

Quarterly Newsletter



October 2021

Message from ECF President Kay Lauer



Welcome to Fall and you know what that means...Match Day 2021 is just around the corner! I hope you follow Emporia Community Foundation on Facebook and that you take the time to watch the amazing videos about each organization that will be participating in Match Day this year. You will be amazed at all the wonderful things our local organizations do in and for our communities.

Your support has been tremendous over the years and YOU are the ones that have made Match Day the successful event that it is! YOU, our generous match money funders, and donors, our dedicated volunteers and support staff, our eager participants and especially The Gazette and KVOE for their dedicated coverage of the whole event. It takes every single one of YOU to raise \$322,035 in a single day. As my grandson would say, you all make this "the best day EVER!" Thank you for your continued support of Emporia and the Greater Emporia Area! See you on November 15th!

The combines are rolling and cows and calves are moving this time of year. We heard from one of our favorite farmer/ranchers this week and he shared the following tidbit from the musical Hello Dolly: "Money, pardon the expression, is like manure. It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around, encouraging young things to grow."

ECF Welcomes Tommy Phan



Tommy Phan has joined the ECF staff as our Program Officer. He recently graduated from Emporia State University with a B.S. degree in Political Science. Having been born and raised in the City of Emporia, he has a deep desire to help improve our community. He is a proud product of the USD 253 school system

having attended Walnut Elementary, Emporia Middle School, and Emporia High School. Tommy participated in Debate, Forensics, Scholar's Bowl, and Model UN at the latter and was proud to represent EHS throughout the regular season and State tournaments he attended.

Fourth Quarter Calendar

November

2 – **Trusler Foundation** Grant Application Deadline
15 – **79 Fund** Grant Application Deadline
15 – 8th Annual Match Day
19 – ECF Board Meeting
25-26 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed
30 – Match Day Check Presentation

December

17 – ECF Board Meeting
23-24 – Christmas Observed – Office Closed
31 – Office Open



Investing in the Community

The ECF Finance Committee met with representatives from UMB Bank on October 14th to receive the latest quarterly report. As of September 30th, the ECF's investment return from UMB was 7.63% net of fees. While the markets were down in September, the ECF investments are up over \$2.4 million for the year.

A special committee accepted information from investment providers and then selected four to provide full proposals. The committee recommended a continued relationship with UMB Bank as the ECF investment bank. The ECF will review investment providers again in five years.

Eric Kientz -- partner with Kientz & Penick, CPAs, LLC -- presented a seminar to area non-profits about how to spot fraud or embezzlement on September 23rd. The information included best practices for handling funds, how to identify dollars that might be missing and what to do if suspicions arise. The ECF looks forward to presenting additional education seminars in the future.

The ECF awarded over \$147,000 to 162 students through our various scholarship funds.

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



The newspaper article, *Saving the Skatepark*, appeared in the Emporia Gazette earlier this summer and featured thirteen-year-old Maddox Gutierrez. The Skateboard Park was almost 20 years old with no improvements since it was built. In the article, Gutierrez spoke about the camaraderie for youth "...built on tricks and skills, bumps and bruises." The article went on to talk about improvements made to skateboard parks in other communities. The concern reached Emporia City Manager Mark McAnarney who said the city would welcome suggestions for Emporia's Skateboard Park.



That sparked Gutierrez into starting a petition to make enhancements to Emporia's Skateboard Park to make it more user friendly.

The article also got the attention of a local family and touched their hearts. The family wanted to make a difference for area kids, which resulted in a \$250,000 gift for the ECF Kahola Park Fund earmarked solely for the Santa Fe Skateboard Park on South Avenue. The city is now reaching out to designers to start work on the park. The donor family wishes to remain anonymous, but asks that Maddox Gutierrez be their spokesperson for publicity or dedications in the future. Quite an accomplishment for a young man with a dream and sincere generosity from an area family wanting to improve the community!



"Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have" Jim Rohn

2021 Match Day – November 15th

For 7 years, the ECF Match Day event has been celebrated by the greater Emporia community and participating non-profits. Thanks to generous donors, the annual total increases at a steady pace. The impact that Match Day has had on the community since its inception has been significant and as a community, we look forward to Match Day growing. We present to you the 2021 participants for the 8th annual Match Day, representing almost the area served by the ECF.



Emporia Area
**MATCH
DAY**

2021 Participating Organizations

Arvonja Historic Preservation Society	Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow
Camp Alexander	Humane Society of the Flint Hills
Chase County Care & Compassion	Keep It a Safe Summer Taskforce
Chase County Historical Society & Museum	Lyon County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity	Main Street Mommas
Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills	Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards
Emporia Granada Theatre Alliance	NLC Youth Association
Emporia Municipal Band	Pioneer Bluffs
Emporia Sertoma Club Miniature Train	Project Playscape
FEAS	Team Schnak Strong Fund
Food for Students	Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957
Friends of the Emporia Public Library	Wade Barrett Memorial Fund
Red Rocks -William Allen White Community Partnership, Inc.	

Thank you to our sponsors over the years, providing contributions to pay for expenses and additional prize money for participating organizations.

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Contact Becky Nurnberg

at becky.nurnberg@emporiacf.org

or (620) 342-9304



2019 Match Day Participants

The greater Emporia community has raised over \$1.4 million for area non-profits in the past seven years!

Thirty-five non-profits from the greater Emporia area have benefited from Match Day!

2018 was the first year for online giving and brought in approximately 175 more donors and bigger donations!!!

Learn more about the organizations and their mission at emporiamatchday.com.



MATCH DAY

Select ONE or a COMBINATION of organization(s) by writing a dollar amount next to the name of the organization(s). **Maximum gift match amount: \$1,000 per organization.**

Total Donation \$ _____

- ☐ CASH
- ☐ CHECK payable to
Emporia Community
Foundation
check # _____
- ☐ CREDIT CARD
last 4 digits _____
- ☐ ECF Fund:

Signature: _____

- ☐ I would like my gift to be anonymous.



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Email _____

Thank you for your donation. Your receipt will be emailed to you. If you don't have an email address, a receipt will be mailed to you.

- \$ _____ Arvonja Historic Preservation Society
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- \$ _____ Red Rocks- WAW Community Partnership, Inc.
- \$ _____ Team Schnak Strong Fund
- \$ _____ Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957
- \$ _____ Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

\$ _____ **ECF Fund for the Future (donations DO NOT receive matching funds)**

Donations are matched on a prorated basis. The \$60,000 matching pool is provided by the following: Clint Bowyer's 79 Fund, Preston Family Trust, Reebble Foundation, Trusler Foundation, WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust Bank of America, N.A. Trustee, and the combination of Nick/Jan Laurent and Fred/Paula Neuer.

For Office Use Only:

Donation Time: _____

Website: _____

Pearl: _____