

Quarterly Newsletter



October 2023



From ECF President Jeff Williams

This is a very busy time of the year for families as we prepare for the holidays. It is also a very busy time for the Emporia Community Foundation.

We are excited that Match Day has grown this year to include 35 participants, the most ever. This year will also have \$175,000 in matching funds courtesy of many wonderful funders. Match Day is Monday, November 13th online via EmporiaMatchDay.com from midnight to 11:59pm and in person donations may be made at the Emporia Community Foundation Office at 527 Commercial Street, Suite B from 9am to 6pm. Join us at the

Flinthills Mall near the movie theatre on Tuesday, November 28th at 10am for the Match Day Check Presentation.

The ECF is also busy looking for a new Director as Becky Nurnberg announced her retirement after 6 years of leadership which saw Match Day and the ECF overall holdings grow at a significant pace. We want to wish Becky a well-deserved retirement enjoying time with her husband and her horses, and hopefully some traveling.

I also want to wish Paul Dean the very best as he will take over for me as President of the Board in 2024. Paul has done a wonderful job as the chair of the Trustees and I know he will continue to lead the board in the same effective and productive direction that we are going. I would be remiss if I did not thank and acknowledge the past and present board members I have served with as they all are compassionate giving people who want the best for the people in our area. I want to thank all of the supporters and contributors of the Emporia Community Foundation who make the wonderful possibilities for community betterment possible.

Finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President. My last request is simply if you don't know what the Emporia Community Foundation does, or how you personally can play a big part in our community's success now and in the future, please call our office and we will gladly explain all the possibilities.

Investing in the Community

A message from ECF Treasurer Janis Meyer:

The ECF Finance Committee met with UMB representatives on October 19th to review the third quarter performance. While the third quarter return on investment was negative (-2.47%), the year-to-date number is positive at 4.59%. A wild ride is expected in the coming 18 months due to all the "what ifs" at this time. These include the Federal Reserve's decisions to control inflation and the 2024 elections among other things. Our UMB representatives reminded the committee that if we invest in quality investments and do it for the long haul, we will be ok.



Fourth Quarter Calendar

November

13 – MATCH DAY – ECF Office

15 – **79 Fund Application Deadline**

17 – **ECF Board of Directors Meeting**

23-24 – ECF Office Closed for Thanksgiving

28 – MATCH DAY CHECKS AWARDED – Flinthills Mall

December

15 – **ECF Board of Directors Meeting**

22 & 25 – ECF Office Closed for Christmas

January

1 – ECF Office Closed for New Year's Day

19 – **ECF Board Meeting/Quarterly Trustee Meeting**



In the Spotlight



The ECF's Kansas Health Foundation Fund was established to provide support for the general public health needs of the community. Earlier this year, the ECF Board awarded a grant from this fund to the ESU Health & Human Performance Program to provide educational booths and activities at Health Fest 2023 held on October 21st at the Flinthills Mall. The students covered everything from healthy cooking and recipes to sleep hygiene, hydration, self-care and more. This partnership allows students a chance to educate the general public about healthy living while gaining experience for their future careers.



Flint Hills Legacies

Catch the monthly Legacy story at 6:50 AM on Monday mornings or Thursdays at 5:20 pm on KVOE, AM 1400/96.9 FM. ECF Executive Director Becky Nurnberg shares a different story each month highlighting an ECF Legacy Fund. The stories are also found at <https://www.emporiacf.org/stories-of-flint-hills-legacies.cfm>



To learn more about the Flint Hills Legacy program, contact Becky at the ECF office. What is your legacy?

You're Invited!

Our Match Day Wrap Up Party was such a success last year we're doing it again! And while you are putting dates on your calendar, plan to join us for the Match Day Check Presentation as well.

PLEASE JOIN US!

What: The Match Day Wrap Up Party!

Where: The ECF Office
527 Commercial St., Ste. B., Emporia

When: November 13, 2023; 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Food and drinks provided.

And

What: The Match Day Check Presentation

Where: The Flinthills Mall, Emporia
(in front of the movie theatre)

When: November 28, 2023

Time: Live on KVOE starting after the 10:00 am News!