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Pete Peterson receives 2010 Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship

Salina attorney and founding board member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, Pete L. Peterson, was named the 2010 recipient of the Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. The award is given annually by the Foundation. The announcement was made at the Foundation's annual luncheon on May 12.

Mr. Peterson has served the community through many different organizations, serving as past Chairman of the Board, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman of the Board, St. John's Military School; past Chairman of the Board for the KU Law School Board of Governors; and is currently Chairman of the Board at First Presbyterian Church and serving on the board of the People's Exchange Bank of Concordia. But he was honored mostly for his extensive work in helping to establish the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

In early 1999, Pete wrote a white paper that served as a plan to establish

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Pete Peterson (right) is congratulated by colleague Greg Bengston after being named the 2010 Salina Outstanding Citizen.

Spring 2010 Fund for Greater Salina Grants

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to announce grant recipients for the spring 2010 Fund for Greater Salina grants. The Foundation received 28 grant applications with requests totaling more than \$113,000. Grant requests are capped at \$5,000. Grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive application process. The following grants were awarded:

\$4,800 Heartland Programs — to purchase cribs and furniture for additional classrooms allowing them to serve an additional 28 more infants and toddlers.

\$2,250 Sunflower Adult Day Care — to provide 18 therapeutic community outings for clients of the center, including transportation and admission costs.

\$5,000 New Start Family Life Skills Centers, Inc. — to scholarship low income families for programs including anger management and a batterer's intervention program.

\$1,400 Salina Rescue Mission — to purchase a roto-tiller to expand and maintain a vegetable garden. Produce will be shared



Third graders enjoyed the Kansas Kids Fun & Fitness Day on May 7, funded in part with a grant from the Foundation.

with the Ashby House and the Salvation Army.

\$3,200 USD 305 Lakewood Middle School — to purchase agenda planners for all students grades 6-8.

\$1,100 Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition — to develop a used as a central location for health and wellness events and information in the community.

\$3,500 Salina Arts & Humanities/ Smoky Hill River Festival — funding for workshops targeted at Salina's young black community, with artist Kinobe, and his group, Soul Beat Africa.

\$1,100 USD 305 Coronado Elementary Music Program — to purchase Tubano drums to expand the music curriculum for the 412 students in grades K-5.

\$2,150 The Volunteer Connection — to purchase computer equipment and software to manage the volunteer database.

\$2,500 American Red Cross — to offset the cost of aquatics certification classes needed to train staff for the new aquatic center.

The following grants were made possible through a partnership with the Salina Regional Health Foundation Community Health Investment Program (CHIP). Grants funded through this partnership meet specific funding criteria established by CHIP. Grant review, allocation of funding and grant administration is provided by the Community Foundation.

\$4,000 Salina Child Care Association — scholarships for low-income families.

\$5,000 Child Advocacy & Parenting Services Inc. — to assist in a required community match to leverage federal dollars for Smart Start, which has proven to improve the quality of childcare and early childhood education in our community.

\$5,000 Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center — scholarships for low-income families.

\$1,300 USD 305 Lakewood Middle School — to purchase two way radios for staff members who work with students who have emotional/behavioral disorders.

\$5,000 Salina Art Center — to support teaching artists for six different youth education programs including those specifically for at risk students and community-wide summer art classes for students preschool through middle school.

\$5,000 Big Brothers, Big Sisters — to offset the cost of recruitment, matching and supervision of both community-based and school-based mentoring programs for youth ages 5-18.

\$700 Southeast of Saline After Prom — to support the After Prom activities for SES juniors and seniors.

\$53,000 Total Grants Awarded

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$503,000 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.

The Fund for Greater Salina Grants are made possible by generous donations to the Fund for Greater Salina Endowment. Significant donors to that endowment include:

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Additional support for the 2010 grants came from the following contributors:

Anonymous
Mike Berkley Fund

Established in 1999, the Foundation is now in its 10th year, with assets totaling more than \$54 million. Since inception the Foundation has awarded more than \$23 million in total grants. ■

2010 Field of Interest Funds

The following grants are from funds established by donors to meet certain criteria, without naming specific organizations. The Foundation's grants committee reviews the applications and determines the recipients based on the donor's criteria.

L.P. "Pat" Mullen Funds

In 2007 the Greater Salina Community Foundation was the recipient of the L.P. "Pat" Mullen estate. Mr. Mullen was a self-taught engineer and inventor. He was a life-long Salina native who valued innovation and education. According to his wishes, the Foundation established two field of interest funds to create grants for the education of youth in the areas of arts and humanities, and science, technology & invention. These are the first grants to be awarded from the Mullen funds.

L.P. "Pat" Mullen Fund for Arts & Humanities

\$14,000 Salina Arts & Humanities (Year 1 of a 3-year grant.) — to assist in the start up of a mobile arts lab that will make arts learning accessible to Salina children who otherwise would have limited opportunities in the arts.

\$3,000 St. Mary's Grade School Music Department — to purchase props, costumes, storage units and scripts for the school's growing fifth and sixth grade theatre program.

\$1,600 Salina Peace Garden — for a new Art Camp to be offered at the Peace Garden in North Salina two afternoons a week through May and June.

L.P. "Pat" Mullen Fund for Youth Science, Invention & Technology

\$9,800 USD 305 Summer Camp Invention — to support a hands on integrated science summer enrichment program for elementary students.

\$4,000 Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School — to purchase new microscopes for use in the science lab, including a special teaching microscope that will allow the instructor to project images for viewing by the entire class.

\$3,000 USD 305 Gifted Education Department — to purchase 10 hand-held global positioning system receivers for use with special curriculum by gifted educators including USD 305.

\$2,000 St. Mary's Grade School — to support a new hands-on science unit on solar energy for fifth and sixth grade students.

Total Mullen grants awarded: \$37,400

Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative Fund

The Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative is a three year program aimed at creating healthy communities by emphasizing better nutrition and increased physical activity. The Community Foundation formed a steering committee of local experts for the creation of a community plan and ongoing support for these types of a positive health activities and life changes.

This initiative is funded by the Kansas Health Foundation, a Wichita-based philanthropy dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans. These are the first grants to be awarded from the Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative Fund. Grants will be awarded annually for two more years.

2010 Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative Grants

\$44,900 City of Salina (Year 1 of a 3-year, \$108,000 grant) — to fund the next three phases of the city's hiking/biking trail system on the levee

\$8,000 Salina Family YMCA (Year 1 of a 3-year, \$24,000 grant) — to support the further development and administration of the community coalition for physical activity and nutrition

\$9,770 Saline County Commission on Aging — to start a Healthy Lifestyles Initiative for resident ages 50+, including fitness evaluation, strength building, cardio classes and nutrition information designed for older adults.

Total NPA grants: \$62,760

2010 YW Legacy Grants

The YW Legacy Fund was established in 2006 from assets of the former Salina YWCA and private donations. This fund makes grants to initiatives that support the mission of the former YWCA. Since inception, the fund has awarded more than \$77,000 in grants. The following grants were awarded this spring:

\$1,500 The CASTLE Project — to purchase music, art and science supplies for a summer program that serves low-income children.

\$2,500 Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center — to purchase classroom supplies for pre-kindergarten children.

Grants

YGMC Announces 2010 Youth Citizenship Award

The Foundation's Youth GrantMakers Council (YGMC) awarded South High Senior Kendra Baumberger the 2010 Youth Citizenship Award.

During her high school career, Kendra has held many leadership positions in various clubs and groups, including being the treasurer of Salina South High KAY Club, the stage manager of two school musicals, and the director of a one-act play.

Outside of school, she is an avid volunteer and including a member of 4-H for the past twelve years. She has received many awards for her service to the community, including Outstanding 4-H'er, the President's Volunteer Service Award (three times), and a 4-H Key Award.

One project that impressed the selection committee was a project Kendra initiated to make fun pillowcases for the pediatric patients at Salina Regional Health Center. She and her peers sewed 100



pillowcases for the children. In addition, the group made another 128 cases to send to patients at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where Kendra had once been a patient.

Kendra received a commemorative plaque and a check for \$100 for her service to the community.

The Youth Citizenship Award is an award that is presented annually by YGMC. Its purpose is to recognize a

Saline County youth, no

older than eighteen, who has made a significant voluntary contribution(s) to the welfare or betterment of the community. ■

\$2,500 Salina Child Care Association

— to purchase two computers to be used by the children in the classrooms and to replace educational equipment and supplies.

\$5,000 Child Advocacy & Parenting Services, Inc.

— to support the Family Mentoring & Support program for Spanish speaking families.

\$3,000 Salina Regional Health Foundation

— to help furnish and equip the planned Donna L. Vanier Children's Center which will serve children through the Salina Regional Health Center Infant Child Development Program, Salina Child Care and Child Advocacy and Parenting Services.

The following grant was made possible through a funding partnership between the YW Legacy Fund and the Elden Miller Trust. Grants funded through this partnership meet specific funding criteria established by the Miller Trust. Grant administration is provided by the Community Foundation.

\$10,000 Heartland Programs

— to support participation for twenty five women from three local agencies to participate in educational programming designed to help parents become more self-sufficient and to increase parent engagement in their child's education.

Total YW Legacy Fund grants: \$24,500

Kendra Baumberger (left) received the Youth Citizenship award from YGMC member Adria Smith (right).



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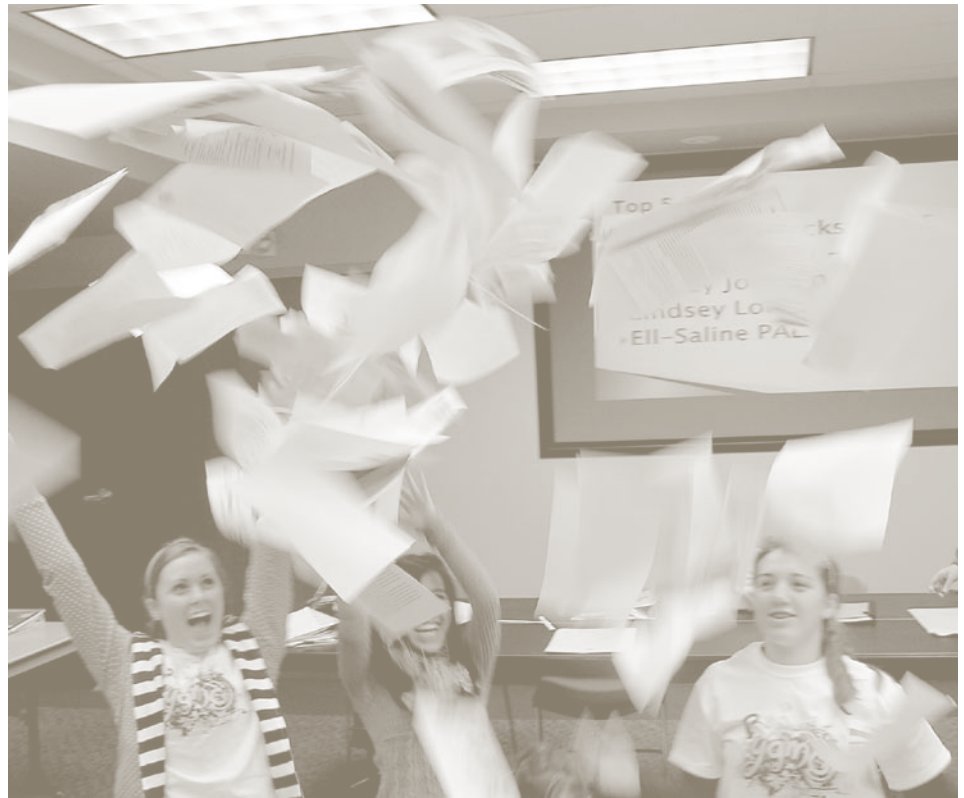
a community foundation in Salina. He shared the concept with nine other community leaders, many of whom became part of the first board of directors. As an attorney, Pete donated his expertise to write and file the foundation's charter and other needed documents. He helped to recruit board members; and chaired the board for the first three years, ensuring a solid start.

Pete personally called on many members of our community, businesses, families and local foundations to help with the Founder's campaign, which created an endowment to support the work of the Foundation forever. He received no pay or acclamation for this effort. In the early years he worked with other board members to set policy and build the principals for service and integrity upon which the Foundation has flourished.

Pete encouraged the Foundation to think regionally, supporting the affiliate program which provides assistance to area communities. He served as a board member for seven years, then stepped aside leaving it in the hands of other committed individuals. Like all good former board members, he continues to be an ambassador for the organization.

Foundation president Betsy Wearing was enthusiastic about the committee's choice. "We always have very strong candidates for this award," she said. "And it is interesting, because Pete has actually been nominated before. I think the committees have been hesitant to select him because it might look like the Foundation was pulling strings or something. But we have nothing to do with who is nominated or selected. The selection committee has representatives from the City, the Chamber, the school district, the media, and a previous recipient. So as an organization, we only administer the award, we do not influence it."

Mr. Peterson received an engraved clock and a check for \$1,000 in appreciation for his service to the



YGMC members toss copies of the grant applications in the air in celebration of making the difficult decisions regarding what projects to fund.

YGMC Awards Spring Grants

The Foundation's Youth GrantMaker's Council ended another busy year by awarding four community grants. YGMC received eight requests that totaled more than \$12,000. With more requests than funds, and many good projects from which to choose, council members were reminded that giving away money is not easy! After two hours of discussion and debate, the group reached a consensus and granted \$4,383 to four of the projects.

Assaria Kids Yardstick Garden (\$1,883) — To construct raised flower beds that will improve the use of new land recently donated to the garden.

Ell-Saline's Future Farmers of America Chapter (\$1,000) — To host an event that will provide 8th grade students from area schools an opportunity to learn about FFA .

Southeast of Saline's T.R.U.S.T./S.A.D.D. (\$1,000) — To host an event at The City where students from Southeast of Saline High School will have fun while learning about the importance of staying tobacco, drug, and alcohol free.

Central Kansas 4-H Media Team (\$500) — To purchase supplies needed to create advertisements that will inform the youth of Saline County about 4-H and interest them into joining a local 4-H club.

community. Pete immediately donated the award back to the Foundation to be added to the administrative endowment. Thanks to the Foundation's participation in the GROW II grant

program, his contribution will receive a 50% match from the Kansas Health Foundation, another example of how Pete continues to support the work of the Foundation. ■

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Blazing a Trail of Philanthropy

The 2010 PET Project grant was awarded to the Salina Family YMCA in the amount of \$5,000 to expand the YMCA River Trail. The grant will provide a half-mile walking/running/biking path that will weave through the YMCA sports fields, connecting the two existing 1.40 mile recreation trails that run adjacent to the river. The YMCA will provide the upkeep to the trails.

The PET Project, which stands for Philanthropy, Empowerment, and Transformation, began six years ago with the goal of bringing young donors together with the help of the 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.

Initial improvements to the YMCA trails



that began more than a year ago have helped spark a revitalization of the entire YMCA outdoor area. Several community groups have been involved in the effort to clean up the existing trails including the Boy Scouts, Kansas Wesleyan students, Leadership Salina, Salina Central and Salina South High School students, Smoky Hill River Clean Up Day volunteers, St. John's Military cadets and YMCA staff. As a result, use of the trails has increased.

The YMCA River Trail is available to the general public. You do not have to be a member of the YMCA to use this facility.

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