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Giving Matters

Greater Salina Community Foundation

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Got a great idea for a grant?

A call for applications

Applications are due in the Foundation office by **February 4, 2004**. Grants will be awarded in the spring.

The time is now for making application to the Foundation for a grant from our unrestricted grant fund. The Greater Salina Community Foundation's Fund for Greater Salina was established to provide a source of new funding for charitable projects in the Salina area. Since the year 2000, the fund has gifted \$37,500 to a variety of charitable projects. This year the Foundation has designated \$15,000 in new grant funds.

As a community foundation, the Foundation has great flexibility in our unrestricted grant program. Like private foundations, grants can be awarded to non-profit organizations, churches and public entities.

In addition, the community foundation can also make awards to

individuals or groups of individuals who wish to embark on a charitable project. Clubs and other organizations can also apply for a grant, as long as the project is charitable and benefits the community.

For the fourth year, the Foundation Grant committee has decided to keep the grants open to a variety of charitable issues, as opposed to requesting applications supporting a specific community concern. Programs or projects can range from education, to arts to environmental issues.

For additional information and specific criteria for Fund for Greater Salina Grants as well as an application, visit the Foundation website at www.gscf.org. ■

Year-end giving made easy

Pass through funds are easy to create

As if getting ready for the holidays wasn't enough, the fast approaching year-end also means a review of tax issues and, for many, a flurry of year-end contributions to various charities. The Community Foundation can help.

The Foundation offers donors a variety of methods to support charitable organizations and projects. One way is establishing a pass-through fund. Though most Foundation funds are designed with permanent giving in mind, the Foundation also works with donors who wish to make current gifts.

Pass through funds are designed to assist donors who wish to make a charitable contribution or contributions at the end of the year, (or any time) perhaps for tax reasons, but may not have yet determined which charities they want to support.

Creating a pass-through fund is easy. Donors work with Foundation staff to complete a simple agreement. The initial gift or gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible to the highest extent allowed by the IRS, so the donor gets the charitable relief on his or her taxes.

A recommendation to the Foundation at any time throughout the year is all it takes for the Foundation to make a gift from the donor's fund to the charity of his or her choice. Gifts are made in the donor's name unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous. The Foundation assesses a small fee to cover administration of the fund.

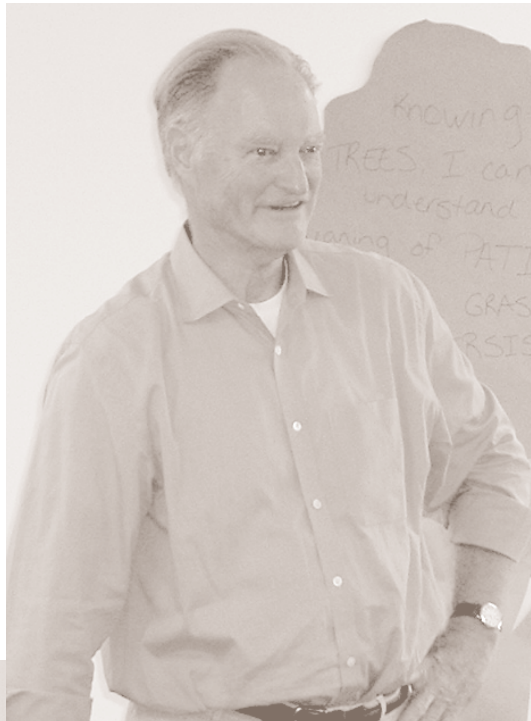
Pass through funds can be particularly beneficial to those who wish to donate stock. The Foundation accepts the stock, providing the donor with the full tax-deduction for the value of the gift. The Foundation then liquidates the stock and creates a cash

fund from which grants can be made. The pass through fund is particularly helpful to donors who wish to benefit multiple organizations with their gift of stock. The Foundation takes care of the check-writing, and donors enjoy greater

flexibility in terms of the grant amounts.

Pass through funds can also be used by businesses and corporations. For more information on pass-through funds or other forms of charitable giving, please call the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. ■

Looking to the future



Members of the Foundation board gathered on a Saturday morning in October for thought-provoking fun and planning. Bill Somerville (left), a foundation consultant with Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, Oakland, CA, led the board through a series of discussions. The retreat focused on the growth of the Foundation and planning for future programs.



Foundation board members Larry Britegam, Brenda Smith, Shelli Swanson and Randy Graham enjoy themselves at the board planning retreat.

DONORLINK

Funding opportunities that may be outside your radar

Each year the Foundation receives applications for funding for a variety of community needs. The Foundation responds through two unrestricted grant programs. Our Fund for Greater Salina Grants are traditionally awarded through an annual application process. (See related story page 1.) The Foundation also awards Seize the Moment Grants, smaller, quick turn-around grants that were developed to respond to more immediate needs.

Every year, grant requests far exceed the grant dollars available. In fact, requests frequently are three or four times the available funds. The Foundation grant committee thoughtfully considers every funding request and determines which will receive grants in a given year. Many good programs and projects are funded, however many more that are also worthy are not funded due to limited grant dollars.

The Foundation is interested in partnering with donors to bridge the gap between the funding that is needed in the community, and the grant dollars available. If you are interested in learning more about current programs and projects that are in need of donor support, let us know. Foundation staff will be happy to share information regarding grant requests with interested donors. If you would like to learn about current community needs and how you can help, please call the Foundation office at 823-1800, or contact us by email at communityfoundation@gscf.org. ■

Grants at work

Teachers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center will no longer have to poke their heads out into the hall and yell to communicate with each other, thanks to a Seize the Moment Grant from the Foundation. The grant allowed the center to purchase a two-way radio/intercom system for the classrooms, office and kitchen. Because teachers do not leave the classroom when the children are present, they previously had to use the "hall way" method of communication if they needed to get a message to the office, kitchen, or another classroom. A portion of the grant dollars will assist the center in the purchase of multi-cultural toys and games for use in the classrooms.

A Seize the Moment Grant from the Foundation will help to send Jim Smith, youth program coordinator for the Volunteer Connection, to a workshop focusing on Service-Learning programs and civic engagement for youth. With



MLK Teacher Allison Hammock holds Harleigh Smith and talks to a teacher in another classroom using the new intercom system.

the knowledge gained from the workshop, Jim will work in our community to introduce the service learning concept to schools and organizations and provide support for creating service learning opportunities for our youth. ■

Conrad Teitell speaks in Salina



In October, the Foundation hosted more than 85 professional advisors and development staff at the Salina Bicentennial Center for a program on Charitable Remainder Trusts - the latest tax and estate planning strategies. The presenter was nationally known attorney and speaker, Conrad Teitell.

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Organization Spotlights

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

Hospice of Salina

Hospice of Salina provides high quality medical and comfort care to persons with terminal illness and their families. Hospice staff works to address end of life issues, to relieve suffering, and to affirm the dignity of life. The goal of Hospice care is to enable the patient to live as comfortably as possible, and to return the bereaved to fully functioning and satisfying lives.

Hospice uses a team of professionals;

physician, nurse, social worker, chaplain or patient's pastor, home health aids and specially trained volunteers. Services are available 24 hours a day. Bereavement follow-up is provided for at least a year following the death of a loved one.

Funding: Hospice of Salina operates on an annual budget of more than \$700,000. Of that, Hospice relies on private donations for 15 to 20% of their operating budget. Additional funding comes from Medicare and Medicaid and from some commercial insurers.

For more information on Hospice of Salina, call Kim Fair, President & CEO at 785-825-4949, or email her at hospice@salhelp.org.

The First Tee

The First Tee provides affordable and accessible golf facilities and programs to primarily serve those who have not had exposure to the game and its positive values. The program serves all youth in Saline County and the surrounding area.

Children as young as five can participate in the First Tee's First Touch program. Offered in the summer, these week-long sessions introduce youngsters to the game in a fun setting. Children ages 8 to 18 can participate in various levels of instruction, learning not only golf skills but also life skills. Golf professionals from the First Tee also assist in the local schools and offer golf camps for interested youngsters.

Funding: The annual operating budget for the First Tee is just under \$40,000. Program fees are very low, and 75% of the budget is generated through direct contributions. The program has aggressively worked to build an endowment in the Community Foundation to provide for future needs.

For more information on the First Tee, call Steve Hardesty at 826-7450, or contact him by email at steve@firstteesalina.kscoxmail.com.

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