of the PACF that allowed these grants to be given in a timely, efficient fashion.

Following is a chart showing the grant categories:



Arts/Culture	\$36,815 — 29%
Education	\$37,500 — 30%
Human Services	\$42,161 — 33%
Youth	\$10,000 — 8%

Focus on Affiliated Funds

Franklin Community Council Fund

As the first anniversary of the devastating tornado approaches, the Franklin Community Council has begun a major fundraising campaign not only to build a playground for the children of the community, but also to rebuild the cultural heart of the town – the Franklin Community Center. It is hoped that this campaign will jump start the effort to rebuild the community of Franklin.

In addition to the fundraising effort, the Franklin Community Council has extended invitations to the general public for two special events.

On Arbor Day – April 30, 2004 – at

10:00 a.m., the Franklin Community "Rebirth" will begin with the help of volunteers to plant 200 trees from one end of Broadway Street to the other.

A memorial service will be held on May 4, 2004, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The service will be conducted to remember the one fatality, Josephine "Jo" Maghe, as well as the devastation of the entire community. Participants are invited to assemble at the site of the old community center at the corner of Fifth and Broadway in Franklin. For more information about either event or about making contributions to the fund, contact Veda Maxwell at 620-347-4747

Children's Advocacy Center Fund

Supporters and fans enjoyed the Children's Advocacy Center's Fifth Annual Harlem All Stars vs. Anchors and Enforcers basketball game on April 15, 2004. According to Sandy Morris, CAC Executive Director, this annual "fun raiser" gives families an opportunity to enjoy an evening of entertainment together at a nominal cost while supporting a good cause.

For more information about the CAC Fund, contact Sandy Morris at 620-235-0067

Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation Fund

Ron Marrone, President of the USD 250 Foundation, welcomed guests to the USD 250 Foundation's annual dinner meeting on April 16, 2004, at Westside Elementary School.

During the program, four schools were awarded grants to encourage their students to study and learn through innovative methods. Westside Elementary School received a grant to extend its

Chicago Everyday Mathematics Program. Every third and fourth grade student will receive math games which they can take home to play with parents and siblings.

Lakeside Elementary School was awarded a grant to assemble Lakeside Literacy Baskets to be placed in local doctors' offices and Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center waiting rooms. These baskets will afford extra opportunities for those who cannot read English to become acquainted with the language in a

non-threatening environment.

A grant to Meadowlark Elementary School will provide a book binding machine that will be used each year to bind books written and illustrated by students.

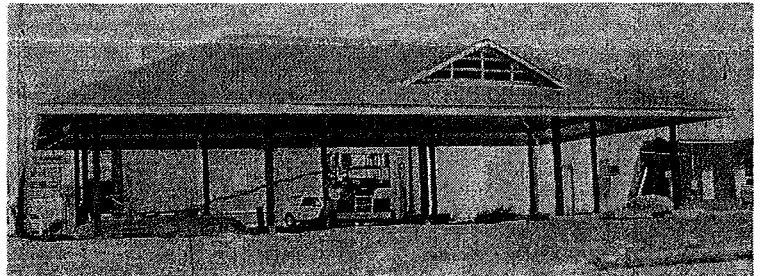
Pittsburg High School received a grant to increase the numbers of students who may participate in the rock climbing wall activities.

For more information about the USD 250 Foundation Fund, contact Ron Marrone at 620-231-6610.

Immigrant Park Fund

The Immigrant Park fund was established to support the design and development of a linear park along abandoned WATCO rail lines on Second Street between Pine and Locust. The Pritchett Pavilion which is already under construction stands on the site of the old Frisco Railroad Depot. Most of the immigrants who came from Europe in the 1800's and 1900's arrived in this area by rail, disembarking at this very location. To commemorate these arrivals, paving stones will be available for purchase to honor either an immigrant who came to this country or anyone who has worked or still works in the railroad industry. Because the coal mining industry also played an important role in the development of the area, the Miners' Memorial will honor those who worked in the mines, as well as the wives, mothers and children who participated in this very difficult way of life.

Kaye Lynne Webb, Immigrant Park Coordinator, hopes to have the Pritchett Pavilion completed by the end of the summer, and the entire park area completed in three years. For more information about this project, contact Kaye Lynne Webb at 620-231-4858.



The Pritchett Pavilion

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