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CFSEK AWARDS \$46,000 IN GRANTS

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Annual meeting was held at Memorial Auditorium on January 26, 2006. The CFSEK grants committee helped present 18 checks to area non-profit organizations totaling \$46,000. The committee reviewed 41 applications from Crawford, Cherokee, and Bourbon counties. "This was an extremely difficult decision because all the grant applications had quality projects," noted Larry Coltrane, grant chairman. Projects funded were: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County, Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition, Inc., Catholic Charities, Elm Acres, Family Resource Center, Hospital District #1 of Crawford County, Girard Lucky Riders 4-H, McCune Osage Township Library, New Hope Special Olympics, Operation Car Care, Partnership for All Cherokee County Children, Pittsburg Community Theatre, Junior Leadership Crawford County, Restorative Justice Authority, SEK Community Health Clinic of Cherokee, Special Arts Explorers, City of Walnut Parks Project, and Wesley House.

CFSEK President, Frank Dunnick, provided an update on the foundation assets which now total \$3.5 million dollars. Out going board trustees Gordon Elliott, C.L. Farabi, and Steve Ward were recognized for their quality service to the Foundation.

The Foundation congratulated the following new funds in 2005: SEK Humane Society Endowment, Big Brutus Endowment,



Frank Dunnick, CFSEK Board of Trustee President, and Chris Ward, CFSEK Executive Director, presented \$46,000 in grant dollars at the CFSEK Annual Meeting held on January 26, 2006.

Angels Among Us Endowment, Franklin Community Council Endowment, Pat Forbes Endowed Scholarship, Gabriel Ison Memorial Endowment, Caring For Kids Endowment, Rachel White Memorial Endowment, Oler Family Endowment, United Way Endowment, Steve and Christine Ward Endowment, Special Arts Explorers Fund, Europe Park, J.L. Hutchinson League Fund, Champions For Learners Fund, and the Future Fund Endowment. "The new endowments are helping us reach our Kansas Health Foundation goal of raising \$700,000 in permanent dollars by the end of December 2006. If this goal is met, Kansas Health Foundation will award an additional \$700,000 to our KHF Children's Fund which provides much of the grant dollars available to the CFSEK grant committee," explained Frank Dunnick.

***"Our quality of life is directly affected by how well the children
around us are raised." The Community of Kindness***

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CFSEK NEW TRUSTEES - 2006

The CFSEK is honored to announce the addition of three new members to the Board of Trustees.

Paul Hutsey began working for Prudential Insurance after graduating from PSU where he was an agency manager before becoming Vice-President of Sales. He is currently giving sales and service seminars. During the past 40 years, he has been heavily involved with charitable fund raising and community events which include his church, the YMCA, PSU Scholarships, Little Balkans, and Fiesta Italiana. He is a former PSU Trustee. A Frontenac High School graduate, he is President of the Frontenac Education Foundation, and in 2002 was awarded the "Friends of Education" award as school volunteer for the state of Kansas. He and his wife, Tip, reside in Pittsburg.

Richard Oler, a Parsons High School and PSU graduate, became a CPA in 1970. He is a partner with BKD, LLP. His volunteer service organizations include: Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburg Noon Rotary, PSU Foundation Trustee, Mt. Carmel Foundation, United Way and Mid-America, Inc. He is a member of the Kansas State Board of Accountancy. Mr. Oler resides in Pittsburg.

Judy Scudamore has an education background. She was an English teacher and guidance counselor at Medicine Lodge High School, a consultant and director at the KS Department of Education, served as a program director for the SEK Service Center at Greenbush, and was Asst. Superintendent for curriculum, staff development, and state/federal programs in the Pittsburg Community Schools. After retirement, she became the first executive director of the CFSEK. Judy is active in the community, serving on the boards of many charitable organizations. Judy and her husband, Jim, reside in Pittsburg.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR SEMINAR

On March 9, 2006, Kevin Petracek, J.D., CPA, LL.M.-Tax, Vice President -Wealth Management Services, A.G. Edwards & Sons, presented a two hour seminar at Crestwood Country Club on "Charitable Giving: Benefiting Your Clients and their Favorite Charities". Area accountants, attorneys, bank personal, trust departments,

insurance agents, stock brokers, and other financial advisors were invited. Special emphasis was placed on helping clients avoid unnecessary taxes through the use of charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and life insurance. Following the seminar, a reception was held for friends of the CFSEK.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we close out a successful year, I would like to share some important facts concerning our growth in 2005. The CFSEK received 534 gifts for a total dollar amount of \$1,155,263. Seventeen new funds were created, of which twelve were endowed. The grant committee funded 18 charitable grants by implementing a competitive grant process. These unrestricted dollars, made available from the CFSEK General Endowment Fund, Arts and Culture Endowment Fund, and the Kansas Health Foundation Endowed Children's Fund, allowed the Foundation to give back \$46,000 in 2005 to agencies helping families and children.

Our 47 managed funds (both endowed and non-permanent) also have grant dollars available to distribute. These funds provided an additional \$531,719 in gifts back to improve our area.

And this is our mission. We help make communities stronger by providing much needed monetary gifts to non-profit agencies. We provide donor services and allow tax exempt contributions. Currently, we are trying to raise \$350,000 in 2006. This will allow the CFSEK to receive an additional \$700,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation to place in the KHF Children's Fund. Our area can not afford to miss this opportunity.

You can help us meet this goal by making a donation to the CFSEK General Endowment Fund, any of our field of interest funds, or any of our unrestricted funds. This would be an excellent time to begin your own donor advised fund. Call to find out additional information.

Sincerely,

Chris Ward

CFSEK WELCOMES STILWELL HERITAGE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

The Hotel Stilwell and other historic Pittsburg properties are fortunate to have a group of citizens who recently established a field of interest fund for preservation and education. The Stilwell Heritage and Educational Foundation realized the need to secure a permanent funding vehicle to provide for future needs. By establishing an endowment with the CFSEK, donors can be assured that only interest, not principal, will be used to insure never-ending dollars to the Hotel Stilwell and other surrounding historic structures in downtown Pittsburg.

*"The wise know what needs doing.
The proficient know how it can be done.
The successful do it."*

Author Unknown



CFSEK announced a new endowment fund benefiting the Hotel Stilwell and surrounding properties at a recent donor event held on March 9, 2006. Pictured above are representatives of both organizations: Michael Doue, Pres.-Stilwell Foundation; Chris Ward, Exec. Dir.-CFSEK; Laura Carlson, Exec. Dir.-Stilwell Foundation; and Frank Dunnick, Pres.-CFSEK.

***Community Foundations
Your local giving partners.***

CFSEK AFFILIATED FUNDS

Angels Among Us	Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations
Big Brutus, Inc.	Mother to Mother Ministry
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	Northeast USD 246 Foundation
Caring For Kids	Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture
CFSEK KHF Children's Fund	Pittsburg Beautiful
Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	Pittsburg Public Library Foundation
Disaster Relief	Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation
Europe Park	SEK Humane Society
Family Resource Center	SKIL Inc.
Franklin Community Council	Southeast USD 247
Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter	Special Arts Explorer Fund
Future Fund	St.Mary's-Colgan/USD 250 Athletic Facilities
Immigrant Park/Miner's Memorial	Stilwell Heritage and Educational Fund
J.L. Hutchinson League	United Way of Crawford County, Inc

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