



# Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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## **Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Completes Goal**



The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas celebrated Christmas early. The Kansas Health Foundation challenge of raising \$700,000 endowed dollars by the end of 2006 has been completed. Chris Ward made the announcement to foundation trustees at the November 20, board meeting. "The Kansas Health Foundation has been instrumental to the success of our foundation. By completing this challenge, Kansas Health Foundation has agreed to match, dollar for dollar, the \$700,000 raised locally. The KHF challenge dollars will be placed in the KHF Endowed Children's Fund, which we administer. Grants from this fund are made to local agencies each fall, explained Ward."

Trustees were quick to point out that the success of meeting this challenge reflects positively on donors in Southeast Kansas. Agencies and individual donors that contributed to CFSEK endowments believe in the future of Southeast Kansas. Endowment funds invest the principal and use the returns on investments to make charitable grants.

CFSEK has participated in the Kansas Health Foundation GROW initiatives since 2001. The GROW (Giving Resources to Our World) Healthy Kansas Initiative is a partnership between the Kansas Health Foundation and a select group of community foundations throughout the state of Kansas. The Kansas Health Foundation believes that Kansas community foundations build and strengthen their communities.

## **Foundation Receives Grant from Kansas Health Foundation**

CFSEK recently received a 3 year-\$300,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to improve nutrition and physical activity awareness in the southeast Kansas area. Local awareness efforts will combine with the state-wide public motivation campaign, "change something", that was launched by KHF in early September. According to Marni Vliet, president & CEO of KHF, "The 'change something' campaign serves as a reminder that opportunities exist all around us to be more physically active and incorporate healthier eating habits. Simple, daily changes add up to healthier lifestyles and

improve the health outlook for Kansans."

A public mall walk kick-off event for the local "change something" campaign will be held on Monday, January 1, 2007, at Meadowbrook Mall from 1-3 p.m. Additionally, the CFSEK will be conducting a county-wide listening tour as a means of engaging county citizens in conversations concerning the areas of nutrition and physical activity. If you or your group/organization would like to be included in the listening tour, please call the Community Foundation office at 231-8897.

## **FUTURE FUND MAKES FIRST GRANT**

The 2006 Future Fund group met November 3, 2006 at Bricktown for their annual fall business meeting. It was announced that the endowment fund has a balance of just over \$45,000. The group noted that the fund was well on its way to the 5 year-\$100,000 goal set in its first year.

The Future Fund grant committee presented 3 grant candidates for review. Those in attendance voted to grant \$1,100.00 to the Women's Resource Center to be used for additional parenting curriculum. This grant marked the first gift to the community from the Future Fund. The group will continue to make grants on a yearly basis at its fall business meeting.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Future Fund, the Fund is a group of community leaders that are pooling their resources for

charitable projects in the area. With tax-deductible contributions, members are building a permanent endowment fund. A yearly membership is open to anyone making a \$250.00 donation. Membership social events will be held twice a year. Listed below is the membership roster as of December 8, 2006. For more information on joining the Future Fund, please contact the CFSEK at 620-231-8897.

*\*\*\* We are excited to announce that on November 6, 2006, the Future Fund received a gift of \$40,000.00 from an anonymous donor. Congratulations, Future Fund members! Your commitment to the Fund and to philanthropy in the Southeast Kansas area has been rewarded! Keep up the good work. \*\*\**

Rick and Susan Baden	Harvey and Sharon Dean	Matt and Kim Lowe	Ray and Zoe Ryan
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Pat and Bonnie Crossland	Kevin and Cynthia Komes	Ron and Barbara Rhodes	Talaat and Marie Yaghmour
Chris and Jamie Lee Curtis	Rob and Bette Lessen		George and Dana Yaghmour

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



Chris Ward  
Exec. Dir.

Many thanks to the donors who helped make our goal of reaching \$700,000. Your generosity has helped us meet our current goal so future generations will benefit.. Now, the CFSEK will receive \$700,000 as a match from the Kansas Health Foundation which will be placed in our KHF Children's Fund. This fund will soon contain over 1 million dollars!!! Philanthropy is alive and well in Southeast Kansas.

We encourage you to continue to plan your gifts thoughtfully and to consider how your gift can benefit you as well. An outright gift to the CFSEK unrestricted fund gives us resources to meet immediate community needs. In turn, it provides you with maximum tax benefits. An end of the year gift needs to be postmarked before December 31, 2006 to insure the 2006 tax benefit. Recent gifts made from this fund are listed on the back page.

You may, however, prefer to make an estate gift to the CFSEK unrestricted fund. Even though the gift cannot be used immediately, it will be critically important to the long term financial strength of the CFSEK and will help ensure our ability to meet opportunities and future challenges. The CFSEK unrestricted fund is permanent and grants will always benefit agencies in Southeast Kansas.

Happy Holidays,  
Chris, Kim, and Megan

**NEW! Charitable IRA Rollover**

If you are age 70-1/2 or older, new legislation now allows you to make cash gifts totaling \$100,000 per year from your traditional or Roth IRA to qualified charities without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. On August 17<sup>th</sup> President Bush signed H.R. 4, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, into law. This bill contains a two-year IRA Charitable Rollover provision that allows people over 70-1/2 or older to exclude up to

\$100,000 from their gross income in tax years 2006 and 2007 for cash gifts made directly to a qualified charity. This is good news for people who want to make a charitable gift during their lifetime from their retirement assets, but have been discouraged from doing so because of the income tax penalty. The following is a list of our affiliated funds that would qualify for an IRA rollover gift. Contact the CFSEK for details.

**QUALIFYING AFFILIATED FUNDS:**

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| Angels Among Us              | Children's Advocacy Center             | SKIL, Inc.                          |
| Lyerla Mem. Xmas Decorations | Pittsburg Pub. Library Found.          | Future Fund                         |
| Big Brutus, Inc              | Crespino Scholarship Fund              | Special Arts Explorers              |
| Mother to Mother Ministry    | Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation           | Girard Public Library               |
| Caring for Kids              | Family Resource Center                 | Stilwell Heritage and Edu. Fund     |
| Northeast USD 246 Foundation | Raymond Community Home                 | Immigrant Park/<br>Miners' Memorial |
| Cato School Preservation     | Franklin Community Council             | United Way of Crawford County       |
| Pittsburg Arts and Culture   | SEK Humane Society                     | J.L. Hutchinson League              |
| CFSEK KHF Children's Fund    | Friends of Ft. Scott Animal<br>Shelter | Big Brothers Big Sisters            |
| Pittsburg Beautiful          |                                        |                                     |

**2006 CFSEK AREA GRANTMAKING**

Special Arts Explorers: artist stipends, workshop materials, costumes, musical instrumentals, etc.

Bourbon County Coalition: vouchers for summer swim lessons and passes, day camp, and activities.

Catholic Charities: utility assistance for families, transportation, and parenting classes.

Children's Advocacy Center: training for SRS staff, law enforcement and prosecutors in the field of child sexual abuse.

Community Health Center of SEK: equipment for a children's examination room in the new medical/mental health clinic.

Operation Car Care: materials for "Operation Car Care".

Family Resource Center: Replacement of a 30 year old commercial refrigerator.

Mother to Mother Ministry, Pittsburg: purchase of items to help ensure the safety of the partner mom's children.

Mt. Carmel Hospital: medication assistance to children and families residing in Southeast Kansas.

New Hope Special Olympics: activities for those with developmental disabilities in Crawford County.

Pittsburg Beautiful: help purchase a "work of art" that will enhance downtown Pittsburg.

Pittsburg Community Children's Theatre: royalties for a summer theatre performance.

Southeast Kansas Independent Living (SKIL): assistive technology improvements.

St. Paul Alumni & Friends Association: To help with park plumbing repairs which will enable the restrooms to reopen.

Walnut City Park Helpers: To help with additional park improvements.

Wesley House: Funds will be used for the Children's Summer Food Program.

Women 2 Women: school supplies, clothing, and Christmas gifts for underprivileged children ages 5 -18 in Girard area.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Annual Celebration**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2007**  
**5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Memorial Auditorium**

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