

## More from FSACF Grant Recipients

**From Kirk Sharp,**

### **FSCC and Gordon Parks Museum**

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.

**From MJ Harper,**

### **USD234 Music Department**

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

### **BECOME A DONOR TODAY!**

Visit [fsacf.com](http://fsacf.com) or email [fsacf@fortscott.com](mailto:fsacf@fortscott.com) for a donation form.

**From Lavetta Simmons, Care to Share Cancer Support/The Sharing Bucket**

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.

**From Carie Fess, Next Steps Pastor, Faith Church**

Thank you and the committee for granting us \$2,500 so that we can continue providing school supplies to USD234 students. Faith Church gave \$20,000 to the school district for this 2020-2021 so that every student in K-5th grades had all school supplies provided. We love partnering with our school district in this way and highly value their role in building a strong community through education.

**From Erin Fletcher,**

### **Special Olympics Kansas**

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



Fort Scott Area  
Community Foundation

## **THANK YOU!**

The Board of Directors of the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to all past and future donors.

The contribution from each and every one of you **IS**

making a difference in Fort Scott and Bourbon County! For more information about the foundation including how to donate, how to set up an endowed fund, or how to apply for a grant, contact any board member or visit [fsacf.com](http://fsacf.com).



## Special Edition Newsletter 2020

Please note if you receive a duplicate copy that we are resending a 2nd time as the first mailing was mislocated by the postal service. Thank you!

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### Securing the Future of Our Community

Welcome to our "special edition" newsletter from the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation.

The focus of this newsletter is to share the 2020 work of the Foundation. We invite you to read the articles including information about how you can support the work of the Foundation through the Annual Appeal. As you consider year-end charitable gifts, we sincerely hope you find this information compelling.

In 2007, a group of community leaders recognized the importance of creating a foundation that would serve our area in perpetuity. From its infancy to today, FSACF has grown to include 18 funds totaling over \$9 million.

The Annual Appeal supports one of these funds, the unrestricted endowed fund. Grants to our hard working non-profits come from the interest on this permanent fund. The principal is never touched. Growing this fund is important as the Foundation can then provide more grants and more dollars for our community's youth, elderly, and quality of life initiatives. Currently, this endowment stands at more than \$600,000.

There is an opportunity for your gift to be matched through the generosity of a donor. **Gifts from past and present board members will be matched when they reach \$10,000. In turn, your gifts to the Annual Appeal will be matched up to \$20,000 this year.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, please consider a year-end gift of any size to the Foundation. Your gift will go to work immediately to benefit our community and will continue throughout your lifetime and beyond. For more information, call 620-224-6500 or visit [fsacf.com](http://fsacf.com).

With gratitude,

Carla Farmer



Grant awarded to Care to Share, cancer support organization, through a collaborative effort with the First Christian Church endowed fund & FSACF. Connie Neil, Lavetta Simmons, Carla Farmer



## Announcing the 2020 Grant Recipients

USD #234 - 3rd Grade	30 piano keyboards and 50 headphones
City of Fort Scott Fire Department	Refurbish safety trailer for youth education
Beacon, Inc.	Support increased need for services
KSU Extension - Southwind	Aging with Attitude Regional Expo - Speaker fees
FS/BB Riverfront Authority	Paving Bell Park parking lot
Bourbon County CASA	Resources & tools to help volunteers during COVID-19
Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes	Recognize Fort Scott Frontline Heroes
Special Olympics Kansas	Boxed meals for athletes
BB County Inter-Agency Coal.	Threads for U - Help with rent, utilities, etc.
Fort Scott Community College	Martin Luther King Celebration
Gordon Parks Museum	Learning Tree Film Tourism Trail
Care to Share	The Sharing Bucket travel vouchers
City of FS/Kiwanis Club	Friendship swing at a park
Faith Church	School supplies for Fort Scott elementary students
Pioneer Harvest Fiesta, Inc.	Fairgrounds Event Center enhancements
FS United Methodist Church	Feeding Families in His Name
USD #234 - 1st Grade	Virtual community experiences
FS Compassionate Ministries	ID and Winter Warming Project (blankets)

## Recipient Story ~ Making a Difference for Our Children



***From Christa Horn, Program Director  
Bourbon County CASA  
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)***

Bourbon County CASA is incredibly thankful for the Foundation's support. This grant will allow us to continue to serve children who have been victims of abuse or neglect in fun, creative and safe ways during this pandemic. While the pandemic has altered so many things in our lives, what it hasn't changed is the abuse and neglect that occurs to our community's most vulnerable members.

For every child who has experienced abuse or neglect, having a caring, consistent adult – someone who listens, checks in, follows up, holds the system accountable, and puts the child's best interest first – *can*

*make all the difference.* At this unprecedented time for children, CASA volunteers are more important than ever.

With this grant, we will provide protective equipment and electronic devices for volunteers to utilize with their assigned children. These include activities to go along with these interactions that can be done in a safe and meaningful way to help ensure all parties remain healthy.

The current situation has only given us energy to do this work. It has not stopped us. It has pushed us to use our imaginations to create more opportunities to show the children how special they are. We are grateful the Foundation values and supports our mission.

## Become a Donor Today ~ Leave an Impact Forever



***From Steve Buerge,  
Donor & Board Member***

I had the privilege to serve on the FSACF asset development committee a number of years ago when Aileen Pollock was chair. After Aileen's term expired, Carla Farmer became chair, and by then I had studied extensively what many large and small cities were doing with their community foundations. I was impressed with the generous gifts from individuals, families, and companies to their foundations and how the donated money was invested with only the income from interest and dividends used for grants to help organizations

serving the neediest of their citizens. Our Foundation functions similarly with only the interest earned from gifts used for grants to local non-profits.

After helping raise money and awareness for our Foundation for several years, I had a brainstorm. Being in banking, I was always fascinated with compounding interest and how fast money could grow if the principal is left alone. The idea was to offer multiple matches to raise even more funds for our Foundation.

Four years ago, I presented the matching funds idea to the FSACF Board of Directors. They were and *are* enthusiastic about the concept. Here is how it works. Gifts from past and present board members are matched when they reach \$10,000, and in turn your gifts to the Annual Appeal, will be matched up to \$20,000 this year.

As you all know and have experienced, we can accomplish greater good working side by side for Fort Scott! I hope you will join me in supporting the Foundation's Annual Appeal.

Blessings to all of you!

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