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Giving Matters



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Foundation receives estate gift

More than \$3.6 million in immediate grants will benefit area ministries

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce receipt of a \$4.9 million gift from the estate of L.P. ("Pat") Mullen.

As per Mr. Mullen's wishes, the Foundation immediately granted \$2,438,622 to the Sister Francis Ellen Endowment Fund to benefit Sacred Heart Junior Senior High School, and \$1,219,311 to the Sisters of St. Joseph Nazareth Academy in Concordia.

Sr. Francis Ellen taught at Sacred Heart when Mr. Mullen was a student there. She later taught at the former Marymount College. Clearly, Sr. Francis Ellen touched his life. Several years ago, he established an endowed fund to benefit the school in her name. With the addition of this estate gift, that fund will generate approximately \$130,000 in annual income for the school.

The gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph



John Krajicek, principal of Sacred Heart Jr-Sr High School and Fr. Kerry Ninemire, pastor of St. Mary's Church receive a check from Greg Mullen, son of Pat Mullen, at a press conference held on November 9 at the Foundation office.

Nazareth Academy is given with no restrictions. The Sisters' ministry includes missions of mercy, social justice and human rights. Currently, sisters from the Concordia based order are ministering in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, and Brazil.

An immediate gift of \$36,948 will go the Foundation for administrative support, and establish the Mullen Family as Sustainers, a special group of donors to the Foundation that receive permanent recognition.

The remainder of the gift will establish the L.P. ("Pat") Mullen Fund at the Greater Salina Community

Foundation. The fund will generate approximately \$25,000 in annual grants to support youth education grants for arts and humanities and an additional \$25,000 for youth education in science, technology and invention. These grants will provide exciting opportunities to enhance and expand creative educational opportunities for our young people.

The Foundation will also make an annual \$10,000 grant from the Mullen Fund to KPTS Public Television in Wichita to underwrite scientific programming.

For more information on estate giving through the Foundation, please give us a call at 785-823-1800. ■

Holiday giving options

Let us Help with Holiday Shopping!

This year, give a gift that will give forever. Make a contribution to the Greater Salina Community Foundation in honor of friends, colleagues or loved ones. We'll send a personalized holiday card announcing your gift made in their name. It's a great gift for that person on your list who is tough to buy for. And it's easy for you..... no searching for a parking place, waiting in line or looking for sizes. We make shopping easy. Visit our website (www.gscf.org) or call the Foundation office for an order form or more information.

Year-end giving with a pass-through fund

For donors who, for tax purposes, need to make charitable gifts before the end of the year, but are not ready to determine the exact nature of their charitable giving, a pass through fund at the community Foundation can help.

A pass through fund operates just as it sounds. Donors make a charitable gift to the Community Foundation with a request to hold the funds until future notice. Because the Foundation is a public charity, the donor receives a tax deduction at the time he or she makes the gift. The Foundation holds the gift in a secure account until the donor is ready to recommend grant recipients.

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YGMC energized for year four

By Caitlin Cox, YGMC Coordinator

Big changes have been occurring since YGMC started its fourth year! Throughout the summer and into September, YGMC was on a manhunt to find qualified young people to join the council. Members searched each and every school, community clubs, and church youth groups to find the potential candidates.

During the second week of September, YGMC members interviewed eighteen candidates over a period of two days, for eight openings. The following students were chosen: Bryan Eitel, Kaylee Ferguson, Jason Kum, and Ethan Young (Salina South); Sydney Rayl and Courtney Train (Salina Central); Ann Nguyen (Sacred Heart); and Morgan Lindsay (Ell-Saline).

On September 16th the new council gathered for the annual kick-off retreat. Energized and excited to get the new year going, the council met the very next day for the first official meeting. The following members were elected as officers: Veronica Hill, president, Ryan Wofford, vice-

president, and Kate Augustine, secretary. Chloe Seim and Adria Smith are serving as co-historians, a new position responsible for

photographing and chronicling all YGMC events.

The council has created a presentation to give to various school and community groups regarding

YGMC and the grant process.

They have also updated the grant application, the YGMC website, and put a call out for applications for the winter grant cycle. Applications were due December 1st and selected grants will be announced soon.

YGMC's biggest goal this year is to educate youth in the community about the grant program and grant all of the approximately \$7,000 they have available. Make sure to stay tuned to see if they can achieve this monumental goal!

Learn more about YGMC on our website at www.ygmc.org; or visit www.gscf.org and click on Youth GrantMakers Council. ■



Looking for great grant ideas

Applications being accepted for Fund for Greater Salina Grants

Beginning December 15, the Foundation will be accepting grant applications for the Fund for Greater Salina. Grants will be awarded to selected non-profit organizations, or individuals or groups with a charitable project that will benefit those in the greater Salina area. Approximately \$40,000 in grant dollars will be available.

Those interested in applying can find the application, grant guidelines and supporting information on the Foundation's web site, www.gscf.org, or can write or call the Foundation office for a grant application form, P.O. Box 2876, Salina, KS 67402-2876, (785)-823-1800. Applications must be received between December 15 and February 15 to be considered. Awards will be announced in the spring. ■

Bringing Philanthropy to more of Kansas

New affiliate foundations announced

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce two new affiliate foundations that will provide area communities with important tools to build endowments, increase philanthropy, and provide ongoing support to essential area nonprofits, programs and events.

The Heartland Community Foundation will serve the west central Kansas area, including the counties of Ellis, Trego, Rooks and others. The Republic County Community Foundation will serve citizens in Republic County. As with all affiliates, a local governing board will be responsible for governance, community education and grant making decisions for each of the new foundations.

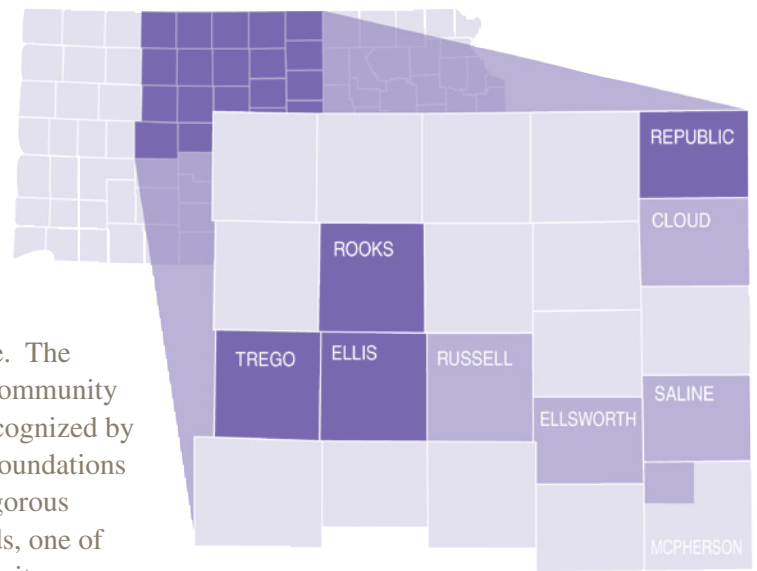
The Heartland and Republic County Foundations join four existing affiliate foundations working with the Greater Salina Community Foundation. They are: Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation, serving Ellsworth County, the Russell County Area Community Foundation, the Community Foundation for Cloud County, and the Smoky Valley Community Foundation, serving the Lindsborg area.

Community Foundations are the fastest growing form of philanthropy in the nation. In the case of both Heartland and Republic County, the formation of the foundation has taken place over a period of several years. Local citizens researched the need and benefits of a foundation as well as options for establishment.

As affiliates of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, these start-up foundations will receive administrative support, accounting services, board development and consultation. They can almost immediately offer the

services of an established, larger, regional community foundation without the added expenses and administration of standing alone. The Greater Salina Community Foundation is recognized by the Council on Foundations as having met rigorous national standards, one of only two community foundations out of the 65 in Kansas to receive that designation.

"It is exciting to help these energetic local boards to bring the benefits of a community foundation to the citizens in their area," said Betsy Wearing, President & Executive Director of the Greater Salina Community Foundation.



"These affiliate foundations will provide philanthropic services to their citizens forever."

To learn more about our affiliate foundations, visit our website (www.gscf.org, click on Affiliates), or call the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. ■

Fall Fund for Greater Salina Grants Announced

The Foundation is pleased to announce the following grant recipients for the fall 2007 Fund for Greater Salina grants:

- \$500 — Salina Public Library-CLASS
- \$1,075 — Salina Community Theatre
- \$1,200* — Martin Luther King Child Development Center
- \$1,600* — Kansas Kids Fitness Day-USD 305
- \$1,750 — American Red Cross North Central Kansas Chapter
- \$2,000* — Band Camp 2008 - USD 305
- \$2,000 — Saline County Commission on Aging Sunflower Adult Day Services
- \$2,000 — Sisters of St. Joseph
- \$2,200* — Salina Child Care Association
- \$2,500 — Catholic Charities of Salina
- \$2,500* — Coronado Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
- \$2,500 — Salina Symphony
- \$3,000* — Kansas Pediatric Foundation
- \$3,000 — Salina Central High School Mustang Band
- \$3,500* — Salina Association for the Education of Young Children (SAEYC)
- \$4,000* — Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc.
- \$5,000 — Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank
- \$5,000* — Salina-Saline County Health Department

*In partnership with the Salina Regional Health Foundation Community Health Investment Program (CHIP).

For a more complete description of these grants, visit our website at www.gscf.org and click on current events.

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Pass through funds are different from donor-advised funds because there is no minimum endowed gift, and a different fee structure. For more information on pass-through funds and other end of year giving opportunities, contact the Foundation office.

Make a Wish Come True for a Local Charity

The Foundation has again produced the Make A Wish Come True Catalog to help gift-givers complete their holiday shopping. The catalog provides information and a wish list for more than 25 local nonprofit organizations. Items on the wish list vary from children's puzzles to office supplies to computer equipment. Catalogs will be available at the Foundation office (113 N. 7th, Suite 201), the Salina Public Library, Caper's Café, Salina Media Group

(131 N. Santa Fe) and the Salina Journal (333 S. 4th). Pick up a copy and use it to help support the good work of our nonprofit organizations this holiday season.

Make gifts from your IRA before December 31

A special IRA rollover provision, effective until December 31, 2007, allows individuals who are 70½ or older to take tax-free withdrawals from their IRAs as long as that money goes directly to a charity, such as the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Although the donor cannot claim the gift as a tax deduction, the IRA withdrawal that's donated directly to a charity is excluded from income. Another benefit is that the withdrawal counts against the required minimum distributions for the year. IRA owners are required to withdraw a minimum

amount every year and pay taxes on the money, even if they don't need it. By donating the money to a charity, the withdrawal requirement can be fulfilled without incurring a tax bill. Important things to know of you want to take advantage of this tax break:

- The provision is limited to withdrawals from IRAs. Money in a 401(k) or similar plan will need to be rolled into an IRA before a direct contribution can be made to a charity.
- The IRA distribution must go directly to the charity. If the check is made out to you, you'll owe taxes on the withdrawal.
- Private foundations and donor-advised funds are not eligible for tax-free IRA distributions. A gift to any existing fund at the Foundation other than a donor advised fund is eligible.

For more information, call your financial adviser, or the Foundation office at (785)823-1800. ■