



Pittsburg Area Community Foundation

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The PACF Exceeds the Kansas Health Foundation's Challenge!

"Two years ago the Kansas Health Foundation challenged the PACF to raise \$500,000 in endowed funds. We took a deep breath and said, 'Sure, we can do that,'" Lynda Wilkinson, PACF Board President remembers.

The Kansas Health Foundation offered to match every endowed dollar raised up to \$500,000 with 50 cents if PACF met the goal.

Wilkinson noted, "We are deeply thankful and humbled by the generosity of philanthropic minded people in our area who helped us exceed the goal.

"Through the generosity of these donors and the active involvement of our affiliated funds, we raised \$655,750 in qualifying endowed money.

"This is an incredible testimony to the commitment of people in our area to enhancing the quality of life with funds that will be there forever."

PACF Celebrates Successful Year

Cold, blustery weather did not dampen the festivities of donors celebrating the success of the PACF in meeting the Kansas Health Foundation's challenge to raise \$500,000 in endowed funds.

"All of you helped meet the goal! Thank you!" said Lynda Wilkinson as she addressed donors who gathered at the January 27th celebration. "We are deeply thankful for your interest in and support of the PACF and its affiliated funds."



Above: Lynda Wilkinson PACF President and Joe Beauchamp Chair of the Grant Making Committee, Shari Coatney and Dave Sorrick from SKIL, Kevin Mitchelson PACF Treasurer.

Bill Peterson from Herrington, KS, capped off the celebration with a humorous presentation. Focusing on the importance of laughter in our lives, Mr. Peterson's remarks brought smiles and laughter to the room.

Additionally, he emphasized our community is unique in coming together for worthwhile causes. His comedy was very pertinent to the audience and enjoyed by everyone in attendance.



Above: Judy Scudamore PACF Executive Director speaks with guests Robert and Joyce Medford.

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Total PACF Assets Jump in 2003

The total assets of the PACF more than doubled from the end of 2002 to the end of 2003, according to Kevin Mitchelson, PACF Treasurer.

“At the end of 2003, the PACF had total assets of \$1,912,774. This is up from \$761,252 at the end of 2002,” explained Mitchelson.

“Approximately 50% of the total assets are in endowed or permanent funds that will be there forever for our affiliated funds and the county-wide area.”

Year	Total Assets
2000	\$662,653
2001	\$701,089
2002	\$761,252
2003	\$1,912,774

Four Elected to Board of Trustees

Four new Board members have been elected to the PACF Board of Trustees.

Larry Coltrane is Assistant Director of the Southeast Kansas Interlocal No. 637. He is a life-long resident of the Cherokee area and lives near West Mineral.

Dick Coleman is Vice President of Miller’s Professional Imaging. He is active on the boards of many community organizations and supportive of a wide variety of charitable organizations.

Steve Sloan is President of Midwest Minerals, Inc. He is active in the community and is currently serving on the Salvation Army Board and the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Board.

Magda Tawil is Office Manager for Elias A. Tawil, MD, FACS. Her involvement in organizations includes PEO, National American Arab Medical Association, Board of Directors of Crestwood Country Club, and Crawford County Medical Alliance.

“We are very pleased to welcome these active community members to the PACF Board of Trustees,” noted Gordon Elliott, Chairperson of the PACF Board Nominating and Development Committee. “We look forward to working with them and using their experiences and expertise for the benefit of the Crawford County area.”

New Funds Established

Twenty new funds were established within the PACF during 2003. “These funds include a wide range of charitable causes,” according to Judy Scudamore, Executive Director.

In the arts and culture area, the Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture fund was established with the funds remaining in the former PAC-CA organization. There is also a Pittsburg Beautiful fund was started to support the beautification of Pittsburg. Another fund in this general category is the Robert E. Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations fund. This fund will support the maintenance of the unique city Christmas decorations in Pittsburg.

Two non-permanent funds that are accepting donations are the Immigrant Park fund and the Kansas Mission of Mercy/Pittsburg fund.

The Immigrant Park fund was set up to support the design and development of a linear park area on abandoned WATCO rail lines along Second Street between Pine and Locust. The Park will commemorate the immigrants who settled in this area, establishing a rich, diverse culture. Focal points of Immigrant Park include the Miner’s Memorial, which will honor all who worked in the coal mines; the Pritchett Pavilion, which will honor those who worked in the railroad industry and a newly renovated area for the popular Farmer’s Market which runs from April 1 to November 30 each year.

The Kansas Mission of Mercy/Pittsburg fund was set up to accept donations to support a free dental clinic for area residents at the Weede Gymnasium at Pittsburg State University on April 30 and May 1 and 2.

Approximately 100 dentists, dental hygienists and assistants will donate their time and expertise to provide needed dental care for all who want to participate. The approximate cost to set up and conduct this project is \$80,000. This is only the third such clinic to be held in the state of Kansas and will utilize over 500 community volunteers.

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PACF Affiliated Funds include the following: Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture; Big Brother Big Sisters; Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.; Family Resource Center; Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations; Mother to Mother Ministry; Northeast USD 246 Foundation; Pittsburg Beautiful; Pittsburg Public Library Foundation; Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation; SKIL Inc (Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center); Southeast USD 247; Franklin Community Council, Immigrant Park; Kansas Mission of Mercy/ Pittsburg; United Way of Crawford County, Inc.; Disaster Relief; Lincoln Park Playground Equipment; and Vinylplex Scholarship.

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Ways To Give

The PACF and its affiliated funds accept gifts of many types. Some of the most common include:

- Gifts of cash. A gift of cash is the simplest way to establish a named fund or add to an existing fund at the PACF.
- Securities. Gifts of appreciated securities (bonds and stock, including stock in closely held companies) also may be used to establish a fund or add to existing funds.
- Life Insurance. Life insurance policies can be used as charitable gifts. If the PACF is named as the owner and beneficiary of the existing or new life insurance policy, the donor will receive an immediate tax deduction.
- Charitable Remainder Trusts. Charitable remainder trusts enable the donors to provide a lifetime income to themselves or to beneficiaries and leave the remainder of the estate to the PACF.
- Bequests. Bequests of cash or property through a will are usually deductible for federal and state tax purposes.
- Memorials. Memorials made in memory of a deceased person or in honor of living persons are testimonials that "make a difference."

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