



# Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

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## ***COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SETS NEW GOAL***

### New Incentive to Phase V Challenge Announced

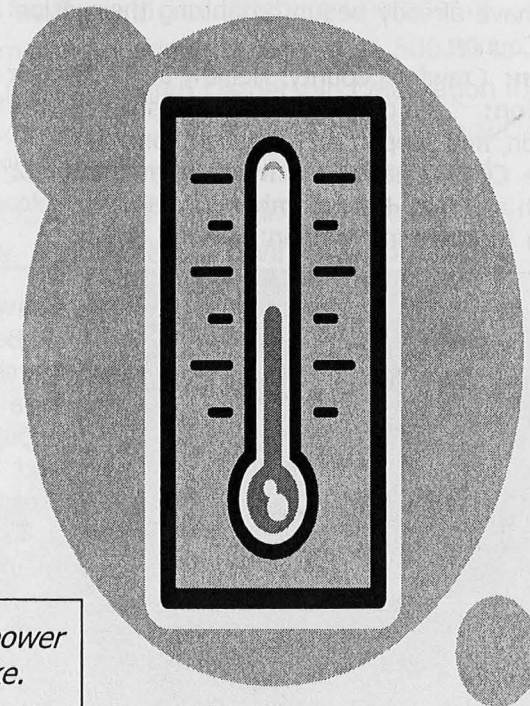
An opportunity to work with area school foundations has the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) in high gear. In January 2007, CFSEK Trustees accepted the Kansas Health Foundation's (KHF) latest Challenge (Phase V) to raise \$700,000 in endowed dollars before the end of December 2008. As many of you are aware, the CFSEK has participated since 2001 in a KHF program offered to several community foundations across the state of Kansas which gives us an opportunity to raise endowment funds and receive matching money from KHF for reaching our goal. The CFSEK has participated in four prior challenges and has successfully completed each of them. Currently, the CFSEK has raised \$329,857.72 or 47% of its Phase V Challenge goal.

Just last month, the KHF came back to the CFSEK with an opportunity too good to pass up. If the CFSEK can complete the Phase V Challenge this year...one entire year earlier than planned...then the CFSEK will be allowed to participate in a bonus challenge starting January 1, 2008. The bonus challenge encourages the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas to work directly with area school foundations to raise endowment dollars. School foundations will be required to establish endowment funds at the CFSEK. For every dollar that the school foundation raises, the KHF will match with an additional 50 cents directly to the fund.

In accepting this bonus challenge, CFSEK Trustees

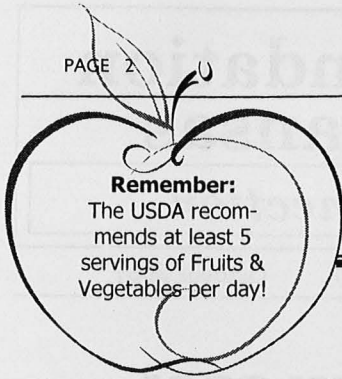
acknowledged that it has been a long term goal of the Foundation to work with area school foundations. Currently, the CFSEK has two active school foundation endowments, USD 250 and USD 246. "Community foundations and schools are natural partners. Both are focused on creating positive change in people's lives," stated Ron Marrone, CFSEK Trustee President. "The Community Foundation is a great vehicle to utilize in building permanent assets for area schools. First things first though, we have to complete the Phase V Challenge before December 31, 2007."

For more information on this opportunity, please contact the CFSEK office at 231-8897.



*Every day, every one of us makes a difference. The real power lies in choosing what kind of difference we want to make.*

*Unknown*



# Nutrition & Physical Activity

## Project Update:

### Where it all began:

CFSEK 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 are combined with the state-wide public motivation campaign, "change something," that was launched by KHF in September of 2006. 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." The Community Foundation is excited to be a part of this project. Please read over this newsletter to see how our we are progressing in are efforts!

### Health and Wellness Committee:

The Community Foundation has partnered with the Crawford County Community Coalition to put together a Health and Wellness Committee. The purpose of this sub-committee of the Coalition is working to create a Strategic Community Plan for a healthier Crawford County.

The Committee, chaired by Karleigh Venneman is comprised of a large selection of community members and includes school superintendents, health professionals, and private citizens. Although the Committee is only in it's initial stages, they have already begun organizing their vision and mission for Crawford County:

**Vision:** Crawford County: Healthy and Active for Life!

**Mission:** To promote healthy lifestyle choices through education, motivation, and support for all generations.

The Committee will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. New members are always welcome! Contact Stephanie Joiner for more information: 620.231.8897.

### 2007 Nutrition and Physical Activity Request for Proposals Release and Workshops:

The Community Foundation will be releasing its 2007 Request for Proposals for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Project on July 23, 2007. This year, CFSEK will be granting over \$65,000 for this project. Those groups wishing to apply for funding through the NPA project will be required to attend one of the following RFP Workshops:

<b>July 27, 2007</b>	<b>1:30 - 4 pm</b>
<b>August, 6 2007</b>	<b>5:30 - 8 pm</b>

Both workshops will be held at the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce.



Bethany Blessant, 3; Terri Blessant; Ben Blessant, 6; Amy Van Winkle; and Gracie Sawyer, 2; receive T-shirts from Stephanie Joiner for their healthy efforts. The group was spotted walking the track at PHS.

### Crawford County Listening Tour:

Between the months of January and March, the Community Foundation visited area organizations and talked to members about their views on health and wellness, and how the Community can best support their efforts to live healthy and active lives.

CFSEK was in front of 15 groups and nearly 500 participants of all ages. Through the listening tour, CFSEK identified three emergent themes to focus our efforts: Families, Schools, and the Community.



**CFSEK's Featured Website:** We recommend the following website for healthy alternatives for your favorite "bad" foods:

[www.healthy-girl.com](http://www.healthy-girl.com) Simply click on the "Chew the Right Thing" icon for a list of great healthy recipes. We recommend the 7-layer dip!!

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## ***EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE***

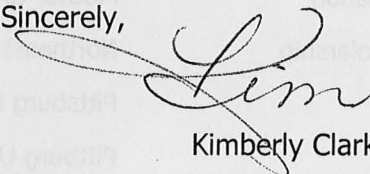
### **Giving Growing Granting**

Even after working for more than 3 years at the CFSEK, I search for the quick and easy way to share the message of all that we do when I'm asked: "What is the Community Foundation?" "We work with donors who give us assets to create funds to benefit charities." I might reply. And we do, but that sounds complicated. "We hold charitable funds, invest them, and make gifts from them to support charitable causes." I could respond. And that's true, but it's only a piece of our work. Or I may simply reply, "We are a grant making organization." And we are, but that's too simple...my search continues.

In a nutshell, the Foundation is here to serve the community. We serve donors who give us gifts to share with others. We grow the assets we are entrusted with so that we can fulfill our mission. We serve charities and charitable projects by making grants that benefit our communities.

We **Give**. We **Grow**. We **Grant**. We continue to work for a better tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of our efforts.

Sincerely,



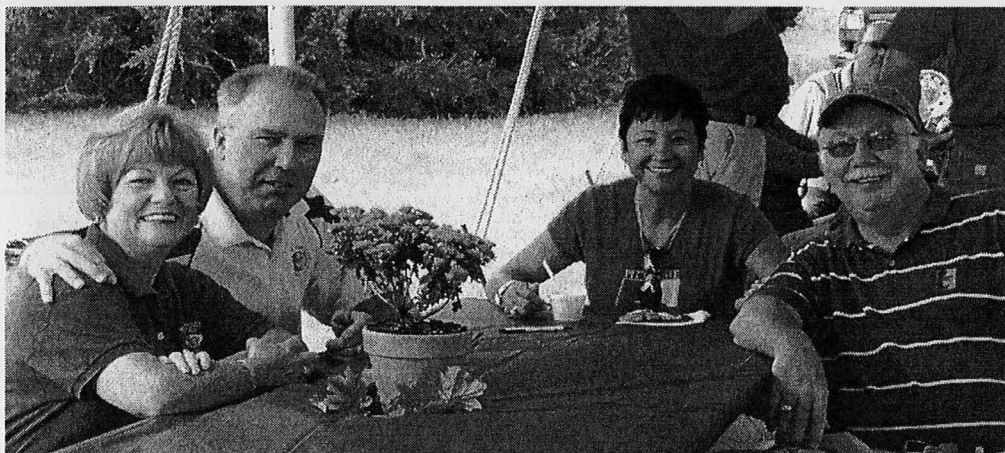
Kimberly Clark

## ***FUTURE FUND***

The Future Fund Fall Meeting took place on September 22, 2007. A desert tailgate at the Pittsburg State University football game against Missouri Western University hosted approximately 60 members.

The desert buffet, including football-themed cookies, prepared by Leah Sukraw, and rainbow sherbet, was a big success with members and their families. This year, the Future Fund voted to fund \$2,800.00 to two local nonprofits.

The Children's Resource Center received \$1,300.00 for the addition of a playground to their facility, and The Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation received \$1,500.00 to help fund the Youth Leadership Celebration for all sixth graders in Crawford County. The social chairs for the event were Marcia and David Sorrick, Kim and John Clark, Debbie and Ken Brock, and Theresa and Vince VanBecelaere.



Future Fund members Chris Ward, Bob Scifers, Colleen Scifers, and Steve Ward enjoyed each others company at the recent Future Fund event on September 22, 2007.

# ***FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT***

Angels Among Us Endowment	Franklin Community Council	Stilwell Foundation Endowment
Arts and Culture Endowment	Franklin Com. Council Endowment	SEK Independent Living, Inc. Endow.
Big Brothers / Big Sister Endowment	Future Fund Endowment	United Way Endowment
Big Brutus Endowment	Girard Public Library	Vinylplex, Inc. Endowment
Cato School	Girard Public Library Endowment	Rachel White Memorial Endowment
Caring For Kids Endowment	Immigrant Park	Pittsburg Public Library
Champions for Learners	Gabriel Ison Memorial Endowment	Pittsburg Public Library Endowment
Children's Advocacy Ctr Endowment	Lyerla Memorial Endowment	KHF Children's Fund
Colonial Fox Foundation	Mother to Mother Ministry Endow.	KHF Children's Fund Endowment
Craig Crespino Scholarship	Northeast USD 246 Endowment	Shirley Yeager Animal Friend Endow.
Disaster Relief	Pittsburg Beautiful Endowment	SEK Humane Society Endowment
Europe Park	Pittsburg USD 250 Endowment	St. Mary's/USD 250 Facilities Fund
Family Resource Center Endowment	Raymond Community Home Endow.	11 Donor Advised Funds
Forbes Scholarship	Special Arts Explorer	

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Annual Grant Celebration**  
**Thursday November 15, 2007**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Parrot Bay**

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