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WE'RE EXPANDING!!!

Did you notice our name has changed? On May 23, 2005, the PACF Board of Trustees voted to change the current foundation name to reflect our vision to become the charitable bank of Southeast Kansas. Currently, Southeast Kansas Independent Living (SKIL), Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter, and the Special Arts Explorer Fund are located outside of Crawford County. While our headquarters will remain in Pittsburg, we would like to welcome donors from our surrounding area. By pooling the assets of Southeast Kansas, we can better serve the philanthropic needs of the communities in our area. We appreciate your continued support and good wishes as we become the COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECEIVES GRANT

After the devastating tornado hit Franklin, Kansas May 3, 2003 many area residents wondered if the town would survive. That question was answered when a group of citizens formed the Franklin Community Council in October of 2003. The purpose of the group is to organize residents of the community to work together to rebuild and restore the feeling of "home" and "community". Gathering funding for their vision of rebuilding the community center and park is a constant challenge. Knowing this, the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas would like to honor the spirit of this community as the rebuilding effort continues with a check for \$10,000. Phyllis Bitner, a member of the council said, "I just hope that everyone in the Foundation knows how much this money is appreciated and how grateful the community will be. This is a wonderful surprise and will help a great deal. We still need to raise additional funding but this check is very special to us."



**Chris Ward, CFSEK
Director presents a
check to Veda Maxwell,
treasurer of the
Franklin Community
Council.**
www.franklinkansas.com

WELCOME SPECIAL ARTS EXPLORER FUND

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas would like to welcome our newest organizational fund. When Georgia Becker moved to our area from Manhattan, Kansas, she discovered that activities were limited for persons with developmental disabilities. Georgia's son has Down's Syndrome and she cares for him at home.

With little more than a dream, Georgia and her daughter, Roxy Blessent, found others willing to establish an organization which provides social interaction and an appreciation of the arts for this population in Southeast Kansas. Through activities such as sing-a-longs, crafts, weaving, pottery and dance, they are filling a niche for those people who are unable to participate in Special Olympics or who are not sports oriented. Attendance varies at these activities from 10 to 32. Supplies and people willing to share their talent are needed. As with all non-profits, your contribution would be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible. Mail your check to CFSEK/ Special Arts Explorer Fund.

***Life is like a mirror.
It reflects all that we do.***

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Future Fund

On May 13, 2005, a “Cocktails and Conversation” themed evening marked the launch of an exciting new program at the



Debbie Brock, Becky Sloan, and Heidi Misasi (left to right) at the Future Fund launch event.

Community Foundation called the Future Fund. The Future 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. On an annual basis, 5% of the fund balance will be made available for granting to

organizations recommended by Future Fund members.

A yearly membership is open to anyone making a \$250.00 donation to the Future Fund Endowment. A membership may be an individual or a couple. Membership social events will be held twice a year.

For more information on joining the Future Fund, please contact the Community Foundation office at 620-231-8897.

A special thank you to the hosts for the May 13th event: Dr. Matt Lowe and Kim Holloman, Bill and Pam Phalen, and Steve and Becky Sloan.

“When we build, let us think that we build forever...”

John Ruskin

Future Fund Members (as of June 1, 2005)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



PACF Director
Chris Ward

Many of you desire to leave a lasting legacy to support the organizations or causes that you care about, or to the community you love. The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas helps make this a reality. (Note our new name!) We offer a variety of planned giving options, which offer you the opportunity to give in ways you might not have thought possible. As always, we recommend that you consult with a lawyer or financial planner.

We would like to recognize those of you who have included the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas in your planned giving. Many of you have made arrangements to benefit either the CFSEK or any of our funds through a bequest/will, life insurance, or a trust. Anyone who completes our intent form notifying us of their planned gift by December 31, 2006, will be designated a Charter member. Your name will be permanently engraved on our Legacy plaque and you will receive a certificate. We will consider you a very special friend and will honor you at our events and in our annual report.

Chris

WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE A WILL

A majority of Americans do not have wills-70% in fact.

Why is it that some 70% of us will spend a lifetime working, accumulating an estate, and caring for a family and loved ones, then leave the important matter of the distribution of our property up to state law, which may not be in accordance with our wishes?

One reason individuals die without a will is procrastination. Some feel they do not have enough money to justify a will and others feel that to make a will is to invite death. A further reason is the lack of familiarity with intestacy-a legal term that refers to the condition of dying without a will-and undoubtedly, the belief that property will be distributed by law in accordance with one's wishes.

The first three reasons are personal and cannot be dealt with here. The latter reason, intestacy, can and should be dispelled by facts. Probably no other document you sign in your lifetime is as important as a will.

With a will, you can: 1) determine whom, how and when your assets will be distributed 2) name an executor who will manage the estate in accordance with your intentions 3) create trusts for your spouse, children, or others, thus providing income for beneficiaries as well as saving taxes 4) reduce and sometimes eliminate estate taxes 5) make gifts to a charity. (A charitable organization never can inherit from the estate of an individual who dies without a will.)

Once a will is made, it should be kept in a safe place such as a bank's safe deposit box, or an attorney's vault. Let one or more people know where your will is placed. It should be made but not forgotten; it should be reviewed periodically and revised if needed. An excellent will drawn up 20 years ago may not be appropriate today.

When you include a bequest provision in your estate plan, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas will enroll you in our Legacy Society which honors those who make lasting gifts to the community.

Thoughtful giving begins with thoughts on giving.

Arthur C. Frantzreb

Community Foundation Legacy Society

The Community Foundation Legacy Society was created to thank and recognize individuals who want to make a lasting contribution to their community through estate, trust and long-term gifts to the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation. Membership in the society is simple: notify us that you have made or intend to make a planned gift to the Foundation or to any of our existing funds. Deferred gifts may be designated for deposit into any of the existing funds of the Foundation, or for the establishment of a new fund of the donor's choice. A new fund requires a \$10,000 pledge.

Anyone who returns our planned giving pledge notifying us of their intended gift to the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation prior to December 31, 2006, will receive a certificate designating him

or her as a Charter Member of the Community Foundation Legacy Society and will be permanently recognized as a Charter Member in our Annual Report. In addition, members will receive recognition at events and their name engraved on our Legacy plaque.

You are invited to join in this tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your name to our list with others who have realized the importance of a permanent endowment. We value the opportunity to thank donors now and show our appreciation for their generosity during their lifetime. We hope you will give us the opportunity to honor your visionary giving as you prepare to invest in the community even beyond your lifetime.

Planned gifts include:

Bequests	Charitable Lead Trusts
Charitable Gift Annuities	Life Insurance
Charitable Remainder Trusts	Retirement Plans

“A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.”

George Moore

CFSEK AFFILIATED FUNDS

Angels Among Us	Mother to Mother Ministry
Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture	Northeast USD 246 Foundation
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	PACF Children's Fund
Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	Pittsburg Beautiful
Disaster Relief	Pittsburg Public Library Foundation
Europe Park	Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation
Family Resource Center	SEK Humane Society
Franklin Community Council	SKIL Inc.
Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter	Southeast USD 247
Future Fund	Special Arts Explorer Fund
Immigrant Park/Miner's Memorial	United Way of Crawford County, Inc
Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations	Vinylplex, Inc. Scholarship Fund