

# Quarterly Newsletter



July 17, 2020



So much changed in our world during the second quarter of 2020. Although COVID-19 forced the closure of the ECF office for many weeks, the staff continued to work remotely for the community we serve. Early in April, the ECF joined with the Emporia Main Street, KVOE and the United Way of the Flint Hills to create the Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund. To date, the greater Emporia area has raised \$200,000 to assist area non-profits and business through the pandemic. Grants from the fund total over \$167,000 to organization in Lyon County and all contiguous counties through an application process. In the meantime, Varney & Associates completed the 2019 audit of the Emporia Community Foundation in June. The board is pleased to report the audit went well and resulted in an unqualified opinion, which is the best result. We are moving forward with plans for the 2020 Emporia Area Match Day event; however, we are prepared to move the event online if needed. The ECF office reopened to the public in mid-June and the staff are happy to be meeting with clientele using precautions suggested from the Lyon County Public Health Department.

*"The generosity of our local communities continues to shine through with \$200,000 in donations to the Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund!"*

*Kay Lauer*

## Unexpected income? Visit with us!

Have you received some unexpected income and you aren't sure what the best investment options are? Is it resulting in an increased tax bill that you weren't planning on? Did you receive an inheritance of stocks that have appreciated and you're facing capital gains tax on the appreciation? The ECF can help! Make an appointment to visit with Becky and learn how you can use those funds to make a difference in your community.



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## Third Quarter Calendar

### July

17 – ECF Board Meeting/Quarterly Trustee Meeting

### August

1 – **Trusler Foundation** Grant Application Deadline  
15 – **79 Fund** Grant Application Deadline  
21 – ECF Board Meeting

### September

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

**JUNE 18, 2021 – ECF 25<sup>TH</sup> + 1 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



# Investing in the Community

Even with a volatile stock market due to the COVID-19 crisis, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the ECF assets were less than \$900,000 under our December 31, 2019 totals. Add to that the ECF has awarded \$670,000 in grants during the first six months of the year; we've weathered the market volatility pretty well. Feel free to contact the ECF staff with any questions about your fund.

The ECF has awarded over \$107,000 in scholarships to almost 120 different students for the upcoming academic year. We currently have nearly 100 scholarships through approximately 25 different funds. These funds include scholarships for USD 251 North Lyon County, USD 252 Southern Lyon County, USD 253 Emporia and USD 284 Chase County students. Other scholarship funds have been established in memory of someone. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact the ECF office.



## ***What Is Your Legacy?***

*A Legacy should be deeply considered. It takes on immortality, and it is how we live on after death. If we think of our legacy as a gift, it places an emphasis on the thoughtful, meaningful, and intentional aspects of legacy. The consequences of what we do now will outlive us. – Katherine Meadowcroft*

**Save the date!! June 18, 2021!!**



A big Emporia Area Match Day announcement was made at the end of the July Trustee meeting. If you didn't catch the Facebook Live on the ECF Facebook page, check it out! We announced the 23 area organizations that will be participating in this year's event. The following organizations are now preparing for Match Day:



- C4 Food Pantry (Chase County Care & Compassion)
- Camp Alexander
- Chase Children's Fund
- Chase County Historical Society and Museum
- Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity
- Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills
- Emporia Eastside Community Group
- Emporia Municipal Band
- Emporia Sertoma Club Miniature Train
- FEAS (Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter)
- Food for Students
- Friends of the Emporia Public Library
- Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow
- Keep It A Safe Summer
- Lyon County Crime Stoppers
- Main Street Mommas
- Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards
- NLC Youth Association
- Pioneer Bluffs
- Team Schnak Strong Fund
- Twin Rivers Junior Shooting Sports
- Wade Barrett Memorial Fund
- William Allen White Community Partnership
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While the ECF is currently planning for an in-person Match Day event on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we are also prepared to switch to an online only format. Staff will work with Lyon County Public Health to determine the best course of action for the community.

