

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

# Giving Matters

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## Jenny Stack

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Jenny Stack to our staff as our program coordinator. The position is new. Jenny will be working on a new program emphasizing nutrition and physical activity and will work with the PET Project, the Foundation's young donor circle.



After 12 years in the Kansas City area, Jenny and her husband, Dan, are returning home with the move to

Salina. Jenny is a graduate of Salina High School Central. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in business with an emphasis in economics. In Kansas City, Jenny worked as a benefit representative for Assurant Employee Benefits and handled such clients as Hallmark, Nestle Waters, Applebees International and the Diocese of Kansas City.

Away from work, Jenny stays busy with her children, Maddie and Brady. She enjoys reading, cooking and playing volleyball and basketball.

## Blueprint for Leadership merges with Leadership Salina

Blueprint for Leadership class member Garry Waldren paints the walls in the classrooms at Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center as part of the class project.

The Greater Salina Community Foundation and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to create a comprehensive leadership training course for the community.

### Old Name, New Curriculum

With 23 years of history, the decision was made to keep the Leadership Salina name, used by the Chamber of Commerce, but the class is not the traditional class offered in the past. The new curriculum includes the leadership skills taught in the Blueprint for Leadership course offered by the Foundation since 2005, with the best from the former Leadership Salina course. Individuals who participate will improve or enhance their leadership abilities at work, at home, everywhere.

The revised curriculum includes usable skills to enhance leadership, such as learning styles, consensus, collaboration, visioning and creative thinking. In addition, each class session will feature a panel discussion and conversation with community leaders in areas such as healthcare, economic development,

# Just Around the Corner...

Even if the weather doesn't feel like it, fall is here and that means the holidays are not far away. If you are a last minute person- move on to the next story, but if you like to plan a head and be prepared, read on!

## YEAR-END DONATIONS

If you are planning to work with the Foundation for contributions at year-end, consider getting an early start. Some gifts are difficult to process quickly when year-end is near. We want to be sure we can help you accomplish your giving needs. Give us a call if you have questions, we can help with your charitable giving this holiday season.

## MAKE A WISH COME TRUE FOR A LOCAL CHARITY



Looking for a new tradition for the family, office group or club? Make a gift to the organizations that serve our community every day.

The Foundation is once again producing the Make A Wish Come True Catalog to help connect donors with the needs of local charities. The catalog includes information and a wish list for a number of local nonprofit organizations and will be available in early November. Items on the wish lists vary from one organization to the next, some as small as boxes of crayons to more significant needs such as electronics or appliances.

The catalog is a resource for office groups who have pooled resources and selected items from the catalog to present to a charity. Or families can use the catalog to introduce children to charitable giving in a tangible way. School groups, youth groups and individuals have all found the catalog helpful for holiday projects. Nonprofit organizations benefit by receiving items from their wish that help them provide service to their clients.

If you would like to receive a copy of this year's catalog, give us a call at 785-823-1800. Copies will also be available at the Salina Public Library

## NO MORE HASSLES! HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!

At the Foundation, we have the gift designed to make things easier for you, the shopper, yet is sure to warm the heart of the recipient. It all starts when you make a contribution to the Greater Salina Community Foundation in honor of friends, colleagues or loved ones. Here is how it works:

**YOU** select the charitable fund or funds to which you wish to contribute. (More than 55 local charities have funds in the Foundation).

**YOU** provide us the name and address of the person or persons you wish to honor.

**YOU** make a contribution to the Foundation (\$25 minimum gift per card to be sent)

**WE** send a beautiful holiday card with an announcement of the gift made in the honorees name. (If you wish, you can personally sign the cards before they go out.)

**WE** provide you with a tax deduction for your contribution.

**WE** invest the gift on behalf of the charity and provide ongoing support.

**YOU** avoid crowds, long lines and parking problems, relax and enjoy your holidays!

It is truly the gift that keeps on giving. Visit our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org) or give us a call at 785-823-1800 for an order form or for more information.

government arts and others. Class members will travel to various organizations throughout the community for both the classroom work and site visits. The class is designed to be interactive.

The course is offered in eight sessions over 15 weeks. The former Leadership Salina class was held over an 8 month period, Blueprint for Leadership was a 5 week course plus project time. The new course begins with a 2-day overnight retreat October 7& 8, followed by seven all day sessions, one every other Tuesday, ending with a celebration on January 20. In addition to the sessions, class members will utilize the skills they learn to complete a community project or projects.

### A Collaborative Effort

The process to bring the two programs together began about a year ago with a group of community members who had participated in both leadership programs and staff from both organizations. A consultant was selected to help with the process. Two

community focus groups were held with business leaders to learn what they wanted from a leadership program and its graduates.

The Chamber will continue to handle much of the administrative work for the program. The Foundation will provide funding support for administration, scholarships and the class projects.

A Leadership Advisory Board made up of representatives

from both organizations as well as community members will assist in the selection of class members, evaluation of the program and other directional needs. Plans for the new class include the development of an alumni association that would include graduates of the new program as well as those from the previous programs.

For more information, visit our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org) and click on Leadership Salina. ■



Ken Miller, Caitlin Cox and YGMC members Morgan Lindsay and Ann Nguyen attended a national conference for youth grant makers in Ann Arbor to bring new ideas back to our community.

## YGMC Kicks off year with new members, new ideas

After a busy and successful year with fellow members of the Youth GrantMakers Council, members Ann Nguyen and Morgan Lindsay, along with volunteer advisor Ken Miller, and Youth Coordinator Caitlin Cox

ventured their way to Ann Arbor, Michigan for the Summer Leadership Conference. The group was met by fellow youth grant makers from across the country. For the next several days, the youth worked together to formulate new ideas about how to successfully create change in their communities. Ann and Morgan came back

to Salina eager to share what they had learned with the rest of YGMC.

The girls will get the chance to share all of their new found knowledge throughout the year as the Council will meet every other week until next May.

Last spring, the council chose ten new members for the 2008-2009 council. The new members will double the size of the council. The annual kick-off retreat, held on August 17th, was the first time that all 20 members were together. At the retreat, the students created excitement for the coming year and learned important team building skills to prepare them to work together.

Members of the 2008-09 council include: Cameron Atwill, Central; Sean Bender, Sacred Heart; Ryan Claybaugh, Central; Bryan Eitle, South; Madison Hale, Sacred Heart; Morgan Hale, Sacred Heart; Caitlin Hogan, South; Kendra Lawson, Southeast of Saline; Morgan Lindsay, Ell-Saline, Laurel Michel, Central; Ann Nguyen, Sacred Heart; Alyssa Peppiatt, South; Shannon Rayl, Central; Chloe Seim, Southeast of Saline (Vice President); Adria Smith, South, (Historian); Courtney Train, Central (Secretary); Adam Weishaar, South; Ryan Wofford, South, (President); Ethan Young, South (Historian); and Robyn Zey, Sacred Heart. ■

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## Foundation Assists with \$100,000 Fund Drive for Chapman



Chapman High School after the storm.

*"A school is not defined by its building, as you have proven, and a community is not defined by city limits."*

— Betsy Wearing, Foundation President at the school assembly and check presentation on the first day of classes in Chapman.

Generosity is one trait of a successful community- a community where people want to live. When disaster struck our neighbors, several Salina companies stepped up to offer help, and with the assistance of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, the community responded.

The Foundation was pleased to be the fiscal agent for donations to assist with the tornado relief efforts in Chapman, Kansas. A devastating storm left this neighboring community without schools, stores and homes. Green Lantern, Solomon Corporation, Great Plains Manufacturing, Salina Vortex and Pepsi Cola, offered to match up to \$37,500 in contributions for the relief efforts. An additional anonymous donor offered to raise the match to \$50,000.

Community members responded. Gifts were collected at the Foundation and at Green Lantern convenience stores. Residents of other communities also responded, sending gifts to the Foundation to participate in the match. Contributions came from individuals, companies and church groups. In a few short weeks, the \$50,000 was raised and matched. On August 18, Foundation president Betsy Wearing joined others involved in the project for a check presentation in Chapman, where \$50,000 was presented to the Chapman School District and \$50,000 was presented to the City of Chapman. ■