New Lawrence F. Zant and Marjorie R. Williams Memorial Fund to benefit Finney County Humane Society

To say Larry Zant and Marjorie Williams loved animals would be a big understatement. Through much of their married lives together, the couple worked closely with the Finney County Humane Society to give neglected, homeless pets a chance at life. Although Marje passed away several years ago and unfortunately, Larry passed away in 2011, their tremendous love of animals showed when they set up the Lawrence F. Zant and Marjorie R. Williams Memorial Fund to benefit Finney County Humane Society through an estate gift to Western Kansas Community Foundation. Their generosity has made possible a designated, endowed fund that will forever benefit the Humane Society and the good work they do for animals in need in Finney County.

Larry's daughter, Laurie Zant, has many fond memories of the couple and the love they shared for animals, “My dad and Marje were both dog lovers long before they met, having had pets for many years. When they settled in Garden City, they continued to have animals in their family, both dogs and cats, with up to 4 or 5 dogs at a time. The doggy door in the dining room was probably the most frequently used door in the house!"

“Not only did they have many animals of their own, their house was a temporary home for many more,” Laurie remembers. “Friends going on vacation would leave their dogs with “Uncle Larry and Aunt Marje” and the animals would enjoy their own version of summer camp while families were away. Foster dogs, needing a safe and healthy environment while waiting Story continued on page 2...
In the early 60’s, Bob Dylan wrote that ".... the times they are a-changing ...." and ".... a hard rain is gonna fall ....". He was right on the first prediction -- the times have certainly changed! I think he missed the boat on the second prediction -- at least as far as Southwest Kansas is concerned -- we haven’t had a hard rain fall since before my fourth son was born, and that was twenty-six years ago!

What a change we have seen! We now live in a world that is so different than the one those of us who were kids in the Sixties lived in. Technology advances and transportation and communication improvements have transformed us into a global society. Political changes have revolutionized our concept of where we fit in and on this third rock from the sun! What is most amazing is that we really don’t know what is yet to come.

One option open to all of us is to try to make the communities that we live in a better place for our families and friends to prosper and thrive. An avenue for that endeavor is the Western Kansas Community Foundation.

By giving back to our communities through benevolent gifts, we can enhance the opportunities available to those who will follow us in making western Kansas their home. I encourage each of you to explore the many options that the WKCF offers so that we can make a difference, a very positive and proactive difference, in the lives of our descendants. Our staff is ready, willing and able to assist anyone who wants to make that commitment to the future.

Zant Memorial Fund continued…

for a permanent home, often stayed with Larry and Marje for periods from a few days to more than a month.”

Laurie Zant continued, “In addition to the one-on-one human-animal relations, Marje and Larry were long-time supporters of the Finney County Humane Society, with Marje serving as the treasurer for a number of years. They were good friends with Nancy Garhart and others on the board of directors and offered their support whenever they could. They didn’t know how much of a contribution they might be able to make, but whatever funds they didn’t use they wanted to go to benefit the Finney County Humane Society. And they were glad and grateful to the Western Kansas Community Foundation for providing a way to manage their gift, making sure that their legacy would be well taken care of and would make a difference year-after-year to the lives of the animals they loved.

Western Kansas Community Foundation is pleased to include this new fund that will forever benefit a tremendous program in western Kansas. For more information about the Lawrence F. Zant and Marjorie R. Williams Memorial Fund or other funds designed to assist area non-profits, call the Western Kansas Community Foundation at 620-271-9484 or go to the website, www.wkcf.org.
Women of Purpose Fund awards grant to benefit women’s health

Western Kansas Community Foundation’s Women of Purpose Fund awarded a $3,500 grant to the Garden City Family YMCA to help underwrite the cost of a program entitled, Mind-Body Wise Fitness—Women In Motion.

Donors to the Women of Purpose Fund recently attended a luncheon to honor the grant recipient and hear more about how the program will educate and build skills for women in managing their diabetes and other chronic conditions. The program will include two fitness check kickoff events this year and the YMCA’s participation in the Kansas Optimizing Health Program (KOHP) workshop, where women will learn and practice new skills over a six-week period to manage their diabetes. In addition, participants will receive personal fitness training sessions. The grant will also cover costs associated with the program including blood tests and other health and fitness testing.

Jackie Regan, senior program director with the YMCA, noted the KOHP initiative will be beneficial to those in the program because participants will learn and practice how to lead healthy lives, become more physically active, make healthier food choices, and help identify health concerns caused by their condition.

This is the third grant awarded from the Women of Purpose Fund since it inception in 2009. This year's award to the YMCA is the second part of a three-year focus called Healthy Women, Healthy Communities. Other recipients of granted funds include Garden City Community College and the Shift Center, Garden City.

For more information about the Women of Purpose Fund or to get involved, contact Shea Sinclair, WKCF executive director at 620-271-9484 or visit their website at www.wkcf.org.

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Another way we represent the communities we serve is through our board of directors. We are governed and administered by a volunteer board of directors with representation from several counties in southwest Kansas. Currently, we have board members from Finney, Grant, Haskell, Kearny, and Wichita counties. The Board is responsible for oversight of the non-profit and that a reasonable rate of return is achieved on all funds entrusted to the Foundation.

We are constantly looking for supportive, engaged leaders to serve on the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Candidates must have an interest in preserving the lifestyle and assets of western Kansas to forever benefit the area. Board members are guided by our mission to enrich western Kansas life through collaboration, philanthropy and leadership.

If you have an interest or know of someone who would be an excellent advocate to serve on the Foundation’s board, please call the office or drop us an email. We hope to hear from you!

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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, KS
April - Satanta Arts Council, Satanta, KS
May - Garden City Fire Department, Garden City
June - Garden City Recreation-Drama Department, Garden City

If you know of a non-profit organization doing great work in southwestern 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!