



2017 Report to
the Community



Celebrating Our Past, Looking Toward Our Future

A letter from Trustee Chair, Kay Lauer and Board President, Bill Barnes

This year we truly celebrated our past with the retirement of Shirley Antes as our third Executive Director. During Shirley's almost five-year tenure, the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) doubled the number of funds and increased assets from \$12 million to over \$21 million. Shirley's most significant accomplishment was the introduction of Match Day to the Emporia community. In 4 years, this activity has grown from 3 matching funders, 15 organizations, and \$61,000 raised, to 5 matching funders, 24 organizations, and over \$210,000 raised in one day. What a success story! Another accomplishment was the development of Advancing Philanthropy in the Flint Hills – a partnership with ESU Foundation and the Flint Hills Technical College Foundation. Shirley's passion, dedication, and organizational skills have positioned our foundation well for future success.

Looking toward the future, we welcome Becky Jeppesen as our first full-time Executive Director. In her first three months, Becky met with numerous donors, attended a national conference of community foundations, assisted with another successful Match Day, and helped submit our annual update to the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This has resulted in a better understanding of people's feelings in the greater Emporia area for our foundation. Our future looks bright under Becky's leadership and has strong support from Loni Heinen, Program Officer. They look forward to building on our past successes.

As with any charitable organization, the measurement of our true success is the performance of our assets. The Emporia Community Foundation proudly ranks in the top 50% of total assets for all community foundations in the United States and in the top five in giving for Kansas community foundations. The ECF ended 2017 with over \$23 million in total assets, which is 14.7% growth in one year. During 2017, our funds and the community foundation donated over \$1.5 million to support needs locally and around the region. These rankings are a tremendous accomplishment in just 23 years of existence. Special appreciation is due to Ken and Marilyn Buchele and Richard and Sarah Porter for their "Fund for the Future" challenge grant, which honored Shirley Antes on her retirement and resulted in over \$23,000 being added to the Fund for the Future. The ECF continues to reflect best practices through our accreditation from the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

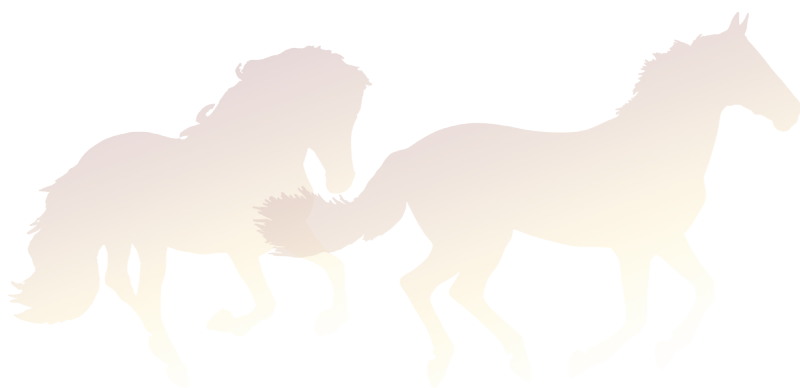
What does next year hold? Our 2018 goals include growing the number of funds, hosting another successful Match Day, and increasing our Fund for the Future to provide for the behind the scenes work done by ECF. The ECF office is also moving from the fifth floor to the first floor within the same building. The new office space will give us better access and visibility for our constituents. We will have ground-floor access and parking from the west side of the building at 527 Commercial. Sincere thanks to our staff, donors, and the communities we serve for the confidence and support you have in the Emporia Community Foundation.

Mission Statement

To connect caring people with causes that build strong communities within the Emporia area, which includes Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties.

Vision Statement

We envision a community where all residents within the Emporia area, including Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties have the opportunity for a high quality of life.



Director's Profile



Riding into Kansas in September 2017, Becky Jeppesen started as the newest Executive Director of the Foundation. She came excited to get started in the job and brought from Illinois a strong background of experiences and ideas for the future of the Foundation. Along for this new adventure came her three Quarter Horses who were introduced to the Flint Hills for the first time.

With a background in non-profit work, sales, television, and public relations, Jeppesen brings a wealth of skills to the Foundation. Most recently working in Springfield, IL in marketing with local businesses for the Sinclair Broadcast Group, she built her success on connecting with and meeting the needs of business owners. Previously, she invested three years with the Hispanic Dental Association that included donor development, volunteer board management, and growing the association's outreach. Prior to her experiences in Illinois, Jeppesen's background included agricultural experiences in Michigan from actively serving 15 years for the Michigan Farm Bureau as its first female regional representative, eventually working as a Farm Bureau insurance agent, specializing in estate planning, producing and hosting a weekly farm television show, to operating her Quarter Horse and Longhorn cattle farm. She brought this experience from Michigan and Illinois to Emporia as she began her new role with the ECF.

Since joining the Foundation, Jeppesen has hit the ground running. She has met with community civic organizations leaders, reached out to introduce herself to donors, and acquainted herself with the funds as she read the file histories. She enjoys working with the volunteers serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. Meeting the donors and hearing their passion for supporting good work in the community has been the highlight of her first weeks on the job. Jeppesen observed,

"The ECF has a remarkable history built by individuals and staff coming together for the good of the greater Emporia area. I'm excited to join with such dedicated leaders as the foundation moves forward to its next phase."

In addition to making acquaintances, Jeppesen invested her first months in mapping out the coming years for the Foundation. She started an analysis of the Emporia community and surrounding area to identify opportunities for new donor development. With her fresh perspective to the area, she plans to create ways for more community members and professionals to consider the Foundation when doing their estate planning. In addition, a focus for Jeppesen is looking for ways to raise community awareness of the good work done through the Foundation already.

For her first year as director, Jeppesen plans to continue the growth of the Foundation that Shirley Antes, her predecessor, worked to cultivate. She also looks forward to working with people in Emporia and the surrounding areas. Her strong agricultural background will serve her well as she connects with the local agriculture industry to develop philanthropic opportunities supporting worthy causes. Important to her is building on the framework already in place at the Foundation that helped it grow to over \$20 million in assets. Jeppesen summed up her approach well in her first email to board members, "The history and current status of the ECF is impressive and working together we will move onward and upward."

These skills and ideas set up the Foundation and Jeppesen to do good work in the greater Emporia area community. She humbly welcomes the opportunity to move to Kansas and serve the Foundation in the Executive Director role. Jeppesen is already enjoying her new home in the Flint Hills, and so are her Quarter Horses.

What Legacy Will You Leave?

By Mary Kretsinger

There comes a time in most people's lives when they start thinking about the legacy they will leave after their death. How can I best help my family and community with the resources it has taken a lifetime to earn? Establishing a Legacy Fund with the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) ensures that your philanthropic vision will live on. ECF can assist you in structuring a gift in your estate plan to accomplish your philanthropic, family, and financial goals.

A Legacy Fund enables you to support programs, causes, and community issues you are passionate about for generations to come. A planned legacy gift to ECF is a simple yet very significant way to make a lasting impact after your death. The Emporia Community Foundation can structure a planned gift that will satisfy both your charitable and tax goals. Establishing a Legacy Fund enables you to make significant contributions that you may not have been possible during your lifetime.

Emporia residents, Ken and Marilyn Buchele, set up their Legacy Fund because "the Emporia community has been good to us," said Ken Buchele. They have been faithful contributors to various charities through the years and establishing a Legacy Fund with the ECF was a "good way to continue that income stream forever". After set amounts of the estate are given to family members, a lump sum is donated to ECF's own "Fund for the Future," a contribution is transferred to ESU for scholarships, and a few charities receive a donation, the bulk of the Buchele's estate will go into their own charitable fund at ECF. Disbursements from their Legacy Fund will be advised by the ECF Board of Directors.

The benefits of setting up a Legacy Fund with ECF are many:

- It is a way to leave a significant gift without sacrificing assets during your lifetime.
- The Emporia Community Foundation's permanence ensures your contribution will be able to meet the needs of charities in line with your interests for decades.
- Your name or the name you choose to give your Legacy Fund allows gifts to be given in your name, even after your death.
- ECF's Board of Directors, with guidance from outside investment counsel, closely monitors the performance of all monies entrusted to the foundation.
- Your charitable intent will be honored as outlined in the wording of your Legacy Fund, allowing those charities to continue their mission and positively contribute to the community.
- Avoid capital gains tax on appreciated value (tax benefits).
- Preserve your assets in perpetuity.
- Create a permanent legacy, allowing your life story to live on.

Legacy Funds can be established by naming one or more charitable organizations that receive a fixed percentage or dollar amount annually. Or, your Legacy Fund can be set up to benefit a particular area of interest (i.e. animals, parks, youth, etc.) and request that the ECF trustees award grants from your fund to support charitable purposes in those areas. You can also stipulate that a certain amount or the entirety of your bequest be given to 'Fund for the Future', the endowment portion of the Emporia Community Foundation. The earnings from this fund help cover the day-to-day operational expenses, assuring that the Foundation will continue to run professionally in the future. Funding for the grants ECF itself distributes also come from this fund. The possibilities for your Legacy Fund are endless!

Steve Younger, an Emporia accountant, set up a Legacy Fund with ECF, intentionally keeping the areas of interest broad. He also included all of Lyon County so smaller towns could also benefit. Steve states that he has "certain community passions and wants to be able to help them in the future." Steve is single and has no one to pass assets



to upon his death, so he chose to set up a Legacy Fund to help future generations. One area of interest included in Steve's Legacy Fund is recreation. Again, by keeping things general, ECF can help a broad range of needs such as park improvements, support disc golf endeavors, etc. Steve likes that establishing a Legacy Fund allows him to set up his charitable giving as he wants it arranged. He also appreciates that if he chooses to change the areas of interest in his Legacy Fund, he can do so by simply contacting ECF rather than having to change his will with an attorney.

After your death, ways to endow your Legacy Fund are as varied as the ways you outline to use the funds.

You can gift:

- Life insurance policies; if you name ECF as the beneficiary, any future premiums you pay are considered a charitable contribution.
- Retirement Fund assets - full or partial
- Property - your home, commercial buildings, or land (upon your death, ECF will sell the property to fund your Legacy Fund)
- Artwork or other items of value
- Cash

Steve and Bobbi Sauder set up a Legacy Fund at the Emporia Community Foundation for one simple reason: "We want to leave a legacy." Steve's father, Earl Sauder, was a perfect example of philanthropy continuing on in perpetuity. Two of the greatest examples of Earl's legacy are the annual ESU Earl Sauder Scholarships and the Sauder Alumni Center on the ESU Campus. Steve and his wife Bobbi also have a desire to give back to the community and are using a Legacy Fund at ECF as the vehicle to do that. The Sauder's Legacy Fund will be endowed with units of stock from ValuNet Fiber LLC, an all-fiber telecommunications company where Steve is the chairman and a managing partner. Steve and Bobbi's fund

will start receiving income when ValuNet begins paying distributions in the near future and continue after their deaths. The Sauders selected 8-9 charities and these groups will be the beneficiaries of that income. By donating stock of a company founded in Emporia and having the income produced by that stock given back to area charities, Steve and Bobbi have come up with a very unique way of leaving a lasting legacy in the community.

There is no better argument for setting up a Legacy Fund with the Emporia Community Foundation than the studies completed by the 'Keep 5 in Kansas' initiative. Our state is experiencing an unprecedented shift of wealth as estates change hands from one generation to the next. In Kansas, nearly \$600 billion dollars will transfer from estates by 2064. In Lyon County alone, it is estimated that over \$6.5 billion dollars will be transferred by 2064. If just 5% of that amount is committed to the Emporia Community Foundation with a Legacy Fund, nearly \$330 million dollars will stay in our community, improving the quality of life for its citizens and strengthening the places we call home.

Legacy giving is on the rise, in large part due to the pending retirement of the baby boomer generation, the largest generation ever born. By establishing a Legacy Fund to be operational upon your death, the community benefits and becomes your personal legacy. With ECF as a trusted partner, you will be assured that your philanthropic commitment will live on to fulfill your family's legacy and that the Foundation will be faithful to your charitable values. The Emporia Community Foundation takes seriously its fiduciary duty to steward your Legacy Fund's dollars prudently and donate in line with your charitable intent.

Once you have provided for your loved ones, it would be hard to think of a more deserving beneficiary of your hard-earned assets than the Emporia area communities' charitable organizations. You will support your community and do good work forever!

Cycling, Emporia, & the ECF

Emporia is home to an avid cycling community. Whether training for a gravel ride like the Dirty Kanza 200, or taking a leisure ride to enjoy the outdoors, Emporia and the beautiful Flint Hills is one of the best places in the country for cycling.

Because of the cycling community, it was just natural that the sport would eventually pair up with the Emporia Community Foundation. The following are three different aspects of the cycling community and the funds that resulted.



Never Let Go Fund

In 2011 one of Emporia's own, Adrian Lewis-Solano, lost his battle with cancer. The loss of this young man touched friends and relatives, who contacted the ECF to set up The Never Let Go Fund in 2014. The Never Let Go Fund provides aid to similar families with children battling cancer and struggling to meet the many financial demands associated with treatment of cancer.

Wanting to make the fund grow more quickly, representatives of the Never Let Go Fund met with Dirty Kanza Promotions offering to back up riders at checkpoints who wouldn't have support crews of their own. The first year was so successful (and appreciated by many) the Fund representatives have continued each year. Their outstanding support receives high praise and is welcomed by many participants who don't have friends or family backing them up during the race. The Fund even gets contributions days after the race because of their hard

work and efforts. Through this partnership with Dirty Kanza Promotions, the Never Let Go Fund raised over \$25,000 in 3 years with \$16,926.07 earned in 2017. This money is not a donation to the Never Let Go Fund, rather the fund volunteers work hard to earn it. Because of the increase in the Never Let Go Fund, they are able to help other families with children battling cancer in numerous ways.

Families who qualify can apply to receive gas cards to assist with transportation to and from appointments or approved assistance with other financial needs. Thanks to the success of the support-for-hire portion of the Dirty Kanza 200, the Never Let Go Fund has been able to extend its services to families in Lyon County and the six contiguous counties. The legacy of Adrian Lewis-Solano lives on to provide for other young cancer victims in their time of need.



Team Schnak Strong Fund

Three years ago when a young family member was diagnosed with juvenile type 1 diabetes, Kent Schnakenberg decided to start Team Schnak cycling. With the mission "to spread awareness of type 1 diabetes, its symptoms and to raise money for research," Kent has traveled around the USA doing bike rides for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). It was just natural then that Kent and his wife Natalie approached the Emporia Community Foundation to start the Team Schnak Strong Fund. Their intent has been to help local children and their families deal with the expenses of living with type 1 diabetes, plus create scholarships to diabetes camps in Kansas where youngsters learn to live with the disease. Kent, joined many times by Natalie, also volunteers in making presentations to school kids across Kansas to educate them about the disease.

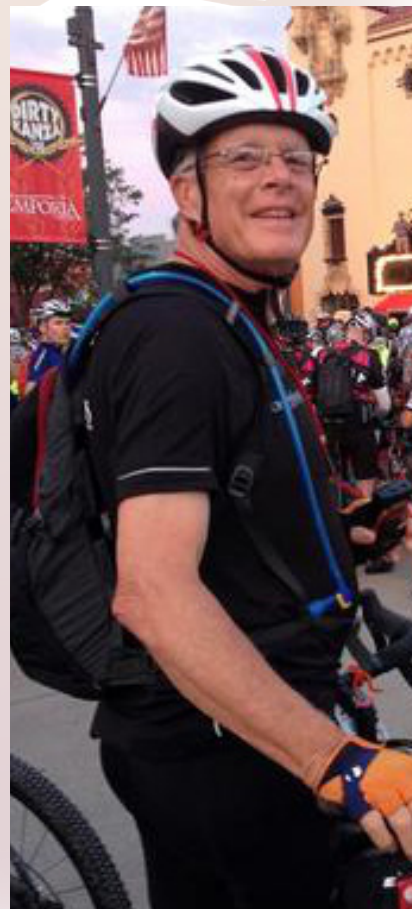
For Kent and his brothers Mark and Mike Schnakenberg, forming Team Schnak Cycling has been a great addition to their lives. From their neon shirts to the distinctive pickup truck, Team Schnak stands out and stands up for children with this disease. The extended Schnakenberg family decided to turn their love of biking into a way to raise money and bring awareness to juvenile diabetes. Team Schnak Cycling rides in several JDRF events each year to bring national awareness to their fight against type 1 diabetes. And, just ask Kent, the union of Team Schnak Cycling and the Emporia Community Foundation is Schnak Strong!

Warner Blackburn's Cycling Legacy

The Dirty Kanza 200 is gravel-grinding cycling at its best, as attested by over two thousand cyclists coming from around the country to Emporia to participate. In 2017 Warner Blackburn, Emporia, mounted his bike and took off with other Dirty Kanza riders to accept the challenge. During the race, Blackburn collapsed, suffering a heart attack midway through the race. Fellow cyclists attended to him until EMTs arrived and transported him to Newman Regional Health, but resuscitation attempts proved futile. Many acquaintances have shared accounts of Blackburn's love and devotion for his wife, his family, and the significant impact Blackburn made on people through his work and life.

Blackburn spent the majority of his life working in helping professions, most recently as a case manager in children's services. In his work, Blackburn shared his love of cycling with children, often bringing his bike with him and encouraging children to ride along with him. "Patient," "humble," and "encouraging" are just a few descriptions that many of his friends and coworkers used to describe Blackburn. He was an active member of his church, community, and a friend to many.

For someone as loved as Warner Blackburn, it seemed natural to preserve his legacy by establishing a fund with the ECF. Working with his wife and representatives from the Dirty Kanza, a Field of Interest Fund was set up, known as the Warner Blackburn/Dirty Kanza Charitable Fund. The purpose of the Fund is "to provide support for the betterment of the cycling community and Dirty Kanza Promotions." The Warner Blackburn/Dirty Kanza Fund brings together a group of like-minded people with a passion for gravel cycling to carry on Blackburn's legacy of the love of the sport. Putting others first was how Blackburn lived his life each day and his legacy can live on through the Warner Blackburn/Dirty Kanza Charitable Fund. If interested in contributing to this fund, please contact the ECF office.





The 2017 Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) Match Day event on November 13th set new records and created a greater awareness of giving through another notable day of generosity. ECF Executive Director Becky Jeppesen said, "The annual Emporia Community Foundation Match Day is a gift to the greater Emporia area. For 24 charitable organizations, Match Day was a true demonstration of selfless giving by many generous donors."

The total amount distributed to twenty-four organizations on Giving Tuesday (November 28th) totaled \$210,477.05, including \$50,000 in matching funds from five funding partners and \$7,350 in sponsored prize support. This year's 651 donors generated 22.5% more in donations over last year. A total of \$392,000 has been donated from supporters in the past four years. The distributions with matching dollars from funders have totaled nearly \$574,000 for the charitable needs in the greater Emporia area in the past four years.

This year's matching dollars of \$10,000 each generously came from the WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee; the Clint Bowyer 79 Fund; the Hopkins Foundation; the Reeble Foundation; and the Trusler Foundation. The match money is prorated to match donations proportional to the total amount raised by individual organizations on Match Day.

In addition to the matching funds, fifty prizes were funded by local businesses and individuals. This group also helped to fund expenses for the event. Prizes such as Breakfast Bonus, Midday Motivation, the Organization with the Largest Increase in Donors and the Mystery Shopper awards were given to organizations throughout the day.

For the past three years, six local financial agencies - Capitol Federal, Citizens State Bank, Community National Bank, Emporia State Federal Credit Union, ESB Financial

and Lyon County State Bank provided financial support for the "Growing Up Giving" project. Individual third, fourth, and fifth grade classes in the William Allen White Elementary School were given \$100. The Kaltenbacher Charitable Fund, (a component fund of the ECF) provided \$100 for each of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes in the Chase County Elementary School. The classes visited with the Match Day organizations, then discussed the distribution of their funds among the charities of their choice. Students at the two schools also participated in a coloring contest and a drawing awarded prizes for each grade level.

According to ECF Program Officer Loni Heinen, "These organizations not only benefit from the money donated on Match Day, but also from the opportunity to raise awareness about their specific cause. Match Day is a wonderful opportunity for them to engage current donors as well as educate new donors. This event works well with the mission of the Emporia Community Foundation, which is to connect caring people with causes that build stronger communities in the Emporia area."

Shirley Antes, retired Executive Director and Event Coordinator stated, "The community has truly welcomed the concept of Match Day and we are grateful for our generous community that cares deeply about supporting the important work of our local charities. We appreciate the collaborative effort of many donors, funders, sponsors, volunteers and the 24 charitable organizations that made this event possible."

The ECF appreciates the response and generosity of the collaborative efforts of many people and organizations. This 'pay it forward' day truly highlights the compassion of the greater Emporia community. Participating organizations are blessed with generous contributions, passionate funders, and a growing list of donors as the impact of this event goes far beyond our expectations.



2017 Match Day Distributions:

Arvon Historic Preservation Society – \$9,914.00

Chase Children's Fund – \$8,913.84

Chase County Care & Compassion – \$17,912.47

ECKAN – Lyon County – \$8,907.89

Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity – \$11,674.83

Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills – \$6,548.16

Emporia Eastside Community Group – \$3,651.52

Emporia Municipal Band – \$4,370.48

Emporia Senior Center – \$4,969.38

Food for Students – \$14,778.86

Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter – \$23,220.34

Friends of the Emporia Public Library - \$8,123.45

Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow – \$3,166.78

Keep It A Safe Summer Taskforce – \$3,777.09

Lyon County Crime Stoppers – \$2,758.39

Lyon County Department on Aging RSVP – \$1,343.92

Military Care Packages – \$3,018.92

Never Let Go Fund – \$6,993.87

NLC Youth Association – \$13,544.66

Pioneer Bluffs – \$23,433.01

Sertoma Train – \$4,250.61

Team Schnak – \$19,325.87

What's in Outdoors – \$1,567.98

William Allen White Community Partnership – \$4,310.73



2014:

265
Donors

\$61,433
Total
Distributions

+2015:

375
Donors

\$121,951
Total
Distributions

+2016:

568
Donors

\$179,876
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Distributions

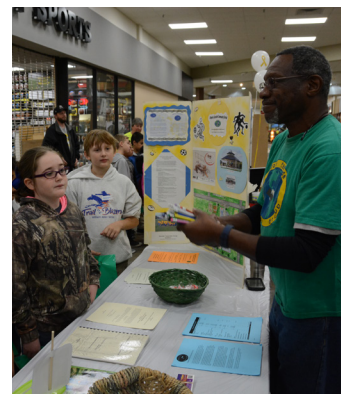
+2017:

651
Donors

\$210,477
Total
Distributions

**= Match Day
4 Year Impact**

\$573,736
Total Benefit
to Charities





The Emporia Community Foundation wishes to thank the many contributors and donors who made MATCH DAY 2017 an astounding success!

Matching Fund Sponsors

Clint Bowyer's 79 Fund
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WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust,
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Growing Up Giving Sponsors

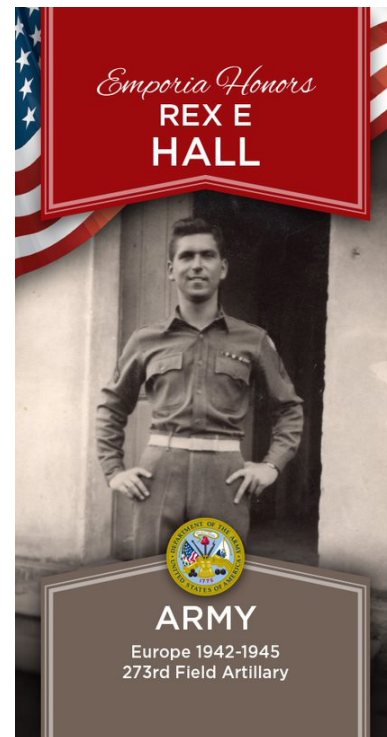
Capitol Federal
Citizens State Bank
Community National Bank
Emporia State Federal Credit Union
ESB Financial
Kaltenbacher Fund
Lyon County State Bank

Sponsors for Prize Grants and Expenses

AKA Marketing & Promotions
Antes Charitable Family Fund
Bill & Gay Barnes
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Clark Carpet & Tile, Inc.
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Evergreen Design-Build
Flint Hills Music

Flint Hills Shopper
Flinthills Mall
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Kaltenbacher Fund
Kay Lauer
Ken & Marilyn Buchele Fund
Kiwanis Club of Emporia
KVOE
Longbine Auto Plaza
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Modern Air Conditioning, Inc.

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Emporia Veterans Banners and Beyond the Banners

(A Special Commemorative Publication)

by Staci Hamman

In 1953, Emporian Alvin J. King proposed to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day to recognize and honor all veterans from all wars and conflicts. This special day was the first organized Veterans Day in Emporia. Kansas Congressman Ed Rees, also an Emporian, then took King's proposal to Congress, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also of Kansas, signed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. The first nationwide observance of Veterans Day was on November 11, 1954. Emporia, Kansas is proud to be the founding city for the federal holiday Veterans Day. For this reason, plus his considerable admiration and respect for our veterans, Ron Slaymaker initiated the Veterans Banners project and the Beyond the Banners publication.

Slaymaker presented the idea to Emporia Main Street after seeing a similar concept on the East Coast featuring street pennants. The Freedom Fest committee, in conjunction with Emporia Main Street offers individuals the opportunity to honor a veteran or someone currently active in the military while at the same time celebrating Emporia as the founding city of Veteran's Day. Each year over 250

Veterans banners hang downtown and at Emporia State University for approximately one month in conjunction with Veteran's Day activities. The banners are displayed during this period for four consecutive years. After the banner's four-year term is complete, the banner is retired and sponsors have the opportunity to reauthorize a new banner for their local veteran. Emporia Main Street also accepts applications for additional banners with information available at emporiainmainstreet.com.

In 2017, Emporia Main Street collaborated with KVOE Radio to create the Beyond the Banners publication. The publication contains stories collected during the banner project in printed keepsake form. The publication features over 200 personal stories of Veterans from all wars and conflicts and active duty military personnel. One hundred percent of the purchase price of this publication funds local Veterans activities and acknowledgment.

For those interested in promoting or supporting Beyond the Banners, there is a fund with the Emporia Community Foundation. Please contact the ECF Office to donate to this fund.

Chase County Community Fund



The recipients for the 2017 grants were:

Chase Children's Fund - \$2,500 for preschool scholarships to assist families in need

Crosswinds Counseling & Wellness - \$2,500 to provide Mental Health First Aid classes for 25 individuals in Chase County

SOS, Inc. - \$840 for the Kyzzone Extreme Day Camps that provided activities for elementary school students

Chase County Bulldog Booster Club - \$2,000 to support Chase County High School students involved in extracurricular activities

Chase County Historical Society, Inc. - \$2,061 for a lighting upgrade to the building at 301 Broadway in Cottonwood Falls

Diamond 4-H Club - \$500 for a project to purchase personal hygiene supplies and items to go with plastic bag mats for homeless that were given to the C4 Food Pantry for distribution

Morris County Hospital Foundation - \$2,000 for the Morris County Hospital Emergency Room expansion and renovation

Emporia Area Match Day - \$1,000 for selected Chase County organizations participating in the event

The Chase County Community Fund (CCCF) was started in April 2010 to improve the life of Chase County residents by establishing an endowment fund to address community needs. Over the last 7 years, nine additional funds have been established under the CCCF umbrella and now include: Nancy Keller Endowment for the Chase County Courthouse (legacy fund), USD 284 Scholarship Fund, Cheryl Holder Middle School Student Council Activity and Scholarship Fund, Chase County Good Samaritan Fund, Pioneer Bluffs Endowed Fund, Grandma Betty Park Fund, Chase Children's Fund, Chase County College Access Fund, and Brown Family College Access Endowment Fund.

Since the CCCF began awarding grants in 2013, over \$62,000 has been given to support Chase County residents and activities.



Serving the future of Chase County,
now and forever.

Growing Greenwood Fund



In 2010, a group of residents in Greenwood County, working with the Emporia Community Foundation, started the Growing Greenwood Fund as an affiliate component of the ECF. Many ideas and suggested projects surfaced during the year and the Growing Greenwood Fund's Advisory Board, led by Sara Shivers, does their best to fund the ventures that make the greatest impact. The Advisory Board was also able to distribute funds left from the 2016 tornado for the betterment of the Eureka Community and Greenwood County. Working together, Growing Greenwood continues to have a positive presence!

2017 Grants

Eureka Public Library - funding for StoryWalk supplies

Greenwood County Historical Society & Museum - funding for textile storage and maintenance

Harmony Sunflowers 4-H Club – funding for Breakfast with Santa

Greenwood County Search and Rescue – rescue hydraulic tools and a Drone (funding made possible from the Tornado Relief Fund)



Become a Donor

ECF Services

You can depend on the Emporia Community Foundation for personalized donor services. We are with you every step of the way with community expertise and administrative support.

Administrative support

We take care of the administrative work, so you can focus on what truly matters – making an impact with your gift.

This includes:

- IRS tax reporting to ensure compliance
- Due diligence on nonprofit organizations to ensure fiscal responsibility, board and volunteer engagement, diverse funding resources, etc.
- Management of grantmaking processes from solicitation to evaluation
- Quarterly statements providing an update on spending and earning of your fund
- Confirmations of all gifts received and grants made
- An annual report listing all grants made from your fund
- Community expertise

Our leaders and staff's knowledge about issues in the greater Emporia area comes through our involvement and leadership on critical issues. Our donors find this insider knowledge invaluable when deciding where and how to give. When you're ready, contact the ECF to set up an appointment.

Types of Gifts

The Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) has the technical expertise and resources to accept appropriate assets as a charitable contributions. We regularly work with donors and their professional advisors to create and execute sophisticated giving strategies.

In addition to cash, we regularly accept gifts such as:

- Land
- Grain or other commodities; cattle or other livestock
- Mutual funds
- Restricted stock
- Publicly-traded stock
- Bonds and other debt obligations
- Real estate such as residential or commercial real estate
- Mineral rights
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from traditional IRAs

Beneficiary designations in a life insurance policy, bank account, or a retirement plan are also simple and meaningful ways to make a planned gift to the ECF. These allow you to list the ECF along with others you would like to benefit from the proceeds of the policy or plan. You can name the ECF as the sole beneficiary or as one of numerous beneficiaries. In addition, you can name the ECF for a percentage or for a specific dollar amount of the proceeds. Just ask the administrator of your policy or plan for a designation form if you wish to make this kind of gift.

Fund Types

Designated Funds: Donations to these funds go to a specific charity, such as Red Rocks, the Emporia Public Library, or Pioneer Bluffs.

Donor Advised Funds: These funds established by individuals allow them to advise how these funds may be used. Their ultimate distribution may be for any legally defined charity.

Field of Interest Funds:

These funds are established for a specific field of interest, such as the arts, a university, health or children.

Unrestricted Funds: These funds are not restricted to any specific purpose and the ECF Board of Directors determines distribution.

Affiliate Funds: These funds may be established by our six contiguous counties for their own communities. Advisory boards raise and distribute funds to address needs in their local communities. Currently both Chase and Greenwood Counties work with the ECF.

Fund for the Future: This endowment fund is for the operations of ECF. The income earned by the fund may be used as the ECF Board of Directors as they see fit.

Three Ways to Donate to the Emporia Community Foundation

Donate Online

www.emporiacf.org

Mail a Check

Emporia Community Foundation
527 Commercial St., Ste. B
Emporia, KS 66801.
(Be sure to note which fund(s)
you want to support.)

Transfer Assets

To give Grain or other commodities; cattle or other livestock stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets, please contact us for instructions.

Funds List

Field of Interest

- 79 Fund
- Amtrak Train Depot Fund
- Anderson Building Improvement Fund
- Antes Charitable Family Fund
- Arvonja Historic Preservation Society Fund
- Wade Barrett Memorial Fund
- Beyond the Banners Fund
- Warner Blackburn/Dirty Kanza Charitable Fund
- Brown Family College Access Endowment Fund*
- Buck Animal Welfare Fund
- Building Futures Fund
- Nick Buxton Memorial Fund
- Chase Children's Fund
- Chase County College Access Fund
- Chase County Good Samaritan Fund
- DK Youth Cycling Fund
- Friends of Flint Hills Community Health Center Fund
- East 9th Avenue Park Fund
- Emporia Public School Foundation Endowment Fund*
- Emporia Area Match Day Fund
- ESU Department of Nursing Fund*
- Eureka Tornado Relief Fund
- Fairgrounds Development Fund
- Anonymous Fund
- Food for Students Fund
- Lyon County Fair Ground Improvement Fund
- CaraLee & Bill Gardner Fund
- CaraLee & Bill Gardner II Fund*
- Flint Hills Girl Scout Foundation Fund
- Grandma Betty Park Fund*
- Floyd Austin Hagins, Sr. Fund*
- Hamilton Community Improvement Fund
- Lance Hedges Endowed Conservation Fund*
- Milton L. & Fay L. Henderson Scholarship Fund*
- Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow Fund
- Cheryl Holder Middle School Student Council Activity and Scholarship Fund*

- Kansas Business Hall of Fame Fund
- Kansas Health Foundation Fund*
- Kansas Lions Foundation Fund
- Kansas Parks Trust Fund
- Keep It A Safe Summer Fund
- Nancy Keller Endowment for the Chase County Courthouse Fund*
- Knights of Columbus #1589 Capital Improvement Fund
- Kraft Family Fund
- Gregory Longbine Memorial Athletic Fund
- L.T. Heritage Children's Fund*
- Laurent Charitable Family Fund
- Lyon County Extension Council Charitable Fund
- Main Street Campaign Fund
- Main Street Improvements Fund
- Berta I. Miller Disability Education Fund*
- Morgan-Wilke Fund
- Never Let Go Fund
- Kathryn L. and Elvin D. Perkins Fund*
- Pioneer Bluffs Endowed Fund*
- Reading Community Fund
- Reading Playground Fund
- Red Rocks Fund
- RR (Red Rocks) Endowment Fund*
- Bill Riggs Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rotary Club of Emporia Fund
- Sadie A. Jones Charitable Fund*
- Sertoma Train Fund
- Southern Lyon County Education Fund
- Springer Educational Trust Fund
- Team Schnak Strong Fund
- Thomas Charitable Fund
- Twin Rivers Junior Shooting Sports Fund
- USD 253 Scholarship Fund
- USD 284 Scholarship Fund*
- WAW Legacy Day Fund
- What's In Outdoors Fund
- Buster & Eugenia Wheat Scholarship Fund*
- Monica Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest - Trustee Fund Initiative

- Greg & Karen Bachman Fund
- William O. & Abigail S. Barnes Fund
- Bell Living Trust Fund
- Emporia's Home Team Fund
- Gilpin Family Fund
- Richard & Staci Hamman Fund
- Harmon Family Fund
- Mary Kretsinger Fund
- Dr. Thomas A. Kriss Fund
- Lauer Family Fund
- Justin & Sasha Mallon Fund
- Meyer Family Fund
- G. Dennis & Catherine M. Murphy Family Fund
- Reyes Family Fund
- Sally Sanchez Family Fund
- Schreiber Family Fund
- Student Success Fund
- Jane & Bob Symmonds Fund
- Younger Charitable Fund

Unrestricted

- Fund for the Future*
- General Fund
- Loretto A. Langley Fund
- Out of the Blue Fund

Designated

- Arts Council Endowment II Fund*
- Camp Wood Endowment Fund*
- City of Emporia Kahola Park Fund
- Eastgate Plaza Fund
- Emporia Arts Council I Fund*
- Emporia Christian School Fund*
- Emporia City Band Fund*
- Emporia Friends of the Zoo Fund
- Flint Hills Community Health Endowed Fund*
- Friends of the Library Fund
- Granada Theater Endowment Fund*
- Heather Stewart Endowment Fund*
- Hetlinger Foundation Fund
- Humane Society of the Flint Hills Endowment Fund*
- Kansas Health Foundation Operating

- Endowment for CCCF*
- Kansas Health Foundation Operating Endowment for ECF*
- Kansas Health Foundation Operating Grant Fund
- Leadership Emporia Fund*
- Lyon County Historical Society Fund
- National State Teacher of the Year Endowment Fund
- NLC Youth Association Fund
- Olpe Veterans Memorial Fund
- SOS Lohmeyer Family Endowment Fund*
- SOS Lohmeyer Family Fund
- Southern Lyon County Student Honor Flight Fund
- St. Andrew's Fund
- Symphony in the Flint Hills Fund
- United Way of the Flint Hills Fund

Donor Advised Fund

- Batille Fund
- Ken & Marilyn Buchele Fund
- Anonymous Fund
- Cleve Cook/Emporia Lions Club Fund
- Dale & Carolyn Davis Fund
- DeBauge Family Fund
- Don J and Linda Glaser Fund
- Hanna Family Fund
- Kaltenbacher Charitable Fund
- Anonymous Fund
- Anonymous Fund
- Muckenthaler Charitable Family Fund
- Fred & Paula Neuer Endowment Fund*
- Ott Fund
- Richard & Sarah Porter Fund
- Powers Gift Fund
- Jane & Bernard Reeble Fund*
- Earl & Stelouise Sauder Gift Fund
- Skip & Jan Evans Gift Fund
- Strahm Fund

Affiliates

- Chase County Community Fund*
- Growing Greenwood Fund*

* = Endowment Fund



2017 ECF Grant Recipients

The Emporia Community Foundation awarded \$25,000 during the 2017 grant cycle. The fourteen applications received totaled over \$69,000. After hearing presentations from applicants who made it through the first round of decisions, the following grants were awarded:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills: \$1,221.79

The funds awarded allowed the purchase of additional items for the activity room.

Out of the Blue Fund: \$4,833.21

This fund is available to provide smaller grants throughout the year as needs arise.

Historic Preservation Corporation: \$6,000

Funds were used for exterior improvements to the Trail Days Arts & History Center in Council Grove.

Flint Hills Technical College Foundation: \$2,500

This grant assisted with the FHTC Conference Center renovation.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas: \$5,000

The grant awarded provided assistance to residents in need.

Elmendaro Township Library: \$2,100

Grant funds were awarded to remodel the children's area in the library.

Camp Alexander: \$3,345

Grant funds assisted with adding shooting sports to camp programming.

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2017

Current Assets	Assets	Liabilities/Fund Balance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 47,168.18	
Investments	\$ 22,986,785.23	
Oil Interests	\$ 6,100.00	
Notes Receivable	\$ -	
Liabilities		
Notes and Payroll Taxes Payable		\$ 3,527.28
Pass Through Payable		\$ 2,332.00
Fund Balances		\$ 23,034,194.13
Total Assets/Liabilities		\$ 23,040,053.41

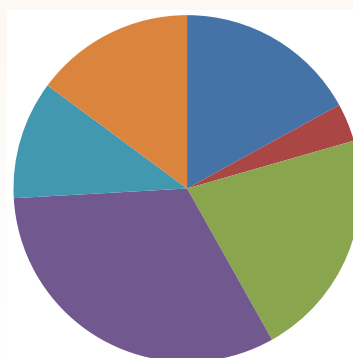
Statement of Activities

For Year Ending December 31, 2017

Revenues	
Contributions	\$ 1,758,999.23
Pooled Income	\$ 2,971,908.80
Other Income	\$ 66,087.23
Fee Income	\$ 224,339.36
Total Revenue	\$ 5,021,334.62
Expenses	
Grants	
Unrestricted Grants	\$ 37,226.83
Grants from Donor Advised	\$ 388,251.72
Grants from Designated	\$ 181,630.72
Grants from Field of Interest	\$ 829,170.99
Grants from Affiliates	\$ 10,646.55
Scholarships	\$88,429.25
Supporting Services	
Office & Investment Expenses	\$ 182,025.59
Payroll with Taxes	\$ 110,214.22
Real Estate Expenses	\$ 686.62
Fees Paid by Funds	\$ 224,339.36
Fundraising for all Funds	\$ 21,840.72
Total Expenses including Grants	\$ 2,074,462.57

Grants by Program Area

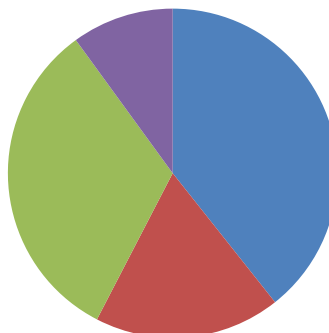
Donor advised, Designated, and Field of Interest Funds



Health and Social Services	\$ 260,916.12
Children	\$ 54,556.82
Education and Scholarships	\$ 327,329.64
Community	\$ 495,043.60
Faith and Seniors	\$ 169,319.71
Arts and Humanities	\$ 228,190.17

Unrestricted Grants

By Program Area



Community	\$ 9,833.21
Children	\$ 4,566.79
Arts and Humanities	\$ 8,100.00
Education	\$ 2,500.00

Five Year Recap

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 11,981,274.05	\$ 14,724,637.49	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,749,186.60	\$20,088,072.08
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 14,724,637.49	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,750,651.94	\$ 20,087,322.08	\$23,040,053.41
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 2,743,363.44	\$ 1,966,301.97	\$ 1,059,712.48	\$ 2,338,135.48	\$2,951,981.33
Pooled Income Earnings	\$ 2,167,141.15	\$ 936,113.17	\$ (65,887.99)	\$ 1,209,523.56	\$2,971,908.80
Grants	\$ 847,588.78	\$ 1,125,581.20	\$ 1,341,144.18	\$ 1,175,273.07	\$1,535,356.06



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Staff



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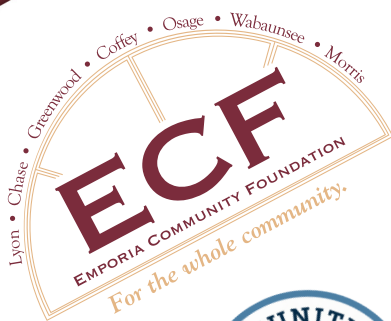
Loni Heinen, Program Officer

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