

Quarterly Newsletter



July 16, 2021

Message from ECF President Kay Lauer

What a great quarter! We were not able to celebrate the Emporia Community Foundation's 25th anniversary last year OR the 25+1 celebration this year, SO we took our celebration to the folks that keep us going! Loretto Langley gave the first \$5,000 gift to start the ECF back in 1995. 26 years later we are now nearing \$39 million. The week of June 14th we gave away \$5,000 (what we budgeted for our anniversary celebration) to some awesome organizations that have a fund with us and are doing tremendous things for the communities we serve!! Visit the **Emporia Community Foundation** Facebook page to see all of the great projects we recognized for their hard work and dedication to their communities!

The 10 funds recognized and receiving \$500 included:

- Chase County Children's Fund
- East 9th Avenue Park Fund
- Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity
- Emporia Arts Council Fund
- Emporia Granada Theatre Alliance
- Hetlinger Developmental Services
- Main Street Mommas
- NLC Youth Association
- Olpe Veterans Memorial Fund
- Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

Our local community foundation does unbelievable things for the community we live in. I have never felt so rewarded! I wish my Dad was here to see what all we are doing. He was a philanthropic guy that loved to help those that flew under the radar screen. You can make a difference and I'm speaking from personal experience when I say it really is an easy process. It just takes love and a little bit of money and you can make a lasting impression for years to come! Contact the ECF office for more information.

"I want to acknowledge luck. The benevolence of it in my life and the brutality of it in the lives of others."

— Paul Newman

Since 1982, the Newman's Own Foundation has given over \$550 million to charities from the profits on Paul Newman's Own Salad Dressings. Newman's Own Foundation uses the power of giving to help transform lives and nourish the common good.



From left to right: Trudy Hutchinson, Hetlinger Executive Director; Becky Nurnberg, ECF Executive Director; Kay Lauer, ECF President; and Ken Buchele, ECF Board Member.



From left to right: Al Slappy, Emporia Eastside Community Group; Don Carter; Becky Nurnberg, ECF Executive Director; Willie Finch, Emporia Eastside Community Group; Andre Cox, Emporia Eastside Community Group; Kay Lauer, ECF Board President; JoAnn Morris.



In the center, left to right: Becky Nurnberg, ECF Executive Director; Christine Wallace, NLCYA Administrative Director; and Kay Lauer, ECF President.



The United Way Community Partner of the Year award is given to the organization that stands out from the rest. What better organization to give the Community Partner of the Year Award to than the partnering agencies of the Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund? The GEADRF raised over \$200,000 and gave \$180,000 to businesses and non-profits in the 8 counties it serves.



Third Quarter Calendar

August

2 – **Trusler Foundation** Grant Application Deadline
16 – **79 Fund** Grant Application Deadline
20 – ECF Board Meeting

September

6 – Labor Day – Office Closed
15 – **Chase County Community Fund** Grant Application Deadline
17 – ECF Board Meeting
30 – **ECF** Grant Application Deadline
30 – **Emporia Public School Endowment Fund** Grant Application Deadline



Investing in the Community

The ECF Finance Committee met with representatives from UMB Bank on July 15th to receive the latest quarterly report. As of June 30th, the ECF's investment return from UMB was 7.84% net of fees for 2021. The ECF assets are nearly \$39 million.

The ECF is currently evaluating investment providers. While not unhappy with UMB, it is time to make sure our assets are with the appropriate investor. A set committee was selected to review proposals and will make a recommendation to the ECF Board of Directors in October.

Kientz & Penick, CPAs, LLC have completed the 2020 ECF audit. The ECF received an unqualified opinion, meaning the financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented. The ECF is also working with Kientz & Penick to present a seminar about fraud for area non-profits in September. For more information, please contact ECF, (620) 342-9304.

Note:

Please contact the Emporia Community Foundation when you choose to name the ECF as a beneficiary of a planned gift. By doing so, we can ensure that the charitable intention of your gift is fulfilled.



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