



Message from our President and Executive Director

Welcome to the second “Annual Report to the Community”. We hope you will browse through these pages and learn more about the Emporia Community Foundation. We have highlighted several funds that do an outstanding job of making Emporia a better place to live. Through our collection of funds, we have given away over \$350,000 this past year. As we continue to grow, we can keep pace with the charitable needs of Emporia.

Part of our responsibility to our funds is prudent investment management. The past 18 months have been most difficult but we have now regained all our losses and look forward to gaining some additional income for our funds. During this time, our finance committee virtually met monthly with our investment advisors carefully monitoring the situation. With this monitoring and our conservative investment philosophy, we were able to sustain one of the most volatile markets in the past 80 years.

We continue to have exciting challenges in the non-profit sector. We are here for all non-profits and our growth in some ways is tied to all of our non-profit friends and organizations. Part of our responsibility is to encourage endowments of our area’s non-profits and we think of ourselves as a one stop shopping facility when it comes to donating to endowments. Additionally, we can serve as a back room for many charities, thereby freeing up resources that they can use elsewhere.

We can only do this by having a strong infrastructure ourselves. To this end, we are investigating a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation which would substantially improve our endowment while creating a community health fund which would serve the entire community. Often people don’t realize that we can be the object of one’s donations. Our “Fund for the Future” will endow our operation for years to come. It is an exciting time to be involved with the Emporia Community Foundation.

We continue to make small innovative grants to organizations and charitable endeavors in Emporia. Look for these on the grants section of this report. As time passes, these grants will be more numerous and larger in scope. We are here for the future.

Enjoy reading about our story and successes of the past year. We appreciate your interest and encourage inquiry about our programs and how we can use our resources to help you or your organization.

Our People

We are governed by a group of 20 trustees from the community. Some are appointed by various organizations and some are elected by the trustees. These Trustees elect a Board of Directors, who manage the everyday activities of the foundation.

Trustees During 2009

Jackie Scott, Chair	Laura McAntee
Chuck Hanna, Vice-Chair	Kevin Nelson
Bill Barnes	Elvin Perkins
Ken Buchele	Sally Sanchez
Jeff DeBauge	Brain Schmidt
Larry Dewitt	Ron Scott
Jon Geitz	Jim Shepherd
DJ Glaser	Perry Thompson
Diana Kuhlmann	Rick Tidwell
Mark McAnarney	Chris Walker

Board of Directors

Ken Buchele, President
Elvin Perkins, Vice President
Bill Barnes, Treasurer
Chuck Hanna
Diana Kuhlmann
Jackie Scott
Perry Thompson
Ken Calhoun, Executive Director, acts as secretary to both groups

Our Collection of Funds

We maintain endowments for many designated funds. They are called designated funds because their proceeds only go to their organizations or scholarships. A donor advised fund is directed by its donors, who can advise us as to how they would like their charitable dollars spent. We take their advisements extremely seriously.

Scholarship Type Funds :

Buxton Memorial Fund	In memory of Nick Buxton for Power Training Vocational Education
Davis Scholarship Fund	In memory of Frank Davis Jr. for children who live outside the city limits
ECC Bilingual Fund	For students specializing in Bi-Lingual studies
Hagins Fund	For employees of rest homes to advance their education
Henderson Fund	For students from the Hartford Area
HOTT Fund	For scholarships from the Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow Organization
NDN	For scholarships and aid to the Newman Division of Nursing Program
Wheat Scholarship Fund	In memory of Buster & Eugenia Wheat for students in North Lyon County

Youth Type Funds :

Camp Wood	For Camper scholarships to attend Camp Wood
East 9th Ave.	For improvements to the park on East 9th Avenue and Cottonwood St.
EFOZ	For continued improvements and embellishments to the Emporia Zoo
Girl Scouts	For the girl scouts of the Flint Hills Region
Sertoma Train Fund	To improve and maintain the train at Soden's Park

General Improvement Funds :

Emporia Arts Council Fund	To endow the operations of the Emporia Arts Council
Emporia City Band Fund	To endow the operation of the Summer City Band
Fair Improvement for Lyon County	For improvements to the current fairgrounds in Emporia
Friends - F.H. Community Health Center	To aid the Community Health Center in serving the Emporia area
Granada Alliance	To endow the operations of the Granada Theater
Hetlinger Development Center	An endowment for the continued operation of the Hetlinger Center
Humane Society	To endow the operations of the Humane Society
Kansas Parks Trust	To support the operations and programs of the Kansas Parks Trust
Las Casitas	To improve Las Casitas Park and provide a scholarship for Hispanic Children
Lyon County Historical Society	To endow the operations of the Historical Society
Main Street	For improvements to the Main Street Program and its mission
National State Teacher of the Year	To endow the National State Teacher of the Year Program
Red Rocks Endowment Fund	To endow the operation of the White home in Emporia (Red Rocks)
Save the Pool	To improve and save the swimming pool at Americus, Kansas
Emporia Community Foundation	For the general benefit of the Community forever

Donor Advised Funds (a partial listing)

The 79 Fund	D.J. Glaser Fund	Neuer Fund	Sauder Fund
The Batille Fund	Greg Longbine Memorial Fund	Perkins Fund	Waddell Fund
The DeBauge Family Fund	Kaltenbacher Fund	Powers Fund	

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2009

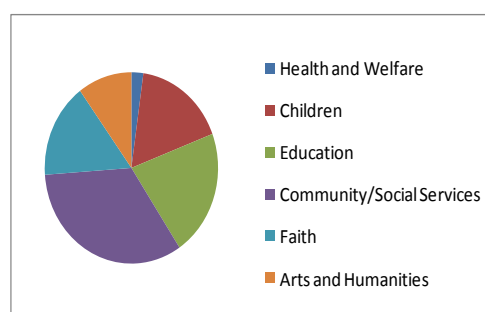
	Assets	Liabilities/Fund Balance
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	53,204.83	
Investments	7,188,505.64	
Other Assets		
Land	357,737.50	
Oil Interests	6,100.00	
Total Assets/Liabilities	7,605,547.97	7,605,547.97

Statement of Activities

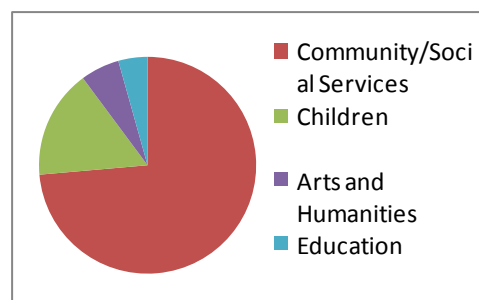
For the year ending December 31, 2009

Revenues	
Contributions	505,445.58
Fixed Income	71,117.70
Growth Income (Loss)	697,312.25
Other Income	87,965.38
Fee Income	67,256.06
Expenses	
Grants	
Unrestricted Grants	27,528.25
Grants from DAF	181,718.46
Grants from Designated Funds	98,700.00
Grants from Field of Interest Funds	68,997.14
Supporting Services	
Office Expenses – Investment Fees	34,748.16
Payroll, including taxes	17,551.00
Real Estate Expenses	26,401.40
Fees Paid by Funds	67,256.06
Total Expenses including grants	522,900.55

Donor Advised and Designated Fund's Grants by Program Area



Unrestricted Grants by Program Area



Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$909,196.42
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$6,699,351.55
Net Assets, End of Year	\$7,605,547.97

The Emporia Community Foundation

The Emporia Community Foundation was established in 1996 and is a collection of separate funds and resources given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to work and live.

There are four main types of funds that can be established with the Emporia Community Foundation:

Designated Funds: Donors of benefactors set up and direct these funds for a specific charity .

Donor Advised Funds: Funds that are established by individuals thereby allowing these individuals to advise how these funds may be used. The donations must be for any legally defined charity.

Field of Interest Funds: Funds established for a specific field of interest, such as the arts, a university, or children's care.

Fund for the Future: This fund pays for the general expenses of the Foundation but also allows the foundation to make grants for innovative and creative programs of various agencies. As time marches on, the needs of a community change and this fund allows for the changing times by keeping topical with the needs of the community.

Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life in the Emporia area. This area consists of Lyon County and the six counties contiguous to Lyon County: Chase, Morris, Greenwood, Coffey, Osage, and Wabaunsee.

“We had nothing, really, to go by when we started. The vision at the time the foundation was formed was to grow to the extent that there would be a fund available to the people in our community to meet their charitable needs.” Elvin Perkins, an original founder.

How We Have Grown:

	Number of Funds	Assets
2000	21	\$2,336,399.53
2009	57	\$7,605,547.97

Since its inception the Emporia Community Foundation, in total, has granted over 2 million dollars to worthy groups and projects. Areas of focus include health, social services, education, recreation, and cultural affairs.

Area organizations benefiting from the Emporia Community Foundation the past ten years include: The Granada Theater Alliance, Emporia Arts Council, USD 253, ESU, North Lyon County Youth Association, Camp Wood and Camp Alexander, the Kanza Rails to Trails Conservancy, Las Casitas, S.O.S., Hispanics of Today and Tomorrow, and the Emporia Rescue Mission, among many others.



East Side Park



Emporia Arts Council



Reading Civic Building



Newman Division of Nursing



Building Blocks Child Care



The Granada



Sertoma Tram 09/07/2008



Emporia Arts Council



Pioneer Bluff's Garden



Children's Reading Program



Emporia Clean Sweep



Friends of the Zoo

Girls In Action Making a Difference

GIA – Girls in Action – have adopted the mission of working together to make a positive difference in their community. This group of 12-year old girls decided to organize and find ways to participate in activities which help their community of Burlington, KS.

Their latest idea was finding the dollars to extend the Food-4-Kids Backpack program which is handled by the Kansas Food Bank of Coffey County and distributed through the Burlington school system. The backpacks are bundles of healthy snacks of food and juices given to children in need each Friday for weekend nourishment. With the school year ending for the summer, the program would not continue so the GIA group devised a plan to extend the program for the month of June.

GIA wanted to purchase the food and juices so they could make the backpack bundles to distribute during the month of June to the designated children. Key to the success of their idea was funding and distribution while maintaining the confidentiality of the children benefiting from the backpacks. ECF received a grant request from the Girls in Action in the amount of \$421.34 describing their action plan and intended results.



ECF determined that the request met the guidelines and approved the funding for the project. GIA shopped, loaded, unloaded, and bundled the backpacks of food for distribution. Through collaboration with the Coffey County 21st Century program which held learning camps during the summer, the backpacks could be distributed at the end of the learning camp sessions during the month of June.

What a success! Girls in Action have demonstrated at a very young age that helping others by using their time and talent builds a foundation in life that gives back to their community helping to make it stronger and better. By the way, the girls were very thrifty shoppers because they sent a check back to ECF in the amount of \$19.05 – money left over from their grant of \$421.34! ECF is about building futures through fund development and collaboration with organizations such as GIA. Together ECF and GIA made a difference for children of the Burlington community.

Clint Bowyer Fund

The Clint Bowyer Fund established through the Emporia Community Foundation has continued to boost the community throughout the year 2009. Multiple projects such as Community Clean Sweep to donating shoes for 85 youngsters enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters to donating Christmas trees to families, just to



name a few, have provided a positive and improved life experience for the recipients. Clint's continued success and love for the Emporia



community a better place to work and live, now and in the future.



community has provided the Emporia Community Foundation the opportunity to live up to it's mission of making Emporia and the surrounding



Building Futures for Emporia

Two years ago, the community introduced a new campaign called Building Futures. As a part of the Campaign, a five-year strategic plan was developed called a Blueprint for Growth and Development. A Leadership Committee of 15 individuals was assembled to lead the progress. The initial leadership team consisted of Elvin Perkins, Brian Lewallen, Casey Woods, Fred Neuer, June Coleman-Hull, Brent Windsor, Jamie Sauder, Ken Calhoun, Jon Geitz, Matt Zimmerman, Kent Heermann, Betty Senn and Jeanine McKenna.

In the two years of the campaign much has been accomplished, most notably the Emporia Clean Sweep project. Emporia Clean Sweep was a project of Emporia Building Futures, the City of Emporia, Emporia Lions Club and dozens for city-wide organizations and businesses. The project would not have been accomplished without the support of \$15,000 from ECF's Clint Bowyer 79 Fund. All total, over 1.1 million pounds of trash including over 8,000 tires were collected over a four week-end period, and over 1,900 volunteer hours were donated. This truly shows the scope of what Building Futures is all about.



There are nine goals of the Building Futures Campaign.

1. Enhance how Emporia is thought of by citizens, guests and others connected with the community.
2. Create new high-skill jobs that provide very competitive wages.
3. Allocate city services to effectively fit the needs of the community.
4. Expand the culture, dining and retail services available in the Emporia area.
5. Enhance the housing available in the Emporia area.
6. Strengthen the services and community partnerships in order to enhance the educational opportunities available to people in all walks of life.
7. Improve and increase the recreational opportunities available in the Emporia Area.
8. Increase tourism to the Emporia Area.
9. Facilitate population growth in the Emporia area.

Grants

Our Goal:

To improve the quality of life in the Emporia area. The Emporia Community Foundation makes grants for innovative and creative projects and programs that are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of health, social service, educations, recreation, and cultural affairs.

Preference is given to those grants which are not directly tax supported or agencies which have taxing authority. Generally grants rarely exceed \$5,000.00 and operational expenses are not funded.

Procedure:

- A. Eight copies of the completed application together with a detailed budget.
- B. A list of officers and board members of your organization, if applicable.
- C. A copy of your IRS determination letter for Section 501 (c) 3 or Section 509 (a) if applicable.
- D. A copy of your financial statement of your most recent year.

Currently ECF has two grant cutoff dates, on the 15th of March and the 15th of September. Grants should only be submitted no more than one month before these cut off dates. Awardees for these grants will be notified approximately 45 days from these cutoff dates.

Grants awardees for 2009:

Pioneer Bluffs Foundation– Education of old time farming practices
Girls in Action– Backpacks for children of Burlington Schools
Emporia Public Library– Computers
Troop 165– Project to improve Camp Alexander
Lyon County Historical Society– Support for a play
Emporia Senior Center– Fundraiser for a new roof
Kansas Children’s Service League– Family nights for families with high risk for abuse and neglect
S.O.S.– Aid in purchasing a new hotline telephone service
Emporia Christian School– Replace a video projector
Emporia Rescue Mission– Purchase a new gas range and fryer

Applications for grants can be found by going to www.emporiacf.org and clicking on Grants.

Who can give?

ANYONE!!

Donors to the Foundation are from a variety of backgrounds sharing a common commitment to our community's well being. Whether you are setting up your own fund, contributing to an existing fund, or making an unrestricted gift, every person can make a difference. The Emporia Community Foundation is constantly seeking a variety of new donors to give to all different fields and issues.

No gift is too small! Any amount may be given to an existing fund. This is what makes your Emporia Community Foundation truly a Community Foundation.

Ways to give:

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Publicly-Traded Securities
Life Insurance Policies
Tangible Personal Property
Real Estate
Remainder Interests in Property
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Interests

Bargain Sales
Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations
Bequests
Charitable Remainder Trusts
Charitable Gift Annuities
Life Insurance Beneficiary Designations
Charitable Lead Trusts

Why Give?

1. It is simple: After you have given the donation the staff here at Emporia Community Foundation do all of the work. They make the investments and administer the grants.
2. It is a tax benefit: All donations receive the maximum tax advantage under state and federal laws because the Emporia Community Foundation is a public charity.
3. It is for your community: Your gift will directly effect the community that you live in and will enhance the quality of life of those around you.
4. Long-lasting: The gift that you make will keep on giving and giving.

How do I Create my Own Fund?

1. Decide when you would like to give:
You can create a fund now, establish it in your will, or create a trust arrangement that could benefit you as well as a charity. Tax deductions are earned at the time of the gift.
2. Decide who you would like to primarily benefit:
This may be one charity or many as well as one area of interest or many areas. You decide where you would like your money to go.
3. Decide what you would like to give:
There is a wide variety of assets that may be given. These options are listed above.
4. Call the Emporia Community Foundation office or come by:
With the above information, we will ask you for a name for your fund, who will advise it during your lifetime and beyond, and a deposit with the promise to reach a minimum of \$10,000 in the future.



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