



Futures

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Need for FSACF increases

America's nonprofits expect that 2010 will be financially more difficult or as difficult as 2009, according to a survey released by the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF). This makes the existence of the Fort Scott Community Foundation even more necessary than ever before to local non-profit groups.

The survey of more than 1,300 nonprofit leaders in markets nationwide also found strong evidence of the dramatic and creative steps that organizations are taking in order to maintain – and even expand – service delivery to meet increased demand during this time of continued economic uncertainty.

Key findings include:

- Nearly 90% expect 2010 to be as difficult or more difficult than 2009.
- 68% of “lifeline” organizations providing critical services expect 2010 to be financially more difficult than 2009 for the people they serve.
- 64% of lifeline organizations do not expect to be able to keep up with demand for lifeline services in 2010.

Nonprofits are taking significant steps to keep up with the demand, but their reliance on foundations such as the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation is ever more essential. The FSACF is taking steps to keep up with the needs of Fort Scott. Conversations about visions of a bright future are helping to raise pledges for the growing FSACF endowment funds.

For more information, visit www.fsacf.com.

FSACF Funds updates

Endowment Pledges: \$140,200

Operating Fund : \$4,832.02

Granting Fund : \$2,811.43

Community Improvement Fund : \$7,723.29

(This fund is for pass-through contributions for community projects such as the Skate Park or Friends of the Fort.)

Unrestricted Endowment: \$475
Educational Endowment: \$5,000
Parks Endowment: \$5,000

Grant spotlight: *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bourbon Co.*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bourbon County helps boys and girls ages 6 through 18, most of whom are considered at risk and live in single-parent homes, achieve their full potential through long-term personal relationships with carefully screened and caring volunteers.

The organization worked with 38 local children and provided a pool party, along with other fun activities last year.



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More details about Grow II

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation (FSACF), partnering with the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) now has an opportunity to acquire \$120,000 in funding from the Kansas Health Foundation by participating in the Giving Resources to Our World Healthy Kansas Initiative (GROW II).

The goal of Grow II is to help more Kansas community foundations build permanent resources through new gifts to their endowments.

Through Grow II, the Kansas Health Foundation will match any new gift to permanently endowed funds at FSACF except scholarships.

Two different matching rates exist:

1. 50 cents for each dollar donated to the FSACF Unrestricted Endowment Fund
2. 25 cents for each dollar donated to all other FSACF Endowment Funds such as Donor Advised Endowment Funds or Field of

Interest Endowment Funds.

Donations to any FSACF Endowment Scholarship Fund do not receive a Grow II match.

The matching funds will be used to build FSACF endowed funds. The interest can then be used to award grants that will provide solutions to a broad spectrum of local public health issues.

During the next six years, FSACF hopes to raise endowment fund pledges of \$240,000 that qualify for 50% GROW II matching funds or \$480,000 in pledges that qualify for 25% GROW II matching funds.

As of April 1, FSACF has raised \$140,200 in various endowment fund pledges.

Donors wishing a Grow II match for a donation to a FSACF endowed fund may choose to make a one-time contribution or may pledge a gift to be contributed annually over the number of years selected by the donor (up to six).

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