



**Russell
County Area
Community
Foundation**
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Greater Salina Community Foundation

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A Foundation grant supported the Mosaic Wandering Wall project, Grassroots Arts Center, Lucas



Foundation Helps Local Charities Build a Better Russell County

The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) is pleased to announce recipients of the Spring 2011 Fund for a Better Russell County grant program. A total of \$9,550 was awarded- \$5300 which came from the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Affiliate Fee Rebate program. This money is rebated back to the Affiliates for community grants from a portion of the annual administrative fee. The Foundation received 13 applications with requests totaling \$75,000.

Funding for these grants comes from the generosity of donors who contribute to the Foundation's unrestricted grant fund. The awards are part of RCACF's primary mission to improve the quality of life in the Russell County Area. Organizations receiving grants include:

Gorham Community Development Association, \$1000 for park improvement program,
Lucas Area Community Theater, \$800 for presentation and exhibit equipment,
Post Rock Family Services, \$15000 for Break time After-school program,
USD #407, Ruppenthal Middle School, \$1000 for Technology in the Classroom,
USD #407, Russell High School, \$500 for It's My Life Youth Conference,
Russell County Community Partnership, \$500 for Adopt-a-Child program,
Russell County Food Pantry, \$1000 for hunger relief efforts,
Russell Sunrise Kiwanis, \$1000 for school backpack program,
Safe Night after Prom, \$250,
Summer Kids Intervention Program \$1500 for summer learning camp,

Smoky Hills Public Television, \$500 Literacy Leadership program.

Applications for 2012 program are available at www.rcacf.net or by visiting our office at 507 N. Main, Russell. This program is now offered in an autumn granting cycle with applications due October 15.

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about us

We connect people who care with causes that matter.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation was established in 2001 by civic leaders to encourage permanent philanthropy and address our community's needs through grant making and partnerships. Today we have assets totaling more than \$4 million and nearly 50 charitable funds created by generous people like you.

No gift is too small. No dream is too big. We are your community foundation that connects you with causes that matter. Join us as we work to address meaningful issues in the Russell County area - from the arts and childhood education to historic preservation and hunger. Together, we make a difference.

Mark your calendar	Sept	Oct	Nov
<p>Ready to partner with the Foundation? Make a note of these key deadlines and dates.</p>	<p>1 Regular meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors, 5:00 pm</p> <p>Check out www.rcacf.net for latest applications, news, and ways you can be a philanthropist</p>	<p>6 Regular meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors, 5:00 pm</p> <p>15 Deadline to submit applications for Helen A. Hampl Student Aid Fund, Appleseed Teacher Grants, Fund for a Better Russell Co</p>	<p>3 Regular meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors, 5:00 pm</p> <p>24 Happy Thanksgiving Please consider giving to your local food pantry</p>

Children's Fund Supports Exciting, New Programs

The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) recently awarded \$15,400 in grants from the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund. The Foundation received 13 applications with requests totaling \$177,324.

The fund was created with a gift from the Kansas Health Foundation, the state's largest private foundation, located in Wichita. The Children's Fund supports projects that improve the health and well-being of children living in Russell County.

Grant recipients are:

- Paradise-Natoma USD #399, \$2000 for field trip opportunities

- Paradise-Natoma USD #399 \$1000 for core curriculum reading materials
- Post Rock Family Services, \$1000 for child obesity awareness campaign
- Rotary Club of Russell, \$8000 to provide free vision, hearing and dental services for underserved youth
- Russell County Community Partnership, \$500 for 5th Quarter youth program
- Russell Regional Hospital, \$1400 for child CPR and first-aid education
- Russell Sunrise Kiwanis, \$1000 for Back to School with Dignity
- USD #407, \$500 for Russell High School gym floor replacement

Visit www.rcacf.net for information on this and other unique grant opportunities that support youth living in the Russell County Area.



About the Children's Fund

The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) received a \$350,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation when Russell completed the Grow I Challenge in 2008. Many generous donors have since contributed to the fund. Currently, RCACF is participating in the GROW II challenge from the Health Foundation. If you would like to contribute, please contact us at 785-445-3611.

5 Reasons why we might be the best choice for your charitable giving...

1. You want to leave a lasting legacy
We manage and publicize nearly 50 named funds. The names and goals of these funds live forever.

2. You want to help future generations
We will always be here making the area a better place for your children and grandchildren. We won't ever leave, go out of business, or retire.

3. You want ongoing advice about community needs
We are the largest grant maker and scholarship provider in Russell County. We know our area and its issues and can help you be a part of solving community challenges.

4. You want to give to a cause, not a specific charity
Sometimes you know the issue you care about - the arts, animal welfare, children, the hungry - but you don't want to give to a specific organization. We can find initiatives and organizations in your chosen discipline and support them in your name.

5. You have a complicated financial transaction, e.g., the sale of a privately-owned business or an inheritance that could impact your tax status. As a public charity, we can receive your gifts now while allowing time to plan for your charitable distribution.

Can I give a small amount?

Yes! While there are minimum contributions for starting a named fund, gifts of \$25, \$10 or even \$1 can be made to an existing fund or to our unrestricted grant fund as memorials or charitable contributions. That is what makes this truly a community foundation.



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A little history

More than 10 years ago, local civic leaders saw the need to create a permanent source of philanthropy to address current and future community needs through grant making and partnerships. In response to this need, the Russell County Area Community Foundation was formed by affiliating with the already established Greater Salina Community Foundation. We are one of 11 rural affiliates.

Today, our Foundation has assets totaling more than \$4 million and nearly 50 charitable funds created by generous people like you.

Over the years our local board and our donors have directed more than \$800,000 to meaningful causes and issues - from the arts and early child education to historic preservation and hunger relief. Hundreds of students have attended college with help from our scholarships.

Our operations are fully transparent. The Foundation is overseen by a distinguished board of community leaders from Russell County. You can find up-to-date information at www.rcacf.net or contact us at directly at 785-445-3611.

Why choose us?

Because we are a 501(c)3, contributions are eligible for the highest tax deductions. In most cases, these benefits outweigh using a donor's assets to establish a private foundation.

Establishing a fund can be done quickly with no hassles. We take care of all the administrative and grant making activities, eliminating the need for donors to set up separate institutions, formulate policies, file innumerable forms and monitor the status of grant recipients. We save donors precious time and money.

The Foundation has the flexibility to respond to changing conditions in the community. If the original intended use of the gift is no longer in existence, or if the donor is no longer living, the Foundation can direct to fund other uses closely related to the donor's interest through variance power.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF). The GSCF staff serve as an administrative arm to our Foundation and helps us assist donors in creating funds and making distributions in accordance with the donors' intent.

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What is the Foundation?

The Russell County Area Community Foundation is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. We are a public charity serving Russell County and the surrounding areas.

Who can give?

Anyone. Donors to the Foundation are from a variety of backgrounds with a common commitment to the community's well-being. Gifts can be made to start a new fund or support an existing fund as a memorial or charitable contribution.

What are the benefits?

The Foundation simplifies charitable giving. One contribution may benefit multiple organizations in our community. The donor determines the method and time frame.

Want to leave a lasting legacy?

Call us today to discuss your charitable dream for the Russell County Area. We manage, publicize and honor nearly 50 named funds. The names and goals of these funds live forever.

Thank you to our fund holders and donors. You make a difference.

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