

Quarterly Newsletter



April 29, 2022

From ECF President Jeff Williams



I must start by saying, I am always amazed by the generosity of the people in our area. The Match Day Committee worked very hard this year under the leadership of Ruth Wheeler and I want to commend them as well as our staff for their dedication and hard work all year to organize the actual day of giving. However, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and applaud the people of our area who gave in record amounts. Thank you all so very much for making our communities better and for supporting the organizations in Match Day. What a blessing.

Another favorite time for me personally is fast approaching. We met in April to review and award 4 year college and technical college scholarships to area high school students. Last year ECF was able to award 163 such scholarships all due to generous donors who see the future in our young area students.

And last but certainly not least I would like to remember the generosity of Mrs. Anna Mae Grimmertt who established a Legacy Fund with ECF and donated land and personal property to the Emporia Community Foundation. Her wishes were for the money to go to help area animals. Mrs. Grimmertt's kindness and thoughtfulness will continue on for many years to come with the proceeds from the sale of her land.

I encourage anyone who has questions about establishing a Legacy Fund to call our office and we would be glad to discuss your passion and dreams for the cause or organization you may wish to help long after you are gone.



MATCH DAY

9th Annual Emporia Area Match Day Participants

Breaking tradition, the ECF is excited to announce the following organizations selected for the event on November 14, 2022. Twenty-eight groups will be hard at work developing their fundraising plans. Anyone interested in being a matching donor or sponsor, please contact the ECF office. Here they are!

Arvon Historic Preservation Society
The Baby Closet of Emporia, KS
Bloom House Youth Services
Camp Alexander
Chase County Care and Compassion, Inc.
Chase County Historical Society & Museum, Inc.
Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity
Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills
Emporia Eastside Community Group
Emporia First Friday Art Walk
Family Promise of the Flint Hills
Food for Students
Friends of the Emporia Public Library
Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Fund

Lyon County Crime Stoppers Inc.
Lyon County Historical Society
Main Street Mommas
Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards
NLC Youth Association
Olpe Downhome
Pioneer Bluffs
Project Playscape
Red Rocks - WAW Community Partnership, Inc.
Street Cats Club
Team Schnak Strong Fund
Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957
Volland Foundation, Inc.
Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

In the Spotlight



Newman Regional Health (NRH) is celebrating 100 years of service in 2022. When the NRH Foundation joined the ECF in December 2019, it became the largest fund in the community foundation.

Founded in 1922, Newman Memorial County Hospital was named in honor of a local businessman George W. Newman. He left a bequest of \$50,000 in his will specifically intended for the creation of a local hospital. Upon his death in February 1919, he provided an additional \$10,000 in an endowment. The total cost for building the hospital, with furnishings, was approximately \$300,000. Additional funds were raised through a two-year tax levy.

"I am sure that no one who lived in Emporia in 1922 ever imagined the changes in medicine and growth that would occur over the next 100 years," said Bob Wright, NRH CEO. "But here we are. More than 100 volunteers and 600 full and part-time employees providing essential services to our community in 350,000 square feet of buildings. There's no doubt that more changes are ahead, but if the COVID pandemic has taught us anything, it is that Emporia and NRH are up to the challenge."

Investing in the Community

Representatives from UMB Bank presented the most recent quarterly report to the ECF Finance Committee on April 14th. While the report showed earnings were down for the year so far, UMB still expects to end 2022 with a positive number.

The next fund statement you receive will look different because of an exciting change in the ECF office. The ECF is transitioning from Bromelkamp's Community Pearl software to their newer offering: akoyaGo.

"You Can Do It" (And She Did!)



For the last 12 years, Loni Heinen has served the ECF starting as a part-time employee and working her way up to the position of Financial Officer. Her skills and work

ethic were outstanding; however, she wanted more and that was a college degree. She had started higher education, but never completed it, so 2 ½ years ago she went back to complete her bachelor's degree. This May 14th, Loni will walk with other ESU graduates to accept her Bachelor of Science diploma.

Reaching her goal has not always been easy. In addition to her ECF position, she does the books for an Emporia business; is a member of the USD 284 School Board; was a 4-H leader; has a daughter going to K-State; is a "YaYa" to 7 grandkids; and managed to go fishing a few times with her husband Dave. When her goal seemed unattainable, Loni's cheerleaders would tell her "You can do it!"

Loni has decided to give back to others and has established the Loni Heinen "You Can Do It" Scholarship Legacy Fund which will provide scholarships to assist adults to finish their bachelor's degree or go towards a certificate program and increase their value as an employee. Because it's a Legacy Fund, Loni named the ECF as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy; however, when one ECF fund learned of the fund and its purpose, a very generous donation was made in Loni's honor. This donation (and others) will allow the "You Can Do It" Scholarship Legacy Fund to start awarding scholarships as early as next year.

In recognition of Loni's achievement, you are invited to a graduation celebration at the ECF office on May 19, from 4:00 until 6:00. Please come and congratulate one of ESU's latest graduates – and rather than a gift, feel free to make a donation to the Loni Heinen "You Can Do It" Scholarship Legacy Fund.



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