Turning retirement accounts into charitable good

There is good news for community foundation donors in their 70’s, and for the communities they care about. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, signed by President Obama earlier this year, extended the provision allowing individuals to rollover up to $100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the distribution as income.

By taking advantage of this extension, donors may support local charities by making their IRA distribution directly through Western Kansas Community Foundation. Distributions may be used to setup endowed funds at WKCF to permanently benefit programs, non-profits and charitable entities. Distributions to donor advised funds do not qualify for this program.

“This limited-time opportunity can be a wonderful way to leave a legacy,” said Shea Sinclair, Western Kansas Community Foundation executive director. “We do not know if there will be another extension of the charitable IRA rollover provision and encourage anyone interested to learn more about the program before the end of 2013. The chance to leave a permanent legacy could be now and this special provision might be helpful in making 2013 the perfect time to act.”

Western Kansas Community Foundation can assist donors and their professional advisors with donations and help donors choose from different charitable fund opportunities available at the Foundation. With more than 160 funds, WKCF has granted nearly $5 million back to southwest Kansas communities through grants, scholarships and proactive projects since it’s inception in 1996.

WKCF encourages donors to check with their professional advisors for more information on taking advantage of this opportunity to give back to their community.
2013 is now a reality. We look back at the WKCF history with pride! The Founding Members of this great concept believed strongly in the people of Western Kansas. They believed that the people cared not only for themselves and their families but also their Communities around them.

Today WKCF is a strong and vibrant entity delivering on the dream created by those Founders. We close 2012 with a record $21,293,680.00 in assets. Further, we granted $993,276.00 in 2012 to a wide variety of special needs, as directed. The history of giving since inception is a phenomenal $4,945,314.00.

Pride in our people, pride in our Community, pride in our future is the dream that continues the WKCF. To that end, we are again asking if you would consider one more task. We have established the Growing Idea Fund with the sole purpose of yielding sufficient revenue to cover the annual operating costs of administration of the WKCF. The board of directors envision this fund to allow us to increase the giving potential of WKCF.

We know and understand you, our past donors, directors and officers are the backbone of WKCF and are asking for one more special effort to reach the next level of special giving.

Our staff and board are always available to respond to your questions.

Thank you,
Bob Kreutzer

A Growing Idea Fund

Western Kansas Community Foundation’s board of directors created “A Growing Idea” Fund to leverage gifts from current and former board members, WKCF Founders, staff and supporters on an annual basis. The new fund offers needed flexibility in supporting the Foundation while building sustainability for today, tomorrow and the future. Currently, funds needed to support the daily operation and administrative needs of the Foundation are approximately $240,000. The WKCF Board has set the goal of raising $3,000,000 in an operational endowment during the GROW II match period. The next three (3) years provide the opportunity for a 1—2 match for operational endowment gifts to leverage dollars to strengthen the reach, scope and vision of the WKCF. We are presented with the opportunity to join together to impact the future of area communities.

If you would like more information about “A Growing Idea” Fund and how your gift can be matched through by the Kansas Health Foundation’s GROW II challenge opportunity, please call the WKCF office at 620-271-9484.
Did you know...

Western Kansas Community Foundation will grant more than $766,000.00 this year alone from endowed funds. These important grant dollars will mostly benefit charitable entities in our fifteen county service area of southwest Kansas. Many of these grants are for specific programs, or may be used by the organization to support their greatest need, depending on how the fund is setup by the donor.

An endowed fund ensures future support for a charitable entity. This type of fund can be setup during ones life and grant recommendations can be made each year by the donor. Or, setup through a legacy gift by a will, trust or other form of written designation. The process can be as easy as naming a charity on the beneficiary form of a savings, life insurance or retirement account or through more complex planning like a will or charitable trust.

Granted funds paid out throughout the year represent a powerful and meaningful message from a donor who cared and wanted to leave a philanthropic legacy for their community or an organization. Western Kansas Community Foundation is honored to carry out the charitable wishes of our donors and thank them for entrusting the Foundation with their legacy.
## WKCF Funds

### AGENCY FUNDS
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Finney County Humane Society
- Finney County Public Library
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce Leadership
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce Leadership Children
- 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
  - Mary Lou Spanier Fund
  - Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund
- **Unrestricted Grant Funds**
  - Unruh Family Fund

### DESIGNATED FUNDS
- Bernardine Sitts Fund
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
- Grant County Hospital Foundation (non-permanent) Fund
- Builders of Hope
- City of Garden City/Steel Public Art Fund
- Garden 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
- 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
- Lawrence F. Zant & Marjorie R. William Memorial Fund

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
- Erden Corley Fund
- Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
- Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
- Earthing Family 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 & 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 Telegraph
- 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 Brewer/Winona-Triplains/Oakley-Monument
- Chase Mitchell Weber 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
- Mathews/Stanard Fund In Honor of Judy's parents Robert & Cleo Mathews

### COMMUNITY LEGACY SOCIETY
- Helen Batchelder
- Robert A. & Lujuanca 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 & Wauneta Messenger
- Roger & Domna 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
As Western Kansas Community Foundation (WKCF) grows and develops each year, our board of directors evolves as board terms end and we welcome new representation from the communities we serve.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors is the governing body of the institution, responsible for administrative policy and authorization of grants. Each board member brings his or her own experience and background, whether in business, farming or ranching, law, education, community service, finance or other areas of expertise, to the table. The Foundation relies on this source of knowledge and leadership to guide our work and set the direction of the Foundation for the future.

The board and staff’s familiarity with local issues, knowledge of changing economic and social conditions as well as understanding the needs of the community and region assist the WKCF in making the best use of grant resources, while being flexible and open to the needs of donors and non-profits. It is the responsibility of the Board to represent the interest of our donors, to monitor grantees, and work to grow funds entrusted to the Foundation.

As our board of directors evolves each year, we are sad to say goodbye to a few board members whose terms have ended and excited to say hello to new board members just starting their time with us. We would like to thank Ardis Fry, Mike Collins, Mark Faulkner and Dick Fankhauser for their leadership, enthusiasm and support of the WKCF over these last few years. Each of you will be missed!

Beginning their board terms in 2013, we welcome Martin Nusser (Garden City), Neil Hawley (Garden City) and Mike Cearley (Sublette). 2013 looks like a great year ahead...stay tuned!
Congratulations to Ryan Steele!

In the fall of 2010, Ryan Steele opened a fund in partnership with the City of Garden City at Western Kansas Community Foundation. The purpose of the fund was to pool his fundraising efforts to install a bronze art installation along one of Garden City’s busiest southern entrances.

“I want to make this City feel like a great place to live and make people want to come back,” Steele noted when asked why he wanted to take on this task as part of an Eagle Scout project.

After a fun-run fundraiser, many speaking engagements and presentations to civic clubs and City officials, as well as applying for grant funding from WKCF, Steele’s project has become a reality. The three sided bronze depicts the history of Garden City through iconic representations of buffalo grazing on the plains, a train and a windmill in a corn field. The impressive piece is located on south Main Street between Lee Richardson Zoo and Charles Peebles Baseball Complex.

Thank you Ryan for your efforts to bring this tremendous artwork to life. Many people will enjoy its beauty and the story of Garden City’s history for years to come.