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Greater Salina Community Foundation

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Partners make programs possible

Education Partners 2004

The Foundation is pleased to recognize our Education Partners for 2004-05. Education Partners make a one-time contribution of \$500 or more to help sponsor all Foundation programs for a year. In return, the Foundation recognizes our Partners on invitations, handouts and other items at the events. Our Partners are also listed on our web site, www.gscf.org.

For more information on how to become a Partner, or for information on upcoming Foundation programs, visit our web site, or call our office at 823-1800.

Many thanks to this year's partners:

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Sunflower Bank



A grant from the Foundation will help provide the local match for the state Smart Start Grant. Smart Start provides support to local child-care providers, including early childhood education and wage supplements for child-care workers.

Grants announced

Fund for Greater Salina Grants

"If we had any concerns that a fall grant cycle was needed, they were short-lived!" said Don Schroeder, Chairperson of the Foundation's grant committee. The Foundation

offered a second round of community grants from the Fund for Greater Salina this fall. The Foundation has offered grants in the spring for the past four years, and plans to do so again this spring.

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When the committee met to review the applications, it had a tall order. Even though applicants were limited to requests of \$2,000 or less, the Foundation received nearly \$40,000 in requests.

FALL 2004 FUND FOR GREATER SALINA GRANTS

\$2,000 Saline County Commission on Aging

To assist with the renovation of the building for the new Adult Day Care Center.

\$2,000 Smoky Hill Education Service Center

To provide a new, safer surface for the playground area at its new facility at the former Franklin school. The playground will remain accessible to neighborhood children.

\$1,000 Assaria Summer Youth Program

Support for the 2005 summer arts and crafts program for community children.

\$1,000 Community Learning and Skill Sharing

Scholarships for students who wish to take community classes, but need help with the fees.

\$1,500 DVACK

New toys for use by the children staying in the shelter & supplies for the children's support group

\$1,250 Safe After Prom

The Foundation will sponsor the breakfast, a new addition to the event

\$2,000 Emergency Aid Food Bank

Client cash assistance fund for rent & utilities

\$1,250 Improving School Climate Committee

Support for school improvement projects defined by a committee of students and staff to make the environment at Central High School more welcoming for students

\$2,000 Smart Start of Saline County

Matching dollars for state child-care grant to continue the outstanding work of Smart Start

\$1,000 Kansas Charitable Dental Foundation

Support for Mission of Mercy project to be held in Salina in February, offering free dental care to those in need

TOTAL \$15,000

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Funding opportunities that may be outside your radar

Kids Voting Kansas

Kids Voting Kansas (KVK) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating Kansas youth about the rights, responsibilities and mechanics of participating in American Democracy. The program is a partnership between the schools, parents and communities to better educate children on the power of the vote and the democratic system.

Curriculum that instills civic lessons in the classroom is provided to teachers at no cost to the school. The curriculum was developed by educators to dovetail with the outcomes standards required by Kansas State Board of Education. It highlights the basic ideas that teachers would emphasize during an election year by supplying enhancement resources to educate and motivate students.

The partnership with parents occurs when KVK asks schools to teach kids about voting and encourages parents to take their children to the polls.

In KVK communities, 65% of 18-24 year olds vote, compared with an average of only 15% in non-KVK communities. Overall voter turnout increased 5-10% in communities where KVK was implemented. When polled, 45% of parents in KVK communities say they are better educated on candidates, issues and the voting process because of KVK.

Costs of the program are paid through contributions, and run approximately \$3,000 per election. You can help bring KVK to Salina. If you are interested in more information on Kids Voting Kansas or would like to make a contribution, please call Anne Knowles, vice chair for Saline County, 825-4091. Learn more about KVK at www.kidsvotingkansas.org. ■



A fun new initiative for high school students

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is proud to announce the start of a new program for youth. Youth GrantMakers Council (YGMC) will directly involve and empower youth in the Greater Salina Community Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life in our community. In order to achieve this, the Foundation will expose YGMC to leadership and grant-making skills and knowledge of philanthropy and our community.

YGMC is more than an education program. Members of YGMC will have a pool of funds from which they can make community grants. YGMC dollars will support youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges.

Members will review project ideas that local youth write themselves. They will make decisions as a group about which projects will be funded. They will also learn assessment, consensus and evaluation skills.

Those who can apply to be a Youth GrantMaker are young people of high school age who:

- Reside in Saline County
- Are interested in helping youth and their communities
- Want to learn about leadership, grant-making and group decision-making

Members of YGMC will need to be able to attend meetings two Monday afternoons each month. Throughout the year, there may be opportunities to participate in additional training sessions or conferences. There will be a one-day orientation retreat that participants are required to attend. Members of the YGM are eligible to serve for multiple years, as long as they are of high school age and are members in good standing.

The deadline for applications is October 11, 2004.



KELLI SCHWARZ
Youth Coordinator



LINDA SMITH
Administrative Assistant

Welcome new staff

New programs and continued growth mean more to do. The Foundation welcomes 2 new staff members to our office.

Kelli Schwarz is the Foundation's new Youth Coordinator. Kelli will be coordinating the Youth GrantMakers Council, a new initiative to teach philanthropy to high school youth (See related story to the left). Kelli is originally from Halstead, Kansas, and comes to Salina from Sedgwick, where she worked as a youth counselor. In her free time, Kelli enjoys riding horses and showing cattle and spending time with friends and family.

Linda Smith has joined the staff as an Administrative Assistant. Linda and her husband, Dave, have been long-time residents of Salina. Linda has worked as a music educator and choir director, and has served the community on numerous nonprofit boards. She was a member of the Salina School Board for eight years. Linda and Dave have two daughters.

Both Kelli and Linda have been tremendous additions to our staff. We're glad to have them! ■

If you would like more information on YGM or know of someone who would be a good candidate please contact:

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or visit our website @ www.gscf.org and click on Current Events. ■

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Organization Spotlights

The following are some of the organizations that have established endowment funds within the Foundation. A gift to an organizational endowment provides support for the future of that organization forever.

Salina Animal Shelter

The Salina Animal Shelter works to prevent cruelty and suffering of animals while at the same time protecting the welfare and safety of people within the county by enforcing Salina's animal ordinances. The shelter provides care for abandoned animals and education to the community on animal-related issues.

Funding: The shelter is a part of the City of Salina, and has an annual operating budget of more than \$250,000. Donations are always welcome and help

For more information on funding needs for these organizations, or any of the 50 charities that have endowments with the Foundation, call our office at 823-1800, or send us an email at communityfoundation@gscf.org.

to support special programs at the shelter. For more information, call the Salina Animal Shelter at 785-826-6535, or contact its director, Rose Base by email at: rose.base@salina.org.

Salina Child Care Association

Salina Child Care provides year-round child care at 2 locations from 6:30 am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years whose parents are employed or in school. These children come from all socio-economic backgrounds as well as diverse ethnic groups.

Funding: Salina Child Care has an annual operating budget in excess of \$500,000. It receives some funding support from the United Way. Donations are always welcome, and are a necessary part of its operating budget. Salina Child Care's wish list includes scholarship support for struggling families, new equipment and supplies.

For more information, call Executive Director Elaine Edwards at 785-827-6431, or email salinachildcare@salhelp.org.

OCCK

OCCK provides services to a 9-county area in north-central Kansas for persons of all ages with any disability or barrier to living and working independently. Services are also offered to their families and other entities in their communities, including schools, churches, businesses and governments. OCCK also offers an assistive technology program in 22 counties, and a statewide assistive technology equipment loan system. OCCK also provides transportation services.

Funding: OCCK has a budget of more than \$11 million. About 1% of the budget is derived from donations. Organizational needs include funding to assist with the assistive technology program, the transportation services and to expand residential facilities.

For more information, call Phyllis Anderson, Director of Community Resource Development, at 827-9383, or email occk@occk.com. ■