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The Kansas Transfer of Wealth Study reveals

Great Potential

At the Foundation's recent community luncheon, GSCF President Betsy Wearing talked about the power of endowment, describing it as "planting a seed that will grow shade for children you will never meet." Her remarks were in reference to a recent study conducted by Wichita State University for the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF), including the Greater Salina Community Foundation, that brings the importance of estate planning to the forefront for Kansans.

The research results, announced last month, projects that over the next 12 years, more than \$66 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in the state of Kansas. In Saline County, the projected amount for that same time period is \$1.3 billion. When considering a 50-year time frame, this wealth transfer is estimated at \$598 billion state wide, \$8.4 billion in Saline County.

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Citizenship award recipient Jim Price (left) gets a hug from friend and former GSCF board member Don Schroeder at the Foundation's annual grant luncheon. PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM DORSEY, THE SALINA JOURNAL

Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship

Citizen is driving force for others

One of the most joyful things the Foundation does each year is the presentation of the Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. Since the foundation started giving out this award, we have been privileged to learn about some truly outstanding individuals who quietly serve this community. This year was no exception.

This year's outstanding citizen is Mr. Jim Price. He was recognized at the Foundation's annual awards luncheon and presented with a clock and \$1,000.

Price started his service to others by serving in the military for 20 years. He then spent 20 years as a civil servant working nights as a postal clerk. Fifteen years ago, Jim, a disabled veteran, was asked by a fellow veteran if he might provide a ride for him and his scooter to the Wichita VA Hospital for an appointment;

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Local programs benefit from Spring Grants

The Foundation is pleased to announce recipients for the spring 2008 Fund for Greater Salina grants. The Foundation received 36 grant applications with requests totaling more than \$125,000. Grant requests are capped at \$5,000. Fund for Greater Salina Grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive application process. The following grants were awarded:

\$4,500 Saline County Mounted Patrol & Rescue Squad — To purchase new radios to aid in communication during rescue efforts

\$1,460 Salina Education Foundation — To purchase books and materials for "Stewart the Teddy Bear" program promoting reading, science and social studies for the students at Stewart Elementary School

\$4,000 The Volunteer Connection/KWU — matching funding for a grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation to purchase a minivan to transport senior volunteers and young people with physical and/or mental challenges to volunteer opportunities

\$3,000 The Salina Emergency Aid/Foodbank — To provide aid to clients facing eviction or utility disconnection through assistance voucher system

\$2,500 Friends of The Smoky Hill Museum — Funding for two events in association with the Smoky Hill Museum to help celebrate the Salina Sesquicentennial Celebration

\$1,500 Kansas Wesleyan University Project H.E.R.O. — To purchase supplies for a community service day that brings college students together to perform numerous community service projects in a single day

\$1,000 Rolling Hills Wildlife Museum — Provide funding to assist with the "Passport to Adventure" program designed to correlate the six major areas of the museum with applicable classroom curriculum for visiting school groups

\$1,500 The Land Institute — Purchase supplies to support the "Prairie Festival 2008" event welcoming world-class scientists, artists, literary figures, philosophers, farmers, chefs and others to Salina

\$4,950 Pregnancy Service Center, Inc. — To assist with the renovation of a new location providing expanded office, counseling and classroom space for a growing client population

The following grants were made possible through a partnership with the Salina Regional Health Foundation Community Health Investment Program (CHIP).

Annual Grant Luncheon



More than 150 people gathered for the Foundation's annual grant luncheon May 13 at the Salina Country Club. The Foundation announced nearly \$9 million in grants awarded in the last year.

Grants funded through this partnership meet specific funding criteria established by CHIP committee members. Grant review, allocation of funding and grant administration is provided by the Community Foundation.

\$5,000 Smart Start of Saline County — To assist families of special needs children age 0-3 with scholarships to attend quality pre-school programs

\$3,300 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina — Assist with a new program that will screen and match 10 children, whose parent or parents are incarcerated, with a big brother or sister

\$5,000 Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center — Support childcare scholarships for low-income children 2 weeks through 6 years old

\$3,050 Ashby House — For the Walnut House Healthy Pregnancy Program to purchase cribs, strollers, parenting books and childcare supplies for mothers and infants

\$3,275 Central Kansas Mental Health Center — Assist with the purchase of neuro-developmental equipment to use with children diagnosed with serious emotional disturbance disorder

\$4,500 Salina Family Healthcare Center — To purchase books for the "Turn a Page Touch a Mind" program, which promotes early literacy through physician office visits

\$5,000 New Start Family Life Skills Center — Scholarship funds for impoverished clients to participate in programs for mentoring, anger

management and drug and alcohol addiction resulting in part, from poor relationship skills.

\$1,750 Cottonwood Elementary PTA — Assist with purchasing items for the "Coyote Cash 'N Carry" program which rewards the practice of good character for students at Cottonwood School

\$1,500 Salina Arts and Humanities-Smoky Hill River Festival — Assist with funding for pre-festival puppetry workshop and performance with children attending the Sunset School summer lunch site

\$1,500 Coronado Area Council, Boy Scouts of America — Assist with funding student interns to help with the Scout Reach program providing lower income boys the opportunity to participate in scouting

\$1,000 Safe After Prom — Assist with funding for a drug and alcohol free event for 750-800 Salina high school students after prom. This event promotes inter-school relationships, positive behavior and responsible decision making in a safe environment

\$59,285.00 TOTAL

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$348,000 in grants from the Fund for Greater Salina. Funding for this grant program comes from donations, memorials, and from Foundation investment income. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to this important community grant fund. ■

GSCF Affiliates

Smith County Community Foundation Formed

Residents of Smith County, Kansas are among the newest Kansans to benefit from the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate program. The Smith County Community Foundation was established this spring and will provide the citizens of Smith County with important tools to build endowments, increase philanthropy, and provide ongoing support to essential area nonprofits, programs and events.

The Foundation will offer a variety of giving options for donors including advised funds, nonprofit organization endowments and scholarships. Growing communities, such as those in the Smith County Community Foundation service

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— Joe Barnes, Chairman

area, will be strengthened by their ability to preserve wealth and serve both today's citizens and future generations. A local governing board made up of citizens in area communities, including Athol, Cedar, Gaylord, Lebanon, Kensington and Smith Center, will be responsible for governance, community education and grant making decisions.

"The creation of the Smith County Community Foundation provides a tool for donors to enhance the quality of life in this area," said Joe Barnes, Chairman. "We are excited about the foundation's future possibilities. Its greatest attribute is that it will provide benefits forever."



Left: Blueprint class member Kiley Moody helps a youngster unwrap some new toys at the Ashby house.

Below: Blueprint class member Carolyn Mikesell sets up toys in the renovated space at the Ashby House.



Blueprint for Leadership

Helping others help kids

Members of the 2008 Blueprint for Leadership class decided they wanted to work with two local nonprofit organizations who serve children for their class project. Class members provided hands-on assistance with repairs and upkeep projects for the Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center.

In addition, the class worked with Ashby House to renovate the children's play area at the homeless shelter. Students from Kansas Wesleyan University painted a mural on one wall of the space. Blueprint class members removed and replaced the carpet, purchased and installed new window treatments, purchased and set up shelving and then filled the shelves with toys, books and movies. Philips Lighting donated a new television and video player for the space. ■

The addition of Smith County to the GSCF affiliate family brings the total number of affiliate foundations to eight. The Salina Foundation provides administrative support, accounting services, board development, document support and consultation. Other affiliates serve Ellis/Rooks/Trego Counties, Russell County, Ellsworth County, Cloud County, Republic County, the Smoky Valley School District and the Catholic Diocese

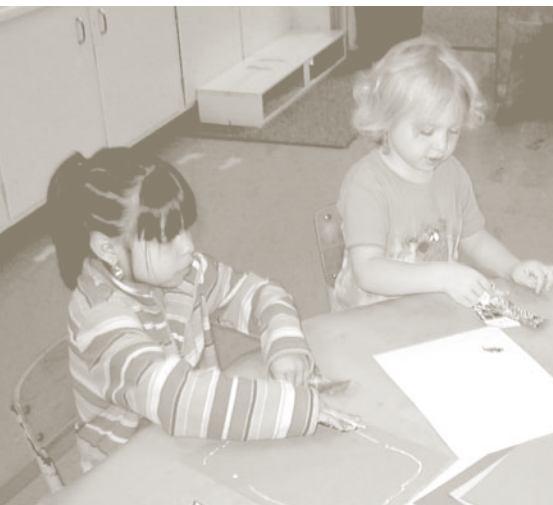
of Salina.

"We are very happy to be working with this energetic local board to bring the benefits of a community foundation to the citizens in this area," said Betsy Wearing, President & Executive Director of the Greater Salina Community Foundation. "The Smith County Foundation will provide philanthropic services here forever. It is a very exciting time for these communities." ■

2008 PET Project

Giving kids a proper start

Getting the proper start is the key to success in almost everything. Experts agree that children who are ready when they start kindergarten have far more



success in school than their counterparts who are behind the learning curve right from the start. Donors to the 2008 PET Project recognized the importance of school readiness when they selected Heartland Early Learning for the 2008 PET Project grant.

The grant will provide funding for 17 kindergarten-bound children to continue attending pre-school classes throughout the summer. These children are funded with state funds during the school year, and unlike their classmates who are supported with federal funds, they cannot receive assistance for the summer, even though their academic and language skills qualify them for extended learning. During summer school, these youngsters will improve their language and communication skills and be better able to focus and take direction. These extra weeks of learning, in a language-focused summer school environment, will help ensure that their transition into kindergarten will be more successful.

The PET Project, which stands for

Seniors look ahead with scholarship help

Tassels have been moved and lockers cleaned out. Seniors have said good bye to high school. Many are looking ahead to continuing their education at a university or trade school, and the Foundation is again working with donors to help them get there. The following scholarships were awarded this year:

Alma Olson & Michael T. Olson Scholarship

Ben Griffin

Booker T. Washington Scholarship

Beatrice Kilat
Gabriel Lewis
Whitney Sanchez

Brian C. Garnett Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Sheahon
Sarah Shier
Tyler Weiser

C.L. Clark Scholarship

Amy Turner

David A. & M. Marguerite Parker Scholarship

Nicholas Webb
Seth Bell
Zachary McClure

Evelyn R. King NHS Scholarship

Bridget Byquist
Brittany Haynes
Christopher Lohf
Jessica Francis
Kate Augustine
Sarah Shier

First Bank Kansas Scholarship

Alison Harbaugh

Florence Evelyn Westhoff Scholarship

Kayla Welch

Gayle & Evelyn Richmond Scholarship

Deidre Jones
Rebecca Benoit

Glenn L. & Edna M. Mott Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Wessel

Hale Family Sunflower Promise Scholarship

Maria Stevens

James L. Ogden Memorial Scholarship

Jamila Saadi

Jody Fredrickson Nursing & Health Scholarship

Molly Coleman

Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship

Jared Hayes
Brooklyn St. Clair
Lakin Tuxhorn

Mike & Mable Kelling Scholarship

Elizabeth Benson

Wally Beets - John Marino Scholarship

Beatrice Kilat
Gina Garcia
Jordan Nixon

Mary Olson & Viola Olson Gustafson Scholarship

Haley Baxa
Alyce Fowler

Decatur Community Scholarship

Andrew Dempewolf
Lacey Ream
Rory Wendelin

Erik Erickson Memorial Scholarship

Jared Marcuson

GSCF Total - \$29,200

In addition to the scholarships administered by the Foundation, \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded by four of our affiliate foundations, including more than \$34,000 by the Russell County Area Community Foundation. Scholarships were also awarded from the Community Foundation for Cloud County, the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation and the Republic County Community Foundation. ■

Philanthropy, Empowerment, and Transformation, began four years ago with the goal of bringing young donors together with the help of the Greater Salina Community Foundation to offer a significant grant to a program or project. The donors pick the project. The Foundation facilitates the grant selection process, and pays 100% of the administrative costs. Pooling their contributions enables these donors to make a more significant impact on a particular program or project. Together, the dollars are more powerful, more helpful, and make a bigger difference.

The PET Project has made many

important grants to serve children and youth. In 2005, the Project funded a music and arts camp for at risk youth through St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. In 2006, the Project empowered USD 305 students to prevent bullying in their schools by providing a week-long training from the Prevention of Hate Violence in Maine. In 2007, the project purchased new computers and printers for students to use during the after school and summer programs at the Salvation Army.

For more information on the PET Project, visit our website at www.gscf.org. ■



Several members of the Youth GrantMakers Council were present at the Foundation's annual grant luncheon to assist in the presentation of the Youth Citizenship Award to Southeast of Saline Student, Elissa Stein.

YGMC awards grants, recognizes citizenship

This school year has flown by for the members of the Youth GrantMakers Council. Following a very successful grant cycle in the fall, they raised \$2,500 to match a generous contribution and were able to give away \$5,600 in the spring. YGMC received eleven grant applications in April and chose to award the following grants:

Samantha McCary (\$1600) — To buy a weather station that will be used at Salina South High School to teach students about the weather, our atmosphere, and the environment by providing real-time weather information

K-9 Capers (\$1000) — To purchase dog agility equipment to enhance the 4-H dog training program

Southeast of Saline High School's T.R.U.S.T./S.A.D.D. (\$1000) — To fund an "Alternative Day" to raise awareness about underage drinking, drug use, and the importance of wearing a seat belt

Sacred Heart High School Junior Civitan Club (\$800) — To fund a senior citizen prom where youth can directly associate with the elderly to break stereotypes in both groups

Assaria Pride Yardstick Garden (\$600) — To landscape a new addition to the existing garden that teaches youth about gardening, harvesting, and entrepreneurial skills

Laurel Michel (\$600) — To start the rebeautification of the courtyard outside of Salina Central High School's cafeteria that will involve art students, industrial design students, and math students working together to complete the project

In total this year, YGMC received 28 grant requests and gave away

\$11,700 to youth-led projects in the community. In addition to making grants, the Council again sponsored a Youth Citizenship Award. Ten nominations were received for the award, which honors an outstanding youth in Saline County for service to the community. The Council chose to honor Elissa Stein. As a senior at Southeast of Saline High School, Stein has dedicated herself to serving her community, but especially her peers. Stein received a \$100 gift and a commemorative plaque at the Foundation's annual luncheon on May 13th.

Following the awarding of grants and the Youth Citizenship Award, YGMC began recruiting new members for next year, a task that had previously been done in the fall. This change will make the beginning of the school year less hectic and allow the new Council to get right to work next fall. Sixteen applications were received. With seven seniors leaving, the council had quite a few chairs to fill. They selected ten new members for the 2008-2009 school year. This increase in members will bring the total to nineteen next year, the largest council yet. ■

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and then, subsequent appointments. Soon, he was approached by another veteran, an amputee, who learned of Jim's generosity. Word spread. For five years, Jim made as many as four trips each week to and from the Wichita VA hospital in his personal van to help others receive needed medical care.

Eventually, the local VA chapter purchased a van and presented it to the VA Hospital, which provides maintenance and upkeep. However, Jim and his wife, Ella, continued to receive all the calls, handled the scheduling for the riders and drivers, and Jim continued to be a driver for the service.

On the days he was not driving to Wichita, Jim was often providing transportation to the Topeka VA hospital where veterans could be seen by various specialists. In 2002, the Topeka VA Hospital asked Jim and two others to take over operation of their van and transportation service enabling area veterans to receive services in Topeka, Leavenworth and Kansas City. He was then coordinating transportation, including record keeping, for two vans going different directions, and still serving as a driver much of the time.

In 2005, 12 years after his retirement—some welcome support was found for the Topeka service and Jim was able to cut back to only about 40 hours a month driving as well as the record keeping for the Wichita vans.

In 2006 he was recognized for driving more than 100,000 miles transporting veterans. He has added thousands of miles to that total since.

This selfless service to fellow veterans resulted in not only directly assisting others, but in the birth of ongoing transportation services for those who served our country.

When not driving veterans, Jim can be found helping repair automobiles of elderly citizens, helping out at the DAV thrift store, or at his church. You might find him working a gate at the River Festival this June as well. ■

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Following the Great Depression and World War II, the United States entered a golden age of business growth and personal prosperity. Americans created, invested and multiplied unprecedented wealth. Over the next 50 years, this capital – a conservative estimate of \$41 trillion nationwide – will change hands. Most will go to heirs and taxes, but Kansas Community Foundations are leading an effort to ensure that a portion is preserved and invested in communities across the state.

Wearing points out why this effort is so critical at this time. “It used to be common for generations of families to stay in or near the same community. That is no longer the case. Many times families are spread across the country. Once a generation passes, the wealth they accumulated often leaves a community and never returns.”

“When preparing an estate plan, if families would consider leaving just 5% of their estate to the community foundation, they could leave a lasting legacy in the community where they may have earned their living or raised their families. We hope to encourage residents to designate a portion of their estates, through 401(k) or IRA accounts, life insurance policies or land to the community foundation endowment.”

Gifts to community foundations are particularly fruitful because the foundation invests the money for perpetual giving. If GSCF were to receive 5% of the wealth transfer

Transfer of Wealth (TOW) potential for area counties

County	Adjusted TOW through 2020	5% of TOW	Potential annual payout from endowed TOW (5%)
Saline	\$1,331,663,271	\$66,583,164	\$3,329,158
Ellis	\$661,069,425	\$33,053,470	\$1,652,673
Cloud	\$275,193,671	\$13,759,684	\$687,984
Russell	\$213,418,154	\$10,670,907	\$533,545
Ellsworth	\$162,199,672	\$8,109,984	\$405,499
Republic	\$134,674,125	\$6,733,706	\$336,685
Smith	\$102,693,956	\$5,134,697	\$256,734

For more detailed information about the data for local counties, please visit the KACF Web site at www.kansasfcfs.org.

The Transfer of Wealth study was funded by the Kansas Health Foundation for the KACF and conducted by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University. Future intergenerational wealth transfer for the state and for each county in Kansas was estimated based on a model initially created by Boston College.

estimated for Saline County in the next twelve years, we would have \$66 million dollars in endowments that would, in turn, generate an additional \$3.3 million in *annual* grants to support local programs and projects.

“Data like this truly brings to light the power of endowment.” Wearing says. “Once we are gone, we can still leave a lasting mark on our community.” ■