Western Kansas Community Foundation receives grant to improve health of the community

Western Kansas Community Foundation (WKCF) has been awarded an implementation grant through the Kansas Health Foundation’s Healthy Communities Initiative worth $75,000 over the next three years. WKCF is one of 12 grantees in the state to receive this funding, which will help support the LiveWell Finney County initiative currently underway.

“LiveWell Finney County will focus the efforts of many community organizations, non-profits and concerned citizens around permanent policy change within the community to support physical activity while encouraging community members to get out and get active,” said Shea Sinclair, executive director of Western Kansas Community Foundation.

Prior to applying for implementation funding, all 12 communities participated in a yearlong planning process, during which they were asked to develop community action plans and identify specific policy, systems and environment changes that would have the greatest impact for Kansans in the areas of healthy eating and active living.

“Proper nutrition and regular physical activity are key components to lowering the risk of chronic disease and increasing overall health,” said Steve Coen, president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. “Through this initiative, we’re excited to partner with organizations and communities across the state as they work to implement their plans meant to ensure that when it comes to healthy eating and active living for Kansans, the healthy choice is the easy and accessible choice.”

For more information about WKCF’s efforts or to learn how you can participate, please visit www.wkcf.org or contact Shea Sinclair at 620-271-9484.
The weather again is teaching us that we are not in control! Our break from extreme heat and wind was short lived, but the rain was oh so nice!

We are wrapping our summer activities and continue to be excited and gratified by the continued support of our many founders and investors. This time of year we focus on many scholarships funded through our Community Foundation. Our future rests with our youth of today. The investment in their education both traditional and technical will be instrumental in their opportunity for success.

That same investment in other charitable adventures also brings a long term benefit in Western Kansas. We have some dedicated people giving of their time and talent to expand opportunities for those around us.

Each day that we say “yes” to an opportunity to share a positive with those in need is a proud day. We continue to appreciate everyone who make the dreams and mission of the Western Kansas Community Foundation a reality!

It’s time to kick off our fifth year of working together to support other women!

To celebrate the occasion, The Women of Purpose executive committee will host three teas on Thursday, November 7th. Join us to learn more about the opportunity to support local programs focused specifically on women’s needs, hear about the fund’s next three year focus and fellowship with women seeking to serve other women. Teas will be held at 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 5:30 at the WKCF office, 402 N Main Street, Garden City, Ks.

Please phone the WKCF office at 620-271-9484 for more information and to RSVP for a tea that fits your schedule. We look forward to seeing you!
There are numerous ways to become part of a community. We all give in various ways, whether in person or monetarily. I found my passion for both through the Western Kansas Community Foundation.

I first learned about this wonderful organization and their concept in 2002. Upon making an inquiry about the Foundation, I was invited to a board meeting and immediately decided there were very knowledgeable and astute men and women serving on the board. I felt, “surely they don’t need me!” Not long after that meeting, I was asked to become a board member. I did humbly accept and served two, three years terms. My first board term ended in 2007. However, I went back on the board and am currently serving another three year term because I believe in the work and purpose of the WKCF.

I found a real calling when the WKCF started the Women of Purpose Fund. This fund has become my passion by engaging women to get involved in the betterment of other women. By serving on the Women of Purpose executive committee, I have seen first hand how women banding together can make a big difference in the lives of other women. The best part is, a reasonable $100 donation allows anyone to be a voting member, and to make a personal investment in giving women a hand up by funding programs and educational opportunities that build knowledge, life experience, and success for women.

Giving and supporting this cause is very important to me and led me to start a permanently endowed fund to benefit Women of Purpose. I felt that by funding an endowment to grow and enlarge the Women of Purpose grant each year, this would be my way to give back.

I encourage you to get involved in the community in which you live. The WKCF has been a great way for me to be active and work to preserve and make a better community for the generations to come.

Signed,

Pat LeClerc, WKCF board member and passionate supporter of Women of Purpose
## WKCF Funds

### AGENCY FUNDS
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Finney County Humane Society
- Finney County Public Library
- Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce Leadership
- Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
- Garden City Family YMCA
- Garden City Public Schools Foundation
- Russell Child Development Center
- Sublette Public Schools Foundation

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

#### Arts & Culture
- Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel Fund
  - In Memory of Carole’s parents
- Dale & Jeanne Beach Corley

#### Children
- Kansas Health Foundation
  - Children’s Fund
- Kansas Health Foundation Our Children, Our Future
  - John & Elizabeth Scheopner Development
- Grant County Fund
- Haskell County Community Fund Education
  - Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
  - Garden City Sunrisers Kiwanis Club Health & Human Services
  - Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
  - Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
  - Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

#### Education
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Foundation (non-permanent) Fund
  - Builders of Hope
  - Erdene Corley Fund
  - Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
  - Emmaus House Fund
  - Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
  - Finney County Library Fund
  - Garden City Arts
  - Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
  - Kismet Library Fund
  - Pat & Gene LeClerc Endowed Fund
  - Cecil and Frances O’Brate Family Fund
  - for Youthville
  - Satanta Lions Club Fund
  - Bernadine Sitts Fund
- Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
  - Unified School District #363—Holcomb, KS
  - Dorothy M. & Louise Wampler
- Western Kansas Community Foundation
  - Sustainability Fund
  - Robert A. Whippo Fund
  - Lawrence F. Zant & Marjorie R. William Memorial Fund

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Matt Anderson Memorial Fund
  - Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
  - Erdene Corley Fund
- Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
- Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
- Eatinger Family Fund
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Luther & Ardis Fry Family Fund
- Gerald & Phyllis Greene Endowed Fund
- Eltrude Elliott Hall Fund
- In Memory of Eltrude’s Brothers
  - Dorsey Elliott and Morton Elliott
  - Henselman Family Fund
  - Henry & Nellie Hall Fund
  - Kansas Children’s Service League
  - Healthy Families Finney County Fund
  - Kenneth & Judith Keusler Family Fund
  - Leo and Eldora Kleysteuber Fund
  - Lee Construction, Inc. Fund
  - Ed & Nelda Lewis Family Fund
  - M & S Fund
  - Carol & Kent Nanninga Family Fund
  - Pauline and Orville Patterson Family Fund
  - Gary & Carolyn Salyer Fund
  - Matha Sherman Fund
  - Unruh Future Hope Fund
  - Eugene and Ruth Wright Fund

### DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association
  - Garden City High School
  - Garden City Telegram
  - Senior Student-Athlete Scholarship
  - 12 county Telegram service area
  - Charles Helfrich Memorial Scholarship
  - Rich Jantz Scholarship Fund
  - Southwestern College
  - Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
  - Holcomb High School
  - Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
    - Continuing Education
  - Laura Elizabeth Kleysteuber Memorial Fund
  - Garden City High School
  - Jan McLeland Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - Satanta High School
  - Neighborhood Improvement Project Scholarship Fund
  - Garden City High School
  - Duane Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - K O & Ruth Powell Scholarship Fund
  - Nursing
  - Bernadine Sitts Scholarship Fund
  - Garden City High School
  - Joyce & Leroy Stapleton Scholarship Fund
  - Sublette High School and Garden City Community College
  - Stoeckley Family Scholarship Fund
  - Garden City Community College
  - Sublette Rotary Club Fund
  - Sublette High School
  - Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
  - Brewer/Winona-Tripplaar/Oakley-Monument
  - Chase Mitchell Webster Sublette Recreation Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - Sublette High School
  - Tonya Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - Satanta High School

### UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

- James A. & Christina Becker Fund
- Community Betterment Fund
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Garden City Company
- Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel
- Katherine C. Jones
- Harold R. & Sadie Kleysteuber
- Bob & Barbara Kreutzer Fund
- John G. and Emily A. Miller Family Fund
- Max & Marianne Miller Family Farm Fund
  - In Honor of Max’s parents
  - Ralph & Idell Miller
  - David C. & Judith A. Stanard
  - Matthews/Stanard Fund
  - In Honor of Judy’s parents
  - Robert & Cleo Matthews

### COMMUNITY LEGACY SOCIETY

- Helen Batchelder
- Robert A. & Lujuana C. Baker
  - Ed & Alice Banning
  - Joe & Betty Benson
  - Milan & Deanna Berry
  - Jeffrey D. & Shonda J. Collins
  - Robert & Brenda Drees
  - Dorsey & Marjorie Elliott
  - Dick & Sheila Fankhauser
  - Earl & Dora Fry
- Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel
- Ralph N. and Marilyn L. Germann
- Dr. Gerald L. and Phyllis Greene
- George & Lori Hopkins
- Danna L. Schaller Jones
- William M. Jones, Jr.
- Lisk Family
- Bryan & Geneen Love
- Doral & Vincent Mancini
- Ray & Geraldine Mann
- Don & Wauneta Messenger
- Roger & Donna Morris
- Carl & Carolyn Myers
- Martin & Judy Nusser
- Mary Lou Shea
- David & Judy Stanard

### Western Kansas Community Foundation Affiliates

- Grant County Community Foundation
- Wichita County Community Foundation

### FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

- Richie McNaught
- Prudential Life Insurance
- Matching Gifts Policy
Report from Executive Director
Shea Sinclair

In addition to my role as executive director of Western Kansas Community Foundation (WKCF), I serve on the board of directors of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF). This member organization representing community foundations from around the state works to strengthen and promote community philanthropy and inspire action that will improve the quality of life in Kansas communities.

One of the KACF’s most important initiatives has been to educate the communities we serve about the unprecedented Transfer of Wealth going on currently in the State of Kansas. Studies show that by 2020, $79 BILLION will change hands from one generation to the next. The goal of the campaign is to capture a portion of that wealth - even just 5% - by setting up endowments through community foundations like WKCF. With this kind of planning, a permanent source of funding will be in place for local organizations and causes that will greatly improve the lives of Kansans.

To help communicate this message, the KACF has created the “Keep 5 In Kansas” campaign to help everyone consider what matters. I encourage you to go to the WKCF’s website www.wkcf.org and click on the Keep 5 In Kansas logo for more information. Be sure to watch the video, too! Many of the scenes were filmed in Garden City and include familiar faces and stories from those who have already taken steps to keep their philanthropic support local.

We all want to see our state continue to grow and excel. With a little planning, we can make a difference for Western Kansas, for our neighbors, and our families, forever!
We are ever grateful to the donors and supporters of WKCF’s Unrestricted Grant Fund. These grants are used to benefit programs and charitable entities doing great work in the Foundation’s fifteen county service area. It is an honor and privilege to provide grant funding from donors who care about western Kansas to those working to make it a great place to live!

The following grant awards were made during the WKCF’s third quarter round of funding:

1. **Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland** - for books and supplies for western Kansas outreach program
2. **Grant County Chamber of Commerce** - to underwrite the Grant County Home Products dinner
3. **Leave a Legacy Foundation** - for items to assist cancer patients receiving treatment at St. Catherine Hospital’s Cancer Center
4. **Scott Recreation Commission** - to purchase new catchers equipment for youth baseball and softball teams
5. **Stepping Stone Shelter** - to purchase 30 new chairs for use in the shelter’s dining room
6. **Youth Entrepreneurs** - to assist with classroom supplies, field trips and the year-long YE academy classes