

Message from David Shepherd, Asset Development

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation Asset Development Committee is running a series of articles in the Fort Scott Tribune intended to inform the public about FSACF, what it does, how it works, the good the Foundation does in our Bourbon County community and how they, too, can be a part of “making a difference in people’s lives. The first of these articles appeared on May 12: “What is a Charitable Endowment?” Two additional articles will follow: “Understanding FSACF Funds” and “Honoring the Past and Impacting the Future Through Planned Giving.”

BECOME A DONOR TODAY!

Visit fsacf.com or email fsacf@fortscott.com for a donation form.

More from Foundation Grant Recipients

From MJ Harper, USD234 Music Department

Thank you so much for providing the tools for our young musicians to demonstrate their success! You Rock!



2021 Grant Cycle

The 2021 Grant Cycle will take place in the month of August. Beginning August 1st the grant application may be found on the Foundation website fsacf.com and applications will be accepted through August 31st. Applications are evaluated by the granting committee in the month of September, recommended to the Foundation board, then awarded late October.

If you are affiliated with an eligible 501c3 organization, we encourage you to begin thinking of worthwhile causes and projects for which to apply. The maximum individual grant is \$5,000, and a portion of the annual granting funds is exclusive to the benefit of youth. Proposals are considered on the basis of how they improve the quality of life for citizens in the Fort Scott area. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that are sustainable in the future and projects that are collaborative are strongly encouraged. The sole purpose of the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation is to manage and grow funds for the benefit of our community. When given the opportunity to award grants, the funds are serving the purpose of the donors.

Summer 2021



FORT SCOTT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Partnering to Create Activities for our Youth

The City of Fort Scott recently announced plans to open a roller-skating rink for individuals of all ages to enjoy. Leading up to this decision, volunteers and others researched the concept of a roller-skating rink to determine if it would be a viable venture in Fort Scott. When it was determined that there was community support for a roller-skating rink, the opportunity to purchase 120 pairs of skates and a rack presented itself to the City. In response to a grant application received by the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, a special mid-year grant for \$5,900 was awarded to the City toward the purchase of 120 pairs of skates and a rack.

"The Foundation annually holds a granting process beginning the first of August culminating with the announcement of the grants at a Chamber coffee in November," said Carla Farmer, FSACF chair. "On several occasions in past years since the Foundation was established, we have awarded a mid-year grant that meets the criteria of addressing a compelling need in the community and/or the timing of the request cannot be delayed until the annual granting cycle. The Foundation Board recognizes that not all needs in our community present themselves during the granting cycle and we are pleased to be able to respond to this special request."



Grant awarded to the City of Fort Scott for Roller Skates and Rack. Pictured are Leah Bowman, Allyson Turvey and Tom Robertson (far right) with the City of Fort Scott, and Carla Farmer, Fort Scott Area Community Foundation.

FSACF awarded \$36,250 to 18 not-for-profits in 2020 during its 12th annual granting cycle. The funds for these grants are derived from interest earned each year from the Foundation's unrestricted endowment.

Several of the organizations receiving funding included U-234 third grade music program, Lowell Milken Center Ft. Scott Front Line Heroes, Bourbon County Inter-Agency Coalition rent/utilities assistance, Care to Share, First United Methodist Feeding Families In His Name and Compassionate Ministries ID and Winter Warming Project.

Gregg Motley, granting committee chair, along with his committee, reviewed the application and final approval was made by the Board.

"When we have an opportunity to support the other positive things happening in our Community, we believe we are truly fulfilling the mission of the Foundation," Motley stated.

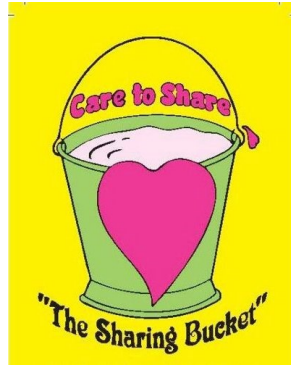
For more information on the Foundation, visit FSACF.com or call 620-224-6500.

Boxed Meals for Athletes

Ft. Scott Community Foundation,

Thank you for granting us funds to provide meals to Bourbon County Athletes! This will help us make competitions & time together safe. Thank you for making a difference!

Sincerely, Erin Fletcher
Special Olympics of Kansas



Care to Share The Sharing Bucket ~ Support for those Battling Cancer

On behalf of our cancer fighters, families, and ourselves that care and share with them, we thank you for this donation. We will be able to continue our mission of caring and sharing for our cancer fighters during their journey.

Lavetta Simmons, Care To Share Cancer Support/The Sharing Bucket

Gordon Parks Museum ~ Learning Tree Film Tourism Trail

On behalf of the Fort Scott Community College and Gordon Parks Museum, I wish to once again say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone at the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation for your support with our organizations. We are very excited about these projects and ready to get started.

Thanks again for the kind gift.

Kirk Sharp, Executive Director

Gordon Parks Museum

Gordon Parks Museum Planning Meeting

Delivery of Completed Learning Tree Film Tourism Trail Signs



Welcome New Board Members

The FSACF Board of Directors is pleased to introduce two new Board members:

Rhonda Dunn and Bailey Lyons. Both bring strong backgrounds in community service and a desire to give back to the community.

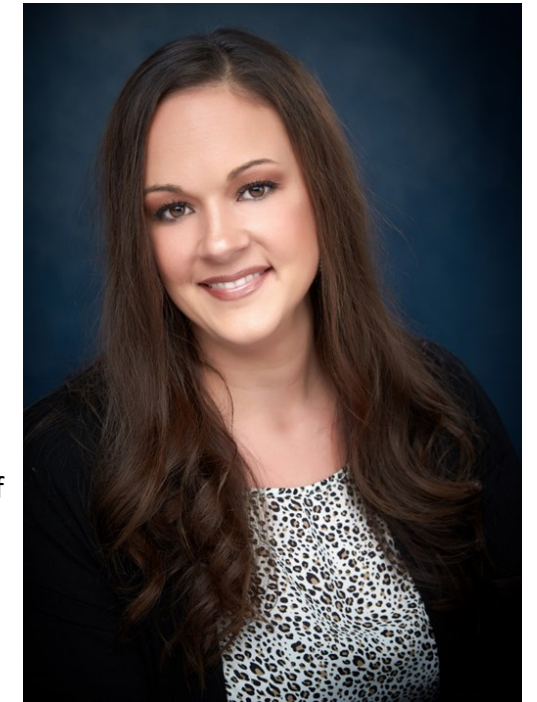
Both Bailey and Rhonda are natives of Fort Scott and graduates of Fort Scott High School.



Rhonda received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Pittsburg State University and then received a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Tulsa. Rhonda worked 17 years in the oil industry and then moved back to Fort Scott to work in the family moving business. In 2010 and 2016, she was elected Bourbon County Treasurer which led to a position at the City of Fort Scott in 2017. Currently, Rhonda is the Chief Financial Officer for E3 Ranch and Companies.

Rhonda has served in various community organizations and assisted with community events including Rotary Club, Shirley Yeager Animal Friends Foundation, Good Neighbor Action Team, HPA, Good Ol Days Committee, and the Visioning Committee.

*Rhonda Dunn,
E3 Ranch and Companies*



Bailey received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Kansas where she was a member of the Finance Scholars. Bailey went on to achieve a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Kansas. Bailey has primarily worked in the banking and finance industries holding roles as a Senior Credit Analyst, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Director of Development, and Bank President. Currently, Bailey is a broker and owner of Lyons Realty Group located in downtown Fort Scott.

Bailey currently serves on the Executive Board of the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce and chairs the Downtown Division. She is a member of the Good Neighbors Action Team, Christmas in the Park Committee, Young Professionals League, and P.E.O. She is also a Communities in Schools Local Champion and actively mentors youth and women in the community.

Bailey Lyons, Lyons Realty Group

Retiring from the Board are Barbara Albright and Frank Halsey

whose exemplary service went above and beyond. The Board thanks them for their years of service!

2021 – 2022 Board of Directors

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Lindsay Madison (Marketing), Gregg Motley (Granting),
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