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Greater Salina Community Foundation

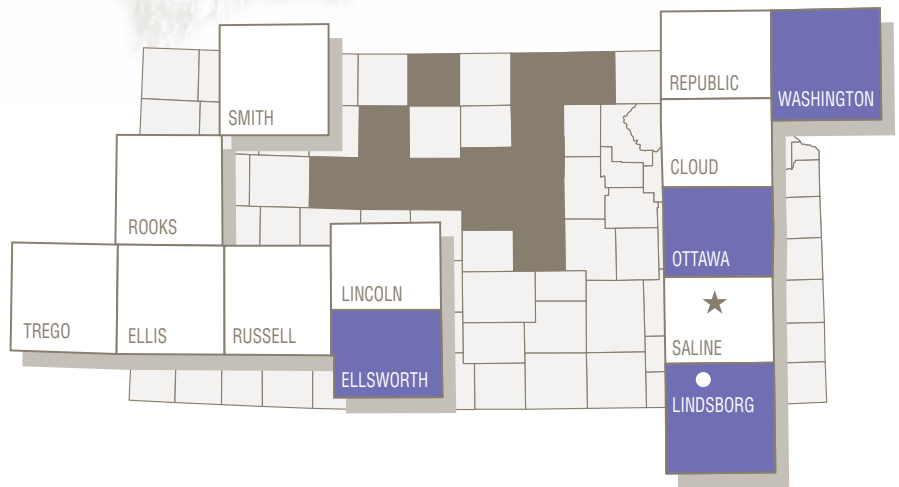
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4 More GSCF Affiliates Selected for GROW II

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the Kansas Health Foundation recently selected several area foundations, including four affiliates of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, to participate in the second chapter of the Giving Resources to Our World Healthy Kansas Initiative (GROW II). They are: The Ottawa County Community Foundation, the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation (serving Ellsworth County), the Washington County Community Foundation and the Smoky Valley Community Foundation (serving Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley region).

The selected foundations are being challenged to raise endowment dollars that will be matched by the Kansas Health Foundation up to \$300,000 each. If they are successful in their fundraising efforts, each will end up with approximately \$1 million in new endowed funds for the betterment of their communities. This local money will stay local.

“We are so grateful to the Kansas Health Foundation for their continued support of Kansas community foundations. Their commitment is helping us to capture the generational



transfer of wealth taking place in rural Kansas so that these communities will remain strong,” said Betsy Wearing, President of the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is host to eleven regional foundations. In 2009, five of those affiliates and GSCF were selected to participate in the first round of the GROW II project. With the current announcement, a total of nine of the GSCF affiliates are now participating. If all successfully meet the match, it will mean more than \$3.7 million in funds from the Kansas Health Foundation and between \$11 and \$18 million in total

new funds for the region.

“We look forward to this new phase of helping community foundations across Kansas grow into healthy, thriving sources of help that will stand the test of time,” says Steve Coen, president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation.

In addition to the matching endowed grant, each community foundation will receive training, one-on-one consulting and support and, if they meet certain benchmarks, an operating grant of 3.5 percent of the matching grant awarded by the Kansas Health Foundation on an annual basis for six years.

Looking for great grant ideas

The Foundation announces the following grant opportunities:

YW Legacy Fund - This fund makes grants to initiatives that support the mission of the former YWCA in our community. Approximately \$14,000 in grant funds will be available this year. Applications are due by February 3, 2011. Awards will be made in April. Grant requests should address one or more of the following criteria:

- Encourage women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people
- Help children attain their greatest potential
- Create an environment to assist in the physical and mental health and well-being of women and their families
- Pursue the elimination of racism wherever it exists

Fund For Greater Salina - This unrestricted community grant fund supported through donations and investment returns. Grants will be awarded to selected non-profit organizations, or individuals or groups with a charitable project that will benefit those in Saline County. Applications must be received in the office by March 8, 2011 to be considered. Awards will be announced in April.

Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative - This initiative is aimed at creating healthy communities by emphasizing better nutrition and increased physical activity. A steering committee of local experts created a community plan for the initiative. The plan includes goals and focuses on important issues and strategies to help our community become a healthier place to live, work, educate, and play. Approximately \$12,000 is available for new proposals this year. In the first year of the initiative, several multi-year grants were awarded. Applications must be received by March 17, 2011 to be considered. Awards will be announced in April.

All grant applications are available on the Foundation's website at www.gscf.org, click on Apply for a Grant or call the Foundation at 785-823-1800.

Looking for outstanding citizens of all ages

Nominate someone you know

The Foundation is seeking nominations for the Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. This annual award is given based on the following criteria:

- 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 are being accepted until March 31, 2011. 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. The award includes a prize of up to \$1,000.

YGMC seeking nominations

The Foundation's Youth GrantMakers Council is offering a Youth Citizenship Award to one young person in the Saline County area who has changed this community for the better. This award will include a \$100 prize.

Youth can be nominated by any peer or adult in the community. The Youth Citizenship Award is

meant to be given to a youth living in Saline County who demonstrates compassion, kindness and selflessness. Criteria for this award include:

- Nominee must be under age 18
- Must show incredible selflessness and citizenship
- Must have performed community work in Saline County

Nominations can be found on the YGMC website at www.ygmc.org. Nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2011. Once all nominations have been received, the council will decide on finalists. These finalists will then be interviewed by the council to determine a recipient.

Both citizenship awards will be presented at a luncheon sponsored by the Foundation and open to the community on May 17, 2011 at the Salina Country Club. The Luncheon will also serve as the announcement event for Greater Salina Community Foundation grants, scholarships and programs.



GPS, not just for dashboards



Middle School students use GPS for a variety of math, science and social studies activities on Enrichment Day at Lakewood Discovery Center last April.

mathematics applications. They discovered a great deal about the geography, history, and landmarks of Saline County. Future plans for the project include working with South Middle School social studies teachers to implement the use of GPS in their geography lessons and expansion of the program to the high school level.

A 2010 Foundation Grant from the Mullen Fund for Youth Science, Invention & Technology to the Central Kansas Cooperative in Education and USD 305 Gifted Education Department funded the purchase of portable GPS units for a program that served multiple students in area school districts. The Adventures in Education through GPS program benefited approximately 350 students over the course of a year. Students improved their spatial orientation skills, developed map reading skills, and explored real-world

IRA Charitable Rollover Extended

On December 17, 2010 the president signed a bill that, among other things, extended the charitable IRA rollover provision.

This provision allows individuals who are 70½ or older to take tax-free withdrawals from their IRAs as long as that money goes directly to charity, such as the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Although the donor cannot claim the gift as a tax deduction, the withdrawal and counts against the required minimum distributions for the year.

The bill extended the provision through the end of 2011. Important things to know of you want to take advantage of this tax break:

- Donors must be at least 70½.
- The provision is limited to withdrawals from IRAs (traditional or Roth). 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 other existing fund at the Foundation.

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

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A total of thirteen community foundations across Kansas were chosen to participate in the second round of GROW II. In 2009, 12 Kansas community foundations were chosen in the first round. The Kansas Health Foundation will include additional community foundations in the GROW II program in 2011.

KHF believes that strong community foundations build healthier communities.

For more information on the Greater Salina Community Foundation or to learn how to make a donation that will make a lasting difference in these communities, please contact us at 785-823-1800 or visit our website at www.gscf.org.

YGMC announces 2010 fall grants

Students helping students: That could be the new name of the Youth GrantMaker's Council. The Council recently announced the results of its fall grant cycle, and like all YGMC grants, all went to youth-led initiatives and all grant requests were written by youth. This fall however, seven of the eight approved grants will all go to schools for supplies for classrooms or club activities.

YGMC members reviewed 14 grants requesting more than \$20,000. The following grants were awarded:

- \$1,475 to St. John's Military School to establish a robotics club. The grant will provide robotics kits for up to 15 cadets to participate in the activity.
- \$1,258 to Salina South Lab Chicks to purchase supplies for Girls in the Lab Day where high school girls host area students to a day filled with fun science experiments.
- \$1,140 to Sacred Heart High School Debate & Forensics to purchase laptop computers to use for research for the debate team.
- \$1,100 to Team Salina to host Let's Move Salina, a one day fitness challenge for local youth that ties in with the White House fitness initiative.
- \$840 to St. Mary's Grade School to purchase kits for an after-school robotics club for 3rd through 6th graders.
- \$835 to Salina Christian Academy to purchase a physical-political pull-down map set that includes 7 different maps, and an incubator for the science department.
- \$628 to Southeast of Salina Math Department for graphing calculators to use for student check-out.
- \$356 to Salina South Fellowship of Christian Anybodies Club to purchase supplies for a student lock-in retreat.

\$7,632 Total

For more information on YGMC, contact Caitlin Cox at caitlincox@gscf.org.

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Second-grade teacher and chief Santa, Susan Jordan leads helper elves out of the building at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School to load gifts into the cars of nonprofit representatives.

2010 Make a Wish Come True Catalog

Several Salina nonprofits report that they received much-needed items on their wish list as a result of the 2010 Make A Wish Come True catalog. Among this year's gifts were: the Volunteer Connection received 15 gently used conference room chairs, Big Brothers Big Sisters received 2 printers, a scanner and cash contributions and the Boy Scouts received assistance for uniform purchases.

In addition, Meadowlark Elementary students again collected coins to purchase items listed in the catalog to benefit local charities. Those benefitting this year included Martin

Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center, the Rebecca A. Morrison House, Salina Child Care, DVACK and the new Donna Vanier Children's Center. This is the fifth year for the project, and the students raised an all time high of \$1,200!

The Make A Wish Come True catalog is produced and distributed annually by the Foundation at no cost to the charities. The catalog is another way the Foundation works to increase philanthropy in our community. Giving occurs year-round. If you would like a copy of the catalog, give us a call at 823-1800.