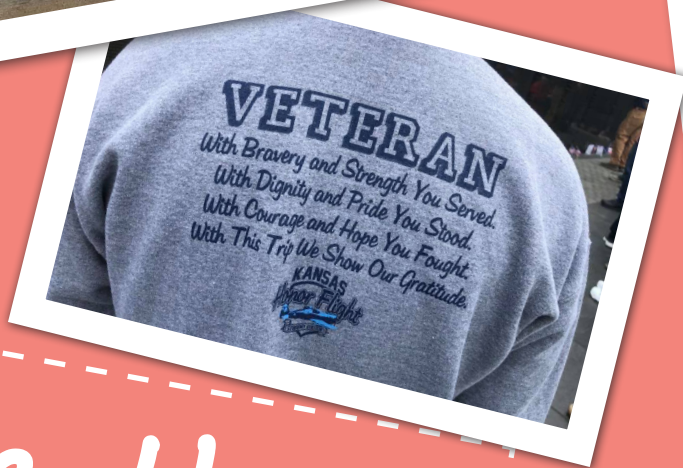


We Live Here, We Give Here

2018 ANNUAL REPORT





We Give Here,
We Live Here



Celebrating Our Past, Looking Toward Our Future

A LETTER FROM TRUSTEE CHAIR KAY LAUER
AND BOARD PRESIDENT BILL BARNES

The year 2018 saw the Emporia Community Foundation continue to meet its mission by connecting caring people with the causes and needs that build stronger communities. The year was also one of significant transition for the ECF office. It was our first year with a full-time Executive Director and we completed the move to our new office at 527 Commercial St., Suite B. The first floor location gives us better visibility and accessibility to those we serve. In addition, we added a new Office Coordinator.

Even with the roller coaster we saw in the stock market this year, the foundation remains very strong financially and we have seen the number of funds grow to almost 200. Match Day was another huge success with over \$240,000 raised to support 25 organizations in four counties. We also were able to add an online option for donating to Match Day. Once again, ECF collaborated with the ESU Foundation and the FHTC Foundation to present an educational seminar on enhancing charitable giving using retirement accounts with a focus on the required minimum distribution (RMD) with individual retirement accounts (IRAs). As more of the baby boomers reach 70½, the use of RMDs can become an important part of charitable giving.

ECF embraces its role as a community resource. Just as we were closing the 2016 Eureka Tornado Fund, another tornado hit Eureka this past summer. We were able to raise over \$30,000 to help in their most recent recovery efforts. Our Grants Committee initiated visits to our grant recipients to not only see how the grant money was used but to give us a better appreciation of the impact these grants have in supporting others. With any charitable organization, our true success is measured by what is done with our assets. During 2018, our funds and the community foundation donated over \$1.5 million to support needs locally and around the region.

What does the future hold for ECF? We plan to continue growing our ability to fulfill unmet needs in the area. One focus for 2019 to help meet this goal is to establish more legacy funds through the ECF Legacy Society. It recognizes people who are making gifts today, which will provide significant benefits to our communities in the future. We also have a goal to strengthen our presence in the surrounding counties that we support. Some discussions have just started while some meetings are already scheduled. The Board of Directors has made a three-year commitment to continue Match Day as we feel this gift to the community is critical to these small organizations. Thank you to our staff, to our donors, and to the communities we serve for the confidence and support you have in the Emporia Community Foundation.

What is your legacy?



Making Charitable Gifts from Your IRA

Many in the Baby Boomer generation are turning 70½ years of age or older and they can take tax-free withdrawals from IRAs if the money goes directly to a charity. Charitable gifts made directly from IRAs will count towards required minimum distributions for the next year. While the gift cannot be claimed as a tax deduction, IRA withdrawals donated directly to charities are not counted as income, so income tax is not owed on the withdrawal. The following information is from the Council on Foundations on this now-permanent provision.

What is an IRA charitable rollover?

A qualified charitable distribution is money that individuals turning 70½ or older may direct from their traditional IRA to eligible charitable organizations. The amount distributed and going directly to an eligible charity can be excluded from your gross income and you will not be taxed on the distribution. Charitable distributions from individual IRAs are capped at \$100,000 each year.

How will charitable distributions affect the minimum required distributions from my IRA?

Shortly after reaching the age of 70½, you are generally required to receive distributions from your traditional IRA. For the purposes of minimum required distributions, the IRS treats IRA distributions the same, whether you use the distribution for personal purposes or direct the distribution to a charity, meaning charitable distributions can help you meet your minimum required distribution.

Do I receive a charitable deduction when I roll over assets to a charity under this provision?

No, because you can exclude this contribution from your gross income and you cannot take a charitable contribution deduction for the contribution. You benefit by not having to recognize as income the amount you contribute directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity.

To which charities can I make qualified charitable distributions?

Most contributions to public charities—other than supporting organizations—are considered qualified charitable contributions. However, distributions from IRA accounts to private foundations and donor advised funds held by public charities are not considered qualified charitable distributions under this charitable rollover provision.

Will an IRA distribution to a community foundation fund qualify?

Yes, distributions to almost all types of funds typically held by community foundations—such as scholarship, field-of-interest, and designated funds—qualify. The exception to this general statement is that a distribution to a donor advised fund will not qualify for this special treatment.

Can I contribute IRA assets to a donor advised fund?

Yes. However, since such distributions do not count as qualified distributions from IRAs under these special rules, you will have to first recognize those distributions as income. You then must calculate their charitable deduction according to the general rules pertaining to percentage limitations and itemized contribution reductions.

Am I limited to one IRA charitable distribution per year, or can I request multiple transfers?

Donors aged 70½ or older are limited to a maximum of \$100,000 in any one year as an IRA charitable distribution, however there is no requirement that the entire amount be made in one transfer or that the entire amount go to a single qualified charitable organization. You can request multiple direct transfers from your IRA to qualified charities in a year, but only \$100,000 will be excluded from income as an IRA qualified charitable distribution.

What if I want to contribute more than \$100,000 to a qualified charity from an IRA?

The law limits the amount that you can exclude from your income to \$100,000. If you wish to take funds from your IRA to contribute more than \$100,000 to charity, you cannot exclude the additional amount from your gross income. Rather, you must follow the general rules pertaining to percentage limitations and itemized contribution reductions.



For more
information, talk
to your financial
adviser or call us at
620-342-9304.

Under what circumstances will this special treatment of an IRA charitable rollover most likely benefit donors?

Generally, this provision benefits donors who itemize deductions and whose charitable contributions are reduced by the percentage of income limitation. Traditionally, when you receive a distribution from your IRA and make a corresponding charitable contribution, you must count the distribution as income and then receive a charitable deduction for any amounts you transferred to charity. For higher income taxpayers: the charitable contribution deduction you receive may not totally offset the taxes you must pay for receiving the distribution from your IRA. In such cases, you would potentially benefit more by using the charitable rollover provision when making a charitable donation.

Other donors who may benefit include:

- Individuals who do not usually itemize their deductions.
- Individuals in states where the operation of state income tax law would offer greater benefits as a result of a charitable rollover. (Donors will need to work with their professional advisers to determine the effect of these rules on their specific tax situation.)
- This provision will also likely benefit donors whose charitable contributions are reduced by the itemized deduction reduction.

How do I make a qualified charitable distribution?

You must instruct your IRA trustee to make the contribution directly to an eligible charitable organization.

A donor wants to utilize the IRA charitable distribution for the current year's required minimum distribution. Does the community foundation need to physically receive the check by December 31 or is it sufficient for the check to be put in the mail?

To take advantage of the IRA charitable distribution, the distribution must be sent directly from the IRA company to the charity. (To receive tax-free treatment, the check must never be made out to the donor.) Generally, the date of mailing would qualify as the date the gift is made. Accordingly, if the IRA company mails the distribution check to the charity by December 31st, it would be counted as an IRA distribution for that year.

Should a charity receiving a contribution directly from an IRA provide a gift acknowledgement?

Yes. If you make a charitable contribution with IRA funds, you must obtain a written acknowledgement of the contribution to benefit from this provision.

May a charity provide any goods or services in return for the contribution?

No. If you (the donor) receive any goods or services (e.g., tickets to a fundraiser) that would have reduced your charitable deduction had you made an outright gift to the charity, the rollover of assets from an IRA will not qualify for the tax-free treatment under this provision.

Can I make a qualified charitable distribution for split interest gifts?

No. Charitable lead trusts and charitable remainder trusts are not eligible to receive qualified charitable distributions. Because you cannot receive a benefit in return for an IRA distribution, any contribution you make in return for a charitable gift annuity would not be eligible for the tax-free treatment.

The CCCF is an affiliate of the Emporia Community Foundation and those interested can make donations at any time to the endowment fund.

Chase County Community Fund

Since 2010, the Chase County Community Fund (CCCF) has been dedicated to creating a permanent endowment to assist and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Chase County. Grant applications are submitted in the spring and fall for the CCCF Board to review for awards. Since the first CCCF grant cycle, Chase County residents have benefitted from nearly \$100,000 in grant awards.



The 2018 recipients include the following organizations:

Chase Children's Fund: \$1,000 for preschool scholarships

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland: up to \$400 for Chase County Girl Scouts to attend a Leadership Experience at Pioneer Bluffs

SOS, Inc.: \$986.46 to provide the Kydzone Extreme Day Camp for Chase County kids

The Strong City Preservation Alliance: \$250 to show the Polar Express Movie

USD 284: \$1,167.60 for iPad keyboards for the English classroom at the high school

USD 284: \$2,500 for the Food, Fish, and Finances project that will develop an aquaponics ecosystem as a collaboration between the Life Science and Business departments at the high school

USD 284: \$2,500 to purchase items for the life skills area at the high school

USD 284: \$3,331.43 for music stands, a trumpet, a clarinet, and sheet music for the elementary school.



Growing Greenwood + Harvest House

In 2018, the population of the Greenwood County community Severy was 239 residents. Like many small Kansas communities, Severy and the surrounding area struggle economically due in part to being very rural. They also lack grocery facilities in close proximity to many residents. Many rural Kansas areas have similar challenges, but this community is up to facing that challenge – thanks to the Nazarene Church's Harvest House Food Pantry and its' president, Charlotte Bills. Charlotte organizes the Harvest House Food Pantry volunteers, who last year put in over 1,207 hours of service work. Started in 2015, the Harvest House Food Pantry is a 501(c)3, operating on donations and volunteer support. It furnishes food to local residents from their facility at no cost. In 2017, Harvest House volunteers met local area residents' nutrition and hunger needs with 57,975 pounds of food and paper items, reaching 1,953 families in Greenwood and Elk Counties.

When it was started, the Harvest House was in the church basement, which had very steep steps making it difficult for many recipients to maneuver. They lacked adequate storage for frozen foods. That's when Charlotte planned to reach out beyond their local neighborhood. First, a new Harvest House was obtained when a house next to the church was given to the Food Pantry and was equipped with a ramp making it much easier for those being served and the workers. Next, Charlotte completed two grants. In both applications, she explained how the Harvest House Food Pantry is open only once a month for neighbors to get food, but they also deliver to those unable to get to the pantry. Harvest House works with the Wichita Food Bank and obtains most of the food from them. They also receive private donations of food and purchase food from other providers. All money donated to the Food Pantry goes 100% for food.

Charlotte sent her first grant request to Growing Greenwood, an affiliate of the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF). The mission of Growing Greenwood is for the general benefit of the Greenwood County Area and to create a



more vibrant and economically stable future for generations to come. The other grant request went to the ECF. Charlotte's request included funding for two freezers under the foundation's grant program. She explained in her request, "Our plan from the beginning was to be open indefinitely in order to help with the hunger needs of the community. Your assistance through this grant will help with that goal."

The Growing Greenwood Board of Directors met to review grant applications and approved a disbursement for the Harvest House Food Pantry, but they were unable to meet the entire amount requested. Around the same time, the ECF Grants Committee met to go over grant applications. They determined this request was an urgent need requiring funding prior to the January 2019 date that ECF disburses grants. The ECF Grants Committee also was aware of the amount Growing Greenwood was able to fund. The Grants Committee requested that the ECF Board of Directors fund the balance for the freezers from the Out of the Blue Fund – a fund set up to meet immediate needs and managed by the ECF Board. In November, Growing Greenwood and the ECF were able to present two checks to Charlotte Bills totaling \$1,748 for the cost of the freezers.

In addition, it turns out Charlotte Bills is not only a great shopper, but also a negotiator! She carefully watched the Lowes ads and after purchasing two freezers on sale, she figured she had almost enough to purchase a third freezer and emailed the ECF to make sure that was all right. After the approval from ECF, she talked to the Lowes Manager, got a price match reducing the cost of the original freezers, plus 10% off for that day, resulting in \$70.80 left over that went into their food account. The ECF received an email from Charlotte saying, "Your generous grants will certainly enable our pantry to meet the needs of our community. Please come visit our pantry anytime." It will be a pleasure, Charlotte!

Emporia Area

Almost 15% more in
donations than last
year from 667 donors

\$50,000 in Matching funds from Clint
Bowyer's 79 Fund, the Hopkins, Reeble
& Trusler Foundations, and the WS &
EC Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of
America, N.A. Trustee

Total amount distributed to 25
organizations - \$240,683.69

Local businesses and individuals
stepped up to provide donations for
the \$5,875 prize money



Thank you Capitol Federal, Citizens State Bank,
Community National Bank, Emporia State Federal
Credit Union, ESB Financial and Lyon County
State Bank for supporting "Growing Up Giving -
Mini Match Day" for the Logan Avenue Elementary
School 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes.

Match Day

ONE FOR THE RECORDS



Chase County 4th, 5th,
and 6th grade students
came to Match Day -
thank you Kaltenbacher
Charitable Fund

Over \$814,420
raised in the past
five years!

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 gifts received and grants made
- An annual report listing 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

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.)

DONATE ONLINE

www.emporiacf.org

TRANSFER ASSETS

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

Statement of Financial Position

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Statement of Activities for Year ending December 31, 2018

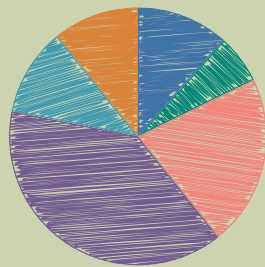
Revenues	
Contributions	\$ 2,231,844.79
Pooled Income	\$ -1,187,860.13
Other Income	\$ 257,365.02
Fee Income	\$ 243,309.37
Total Revenue	\$ 1,544,659.05

Expenses	
Grants	
Unrestricted Grants	\$ 36,829.00
Grants from Donor Advised Funds	\$ 462,323.70
Grants from Designated Funds	\$ 384,384.17
Grants from Field of Interest Funds	\$ 798,068.96
Grants from Affiliates Funds	\$ 15,454.49
Awards from Scholarship Funds	\$ 66,499.52

Supporting Services	
Office & Investment Expenses	\$ 189,535.69
Payroll with Taxes	\$ 146,165.60
Real Estate Expenses	\$ 282.28
Fees Paid by Funds	\$ 243,309.37
Fundraising for all Funds	\$ 5,105.30
Total Expenses including Grants	\$ 2,347,958.08

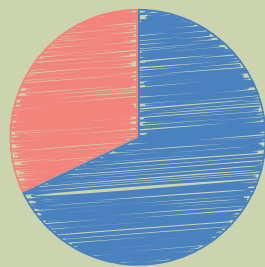
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 23,040,053.41
Net Assets End of 2018 Year	\$ 22,236,724.50
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ -803,328.91

	Assets	Liabilities/ Fund Balance
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 137,549.83	
Investments	\$ 22,093,174.67	
Oil Interests	\$ 6,000.00	
Notes Receivable		
Liabilities		
Notes and Payroll Taxes Payable		\$ 3,497.40
Pass Through Payable		\$ 2,332.00
Fund Balances		\$ 22,230,895.10
Total Assets/Liabilities	\$ 22,236,724.50	\$ 22,236,724.50



Grants/Funds by Program Area

Health & Social Services	\$ 204,662.72
Children	\$ 108,747.94
Education & Scholarships	\$ 379,162.90
Community	\$ 685,459.75
Faith & Seniors	\$ 195,201.17
Arts & Humanities	\$ 190,325.36



Unrestricted Grants by Program Area

Community	\$ 16,974.00
Arts and Humanities	\$ 8,026.00

5 Year Recap	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 14,724,637.49	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,750,651.94	\$ 20,088,072.08	\$ 23,040,053.41
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,750,651.94	\$ 20,088,072.08	\$ 23,040,053.41	\$ 22,236,724.50
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 1,966,301.97	\$ 1,059,712.48	\$ 2,337,420.14	\$ 2,951,981.33	\$ -803,328.91
Pooled Income Earnings	\$ 936,113.17	\$ -65,887.99	\$ 1,209,523.56	\$ 2,971,908.80	\$ -1,187,860.13
Grants	\$ 1,125,581.2	\$ 1,341,144.18	\$ 1,175,273.07	\$ 1,535,356.06	\$ 1,763,559.84

Funds List

FIELD OF INTEREST

- 79 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
- Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills Fund
- Grandma Betty Park Fund*
- Growing Greenwood Disaster 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 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*
- Steve and Bobbi Sauder Charitable Fund
- Sertoma Train Fund
- Southern Lyon County Education Fund
- Springer Educational Trust Fund
- Jane and Robert Symmonds Endowed 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 Area Habitat for Humanity Fund
- Emporia Arts Council I Fund*
- Emporia Christian School Fund*
- Emporia City Band Fund*
- Emporia Friends of the Zoo Fund
- Emporia Public Library Fund
- Emporia Public Library Endowed Fund*
- Evergreen Cemetery Care Fund
- Flint Hills Community Health Endowed Fund*
- Friends of the Library Fund
- Granada Theatre 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*
- Leadership Emporia Fund*
- Lyon County Historical Society Fund
- National State Teacher of the Year

2018 Grant Recipients

The Emporia Community Foundation's Grants Committee has selected six greater Emporia area non-profit organizations to receive \$24,833.46 in grant funds in January 2018 for special projects. The ECF Grants Committee makes grants for innovative projects and programs that are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of health, social service, education, recreation, and cultural affairs. In addition to the grants awarded by the committee, \$2,812.04 was given from other ECF funds. This collaboration allows the ECF to do even more for the community.



Grant recipients, with their planned activities and award amounts are as follows:

Coffey County Library Lebo Branch, \$1,526: the purchase of a commercial snow cone and cotton candy machines

William Allen White Foundation/KU Endowment, \$4,500: Funds to assist with the production of a film about William Allen White

Kansas Legal Services, \$3,843: Emporia, funds to purchase two-in-one computers for use in court proceedings and hearings,

Plumb Place, \$6,964.46: Funds for the upgrades to the resource room and offices

Lyon County Fair Board, \$6,000: Funds to assist pouring concrete in the show arena

The Madison Historical Society, \$2,000: Funding to add visual displays in the museum

- Endowment Fund*
- NLC Youth Association Fund
- Olpe Splash Park Fund
- Olpe Veterans Memorial Fund
- Project Playscape 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
- Cleve Cook/Emporia Lions Club Endowed Fund*
- Dale & Carolyn Davis Fund
- DeBauge Family Fund
- Don J and Linda Glaser Fund
- Hanna Family Fund
- Jim & Kathy Kessler Family Endowed 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*
- The Earl & Stelouise Sauder Youth Assistance Fund
- Skip & Jan Evans Gift Fund
- Strahm Fund

AFFILIATES

- Chase County Community Fund*
- Growing Greenwood Fund*

* = Endowment Fund



The Emporia Rotary recognized Eva De Hoyos (pictured here) for academic achievements at the Flint Hills Technical College. Eva is the latest full-time ECF employee and understands the importance of scholarships, saying, "Not only did scholarships bring me a step closer to my goal but gave me peace of mind to focus on what really mattered...my education." In 2018 the Emporia Community Foundation awarded 120 students more than \$107,000 in scholarships.

ECF Volunteer Leaders

For the past 23 years, the roster of ECF Trustees and Board members reads like a Who's Who of the greater Emporia community. The Foundation has grown and flourished over the years due to the leadership of the volunteers dedicating countless hours for the betterment of their community.

The 2018 Trustees welcomed the addition of Lee Glanville from Cottonwood Falls. Lee grew up on a Chase County farm and ranch, works for the Citizens State Bank and is a commercial pilot flying pipelines. Lee is married to Brea Glanville. Lee served on the Finance and Investment Committee in 2018.

ECF also thanks the following as they leave the Trustees for their contributions and leadership in the growth of the Foundation at the end of 2018: Greg Bachman (Grants); Clint Stephens (Information Services); Mary Kretsinger (Grants, Information Services, Match Day); and Mark Schreiber (Board of Directors, Grants, Board Empowerment, Trusler Advisory Committee).

The ECF Trustees meet the third Friday in January, April, July, and October. The ECF Board of Directors meets the third Friday of each month.



2018 ECF Board of Directors

↑
(front row) Bill Barnes, President;
Kay Lauer, Vice-President;
(back row) Janis Meyer, Treasurer;
Steve Younger; Bob Symmonds;
Ken Buchele; and Cynthia Kraft.

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Cynthia Kraft has been with the ECF since 2009, starting on the Board of Trustees and becoming a Board member in 2014. The committees she served on included the Board Empowerment, the Grants Committee (Chair), and the Match Day Committee. 2018 was the last year for Cynthia to serve on either the Board or Trustees. Bill Barnes, ECF President, recognized Cynthia's dedication and contributions to the continued success of the ECF.



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The ECF has a rich history of strong leaders in both volunteers and staff. Shirley Antes served as the ECF Executive Director from 2013 – 2017. Shirley was the last “part-time” Executive Director, although as the Foundation grew, Shirley spent many more hours than what would be considered part-time. For Shirley, this was a labor of love and the ECF grew rapidly under her direction. Many feel Match Day is Shirley's legacy to the community as it started and grew under her guidance. As she was heard to say many times, “Match Day is our gift to the community”. In thanks for her service, many that she worked with during her time with the ECF attended the Retirement Reception held at the Lyon County History Center on January 4th. Those attending were encouraged to contribute an honorarium to the Fund for the Future. Several made challenge donations and added over \$23,000 to the Fund for the Future in Shirley's honor.

ECF Staff

Becky Jeppesen
Executive Director



Becky joined the community foundation in 2017 as the first full time Executive Director. Originally from Michigan and later living in Springfield, IL, her background includes non-profit management, media, and sales.

Becky has a strong agricultural background, growing up on a dairy farm. She shows horses in National Reining Horse competition, has two dogs, and lives in Chase County. Her favorite thing to do with the ECF is visiting grant recipients to see the pride and difference made in communities.

Loni Heinen started as the Administrative Assistant for the ECF in 2010, bringing many years of retail and clerical experience to ECF. In 2014, Loni's title changed to Program Officer.

Loni earned an Associate of Arts degree from Barton County Community College before attending Tabor College, Emporia State University, and Butler Community College where she completed her Accounting Assistant Certificate in 2011.

Loni grew up in Emporia. She and her daughter, Rylee, moved to Chase County when she married Dave Heinen who has three children. Loni and Dave are grandparents to seven children. In her free time, Loni enjoys scrapbooking and fishing, as well as riding trails and rock crawling in their jeep. She is also a 4-H Leader and serves on the School Board for the Chase County Community Schools.

Loni Heinen
Program Officer



Eva De Hoyos
Office Coordinator



Eva De Hoyos started this year with the ECF in the position of Office Coordinator. As Office Coordinator, she assists both Becky and Loni with programs such as scholarships and grants; coordinates the Match Day webpages for the participating groups, plus is involved with all aspects of the event; and manages the day-to-day operations of the office. Eva is bilingual which has proven valuable both in the office and in translating printed materials for Growing Up Giving for Match Day.

Eva graduated in 2018 from the Flint Hills Technical College with an Associates Degree in Business Administrative Technology. Prior to getting her degree, she worked in USD 253 as the bilingual teacher's aid and in the migrant program. Eva is married to Francisco De Hoyos and they have three children, Yedir, Zuleika, and Milena. In her spare time, she is involved with H.O.T.T. and enjoys her family.



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