High Plains Grant Makers Present 2012 Non-Profit Leader Award

Now celebrating its second year of honoring an outstanding area non-profit leader, High Plains Grant Makers awarded the 2012 Non-Profit Leader Award to Ellen Lynn, a long-time volunteer with Miles of Smiles Therapeutic Riding Program of Garden City. The $2,500 award is to be used by the honoree toward professional development or continuing education.

Ellen Lynn has worked passionately for over fifteen years to develop, sustain and grow the scope and work of Miles of Smiles. The organization offers both children and adults with physical, mental and emotional disabilities, the therapeutic benefits of horseback riding. Ellen has served in many capacities within the organization including treasurer, riding instructor, fund raiser, friend raiser and board member.

Sara Brown, director of programs for the organization, nominated Lynn for the award stating, “Over the years, Ellen has strongly led the Tuesday night riding classes to better develop participants health, independence and quality of life. The students have all enjoyed working with and learning from Ellen.” Brown also noted Lynn was instrumental in assisting Miles of Smiles to purchase property, including an enclosed riding arena the organization had been renting for years, because she understood the group’s capability and that it would be able to sustain itself.

Lynn was very humble in receiving the award noting, “Truly without everybody, we couldn’t do this.”

High Plains Grant Makers consists of four area granting organizations including: Finnup Foundation; Finney County United Way; Kemper Foundation and Western Kansas Community Foundation. The Non-Profit Leader Award began in 2011 as a way to honor a volunteer or leader of a non-profit organization who has made a positive impact within the community; and in addition possess honorable character traits including strong relationship and leadership abilities on behalf of their organization.

Other projects of the group include a display at the Finney County Museum entitled, “Celebrate Kansas,” an interactive learning experience for kids using LEGOs to teach Kansas history. High Plains Grant Makers sponsor ongoing capacity building training for area non-profits on topics including grant writing, strategic planning, board recruitment and succession planning, to name a few.

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Chairman's Perspective

As the Chairman of the Western Kansas Community Foundation, I consider it to be both an honor and a privilege to serve an organization that strengthens and supports the success of southwestern Kansas. I will endeavor to perform my duties and tasks with integrity and dedication to insure our past determination, forecasts our future success.

The last few years have been turbulent in our economy, both locally and nationally. Thankfully, due in large part to the efforts of a dedicated staff and engaged board understanding the need for patience and perseverance and a long term view, I am able to report that the WKCF is again prospering!

The single most important function, I believe, that the Foundation provides is an opportunity for those of us in western Kansas who have made our homes and raised our families here, to give back to the communities of which we are proudly a part! We have lived here in good times and bad; we have all seen sadness and joy, tragedy and elation, setbacks and prosperity! There is no better way to say thank-you to a community for the tender mercies and bountiful blessings it has provided than through a gift to that community -- and the WKCF provides a wonderful, lasting mechanism for those gifts!

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Non-Profit Leader Award continued...

The next High Plains Grant Makers Non-Profit Leader Award will be made in 2014 as a biannual presentation. For more information contact any of the High Plains Grant Makers co-sponsors or go to the website: www.highplainsgrantmakers.org or www.wkcf.org.

Pictured above from left, Troy Unruh, Shea Sinclair, Western Kansas Community Foundation; Amy Heinemann, Caverly Hart, Kathryn Hart, Finnup Foundation; Kirk Olomon, Kemper Foundation; Ellen Lynn, Miles of Smiles; Bob Halloran and Consuelo Sandoval, Finney County United Way.
GERALD AND PHYLLIS GREENE ENDOWED FUND

Gerald and Phyllis Greene, former long-time Garden City, Kansas residents, recently established a new donor advised fund within Western Kansas Community Foundation. The fund will allow Gerald and Phyllis to choose non-profit entities to receive grants generated by the fund. When asked what inspired them to begin their donor advised fund, they noted, “we wanted to give back to the community that we lived and served in for so many years of our lives.”

Gerald served on the board of directors of Western Kansas Community Foundation for six years. The couple became well acquainted with how Foundation funds were managed and understood the impact their charitable dollars would have on the area now and into the future.

Shea Sinclair, executive director of Western Kansas Community Foundation, described Gerald and Phyllis Greene as, “truly generous and caring people who understand the long-term benefit a permanently endowed fund will have for programs and entities who will receive grant funding to support their work. We are pleased to welcome the Greene’s new fund to the Foundation and I’m excited to see their legacy grow in the future.”

Gerald and Phyllis Greene moved from Garden City, Kansas to North Newton, Kansas a few years ago to be closer to family and physicians in Wichita. Both of the Greene’s daughters graduated from Garden City Senior High School. Geri continued on to achieve a degree from Kansas State University and a law degree from the University of Tulsa. She is married to David Coen, also a Garden City native, and they reside in Overland Park, Kansas. They are the parents of two boys, Steven and Daniel, and two daughters, Sarah and Grace. Pam and her husband, Russ Galle live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pam graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Restaurant Management and went on to earn another degree in Diatetics. Their older daughter, Adriane, is a ISU graduate and works for John Deere. Morgan is a student planning to complete a degree in food science at Iowa State.
## WKCF Funds

### AGENCY FUNDS
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Finney County Humane Society
- Finney County Public Library
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce
- Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
- Garden City City Arts
- Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
- Garden City City Downtown Vision, Inc.
- Garden City Family YMCA
- Garden City Public Schools Foundation
- Sublette 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
- Dakota Beach Corley

#### Children
- Kansas Health Foundation Children’s Fund
- Kansas Health Foundation
- Our Children, Our Future
- John & Elizabeth Scheopner Development

#### Education
- Grant County Fund
- Haskell County Community Fund
- Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
- Garden City Sunrisers Kiwanis Club

#### Health & Human Services
- Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
- Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
- Mary Lou Spanier Fund
- Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund
- Unrestricted Grant Funds

#### DESIGNATED FUNDS
- Bernardine Sitts Fund
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Foundation (non-permanent) Fund
- Builders of Hope
- City of Garden City/Steel Public Art Fund
- Eredene Corley Fund
- Jean B. Corley Hospice Fund
- Emmaus House Fund
- Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
- Finney County Library Fund
- Garden City City Arts
- Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
- Kismet Library Fund
- Cecil and Frances O’Brate Family Fund
- for Youthville
- Satanta Lions Club 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

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
- Eredene Corley Fund
- Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
- Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
- Luther & Ardis Fry Family Fund
- Gerald & Phyllis Greene Endowed Fund
- Eltrude Elliott Hall Fund
- In Memory of Eltrude’s Brothers
- Dorsey Elliott and Merton Elliott
- Henselman Family Fund
- Henry & Nelle 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 Orvville Patterson Family Fund
- Gary & Carolyn Salyer Fund
- Matha Sherman 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
- Bernardine Sitts Scholarship Fund
- Garden City High School
- Joyce & Leroy Stapleton Scholarship Fund
- Sublette High School and Garden City Community College
- Stoeckly Family Scholarship Fund
- Garden City Community College
- Sublette Rotary Club Fund
- Sublette High School
- Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
- Brewster/Winona-Triplains/Oakley-Monument Chase Mitchell Webber 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
- Max & Marianne Miller Family Farm Fund
- In Honor of Max’s parents
- Ralph & Idell Miller
- David C. & Judith A. Stanard
- Mathews/Stanard Fund
- In Honor of Judy’s parents
- Robert & Cleo Mathews

### COMMUNITY LEGACY SOCIETY
- Helen Batchelder
- Robert A. & Lujuanica C. Baker
- Ed & Alice Banning
- Joe & Betty Benson
- 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 & Waumeta 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
- Grant County Community Foundation Operating Fund
- Grant County Fine Arts Fund
- Grant County Healthy Lifestyles Fund
- Grant County Women of Purpose Fund

### Wichita County Community Foundation

### FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
- Richie McNaught
- Prudential Life Insurance Matching Gifts Policy
Report from Executive Director
Shea Sinclair

One of the best parts of my job is the opportunity to see how donations made to the Foundation are effecting positive change and helping those in need in southwest Kansas.

We ask grantees to make a report back to the Western Kansas Community Foundation stating how their granted funds were used and outcomes that occurred because of generous donors who care. Many write touching thank you notes and letters talking about programs that address immediate needs, how a scholarship grant came at the perfect time, or how grant funds were used to sustain great initiatives or events in our community.

It is truly my honor to work with donors who want to leave a legacy and care about the future of western Kansas. Knowing funds are setup to provide this support in perpetuity is rewarding. In addition, I get to personally see and hear how this generosity makes a difference to non-profits and charitable entities. In a time of cutbacks and tight budgets, when support is needed more than ever, grant funds play a powerful role in meeting the needs of many now and into the future.

If you would like to talk over how you can be involved or would like to hear more, give me a call or speak to any of the Foundation’s board members. We would enjoy speaking with you about the power of community foundations. We’re here to listen and learn about your passion and how we can work together to support the causes and initiatives important to you!

Estate Planning Services

Stewardship Counseling, LLC offers comprehensive estate planning for you and your family. John W. Griffin, Esq. travels across Kansas to offer this service through a wide range of community and private foundations.

He will review your existing plan free of charge. No products are sold or endorsed through this counseling process, only the opportunities to gain ideas. Garden City Community College Endowment Association, Commerce Trust Company of Garden City, and Western Kansas Community Foundation are proud to sponsor this program.
Western Kansas Community Foundation has declared 2012 a “Year of Giving” and will be awarding PROACTIVE grants to organizations throughout our fifteen county service area. Grants made to date include:

- January - Garden City Family YMCA, Garden City
- February - Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City
- March - Peace House, Hugoton

If you know of a non-profit organization doing great work in southwest Kansas, go to our Facebook page to nominate them for a proactive grant. We want to reward organizations for their outstanding efforts to make this a great place to live!