

Quarterly Newsletter



October 2022

From ECF President Jeff Williams



As a Board member of the Emporia Community Foundation, many people these days associate Match Day with what we do. Actually it is just one of many important things going on at ECF. It is exciting to see the continued growth of Match Day. This year Match Day is November 14th and that marks the 9th time for the event. Since the start in 2014 over \$1.8 Million has been raised for area groups. This year six area counties have groups participating. There are nine new groups with a total this year of 28 different groups participating. The Growing Up Giving program will take place at eight schools this year and giving to those in need is being worked into curriculums. The total matching monies has also grown to \$70,000. I want to personally thank the Match Day committee, the Match Donors, the groups involved, and all the volunteers and the communities that give so much to make all this possible. Together you are all making our area

communities stronger.

Investing in the Community

A message from ECF Treasurer Janis Meyer:

The ECF finance committee met with UMB Bank on October 20th for their quarterly meeting. It was no big surprise to anyone that the report showed losses as the markets have taken a roller coaster ride in these turbulent times. The return on investment (ROI) was down 16.99% for the year; however, our portfolio performed better than the benchmarks in almost every category. In comparison, the S&P 500's ROI was down by 24%. Therefore, the committee was pleased to learn that the ECF portfolio did better in comparison to national averages. UMB will be putting more of our cash into the fixed income category as it is netting 4-5% right now. UMB eliminated some holdings and bought into other holdings to better position the ECF for enhanced returns in the future.

The committee meets with UMB every quarter to go over the performance of the portfolio and to ask questions about their plans and about the holdings



we have. Currently UMB recommend a neutral asset allocation position that favors the U.S. over international holdings. Historically, UMB has done a very good job of monitoring and managing the ECF portfolio. We expect that they will continue to do so and lead us confidently through the current market turbulence.

Fourth Quarter Calendar

November

14 – Emporia Area Match Day, ECF Office
15 - **79 Fund** Grant Deadline
18 – **ECF Board of Directors** Meeting
24 & 25 – ECF Office Closed for Thanksgiving
29 – Match Day Check Presentation, Flinthills Mall

December

16 – **ECF Board of Directors** Meeting
23 & 26 - ECF Office Closed for Christmas

January

2 – ECF Office Closed for New Year's Day Observance
20 – **ECF Board Meeting/Quarterly Trustee** Meeting



In the Spotlight



The Pink Gravel Fund was established with the ECF in October 2021 by Jon Naaf & Amy Oleen-Naaf. Amy was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2019

and underwent a lumpectomy, chemo, and radiation treatment through May of 2020. The name "Pink Gravel" was born from the combination of Amy's love of riding her bicycle on gravel and her own diagnosis of breast cancer.

Amy wanted to make a difference in the lives of others after her breast cancer experience. The Pink Gravel Fund provides grants to qualified applicants who are breast cancer patients or survivors working to get back in the saddle, literally and figuratively.

The Pink Gravel Crew, made up of Jon, Amy, their friends, and family have worked hard to promote awareness and support of the fund within the cycling community by attending, riding, and providing support at gravel cycling events in Kansas and Nebraska. They are thrilled to have their hard work pay off by having the Pink Gravel Fund ready to provide assist breast cancer patients and survivors!



Back Row: Matt Hopken (PXGD Partnerships), Dan Jennings (SRAM, Zipp and Fizik), Jeremy Hutsell (Lauf), Mark Hoffman (PXGD Co-Event Director/Backroads Bicycle co-owner). Front Row: Jeff Zell (Panaracer), Amy Oleen-Naaf (Pink Gravel), John Wilmeth (Cantu Wheels) and Renee Hoffman (PXGD Co-Event Director/Backroads Bicycle co-owner).

Flint Hills Legacies

Did you catch the story of Sadie Jones on the radio in September or the story of the Kaltenbacher siblings in October?

Every Monday morning at 6:50am, KVOE runs a spot highlighting an ECF legacy fund. Executive Director Becky Nurnberg shares a different story each month.



If you are interested in learning more about the Flint Hills Legacies program, contact Becky at the ECF office!

You're Invited!

Here are two important dates for your calendar. And, you all are invited!



PLEASE JOIN US!

What: The First Match Day Wrap Up Party!

Where: The ECF Office
527 Commercial St., Ste. B., Emporia

When: November 14, 2022; 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Food and drinks provided.

And

What: The Match Day Check Presentation

Where: The Flinthills Mall, Emporia
(in front of the movie theatre)

When: November 29, 2022

Time: Live on KVOE starting after the 11:00 am News!

2022 Match Day – November 14th

For 8 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 2022 participants for the 9th annual Match Day, representing almost the area served by the ECF.



Emporia Area
**MATCH
DAY**

2022 Participating Organizations

Arvonja Historic Preservation Society	Lyon County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
The Baby Closet of Emporia, Kansas	Lyon County Historical Society
Bloom House Youth Services	Main Street Mommas
Camp Alexander	Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards, Inc.
Chase County Care & Compassion, Inc.	NLC Youth Association
Chase County Historical Society & Museum	Olpe Downhome
Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity	Pioneer Bluffs
Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills	Project Playscape
Emporia Eastside Community Group	Red Rocks: William Allen White Community Partnership, Inc.
Emporia First Friday Art Walk	Street Cats Club
Family Promise of the Flint Hills	Team Schnak Strong Fund
Food for Students	Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957
Friends of the Emporia Public Library	Volland Foundation, Inc.
Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Fund	Wade Barrett Memorial Fund

The greater Emporia community has raised over \$1.8 million for area non-profits in the past eight years!

Thirty-nine non-profits from the greater Emporia area have benefited from previous Match Day events!

\$70,000 in matching funds provided by:

Clint Bowyer 79 Fund
Jane & Bernard Reeble Endowed Fund
Preston Family Trust
Trusler Foundation
W.S. & E.C. Jones Testamentary Trust
Nick & Jan Laurent/Fred & Paula Neuer
Emporia Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.
Emporia Community Foundation's Fund for the Future

The Match Day website accepts credit card donations on November 14th from 12:00 am until 11:59 pm.

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

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



MATCH DAY

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.

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 per donor: \$1,000 per organization.**

\$ _____ Arvon Historic Preservation Society
 \$ _____ Baby Closet of Emporia, KS
 \$ _____ Bloom House Youth Services
 \$ _____ Camp Alexander
 \$ _____ Chase County Care & Compassion
 \$ _____ Chase County Historical Society & Museum
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\$ _____ *ECF Fund for the Future (donations
 DO NOT receive matching funds)*

☐ I would like my gift to be anonymous.



**527 Commercial Street, Suite B
 Emporia, KS 66801**

Total Donation \$ _____

☐ CASH
☐ CHECK payable to ECF ck # _____
☐ CREDIT CARD last 4 digits _____
☐ ECF Fund: _____

Signature: _____

Donations are matched on a prorated basis. The \$70,000 matching pool is provided by the following: Clint Bowyer's 79 Fund; Preston Family Trust; Jane & Bernard Reebble Endowed Fund; Trusler Foundation; WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee; Nick and Jan Laurent/Fred and Paula Neuer; Emporia Lodge No.12, A.F. & A.M.; and the Emporia Community Foundation Fund for the Future.

For Office Use Only:

Donation Time: _____

Website: _____

Pearl: _____