Western Kansas Community Foundation (WKCF) is honored and pleased to announce the achievement of the fundraising goals associated with the GROW II program offered through Kansas Health Foundation of Wichita, Ks. Because of the selfless generosity of many donors, WKCF raised over $2.3M in assets that were eligible for significant matching funds.

A total of $600,000 in matching funds will be split equally between an endowed public health fund and an administrative endowment for WKCF, as outlined by the terms of the GROW II grant.

The purpose of GROW II was to both build permanent resources resulting in long-term sustained health improvements in the communities the Foundation serves; and to strengthen the WKCF in carrying out its vital role in building and sustaining stronger communities in southwest Kansas. Here’s how the fundraising campaign worked:

Contributions to endowed unrestricted, administrative, or public health funds were matched by 50%

Contributions to endowed donor advised, field of interest, designated, or agency funds were matched by 25%

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“When I'm worried and cannot sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep,” what great words from a time and author past. As we enter this special time of year, we pause and reflect on the blessings of our lives.

Our Western Kansas Community Foundation likewise looks over our shoulder and reflects the blessings of new funds created in the past year and also the many additional dollars added to existing funds. Each and every gift adds to the WKCF’s impact of giving to those in need here in southwest Kansas.

We are proud to again say that we have gifted a record amount of money to deserving entities throughout the area. We also have reached new levels in our fund balances and completed a significant fundraising campaign in GROW II.

We cannot be satisfied with our work to date. The dream created by our Founding members encourages us to continue to grow and give.

Our area is alive and thriving, we need to ‘count our blessings,’ reflect on the tremendous work WKCF does and continue the success. When we do, ‘we will fall asleep counting our blessings.’

This is my last article as chairman. It has been my honor and privilege to work with such a dedicated staff of professionals as well as a highly qualified and involved board of directors.

Thank you and happy holidays!

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WKCF staff and board members have been working since 2011 to achieve GROW II fundraising goals. Many conversations were held with area donors, friends and supporters of the Foundation to discuss their charitable wishes and how GROW II could increase their giving by up to 50%.

The WKCF is humbled and honored to work with so many people interested in endowing funds that will forever benefit southwest Kansas and the great programs and charitable institutions that meet the needs of many.

If you were able to maximize your charitable giving through GROW II, thank you! The WKCF staff and board appreciate your support and look forward to making impactful grants and serving donors in the year ahead!
WKCF Grant Highlight

Western Kansas Community Foundation was pleased to provide grant funding through the Mildred Henselman Family Fund to support a new class held at the Finney County Senior Center. The class is entitled, ‘Stepping On,’ and is designed to educate, build confidence and reduce falls for persons age 60 and older.

Through significant research, the Stepping On class has been proven to reduce falls in older citizens. The class consists of a workshop that meets for two hours per week for seven weeks. Each class is lead by licensed physical therapist Brenda Drees and includes local guest experts that provide information on exercise, vision, safety and medications that effect balance.

Class topics include:
- Balance and strength training
- The role vision plays in balance
- How medications can contribute to falls
- Eliminating fall hazards
- Ways to keep from falling when out in the community

For more information phone the Finney County Senior Center at 620-272-3620

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**WKCF Funds**

### AGENCY FUNDS
- Emmaus House
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Finney County Humane Society
- Finney County Public Library
- Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo
- Garden City Arts
- GC Chamber of Commerce Leadership
- GC Chamber of Commerce Leadership/Children
- Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
- Garden City Family YMCA
- Garden City Noon Lion’s Club
- Garden City Public Schools Foundation
- Kanza Society Endowment benefitting High Plains Public Radio
- 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 Community Fund
  - Education
  - Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
  - Garden City Sunrisers Kiwanis Club
  - Pauline and Orville Patterson Family Fund
- Health & Human Services
  - Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
  - Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
  - Mary Lou Spanier Fund
  - Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund
- Unruh Family Fund

### DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
- Tanner Dean Memorial Scholarship
- Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association
  - Garden City High School
- 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
- Garden City Community College
- Sublette Rotary Club Fund
- Sublette High School
- Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
- Brewster/Winona-Triplains/Oakley-Monument

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Matt Anderson Memorial Fund
- Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
- Erdene Corley Fund
- Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
- Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
- Eutinger Family Fund
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Luther & Arsdy Family Fund
- Gerald & Phyllis Greene Endowed Fund
- Elruude Elliot Hall Fund
- In Memory of Elrude’s Brothers
- Dorsey Elliot and Merton Elliott
- Henry & Nellie Hall Fund
- Kansas Children’s Service League
- Healthy Families Finney County Fund
- Clifford & Dolores Hope Family 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
- Gary & Carolyn Salyer Fund
- Matha Sherman Fund
- Unruh Future Hope Fund
- Eugene and Ruth Wright Fund

### 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 Fund

### COMMUNITY LEGACY SOCIETY
- Helen Batchelder
- Robert A. & Lujana 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
- 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**
- Richye McNaught
- Prudential Life Insurance
- Matching Gifts Policy
Report from Executive Director
Shea Sinclair

If you care genuinely about western Kansas and want to make sure future generations have an ever-improving quality of life, I encourage you to consider making a designated gift to charity through your estate plan.

Western Kansas Community Foundation is the perfect partner in this process. We make it simple and provide the leadership, infrastructure and community knowledge to carry out your charitable wishes now and years into the future.

Advantages to making charitable gifts through the Western Kansas Community Foundation include:

- Manage your wishes through a simple one-page memo, to which you can make changes at any time without incurring additional expense;
- The WKCF allows donors to give to any number of charities through one convenient source;
- Different types of assets like real estate, bonds, appreciated stock, and life insurance proceeds may be donated through WKCF;
- Avoid costly setup and yearly administration of a private family foundation

If you would like more information on how you can create a lasting impact by making communities stronger and ready to address changing needs, call the WKCF office at 620-271-9484 and visit with your attorney or financial planner.

Together we can make a difference, now and in the future!

**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.
The Women of Purpose Leadership Committee hosted six gatherings this fall to reconnect with friends and introduce the program to new members. The team is engaging area women to become active in helping other women through shared giving without a significant commitment of time.

The 2015 grant will be awarded at a luncheon to be held April 9th to benefit a program offering training around the theme, 'Women Wise, Money and Finances.'

If you would like more information, to become a Women of Purpose voting member or have a question, please phone the WKCF office at 620-271-9484.