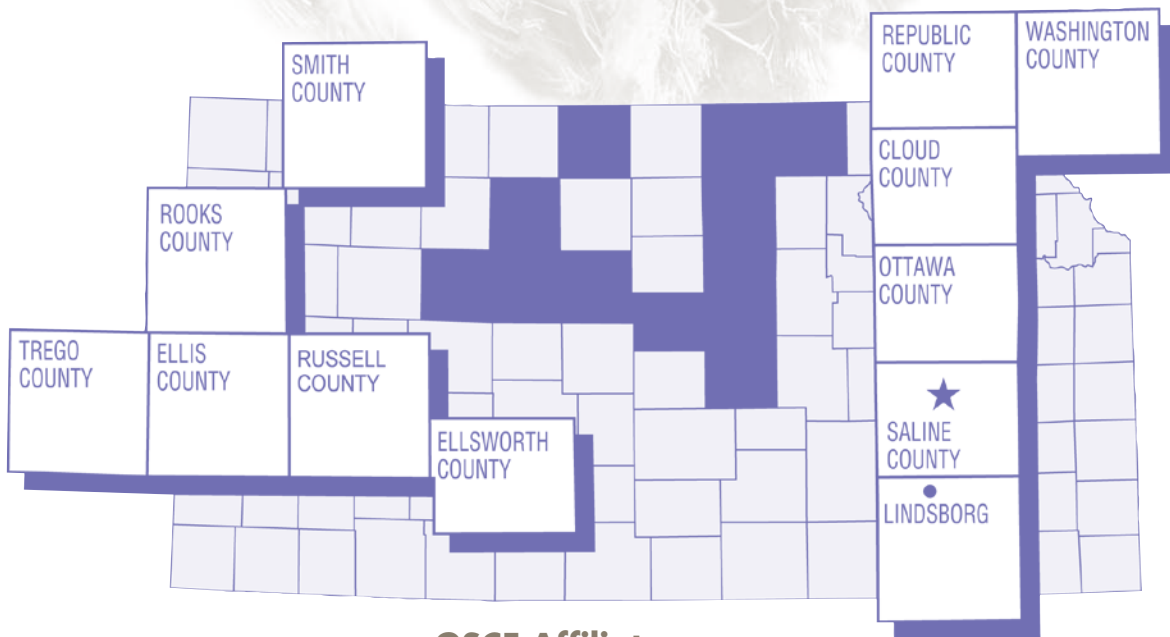


*We are a rope — individual fibers braided together to make a stronger whole.*

# Giving Matters

Greater Salina Community Foundation

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## **GSCF Affiliates**

# Washington and Ottawa Counties are newest affiliates

The Foundation welcomed two new affiliates in November: the Washington County Community Foundation and the Ottawa County Community Foundation. Both will provide the citizens of the communities they serve with important tools to build endowments, increase philanthropy, and provide ongoing support to essential area nonprofits, programs and events.

The new foundations will offer a variety of giving options for donors including advised funds, nonprofit organization endowments and scholarships. Rural communities, such as those in Ottawa and Washington counties will be strengthened by their ability to preserve wealth and serve both today's citizens

## Professional Advisor Event



The Foundation hosted an educational event for professional advisers in November. George Bittner, vice president of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation visited with local attorneys, accountants and financial planners regarding the benefits of giving through a community foundation.

# Other Happenings

## New Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

A new initiative at the Greater Salina Community Foundation is bringing community members together to develop a city-wide Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition. A community plan has been developed with the vision that all Salina residents live a healthy and physically active lifestyle.

Currently, coalition members are conducting a community assessment, developing a web site, and recruiting additional members. Committees are being formed to work in the areas of policy, schools, worksite wellness, community strategies and marketing/communications. The full coalition meets every other month.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition, please contact Jenny Stack at the Foundation, 785-823-1800.

## UPDATE: YGMC

Since beginning the year in August, YGMC members have been hard at work marketing their grant program to local schools, clubs, and youth groups. Council members created



posters, flyers, and designed t-shirts to help inform area youth about YGMC and to encourage grant applications.

YGMC offers grants twice a year, in the spring and fall. Applications for the fall grant cycle were due November 2. They received 15 grant applications for consideration. All YGMC grants must be written by youth under the age of 18 and should benefit youth. Grants will be announced in December.

## PET Project 2010 - Join us!

Plans are underway for PET Project 2010. Come hear more about the success of the Wii-hab program funded by the 2009



PET Project grant, mingle with friends, enjoy food and spirits and gear up for 2010. Please save the date – **6:30 PM on January 30 at Moka's** in Downtown Salina.

The PET Project brings together young Salinans, willing to make a little commitment, to be part of something big. If you have been a part of the Project, we look forward to seeing you again. If you would like to learn more, please join us! For more information, visit our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org).

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and future generations. Local governing boards made up of citizens in area communities will be responsible for governance, community education and grant making decisions.

“We are excited about the future possibilities of these new foundations,” said Betsy Wearing, President & Executive Director of the Greater Salina Community Foundation. “We are committed to working in the rural counties in north central Kansas to help keep Kansas communities of all sizes strong today and tomorrow.”

The addition of Washington and Ottawa counties to the GSCF affiliate family brings the total number of affiliate foundations to ten. The Salina Foundation provides administrative support, accounting services, board development, document support and consultation. Other affiliates include: Heartland Community Foundation, serving Ellis, Rooks & Trego Counties; Russell County Area Community Foundation; Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation, serving Ellsworth County; Community Foundation for Cloud County; Republic County Community Foundation; Smoky Valley Community Foundation, serving the Lindsborg area; and the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Salina.

## IRA Rollover in effect through December 31

A special IRA rollover 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 IRA withdrawal that's donated directly to a charity is excluded from income. And there's another benefit: the withdrawal counts against the required minimum distributions for the year. IRA owners who are 70½ or older 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, that 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.

# Fall Grants Announced

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce recipients for the fall 2009 Fund for Greater Salina grants. The Foundation received 29 grant applications with requests totaling more than \$107,000. Grant requests are capped at \$5,000.

Funding for this grant program comes from donations, memorials, and other gifts to the Fund for Greater Salina Endowment. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to this important community grant fund. Since inception, the Fund for Greater Salina has awarded more than \$500,000 in grants.

**\$4,000 – Salina Arts and Humanities Commission** Funding for a residency at six schools with storyteller Queen Nur in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration.

**\$1,020 – St. Mary's Grade School** Funding for a community service club for students to reach out to the underserved in the community.

**\$4,617 – OCKK, Inc.** To purchase computers and equipment to rebuild a multi-sensory room for community members with special needs such as low vision, difficulty with eye-hand coordination and limited communication skills.

**\$5,000 – St. John's Missionary Baptist Church** Funding assistance for St. John's Kid Care after school program for youth grades 1-5.

**\$2,810 – Central Kansas Foundation** To fully fund a new program: "HOW TO COPE" for individuals who may be in crisis or whose lives are affected by someone else's alcohol or drug abuse.

**\$1,020 – USD 305- Kansas Kids Fitness Day 2010** Funding support for a physical activity education day for Saline County third graders.

**\$3,200 – Salina Symphony** To fully fund an educational outreach concert that will expose more than 550 area fourth-grade students to live symphonic music.

**\$3,000 – Salina Central High School** Funding assistance for the FIRST Robotics Team, a science and technology team-building competition where students will design and build robots.

**\$500 – Southeast of Saline Elementary School** To purchase copies of the book Together We Eat This Earth, for second grade students as a part of the social science food production unit.

**\$1,000 – Prom-A-Rama** Funding to purchase larger-size dresses for the event offering free prom dresses to girls who might not otherwise be able to attend the Prom due to the cost of a gown.



St. Mary's student Joseph Marak holds a bag made for children staying at DVACK. Students made 60 of the "Goodnight Bags" and filled them with cuddle blankets, friendship bracelets, crayons, note pads, stuffed animals, hygiene products, hand made cards and other items and delivered them to the nonprofit last year. The project was part of a new student service club established in 2008 with a grant from the Fund for Greater Salina. The program received another grant this fall.

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

**\$5,000 – Child Advocacy & Parenting Services, Inc.** Funding for Chris's Place, a child advocacy center that provides a child friendly process to interview victims of child abuse.

**\$3,985 – Salina Child Care Association** To purchase cribs, tricycles and playground equipment for children ages two weeks-to six years of age.

**\$5,000 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center** Scholarships for low-income MLK families who do not qualify for government funding.

**\$4,300 – Central Kansas Mental Health Center** To fully fund a new program to assist seriously emotionally disturbed children ages 3-5.

**\$3,000 – Boy Scouts of America** Funding assistance for a youth diversion program for youth first time offenders ages 10-16 and their parents, designed to reduce recidivism.

**\$3,280 – Meadowlark Elem. School** To fully fund the purchase of 16 walkie talkies for use by the special education staff.

**Total \$50,732**

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## Don't Forget....

### 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. Visit our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org) for an order form.

### Make a Wish Catalog Returns

The Make A Wish Come True Catalog is now available to help gift-givers complete their holiday shopping. The catalog provides information and a wish list for 28 local nonprofit organizations. Items on the wish list vary from items as small as a book of stamps to larger items like mowers or appliances. Copies are available at the Salina Public Library, or by calling the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. Pick up a catalog today and use it to help support the good work of our nonprofit organizations this holiday season.

