



## 2016 Report to the Community



Celebrating our past,  
looking toward our future







# Celebrating Our Past—Looking Toward Our Future

*A letter from Trustee Chair, Kay Lauer and Board President, Bill Barnes*

It is very appropriate to consider our theme of “Celebrating Our Past—Looking Toward the Future,” as we write this letter. During 2016, Shirley Antes, our executive director announced her planned retirement by mid-2017. Under Shirley’s capable leadership, we have seen our total assets grow in four years by over 65% to \$20.1 million. Shirley built on the strong foundation established by our founders, Elvin Perkins and Ken Calhoun. When the board started the process to find Shirley’s replacement, we realized that we needed to update our structure to support our recent successes. Instead of retiring, Shirley has agreed to stay on as executive director while we complete these important transitional steps.

With any charitable organization, our true success is measured by what is accomplished through our assets. During the year our funds and the community foundation donated over \$1 million to support needs locally and around the region. Beyond these worthwhile ventures, there were several activities that the Emporia Community Foundation accomplished.

By all measures this past year was a resounding success for the Emporia Community Foundation. One of our major accomplishments was to receive re-accreditation in National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This accreditation assures our fund advisors and donors that we are following best practices. A second strong signal of our ability to properly manage resources was the unqualified report we received from our outside auditors. These two items properly reflect the strength of our administrative capabilities.

Again this year, we joined forces with our Advancing Philanthropy in the Flint Hills consortium partners, Emporia State University and Flint Hills Technical College

Foundations, to sponsor a continuing education seminar for professional advisors. This year’s speaker was Pete Peterson, who presented on charitable giving and estate planning.

Another activity involved a natural disaster in the Eureka area. We worked with our Growing Greenwood affiliate to establish a separate fund to assist people with tornado-related cleanup.

By far, our most successful activity was our third annual Match Day event. With the support of our five major funders, other sponsors, and over 500 individual contributors, we raised \$179,875.60 to support 23 deserving agencies. What a successful year and truly something to celebrate!

What lies ahead for the Emporia Community Foundation in 2017? Our re-accreditation with National Standards is now an annual occurrence instead of every five years, which will require periodic updates. Because of our continued success, we have seen a significant increase in administrative functions: therefore, we are adding an administrative assistant position. Additionally, we will be moving our office to Suite 521, which doubles our space and allows us to consolidate items currently stored in multiple locations. We continue our efforts to grow the Fund for the Future, which helps support our administrative costs and grants provided by ECF. We expect 2017 to be a year of transition, but one of increased resources to support our charitable mission. We invite you to make a positive difference in the community through your support of the Emporia Community Foundation.

# In Memory of...

By Mary Kretsinger



Elvin D. "Perk" Perkins was born on his family's ranch west of Howard, Kansas in 1922. He graduated from Washburn Law School and moved to Emporia in 1948 to open his law practice. Perk and his wife, Kathryn, strongly believed in serving the community where they lived. He shared his talents and time with many organizations including the College of Emporia, Emporia City Commission - including a stint as mayor, Emporia Chamber of Commerce, Emporia Enterprises, National Teachers Hall of Fame, Regional Development Association, Presbyterian Church, various Emporia State University boards and United Way of the Flint Hills.

Perk's most deeply rooted contribution to the Emporia area was his role in founding, leading and growing the Emporia Community Foundation. He took a loosely formed idea along with a \$5,000 investment from Loretta Langley, and molded it into the Emporia Community Foundation of today. He researched other foundations to determine what aspects would best serve our community, then completed the legal work necessary to create the ECF. Perk once said, "The idea was to find ways to grow the resources... (and create) an entity where individuals and groups alike could pool their investment funds and, benefiting from strength in numbers, grow their assets to be used for the betterment of the people." From its humble beginnings, Perk was a driving force in helping the ECF become a foundation with current assets of over \$20 million dollars and more than 150 funds.

The Emporia Community Foundation's endowment is named the "Perkins Fund for the Future" in honor of his long commitment, insuring that his legacy will remain an important part of ECF in perpetuity. Perk, appropriately given the title of "Father of the Foundation", passed away in 2016. He will be remembered for his positive outlook on life, his generosity, kindness and graciousness to others.

For more than a decade William Kenneth Calhoun II (Ken), along with Elvin Perkins, was the force and face behind the Emporia Community Foundation. Ken was born in 1944 in Emporia, Kansas. He attended the University of Kansas, graduating in 1966. Returning to Emporia in 1968, he joined the family business, Newman's Department Store. Ken was very civic minded, filling various roles in numerous organizations including the United Way, Emporia Chamber of Commerce, Emporia Main Street, Emporia Enterprises, Citizens National Bank Board, Jones Foundation, Emporia Country Club and Newman Regional Health Foundation.

Ken became the CEO and secretary of the Emporia Community Foundation in 2000. Under his leadership, ECF's assets grew markedly from \$1.7 million, primarily contained in one fund, to \$12 million held in over 80 funds. Ken believed ECF allowed people to just "get the joy out of giving", without having the responsibility of handling the investment of the money, filling out and filing tedious paperwork. The ECF becoming confirmed in National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations was what he considered one of the greatest accomplishment during his tenure.



For Ken, the reward for all of his hard work at the Foundation was knowing that his home town would reap the benefits of a strong foundation for years to come. He said, "It's been rewarding growing the organization and helping the city be a better place to work and live in the future. I am humbled to have been a part of this remarkable journey." Ken died in 2015 at the age of 71.

The Emporia Community Foundation is indeed honored to carry on the legacy of the admirable philanthropic work of Ken and Perk.





# Lofty Goals for the Emporia Community Foundation's Endowment Fund

## The Perkins Fund for the Future

Now in existence for over 20 years, the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) continues striving to expand its programs and services to its donors and the communities we serve. After 22 years of “giving” to the community through our donors and grants program—in excess of \$9 million to numerous charitable causes—we are now reaching out to our donors and the community to help us so we can make an even greater impact in the community. To be able to expand our services and programs, the Foundation launched a campaign in August 2015 to raise two million dollars by 2025 for our Fund for the Future. This fund is our endowed fund that will make our organization more self-sufficient in grant making, attract and retain highly qualified and effective staff to insure future growth and expanded services and provide for the needs of the Emporia area for perpetuity.

Our founders passionately advocated for a community endowment of unrestricted funds that could be directed to the most pressing issues of the time and to sustain the Foundation. Under Elvin Perkins' vision the Fund for the Future was established in 2008. He saw the possibility of the Fund reaching a level that would sustain the operations of the Foundation and provide adequate funding to meet the many needs of the community. The Foundation grants about \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually to organizations serving Lyon and its six contiguous counties, yet we receive \$70,000 to \$100,000 in requests. The spendable allotment of the Perkins Fund for the Future assists with these grants but the needs are indeed greater than our ability to fund them.

Join the growing number of donors to help ensure that the Foundation will continue to give grants to worthwhile endeavors well into the future and retain a passionate and professional staff. Your gift, in any amount, to the Fund for the Future will help us strengthen our community and make an impact in many areas such as the arts, literacy, parks and recreation, social welfare, quality of life and economic development.

Through the Emporia Community Foundation's Fund for the Future we have the potential to incentivize innovation, focus on root causes, expand nonprofit capacity and amplify the quality of life in the Emporia area. Through the Fund for the Future we have the potential to establish the legacy of many philanthropic dreams and make available the capital necessary for our friends and neighbors to thrive.

If you have not contributed to our Fund for the Future, please consider doing so. If you have already contributed, we thank you and invite you to make an additional gift. There are many ways you can give. Among a few include: cash, stocks, commodity donation, donation of property, designating the ECF as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or contribution from a retirement plan asset. If you've already named the ECF in your trust or will, please let us know. We would love to add your name to our donor wall.



# COMING SOON

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## ECF Assists USD 252 Honor Flight Program

By Steve Harmon

During 2016, USD 252 administration and students—with the assistance of the Emporia Community Foundation—inaugurated their first Honor Flight Program. As stated on the South Lyon County’s school website, “Honor Flight Network flies veterans to Washington, DC to visit memorials built to honor their services to our nation. Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial at no cost. Additionally, the purpose of the Honor Flight is to establish connections between teenagers and World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans that allow both generations a better understanding and appreciation for each other. USD 252 receives no government funding and depends entirely on the generous donations of local people.”

Twenty-two students were paired one-to-one with veterans from different wars and conflicts for the first USD 252 Honor Flight in April 2016. Tour stops included the World

War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Franklin Roosevelt memorials, along with visits to the Arlington National Cemetery, Holocaust, and Smithsonian Museums.

Past participant SFC Gerald Kehres (retired) shared his appreciation, “This is a busy and well-planned event that is truly appreciated by all veterans who participate.”

The USD 252 Honor Flight Fund is a “designated” fund directed for the specific purpose of facilitating the Honor Flight Program. By using the ECF, all fund donors are ensured that their gift is a charitable gift and managed to the proper standards. This also alleviates the time required of USD 252 staff to oversee the fund.

Due to the success of the 2016 Honor Flight Program, USD 253 students are again raising funds and planning a trip in 2017. The board and trustee members of the ECF are proud to support and assist with this effort.



*Michael and Gail Barrett had a healthy baby boy on March 24, 2010 who succumbed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) on June 24, 2010. Also known as cot death or crib death, SIDS is the sudden unexpected death of a child from one month to one year of age. In memory of their son, Wade Thomas Barrett, the Barretts held their first "Wade's Ride" event in October of 2010 to raise awareness of SIDS. "Wade's Ride" became an annual event held in October with a motorcycle, vehicle, and gravel bicycle run. Even now, with the event in its seventh year, the Barretts are still amazed at the outpouring of support from family and friends who help raise funds and help get the message out about SIDS.*



# The Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

A component of the Emporia Community Foundation

*By Nancy Thomas*

With a lot of work and devotion to raise funds and awareness of SIDS, the Barretts were able to establish the Swaddle program at Newman Regional Hospital in 2013. The fund has continued to grow through Michael and Gail's annual fundraising efforts. The HALO Swaddle Program now provides every new born at Newman Regional Hospital with a Swaddle (instead of a blanket).

In January of 2016, the Barretts partnered with the Emporia Community Foundation to expand their ability to serve the community by establishing a fund at the Foundation. The Wade Barrett Memorial Fund was formed to provide support for initiatives related to infant safe sleep education. Through funds raised for the Barrett memorial fund all newborns receive a HALO Swaddle and each Swaddle has a tag on it which says "Donated in memory of Wade Thomas Barrett." As a result of the tags, a conversation can be opened up about what happened to Wade, safe sleeping practices for infants, and awareness about SIDS. To date over 1,000 newborns have now been given a swaddle upon leaving the hospital through the efforts of the Barretts. Additionally, through Gail's efforts to raise awareness about SIDS, she also speaks at the "Becoming a Mom" program offered at Newman Regional Hospital. By sharing Wade's story, she provides expectant mothers with tips to increase their infant's safety and reduce the chance for SIDS.

The Wade Barrett Memorial Fund has now grown, allowing for an annual Community Baby Shower for expectant mothers and their families, through the Barrett's partnership with Newman Regional Health and the Flint Hills Technical College Practical Nursing Program. At the shower, all expectant mothers are gifted a Pack'n Play, considered a safe sleep option for infants. The Wade Barrett Memorial Fund will hold Community Baby Showers each year to educate expectant mothers and reduce the risk of SIDS.

The Barretts never imagined when the first Wade's Ride launched six years ago the charity would be where it is today. Partnering with the Emporia Community Foundation, the Barretts now feel the fund is rooted in the community. As the fund continues to grow, it is their hope that through education about SIDS for expectant mothers and through the distribution of Pack'n Plays, the loss of an infant to SIDS will no longer occur.



*Information about "Wade's Ride" can be found on the "Wade's Warriors" Facebook page.*





## “Knowledge is Power”

*By Jeff Williams*

The Emporia Community Foundation is privileged to be the caretaker of several scholarship funds. In 2010, the Chase County USD 284 Scholarship Fund became the first scholarship fund to become a component fund of the Foundation. The primary incentive for the transfer was to give the fund a much better rate of return on its investments and simplify the scholarship disbursement process. The USD 284 Scholarship Fund is an “umbrella” fund that hosts approximately 12 scholarships with specific criteria, which are funded in varying amounts by families and multiple organizations. Michael Spinden, USD 284 board chairman, says he believes their decision to establish a fund with the Foundation was a wise decision. The long-term goal of the scholarship fund is to have the ability to award scholarships to all graduating Chase County High School seniors who choose to further their education. The fund is always looking for families and businesses wanting to establish a scholarship and knows that with the help of the ECF staff, the set-up process will be a simple one.

Two additional school districts transferred their scholarship funds to the ECF in 2016. By adding the scholarship funds from USD 253 (Emporia) and USD 252 (Olpe-Hartford-Neosho Rapids), through the Southern Lyon County Education Foundation, over 50 additional scholarships came under the Foundation’s oversight.

The Emporia School District USD 253 Scholarship Fund was inaugurated in 1972 through memorial contributions in the name of former superintendent, Carl James. Over the years, others approached the school district to establish scholarships. The Fund now provides approximately 13 scholarships that benefit students with a variety of academic interests to various colleges or universities who meet designated criteria. Donations received and interest earned on the funds are used to award scholarships to Emporia High School graduating seniors planning to

continue their education. Karen Flood, USD 253 Director of Budgets & Accounting, relates that by transferring the funds to ECF, their money can earn a higher rate of return and therefore, more money would be available for scholarships. Flood also believes that ECF’s 501(c)3 status will spur more people to contribute to the scholarship fund because of the tax deductibility of the gift. USD 253 has full confidence that ECF will be good stewards of their scholarship funds and distribute the money based on the criteria set up by the school district and the donors.

The Southern Lyon County Education Foundation was established in 2003. The purpose of the Southern Lyon County Educational Fund is to aid, foster and promote the development and welfare of the students and faculty of Southern Lyon County’s schools in Olpe, Hartford, and Neosho Rapids, Kansas. Under the umbrella of the Southern Lyon County Educational Fund there are approximately 47 funds designated to support, endowments, specific programs or projects or for scholarships. Dr. Michael Argabright, superintendent of USD 252 schools, stated that family and memorial scholarship funds have dramatically increased over the past five years and it only made sense for them to move their funds to the Emporia Community Foundation. He encouraged other school districts and non-profit organizations to consider working with the Emporia Community Foundation.

Without assistance from an outside source, many students would have trouble paying for the degree they need to enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society. The Emporia Community Foundation is proud to assist these and other scholarship funds with their goal of helping students achieve their dreams.

Other scholarship funds, or funds with a scholarship component, administered by the Foundation include:

**79 Fund Scholarship**

Established in 2008 for a USD 253 student who plans to attend the automotive technology program at Flint Hills Technical College.

**Berta I. Miller Disability Education Fund**

Established in 2015 for textbooks designated for a student attending the Emporia State University Department of Counseling.

**Bill Riggs Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2015 to promote general aviation by enhancing the existing or providing the initial opportunity for qualified individuals to pursue private pilot flight lessons.

**Nick Buxton Memorial Fund**

Established in 2005 to provide a scholarship for a student pursuing Electric Power and Distribution training at a technical college.

**Cheryl Holder Middle School Student Council Activity and Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2013 for a graduate of Chase County High School.

**ESU Department of Nursing Fund**

Established in 2002 and includes scholarship opportunities for students attending the Emporia State University Department of Nursing.

**Floyd Austin Hagins, Sr. Fund**

Established in 2002 to provide scholarships for students who meet the criteria to attend the CMA, CNA, HHA or LPN program at Flint Hills Technical College.

**Fay & Milton Henderson Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2005 for a Hartford High School graduate pursuing higher education including educational opportunities at a technical college.

**Hispanics of Today and Tomorrow Fund**

Established in 2003 to increase awareness of the culture, cultivate community service and provide scholarships for Hispanic students in the Emporia area.

**Kansas Parks Trust Fund**

Established in 2007 to support careers in natural resources and conservation. Currently internship programs are provided through The Nature Conservancy.

**Springer Educational Trust Fund**

Established in 2001 to benefit Olpe High School residents who are economically disadvantaged and who have a need for financial assistance with books and tuition for higher education.

**Buster & Eugenia Wheat Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2004 for scholarships for deserving children in Agnes City, Ivy, Waterloo, Americus, Freemont and Reading in North Lyon County, Kansas.

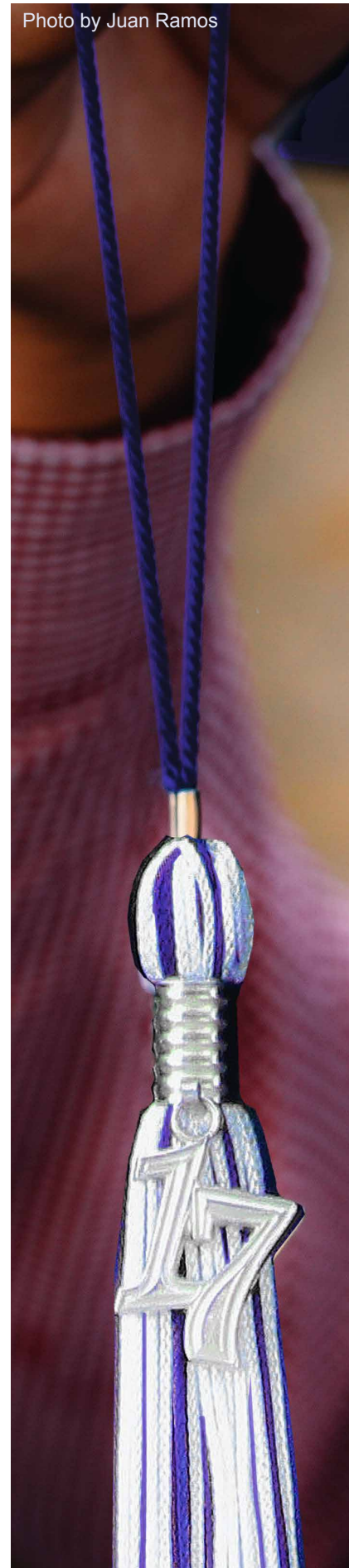
**Monica Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2013 for students graduating from Hartford High School.

**What's In Outdoors Scholarship**

Established in 2014 to assist students wishing to major in a degree that allows them to pursue their love of the outdoors. This scholarship is available to high school seniors and current college or university students in Kansas.

Photo by Juan Ramos







# 2016 Match Day

## Emporia Area Match Day Raises Record-Setting Contributions

In conjunction with Community Foundation Week—November 12-18—the Foundation joined more than 750 community foundations across America to raise awareness about the increasing role of community foundations as philanthropic organizations. Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush. It recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems. Match Day is a perfect example of how this collaboration works through the donations of public and private donors and their generosity in helping the nonprofit sector.

The third annual day of giving lived up to its past performance with another record-breaking year, generating 60% more in donations over the previous year's contributions. The astounding \$125,020.60 raised for the third annual event for 23 charitable organizations was a true testament of selfless giving by generous donors. Throughout the one-day event on November 14th 1,297 donations were received from 568 donors. This was an increase of over 50% in donations and donors over the previous year. Proceeds of nearly \$180,000 were distributed on Giving Tuesday (November 29th).

The Emporia Community Foundation once again joined with five funding partners for this year's event to provide the \$50,000 in matching funds to the 23 charitable organizations. Funding partners included Clint Bowyer's 79 Fund, the Hopkins, Reeble & Trusler Foundations and the WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee. The match money was a pro-rated percentage match calculated in proportion to the total amount raised.

This year's Match Day again featured popular prize competitions throughout the day such as hourly prizes;

breakfast bonus, midday motivation, and happy hour awards. There were also awards for the organization with the largest increase in donors from last year and mystery shopper awards. As has been the case for the past two years, a number of individuals and local businesses stepped up to provide donations for the prize money or to assist in other ways.

Five local banks and the Kaltenbacher Charitable Fund, a component fund of the ECF, provided funds in support of the "Growing Up Giving" project that was inaugurated during last year's event. Citizens State Bank, Lyon County State Bank, Emporia State Federal Credit Union, Capitol Federal, and ESB Financial provided \$100 for each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class at Walnut Elementary School and the Kaltenbacher Fund provided funds for the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes at Chase County Elementary School for each class to determine how to distribute the funds among the charities of their choice.

"The spirit of philanthropy is strong in our community and collectively we have increased awareness and raised impactful dollars for important causes in the Emporia area," says Shirley Antes, executive director for the Emporia Community Foundation. "We are honored to be part of a generous community that cares so much about supporting the important work of our local charities. We are grateful to the community for joining us in this unique effort. Above all, we are thankful for the collaborative effort of many donors, funders, sponsors, volunteers and the charitable organizations that make this event possible." Loni Heinen, program officer for the Foundation added, "This event is a powerful opportunity for the organizations to raise awareness about their specific cause and connect with donors. We are thrilled with how much these organizations, as well as the members of our community, have embraced Match Day."



## 2016 Match Day Organizations Received \$179,875.60

Arvonja Historic Preservation Society – \$4,814.19  
 Chase County Care & Compassion – \$22,246.61  
 ECKAN – Lyon County – \$7,499.68  
 Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity – \$8,886.98  
 Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills – \$5,016.33  
 Emporia Eastside Community Group – \$2,956.88  
 Emporia Municipal Band – \$4,404.26  
 Emporia Senior Center – \$3,930.78  
 Food for Students – \$15,076.01  
 Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter – \$28,068.07  
 Friends of the Emporia Public Library - \$6,915.18  
 Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow – \$2,547.86  
 Keep It a Safe Summer Taskforce – \$2,952.19  
 Lyon County Crime Stoppers – \$2,070.41  
 Lyon County Department on Aging RSVP – \$1,086.22  
 Military Care Packages – \$3,037.17  
 Never Let Go Fund – \$6,945.75  
 NLC Youth Association – \$6,853.34  
 Pioneer Bluffs – \$27,114.42  
 Project TEEN – Flint Hills Community Health Center, Inc. – \$3,026.04  
 Sertoma Train – \$4,314.67  
 What's in Outdoors – \$5,570.61  
 William Allen White Community Partnership – \$4,541.95

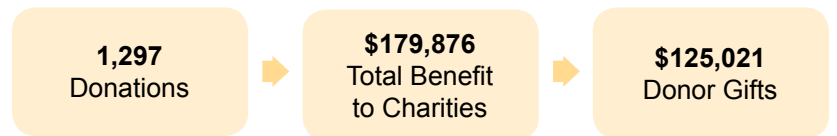




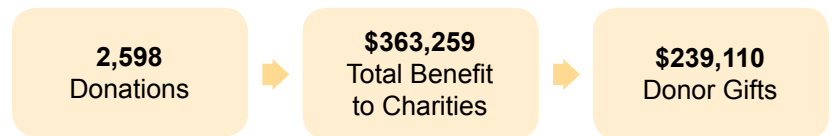
# Match Day 2016



## Match Day 2016:



## Match Day 3 Year Impact:







The Emporia Community Foundation wishes to thank the many contributors and donors who made MATCH DAY 2016 an astounding success!

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# Emporia Community Foundation – Setting a High Standard

The Emporia Community Foundation received notice of its reaccreditation status with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence in October 2016. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere. It represents a community foundation's commitment to go above and beyond federal and state law requirements to demonstrate accountability and excellence to communities, policymakers, and the public.

"Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process," said Randy Royster, Chair of the Community Foundations National Standards Board. "This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates the Emporia Community Foundation demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity, and accountability as it carries out its mission."

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With over 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

"This is critically important to our donors," said Bill Barnes, Emporia Community Foundation board of director's president. "When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage their investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards accreditation says our house is in order."

The Emporia Community Foundation works to meet the critical and diverse needs of the community and support local causes, including:



**Arts & Education**



**Environment**



**Disaster Relief**



**Health & Human Services**

The Foundation offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs, or recommend individual grants. In addition to affirming the organization's philanthropic services, the accreditation validates the Foundation's grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community.

"Grantmaking is a lot like investing," said Shirley Antes, Emporia Community Foundation executive director. "We need to assess risks, weigh potential gains, diversify assets, monitor performance, and operate fairly. With our National Standards accreditation, you can be assured that we're doing just that."

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® is the first program of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States. To receive and maintain accreditation status, community foundations must meet and remain compliant with comprehensive standards around five key areas of excellence:



**Structure & Governance**



**Resource Development**



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**Accountability**



**Grantmaking**

Through philanthropic services, strategic investments, and community leadership, the Emporia Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board is a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations and is responsible for the quality, value, and integrity of compliance with National Standards. For more information on the National Standards Board, visit its website at [www.cfstandards.org](http://www.cfstandards.org).



## 2016 ECF Grant Recipients

The Emporia Community Foundation's Grants Committee selected five Emporia area non-profit organizations to receive \$16,381.98 in grant funds as part of the Foundation's 2016 grant cycle. The balance of the \$20,000 of available funds was set aside in the Foundations "Out of the Blue" fund to be used as quick response dollars for needs within the community.

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.

### **Emporia High School Library**

A grant of \$1,113.98 was provided to purchase eBooks to promote STEM and College & Career Ready themes.

### **Emporia Public Library**

Funding in the amount of \$2,500 was provided to purchase a 3D printer and cover expenses for a MakerFest event that promoted technology and hands-on learning.

### **Kansas Children's Service League**

Emporia's office for Kansas Children's Service League was the recipient of \$3,000 to provide Safe Sleep options and SIDS education to parents of infants and toddlers.

### **Emporia Farmers Market**

The Market Match SNAP matching program, located in Lawrence, KS received \$4,528 to assist qualifying recipients through the Emporia Farmers Market program.

### **Strong City Park**

The community of Strong City rallied residents to secure funding for renovations and new playground equipment for their local park. The ECF provided a \$5,240 grant for a Triple Racing slide and Chin Up Bar.

Out of the Blue funding, in the amount of \$2,000 was awarded to the Eureka Tornado Relief Fund that was created to assist with recovery efforts as a result of a tornado in July.





# Growing Greenwood Fund

The Growing Greenwood Fund, an affiliate fund of the Emporia Community Foundation, established a Tornado Relief Fund in July to assist the Eureka community as it began recovery efforts from an EF2 tornado. Donors and community members, including a \$50,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation, rallied to assist Eureka residents who were affected by the tornado. A long-term recovery committee, including membership from community resources, was formed to assist Eureka residents. A member from the advisory board of the Growing Greenwood Fund was one such representative.

The Tornado Relief Fund assisted with clean up and demolition efforts and at year's end case-workers were working with families to assist them with needs that have been unmet by other financial resources. Recovery efforts will continue through 2017.

The Growing Greenwood Fund also awarded a \$648.77 grant to the Madison Main Street Mommas during its 2016 grant cycle. The grant will help fund a city park project to update and replace playground equipment. The project is being championed by a group of women in Madison.



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# Chase County COMMUNITY FUND

Serving the future of Chase County,  
now and forever.

In 2016, the Chase County Community Fund awarded nine grants totaling \$17,490 through applications received during the biannual cycles. Grant applications are accepted February 15th – March 15th and August 15th – September 15th.

## 2016 Advisory Board

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Janet Ayers, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Bobbi Godfrey
	Sarah Uher

### Chase County Bulldog Booster Club

A grant of \$500 assisted the organization as they strive to have a positive impact on the students of Chase County Junior Senior High School.

### Chase County Historical Society Museum

The Cartter Building, home of the Chase County Historical Museum, was in desperate need of a new roof and the organization received \$4,000 towards the repair.

### City of Cottonwood Falls

Cottonwood Falls is now home to the Chase County Disc Golf Course and received \$1,250 towards the project.

### SOS, Inc.

Funding for \$840 provided Chase County kids the opportunity to attend day camps organized by SOS.

### Strong City Preservation Alliance, Inc

Members of this organization used \$400 to improve the appearance of the frontage of the Strong City Opera House/Auditorium.

### USD 284 CCES Student Council & Ambassadors

This program received \$1,000 to purchase t-shirts as well as materials for cards, posters and other potential projects.

### USD 284 CCES Music Department

Music will be hands on now for fifth and sixth graders after receiving \$3,500 for guitars.

### USD 284 CCJSHS Art Department

A grant award for \$3,000 provided new painting and drawing stations for students taking art classes.

### USD 284 CCJSHS Physical Education

Health/Physical Education staff will be able to promote lifetime fitness after receiving \$3,000 to purchase heart monitors for use in the classroom.

Established in 2010, the board has worked hard to build an endowment fund for the long-term benefit of Chase County citizens. Donations continue to be accepted. The first grant cycle occurred in the fall of 2013.





# Funds List

## Field of Interest

- 79 Fund
- Amtrak Train Depot Fund
- Anderson Building Improvement Fund
- Antes Charitable Family Fund
- Arvonia Historic Preservation Society Fund
- Berta I. Miller Disability Education Fund\*
- Bill Riggs Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Buck Animal Welfare Fund
- Building Futures Fund
- Nick Buxton Memorial Fund
- Chase Children's Fund
- Chase County Good Samaritan Fund
- Cheryl Holder Middle School Student Council Activity and Scholarship Fund\*
- Clements Bridge 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
- Floyd Austin Hagins, Sr. Fund\*
- Grandma Betty Park Fund\*
- Hamilton Community Improvement Fund
- Fay & Milton Henderson Scholarship Fund\*
- Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow Fund
- Kansas Health Foundation Fund\*
- Kansas Lions Foundation Fund
- Kansas Parks Trust Fund
- Kathryn L. and Elvin D. Perkins Fund\*

- Keep It a Safe Summer Fund
- Knights of Columbus #1589 Capital Improvement 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
- Morgan-Wilke Fund
- Monica Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Nancy Keller Endowment for the Chase County Courthouse Fund\*
- Never Let Go Fund
- Pioneer Bluffs Endowed Fund\*
- Reading Community Fund
- Reading Playground Fund
- Red Rocks Fund
- RR (Red Rocks) Endowment Fund\*
- Sadie A. Jones Charitable Fund\*
- Sertoma Train Fund
- Southern Lyon County Education Fund
- Springer Education Trust Fund
- Team Schnak Strong Fund
- Twin Rivers Junior Shooting Sports Fund
- USD 253 Scholarship Fund
- USD 284 Scholarship Fund\*
- WAW Legacy Day Fund
- Wade Barrett Memorial Fund
- What's In Outdoors Fund
- Buster & Eugenia Wheat 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

- Kraft 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
- Sally Sanchez Family Fund
- Schreiber Family Fund
- Jane & Bob Symmonds Fund
- Thomas 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 Arts Council I Fund\*
- Emporia Christian School Fund\*
- Emporia City Band Fund\*
- Emporia Friends of the Zoo Fund
- Emporia Humanitarian Center Fund
- Flint Hills Community Health Endowed Fund\*
- Friends of the Library Fund
- Granada Theater 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\*
- Kansas Health Foundation Operating Grant Fund
- Leadership Emporia Fund\*
- Lyon County Historical Society Fund
- National State Teacher of the Year Endowment Fund

- NLC Youth Association 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

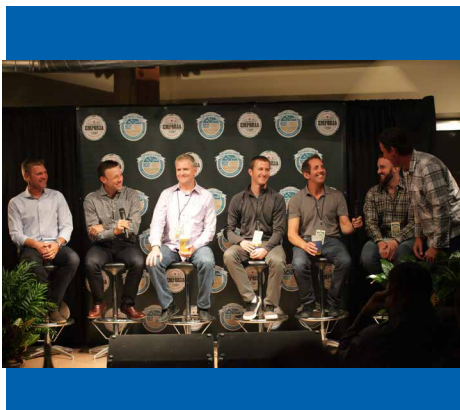
## Donor Advised Fund

- Batille Fund
- Ken & Marilyn Buchele Fund
- Anonymous Fund
- Cleve Cook/Emporia Lions Club Fund
- Dale & Carolyn Davis Fund
- DeBauge Family Fund
- Don J and Linda Glaser Fund
- Hanna Family Fund
- Kaltenbacher Charitable Fund
- Anonymous Fund
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- Fred & Paula Neuer Endowment Fund\*
- Ott Fund
- Perkins Fund
- Richard & Sarah Porter Fund
- Powers Gift Fund
- Jane & Bernard Reeble Fund\*
- Earl & Stelouise Sauder Gift Fund
- Skip & Jan Evans Gift Fund
- Strahm Fund

## Affiliates

- Chase County Community Fund\*
- Growing Greenwood Fund\*

\* = Endowment Fund





# Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2016

Current Assets	Assets	Liabilities/Fund Balance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 106,626.10	
Investments	\$ 19,935,248.87	
Oil Interests	\$ 6100.00	
Notes Receivable	\$ 40,097.11	
Liabilities		
Notes and Payroll Taxes Payable		
Pass Through Payable		\$ 750.00
Fund Balances		\$ 20,087,322.08
Total Assets/Liabilities	\$ 20,088,072.08	\$ 20,088,072.08

## Statement of Activities

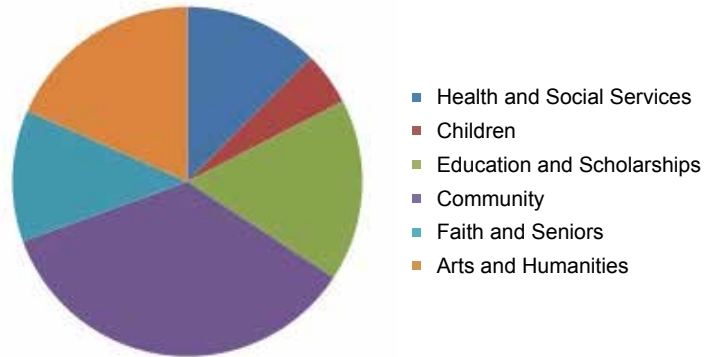
for Year ending December 31, 2016

Revenues	
Contributions & Pass Through	\$ 2,997,733.83
Pooled Income	\$ 1,209,523.56
Other Income	\$ 11,049.72
Fee Income	\$ 174,210.10
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,392,517.21</b>

Expenses	
Grants	
Unrestricted Grants	\$ 32,050.00
Grants from Donor Advised	\$ 346,284.08
Grants from Designated	\$ 93,685.62
Grants from Field of Interest	\$ 614,564.60
Grants from Affiliates	\$ 28,138.77
Scholarships	\$ 60,550.00
Pass Through Grants & Misc Transactions	\$ 473,173.07
Supporting Services	
Office & Investment Expenses	\$ 117,409.78
Payroll with Taxes	\$ 79,726.08
Real Estate Expenses	\$ 95.38
Fees Paid by Funds	\$ 174,210.10
Fundraising for all Funds	\$ 34,494.25
<b>Total Expenses including Grants</b>	<b>\$ 2,054,381.73</b>

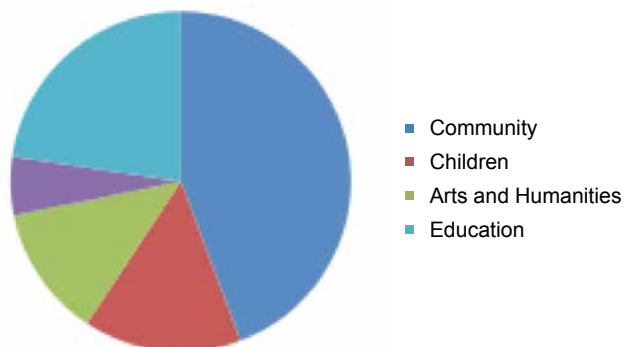
## Grants by Program Area

Donor Advised, Designated and Field of Interest Funds



## Unrestricted Grants

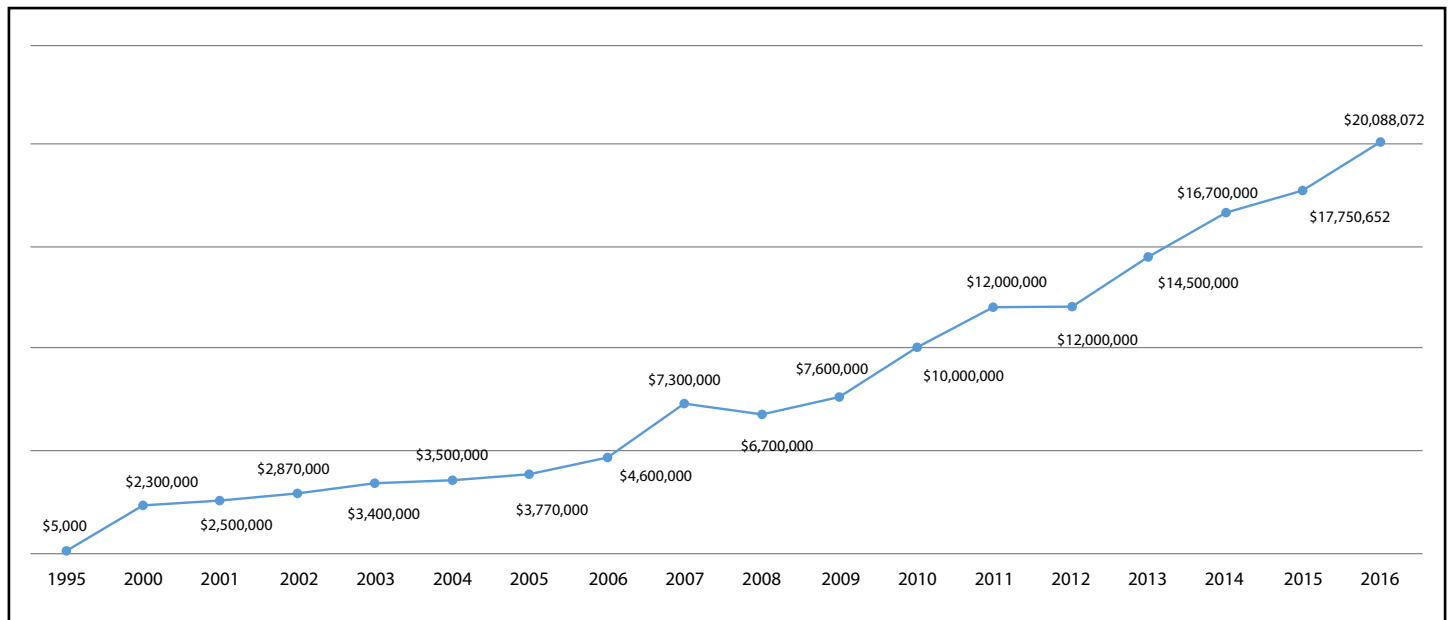
By Program Area



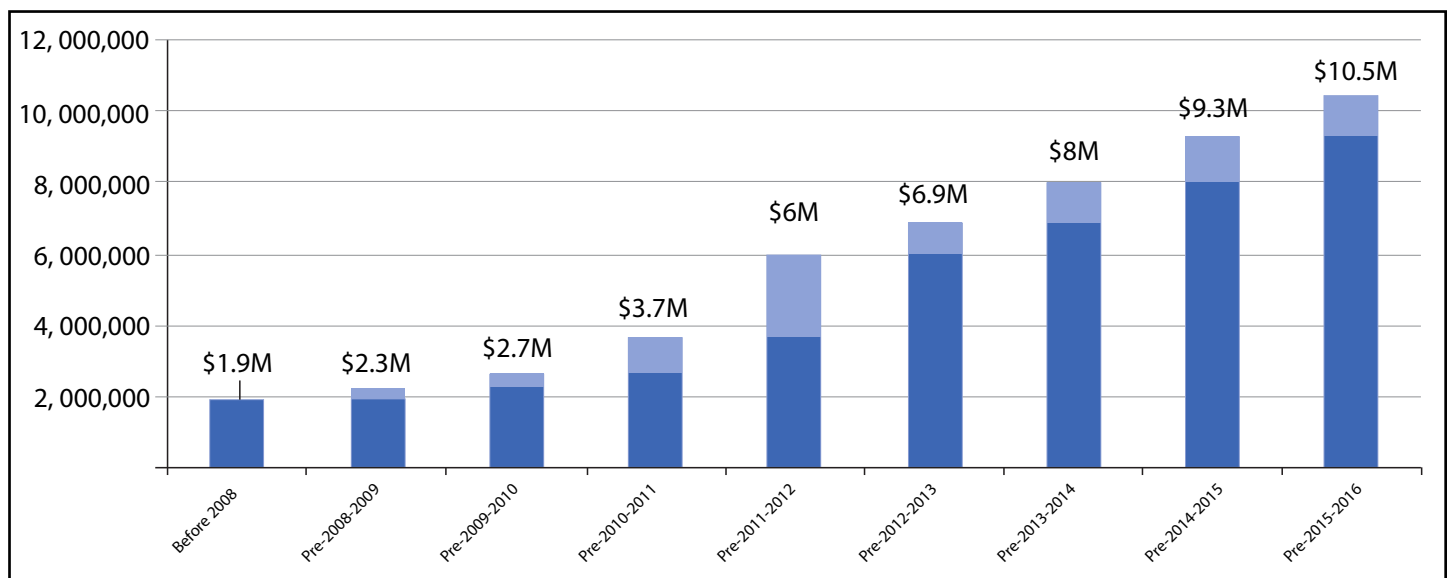
## Five Year Recap

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 12,004,387.19	\$ 11,981,274.05	\$ 14,724,637.49	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,750,651.94
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 11,981,274.05	\$ 14,724,637.49	\$ 16,690,939.46	\$ 17,750,651.94	\$ 20,088,072.08
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ (23,113.14)	\$ 2,743,363.44	\$ 1,966,301.97	\$ 1,059,712.48	\$ 2,337,420.14
Pooled Income Earnings	\$ 974,612.08	\$ 2,167,141.15	\$ 936,113.17	\$ (65,887.99)	\$ 1,209,523.56
Grants	\$ 2,328,825.53	\$ 847,588.78	\$ 1,125,581.20	\$ 1,341,144.18	\$ 1,175,273.07

## ECF's 22-Year History Of Asset Growth



## Donor/ECF Contributions to Charitable Causes





# Becoming a Donor

Thanks to the many donors who have established funds for giving back to the community, anyone can donate to the Emporia Community Foundation. Donors to the Foundation are from a variety of backgrounds, but they all share a common commitment and desire to meet the needs of our community. Just as there are many reasons for giving, the Foundation has a variety of ways to give.

## Give to an Existing Fund

Determine the fund(s) you would like to support and do one of the following:

Donate online

[www.emporiacf.org](http://www.emporiacf.org)

Send a check to the  
**Emporia Community Foundation**  
527 Commercial St., Ste. 521  
Emporia, KS 66801

Call the Foundation office at  
**620-342-9304**  
to discuss fund options.

## Establish a Fund

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.

Call the Foundation office at  
**620-342-9304**  
to discuss setting up a fund.

**The Emporia Community Foundation values every gift, whether it is \$20 or \$1 million, because it makes a difference in the lives of others.**

## Types of Funds

**Field of Interest Funds:** These funds are established for a specific field of interest, such as the arts, a university, health, or children.

**Designated Funds:** Donations to these funds go to a specific charity. Examples include the Emporia Arts Council, the Emporia Christian School and the Humane Society of the Flint Hills.

**Donor Advised Funds:** These funds are established by individuals, who are then able to advise how these funds may be used. Their ultimate distribution may be for any legally defined charity.

**Unrestricted Funds:** These funds are not restricted to any specific purpose and distribution is determined by the ECF Board of Directors.

**Affiliate Funds:** These funds are established by our six contiguous counties for their own communities. Advisory boards raise and distribute funds to address needs in their local communities.

**Fund for the Future:** This endowment fund is for the operations of ECF. The income earned by the corpus may be used as the ECF Board of Directors see fit.



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## Mission Statement

To connect caring people with causes that build strong communities within the Emporia area which includes Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties.

## Vision Statement

We envision a community where all residents within the Emporia area, including Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties, have the opportunity for a high quality of life.

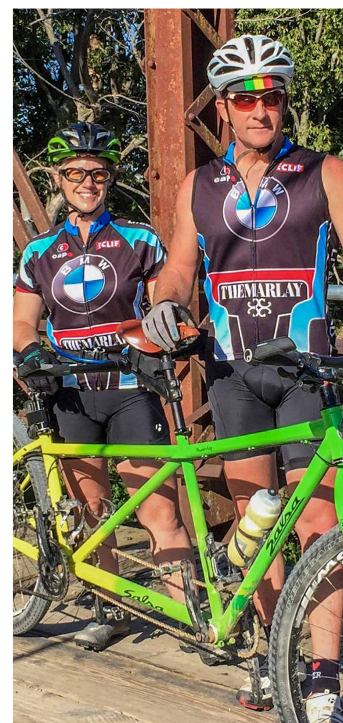




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