

We are a rope — individual fibers braided together to make a stronger whole.

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Blueprint for Leadership Begins

Building community leaders is the goal of a new program being offered by the Foundation. Blueprint for Leadership is a new,

learn will improve their leadership abilities at work, at home, in volunteer activities, and throughout our community.

The curriculum for Blueprint for Leadership was developed through a multi-year process in conjunction with the Kansas Health Foundation. The course is taught over five sessions, a 2-hour introductory session and four 4 1/2-hour workshops. Each session teaches usable skills and practical leadership capacities in a fun, interactive format. As a part of the course, the class will complete a community project or projects to benefit children and youth.

After a successful pilot in October, the Foundation offered the class to the community. The first class met on Wednesday mornings through the month of February. Twenty-five individuals made up this first community class. They represented a variety of organizations, businesses



Jack Fox, Stephanie Carlin, Serena Helvey and Carter File work on an activity at one of the Blueprint for Leadership workshops.

skills-based program being offered to individuals who want to learn or enhance leadership skills. What they

Looking for Outstanding Citizens

Nominate someone you admire

The Foundation is seeking nominations for the Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. This is the third year the Foundation has sponsored the award.

The following criteria are used to determine the recipient:

The award will be given to an individual who has made, during his or her lifetime, a significant voluntary contribution(s) to the welfare or betterment of the community.

The individual will have provided leadership, contributions or service that led to significant accomplishment and ultimately made a real difference in the City of Salina.

The recipient(s) of the award does not have to be a resident of the City of Salina, but the work for which they are recognized must benefit the City of Salina and/or its residents.

Nominations for this year's award are

being accepted by the Foundation until April 8. Information and nomination forms are available on the Foundation's web site at www.gscf.org, or by calling the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. Any person or organization in the community can submit a nomination. Nominees can be of any age. Previous winners will not be excluded from receiving the award again, if nominated for a different project or body of work. The award includes a prize of up to \$1,000.

A selection committee made up of representatives from the Foundation, the City, the Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce, the media, and a previous award winner will determine the recipient. The award will be presented at a luncheon sponsored by the Foundation and open to the community on May 10, 2005 at the Salina Country Club. The Luncheon will also serve as the celebration event for another outstanding year of Foundation grants and scholarships. ■

Building Endowment

A Workshop for Non-profit Organizations

The Foundation will offer a workshop March 29 for non-profit organizations designed to guide participants through the planning and the process of how to build a strong endowment. The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first will address how to prepare an organization to build endowment, or how to assess whether or not an organization is poised for endowment building. The second part of the workshop will be an overview of endowment building, including development strategies, marketing, planned giving, identifying prospects and types of gifts.

Both organizations with existing endowments who want to grow their funds, and organizations who wish to establish an endowment will benefit from attending. Back by popular demand, the Foundation will bring in presenters from Endowment Development Institute (EDI), Bonsall, California. EDI presented the Foundation's workshop last spring on board development.

The workshop will be held on March 29, from 8:30 – 3:30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center. For

more information, call the Foundation office at 785-823-1800, or visit our website at www.gscf.org.

Special Opportunity

The Foundation is very pleased to announce a collaboration with the Sunflower Foundation, Topeka, KS, to provide one-to-one consulting for a select group of nonprofit organizations with EDI consultants Sharon Omahan and Carla Gyetvan. Approximately eight organizations will have the opportunity to schedule a two-hour meeting with their board or endowment building committee and the EDI consultants. A follow-up report from the consultants will be sent to the organizations to help them develop a strategy to build or increase an organizational endowment.

These meetings will be scheduled March 30– April 1. Organizations will be selected through an application process. The opportunity for these special follow up sessions will be available only to organizations with funds in the Foundation, and, due to the grant specifications, only to those organizations classified as health and human service agencies. ■

Grants in action



A Seize the Moment grant From the Foundation helped send members of the Salina Boxing Club to the Regional Silver Gloves competition in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Call for Grants!



Pictured from left to right (top row) Alex Difonzo, Caitlin Cox, Ayoung Jeon, Luis Lopez (middle row) Kellan Aprke, Kameko Feliz, Brian O'Leary (bottom row) Molly Martin, Sarah Wallace, Alex Trower

Members of the Youth GrantMakers Council are excited to announce that they are accepting grant applications, for the first time, from now through April 1, 2005. They have a pool of \$5000 to give away. YGMC will only give money to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges. YGMC is unique because young people themselves actually make the decisions about which youth projects get money for their ideas. YGMC has been meeting twice a month to prepare the grant application packets. They have also created rules and guidelines for the council and



designed their own website (feel free to visit www.ygmc.org). They are currently working on visiting youth groups and organizations to explain the process of the youth grant application. If you have a youth group that would like information on the YGMC grant application please contact the YGMC leader, Kelli Schwarz at 785-823-1800 or visit the YGMC website.

YGMC members include youth from Salina High School South, Salina High School Central, Sacred Heart High School, St. Johns Military School, and the Smoky Valley Home School Association. ■

You are invited

The Greater Salina
Community Foundation

Annual Celebration Luncheon

11:30 – 1:00
Tuesday, May 10, 2005
Salina Country Club

FEATURING

- Announcement of 2005 Outstanding Citizen Award
- 2005 scholarship recipients
- The Foundation year in review
- Grants, programs, gifts

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and individuals. One participant commented, “For the first time in my life, I want to get involved in my community and make my voice heard. Thank you for offering this awesome workshop!”

The Foundation was pleased to offer scholarships for several class members who represent nonprofit organizations. The scholarships were made available from a grant the Foundation procured from the Sunflower Health Foundation in Topeka.

Primary funding support for the Blueprint for Leadership program comes from a generous grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. KHF will provide ongoing funding for the leadership program with two gifts of \$100,000 each. These grants will create permanent endowed funds which will generate income to cover all administrative expenses not covered by tuition, as well as funding for the community projects each class will complete.

For more information on Blueprint for Leadership, visit the Foundation’s website at www.gscf.org, or call the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. ■

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The following are some of the organizations that have established endowment funds within the Foundation. A gift to an organizational endowment provides support for the future of that organization forever.

St. John's Military School

St. John's Military School has a two-fold program, integral to the success of today's young men. The academic program provides a small and well-structured learning environment designed to prepare cadets for a global and technological society. The second aspect provides the cadet with a military structure that will instill in him principles of responsibility, loyalty, trust and fellowship.

Funding: St. John's Military School

has an annual operating budget of more than \$5 million and serves boys grades 7-12 from primarily the continental United States.

For more information, call St. John's Military School at 785-823-7231 or contact President Col. Jack Fox by email at jackf@sjms.org

Salina Regional Health Foundation

The Salina Regional Health Foundation's mission is to manage and distribute assets to improve the health of the regional community. SRHF programs include the Rebecca A Morrison House, nursing scholarships, physician retention program, Community Health Improvement Program and Lifeline. SRHF also provides ongoing support for Salina Regional Health Center and helped raise \$2.6 million for the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

Funding: The Salina Regional Health Foundation has an annual operating budget of \$287,000. A broad base of

contributions from the region supports the operating budget and the grant program expenses.

For more information contact Executive Director Tom Martin at 785-452-6088, or email tmmartin@srhc.com

Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts

The Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts provides a wide range of music, dance and theatre events through a performing arts season, a family season and a variety of special events during the year. The Stiefel Theatre is used by several community groups including the Salina Symphony. The new gallery space features a rotating series of contemporary art.

Funding: The Stiefel Theatre has a budget of approximately \$500,000. Funding comes from ticket sales, facility rental, Friends of the Stiefel Theatre, corporate sponsorships and donations.

For more information, call Executive Director Michele Clark at 785-827-1998 or email mclark@stiefeltheatre.org

For more information on funding needs for these organizations, or any of the more than 50 charities that have endowments with the Foundation, call our office at 823-1800, or send us an email at communityfoundation@gscf.org.