

Futures

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FSACF awards grants to area programs



Photo by Lindsay Madison

Care to Share's Sharing Bucket leaders Joy O'Neal (front row, left) and Levetta Simmons (front row, right) were awarded a 2012 grant by FSACF board members Shirley Palmer (back row, left) and Carol MacArthur (center) during the Chamber Coffee held November 1. The grant will be used to purchase 40 gas vouchers for \$25 each which will be used by patients traveling to and from their cancer treatments.

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation Board of Directors presented 10 area non-profit organizations with grants for the 2012 Grant Cycle during a Chamber Coffee on November 1. The following organizations were presented grants:

- Fort Scott Middle
 School Project ART to help cover transportation costs for going to KC productions
- Care to Share Gas Vouchers - for \$25 each to supply 40 vouchers
- Lowell Milken Center for Audio for African/American display
- Fort Scott Church of the Nazarene - for 1 42" flat screen TV for downtown nonprofit Coffee House
- First United Methodist Church - for Condiments and basic ingredients for weekly

free meals

- Bourbon County Interagency Coalition - for Rent/ Utilities assistance vouchers
- Young Life To help establish Young Life in Fort Scott
- Ellis Foundation Scholarship for a student from Bourbon County
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Bourbon County to fund matches
- Gordon Parks Center
 Graphics for the Interactive
 display funded by a Dr. Pratt
 & Pauline Irby Grant

FSACF received several Thank You notes from Sharing Bucket gas voucher recipients. One said, "I was one of the lucky recipients of a gas card at our recent Care to Share meeting. My sister received a chemo treatment in Pittsburg today and your card was put to good use."

Matching gifts available soon

The Asset Development Committee has established a new goal to increase fundraising for FSACF.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 in new contributions. But, one may ask, "How do we get there?" The committee announced that the plan involves a local three-year matching fund cam-

FSACF Funds Updates

Operating Fund: \$2,545 Endowment: \$192,180 Pledges due 12/31/12: \$21,545 paign.

Five donors will be asked to pledge \$5,000 each to be used as matching funds for each of the three years of the campaign. This pledge is an additional gift beyond any other current Grow II commitment. These "seed" donors will match new gifts pledged by donors during this three-year time frame.

"We're terribly excited about the ability to match upcoming gifts," commented FSACF chairperson Janet Braun. "Providing such an incentive for giving is wonderful! We've already proven that so much can be done as a result of grants provided by the FSACF. It's inspiring how much more good the foundation can do for the area. But, we have to raise more funds. This is the tool we need!"

It's that time!

Don't wait until it's too late to make your 2012 gift to Fort Scott Area Community Foundation. The window to get in any last-minute philanthropical giving for 2012 is closing within days.

Please consider making a generous year-end gift to FSACF to ensure grants and funding continue to be available for our area organizations. By helping to fund these groups and organizations you not only contribute to the overall good of the community today, but your gift may continue to give to the Fort Scott area for many years to come. And, these funds and assistance will be needed just as much then as they are now.

Thank you!

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