

**Russell
County Area
Community
Foundation**
An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

leave your mark

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THE YOUTH ISSUE



The Summer Kids Intervention Program is a fun way for young children to continue learning when school is out. Pictured are Sherry Homeier and Mari Purdy.

Spring Grant Applications Due March 15

The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) is accepting applications now until March 15, 2013 for the Children's Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support charitable projects and programs that improve the health and well-being of children in the Russell County Area.

"About \$15,000 in total grants is available this year. This is the third year the Community Foundation has awarded this grant and we invite area organizations and nonprofits to submit innovative proposals that will improve the

quality of life of area youth," said Angela Muller, Executive Director of the Community Foundation.

Previous grants supported obesity awareness, school field trips, back-to-school with dignity programs, Kansas Day hands-on education, math enrichment, new musical instruments, literacy campaigns, and diagnostic testing tools, including concussion testing for young athletes.

The Children's Fund was created with a gift from the Kansas Health Foundation, the state's largest private

foundation, located in Wichita. The Russell County Area Community Foundation received a \$350,000 grant from the Health Foundation when RCACF completed the GROW I challenge in 2008. Many generous donors have since contributed to the fund.

Applications are available online at www.rcacf.net or at the Community Foundation office, 507 Main Street in Russell.

did you know?

The Community Foundation last year awarded \$118,910 in grants supporting a variety of charitable causes in Russell County and beyond, ranging from education and public health, to the arts, historic preservation, and much more. Our mission is to meet charitable community needs through leadership, grants and services.

To learn how you can support the causes that matter most to you, call Angela Muller, Executive Director, at 785-445-3611, or visit us on the web.

about us

We connect people who care with causes that matter.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation was established by civic leaders to encourage permanent philanthropy and address our community's needs through grant making and partnerships. Today we have assets totaling \$4.2 million and 55 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.

Helping Children Achieve their Dreams

The Russell Area Youth Activities Fund provides funding for athletic, fine arts and community activities for youth, primarily pre-teens, who would otherwise be unable financially to participate.

Individual and team funds are available for, but not limited to:

Athletics: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Soccer, Volleyball, Dance

Fine Arts: Voice, Acting, Art Lessons or Competitions, Instrument Rentals, Summer Band

Community: Faith Camps or Conventions

Community Leaders

For more information on how the Russell Area Youth Activities Fund can help you or a child in your organization, please contact the fund's community leaders:

John O. Farmer, IV (785) 483-9204
Vance Ruggels (785) 483-9101
Frank Schulte (785) 483-1534

How to Apply

To apply for a grant, complete an application and return to the Community Foundation at PO Box 172 or 507 N. Main, Russell. Applications are available at www.rcacf.net, at the Community Foundation office, or from a Community Leader.

Funds are limited and each applicant is reviewed on a case by case basis by a local grants committee. Grants are limited up to \$400 per household or up to \$200 per child, per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

Happy Birthday Kansas!

Local elementary school students spent Kansas Day learning about our state's heritage at the Deines Cultural Center in part through a \$500 grant awarded to the Delta Kappa Gamma "Home on the Range" program.



Students at the Kansas Day event participated in nature talks, campfire songs, old fashioned washing displays, butter and bread making, a wheat demonstration, and other stations related to Kansas history.

That's Amazing!

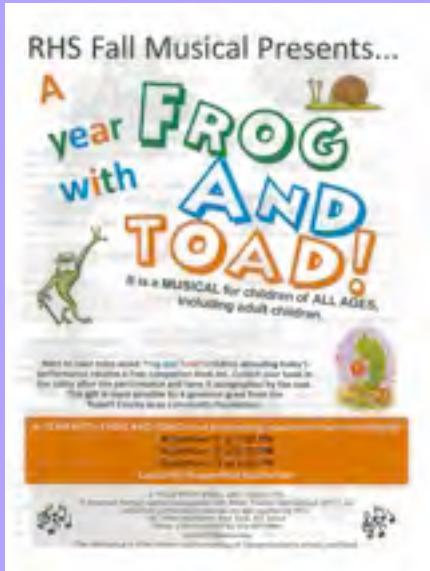
The gift of song and word

Elementary and preschool age children who attended the RHS Musical, a Year with Frog and Toad, received a special set of boxed books to take home. The reading initiative was made possible by a Seize the Moment grant from the Community Foundation.

"The musical supported both reading and education by providing resources for elementary teachers to use in their classrooms, tying it all together," said Christina Wilcox, music teacher and director.

Characters in the show were present in the community and schools to read to Russell youth. Families attending the musical received their very own books to take home and read together. "After the show, children also had their Frog and Toad books autographed by high school actors, making this a special event for all involved," said Wilcox.

"The Community Foundation is excited to support this innovative reading initiative that combines a love of reading with the arts," said Angela Muller, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "We hope families with young children enjoyed seeing the musical and then read about the characters in their own set of boxed books," said Muller.



Mallet instruments help children explore music

Bickerdyke elementary school recently purchased new xylophones through a \$982 Community Foundation grant. The instruments will help young children experience the joys of music.



welcome new funds

The Community Foundations welcomes the following new funds. Thank you for supporting the Russell County Area.

Dean Banker Fund for the Russell County Historical Society
David Goddard Fund for the Russell Boys Scouts
Derril and Marvel Castor Donor Advised Fund

On Target

A new archery program for young children is coming soon, thanks to a Community Foundation grant of \$3,000 which will help purchase bows and other equipment.



Young Readers Interact with Authors

For the first time, 222 local students, teachers and administrators recently attended the Fort Hays State University Young Reader's Conference courtesy a \$3,950 grant from the Community Foundation. The goal of the conference was to provide children of western Kansas with an opportunity to listen to, talk with, and interact with professional authors and illustrators to intensify their interest in books. One of the group sessions featured Erin Laurie, a registered dietitian and the executive director of Nutra-Net. She presented technical text reading via recipes and a hands-on cooking activity, where students learned to make nutritious snacks, such as fruit smoothies.

Visit our Facebook page for more inspirational stories on generosity in our community.

Youth Grant Programs

The Community Foundation offers a spring and fall grant season. Projects that occur outside our normal grant cycle may qualify for a rolling grant. Detailed descriptions and applications are available at www.rcacf.net or by contacting Angela Muller at 785-445-3611.

Spring Grants (due March 15)	Fall Grants (due October 15)	Rolling Grants (apply as needed)
The Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund supports programs that benefit the health and well-being of children in the Russell County Area.	Appleseed Fund for USD 407 Helen Hampl Student Aid Fund Fund for a Better Russell County Area	The Russell Area Youth Activities Fund provides up to \$200 per child per year or \$400 per household to support youth extracurricular activities, such as sports, dance, art and music. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
		Seize the Moment grants provide up to \$500 to support community projects that occur outside our normal grant cycles.

Scholarship Applications Due March 31



The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of scholarship dollars for area high school seniors and college students for the 2013-2014 school year. Scholarships are available through several different funds at the Community Foundation.

The Sean Paul Banks Memorial Scholarship: For students in good standing qualifying for graduation from Russell High School (RHS).

The Adolph Boehler Student Aid Fund: For RHS students attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The Doran and Bina Dole Scholarship: Two \$2,500 scholarships, one renewable for 4 years, for RHS students attending accredited post-secondary schools, with preference to

those students with documented disabilities.

The Kenneth V. Dumler Memorial Scholarship: For RHS students attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The Joshua Scholarship: For RHS graduates up to 30 years old attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The Murphy Memorial Scholarship: For high school seniors living in the Gorham Telephone Company's service area (USD 299, 392, 399, 407 and 432) attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The David Ochs Memorial: For RHS students attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The Pohlman Family Scholarship: For high school seniors of USD 407 or USD 399 attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The RHS Class of 1952 Scholarship: For RHS students attending accredited post-secondary institutions.

The Paul E. Ruggels Memorial Scholarship: For students who have graduated from Russell High School or

Natoma High School who have completed their first academic year of post-secondary education.

The Ervin & Denzell Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship: For seniors graduating from RHS intending to enroll in a full-time course of study at a four-year college or university seeking a degree in the college of education or agriculture.

Applications are available on our website at www.rcacf.net. For more information, please call Angela Muller, Executive Director, 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 55 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.

Ready to Leave Your Mark?

A little history

About 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 Community Foundation has assets totaling \$4.2 million and 55 charitable funds created by generous people like you.

Over the years our local board and our donors have directed more than \$1 million 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 Community 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 directly at 785-445-3611.

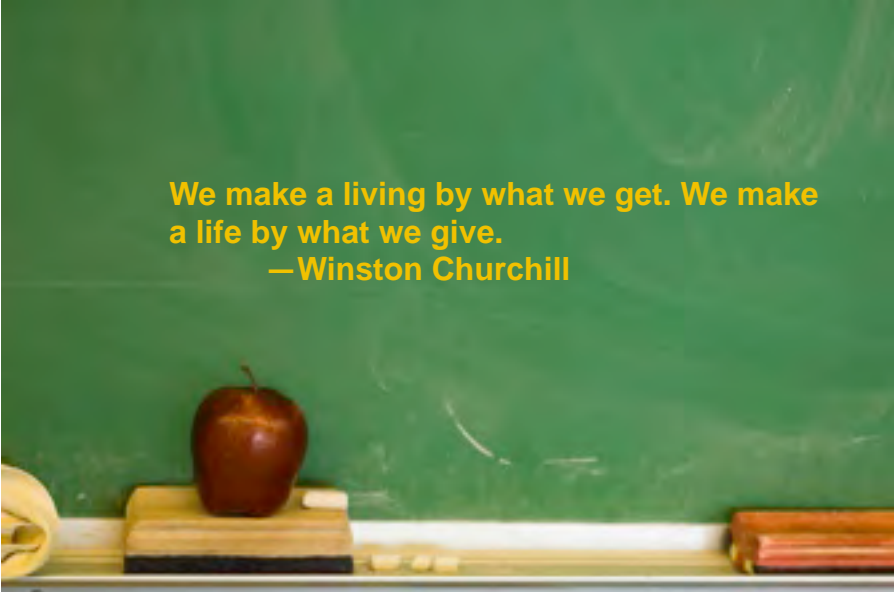
Why choose us?

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 Community 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.



**We make a living by what we get. We make
a life by what we give.
—Winston Churchill**

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What is the Community 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 Community 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 Community 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 55 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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