

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

# Giving Matters



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Connie Burket



Ted Mintun

## 2003 Outstanding Citizens named

Salinans Ted Mintun and Connie Burket were named 2003 Outstanding Citizens at the Foundation's annual awards luncheon on May 14.

Connie Burket was honored for her outstanding leadership and volunteer efforts for USD 305. She has been a volunteer for the Salina School District's Creating the Future planning process for 8 years. She worked extensively to gather input on the district's needs and community priorities for use of Local Option dollars, including leading town meetings and small-group discussions.

She served as a spokesperson and trained volunteers to speak throughout the community in support of the bond issue and technology tax.

She led a team that studied and

## Community foundation hosts endowment building workshop

*More than sixty* area fundraisers attended a half-day workshop sponsored by the Community Foundation on April 8 at the Webster Conference Center.

The presenter was Bill Moran, a professional fundraising consultant from Kansas City. Mr. Moran worked with participants on how to raise endowment dollars (without hurting donations to the operating budget) and how to actually talk face-to-face with a potential donor and ask for a contribution.

Those in attendance were pleased with the workshop, the second sponsored by the Foundation for area non-profit leaders. One participant said: "I have been to programs on this topic before and

provided recommendations on strengthening communication between the schools and community.

For the past two years she has served on yet another Creating the Future team focusing on community involvement with the recruitment of



Bill Moran speaks to local fundraising professionals.

always left confused. Now I feel clearer on the topic and know what direction to head!"

teachers. She has accompanied staff to recruitment fairs and trained volunteers to assist in the recruitment process.

She has served as a trustee for the Salina Education Foundation since 1996. She is an organizer and volunteer for 305 Live events to show-

## Burket, Mintun honored for community service

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volunteer for 305 Live events to showcase USD 305 students and schools.

Ted Mintun has devoted his life to the service of the less fortunate in our community. Following his retirement in 1990 as Chief of Social Work at the Salina SRS office, he continued to serve, only now without a paycheck.

He has served on the boards of directors of six different community service agencies, often at a time when the agencies faced serious challenges. He is an active member of the All America Prevention Partnership, where he worked to recruit volunteers, up to 55 at a time, to assist with drug- and alcohol-free community events for youth.

As a member of the Planning Council for Children and Families, he has served on four of the five different committees. He has worked for many hours collecting data and writing reports for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority Community Planning Team.

Besides all of his work on boards and committees, Ted is also a direct service volunteer. He screens potential clients for the Salina Cares Health Clinic. He spent many hours working to keep two wheelchair-bound citizens in their own homes for most of the last two years of their lives.

For the past 8 years, Ted has served as a mentor for a young man with special needs. Ted has been the one positive, consistent male presence in this young person's life.

Ted has testified on behalf of child advocacy in front of the Kansas Legislature and lobbied to make life better for all children. Together with his wife, Marge, he monitors the state agency privatization of child welfare in our community. He is a member of RESULTS, a grassroots lobbying effort to eradicate hunger and poverty.



More than 130 community members attended the Foundation's Annual Grant Luncheon.

## City passes citizenship award to Foundation

*Stacks of paper* and a few uneaten pastries were all that remained to show that seven people had labored and discussed, read and reread and talked and thought about who should be

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Salina City Manager

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selected for the Greater Salina Community Foundations' Salina Award for Outstanding Citizenship. And when all was said and done, two pots of coffee and several good minds still could not reach a decision. It was down to two, and the task proved too difficult to ever get to one. And so, confidently, the committee elected to name two outstanding citizens to receive this year's award. There was precedent. In the award's on-again, off-again history, there were numerous times multiple winners were honored in a single year.

The award was originally the product of a "Make a wish for Salina"

community contest sponsored by then Planter's Bank. Paul Wilkins, Ada, Kansas submitted a wish that the bank establish a fund to honor outstanding citizenship. The award was given by the City of Salina in 1975, and was awarded intermittently until 1996.

In 2002, City Manager Dennis Kissinger contacted the Community Foundation regarding the award.

"At the time it was created, the city was the only continuous entity that existed to take on that task (of giving the award)." Kissinger said. "There was no such thing as the Foundation, so city government was the answer, and frankly, it is not what we do well. In thinking how we might better serve the community, it was Greg Bengston, City Attorney, that introduced the thought that the Foundation might be the ideal vehicle (to take over the award)."

The issue was brought before the City Commission and approved in March.

Kissinger is pleased. "We think the Foundation will be more likely to fulfill the original goals of the award. This will be a better fit for the award and the community."

# 2003 Fund For Greater Salina Grants

The Foundation Grant Committee reviewed more than \$44,000 in requests when determining the 2003 Fund For Greater Salina Grants. The program continues to be extremely competitive. The Foundation is pleased to announce the following grants:

**\$1,500 – Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center** to provide

scholarships for families who do not qualify for public support, but cannot afford full tuition.

**\$1,100 – Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank** to provide assistance to needy families with winter utility bills.

**\$1,000 – St. John's Military School** for construction of a storage shed for use by the Martin Luther King Child

Development Center. Cadets will construct the shed.

**\$1,000 – Salina Housing Authority** to assist in funding a part-time social worker to provide case management services to needy residents in Salina public housing.

**\$1,000 – Salina Art Center** to fund the artists participating in the Art Center's Discovery Program, an after-school program serving at-risk middle school students.

**\$1,000 – Saline County Association for Retarded Citizens** to provide scholarships for local athletes to participate in the Special Olympics.

**\$1,000 – Salina Child Care** for the purchase of toys, books, and other materials that reflect diversity for use in the classrooms.

**\$1,000 – The Volunteer Connection** for installation and annual fee of a DSL line and the purchase of a black & white laser printer.

**\$1,000 – The Central Kansas Mental Health Center** to purchase educational materials for use in a community awareness campaign concerning depression.

**\$1,000 – Salina Community Theatre** to support hiring college students as summer interns for the Salina Theatre for Young People summer theatre program.

**\$750 – First Tee of Salina** to fund scholarships for 50 youth currently on the waiting list for Big Brothers Big Sisters to participate in the First Tee youth golf program.

**\$700 – Healthy Community/Healthy Youth Initiative** to purchase 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to low-income children as a part of the Back to School Fair.

**\$450 – Salina Rescue Mission** to purchase yard tools for use by the residents in a program in which the residents perform community service.

## 2003 Scholarship Awards

The Greater Salina Community Foundation announced 2003 scholarship winners at the Foundation's annual awards luncheon May 14 at the Salina Country Club. The following scholarships were awarded:



Brad Bechard receives a scholarship check from Foundation Director Betsy Wearing.

The **Brian Clarke Garnett Memorial Scholarships** went to Central High School seniors in memory of Brian Garnett. Recipients of the \$1,000 awards were:

Mathew Tucker, who will attend Fort Hays State University.

Lindsey Grant, who will attend Kansas State University.

Nolan Seim, who will attend the University of Kansas.

The **James L. Ogden**

**Memorial Scholarship** went to Jason Eichenberger, a student at Kansas State University. The James L. Ogden scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by semester to a second- or third-year civil engineering student in memory of James L. Ogden.

The **YWCA Booker T. Washington Scholarship** is awarded annually to an African American student graduating from one of Salina's high schools. This year the \$400 award went to S'Ambrosia Curtis, a Central High senior who will attend Kansas State University in the fall.

The **Alma Olson & Michael T. Olson Scholarship** was awarded to Brad Bechard, a senior at Clifton-Clyde High School who will attend North Central Kansas Technical College to become an electrician. This \$476 scholarship is awarded to a student studying any of the building trades in memory of Michael T. Olson and Alma Olson.

The **Mary Olson & Viola Olson Gustafson Scholarship** will be awarded to a student attending Cloud County Community College to study nursing. That recipient has not yet been named.

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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.*

### Salina Family YMCA

The Salina Family YMCA provides a wide range of programs to serve the entire family. The facility includes an indoor pool for competitive swimming as well as a family aquatics center. Fitness equipment, multiple gyms, an indoor track, a gymnastics facility and a variety of organized exercise classes make the YMCA a premier provider of health and

fitness opportunities. In addition to fitness programming, the YMCA operates a child-care center and organized youth sports including soccer, flag football, basketball, swimming, gymnastics, T-ball and baseball.

**Funding:** The YMCA has a separate foundation as well as an endowed fund in the Greater Salina Community Foundation. The YMCA receives just over 2% of its funding from the Salina Area United Way. About 20% of the annual budget is raised through donations.

*For more information on The Salina Family YMCA, call Phil Guries, Executive Director at 785-825-2151, or email him at [pguries@salinaymca.com](mailto:pguries@salinaymca.com).*

### Salina Cares Health Clinic

The Salina Cares Health Clinic provides medical care to qualified individuals from Saline County. Basic medical services are provided at the clinic when possible. The clinic works with

local physicians who volunteer to provide specialty care as needed. All services are provided at a nominal charge, including hospital admission and ancillary hospital services, which Salina Regional Health Center provides at no cost to clinic patients.

**Funding:** The Salina Cares Health Clinic has an endowed fund in the Greater Salina Community Foundation. This fund provides donors an opportunity to support the work of the clinic with endowed gifts. The clinic receives about 6% of its annual funding from the Salina Area United Way. About 17% of the annual budget is raised through donations. Much of the care provided through the clinic comes from volunteers, grants and in-kind contributions.

*For more information on The Salina Cares Health Clinic, call Ann Jung, Clinic Director at 785-826-1511, or email her at [salinacares@salhelp.org](mailto:salinacares@salhelp.org).*

*For more information on funding needs for these organizations, or any of the 49 charities that have endowments with the Foundation, call our office at 823-1800, or send us an email at [communityfoundation@gscf.org](mailto:communityfoundation@gscf.org).*