

# NEWSLETTER

### WINTER 2022



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN...

As I look back on the past year of the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation's successes, it was in the fall of 2021 that we granted so many worthwhile projects and that created value to so many individuals and organizations. In July of each year we get grant reports that tell the stories of why the Foundation is relevant and successful. We hear of children talking to their parents about the fun outing they experienced as a result of a FSACF grant an activity that they may have missed if not for your generosity. In November of this year we granted a wide variety of programs and opportunities for citizens of all ages. We have a new telescope at the Lowell Milken Center making possible a range of astronomy classes in the future. We have an art class that will use pottery to double as a poverty awareness and fundraising event. We will continue the Beacon and Feeding Families programs to ensure inflation doesn't win the war on hunger.

Another challenge the Foundation hopes to address in the next year is attainable housing. Our traditional granting and the impact it has on so many will continue, but it is hoped with increases in your generous giving and applying for national grants that are specific to local foundations, we can offer transformative granting to ease the burden of people finding safe, affordable housing.

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to become more involved with the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, do not hesitate to reach out to myself or one of the other board members.



Craig Campbell

Blessings to you for a great new year.

Craig Campbell

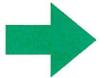
## **OUR 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS**

## ORGANIZATION

## GRANT

Gordon Parks Museum – Interactive Display	\$5000.00
USD 235 – Computer Lab Upgrade	\$5000.00
Communities in Schools - FSMS/FSHS Support	\$4000.00
USD 234 – Preschool Center Community Involvement	\$3000.00
USD 234 – Classroom Immersion: Electric Poe	\$2970.00
Friends of Mapleton – Emergency Preparedness	\$2962.37
USD 234 – Nutcracker Ballet Performance	\$2700.00
USD 234 – First Grade Animal/Life Science	\$2500.00
First United Methodist – Feeding Families in His Name	\$2500.00
Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes – Community	\$2500.00
Stargazing Project	
Compassionate Ministries – Family Empowerment	\$2200.00
Fort Scott Community College – Memorabilia Display	\$2000.00
Boy Scouts of America – Fall Recruiting	\$1804.00
USD 234 - Empty Bowls	\$1500.00
Fostering Connections – Family Fun Event	\$1500.00
Riverfront Authority – Walking Labyrinth	\$1500.00
SEK Mental Health – Bootstrap Brigade	\$1500.00
City of Fort Scott/Kiwanis – Tree Project	\$1250.00
Southwind Extension – Kids' Cooking Classes	\$1000.00
USD 234 – Healthy Snacks	\$1000.00
Bourbon County CASA – Volunteer Expansion	\$1000.00
Tri-Valley Development - Electric Sit-to-Stand	\$1000.00
HBCAT – Splash Pad	\$1000.00
FSCC – 1st Generation College Events	\$950.00
USD 234 – Walking Tour of Historic Fort Scott	\$700.00
Special Olympics Kansas – Unified Sports Equipment	\$500.00

## 26 Grants



\$53,536.37

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

### **Ronda Hassig**

Ronda is a retired Kansas Master Teacher and two-time National Board Certified middle school librarian. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and two master's degrees from Kansas State University. She currently works part-time at the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes writing grants and giving tours. She is also the author of two historical fiction books for young adults and has been to every continent except Antarctica! At home, she love to garden, read and walk her three precious doggies!



#### Becky (Hoffman) Tourtillott

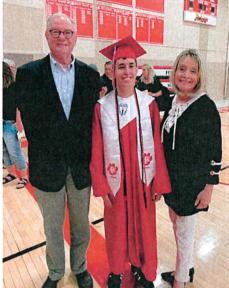
Becky is a lifelong resident of Fort Scott, and is the Vice President of Marketing for Landmark National Bank. Becky and her husband, Joe, have two adult children: Hannah (Austin, Texas) and Wyatt (Overland Park, Kansas).A graduate of the University of Northern Arizona, Becky returned to Fort Scott and began her career as the Director of Tourism for the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce. She has served multiple organizations and committees, including school PTO and booster clubs, Good Ol' Days and HPA Homes for the Holidays, the Mercy Health Foundation Advisory Board, the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Gordon Parks Museum Board of Directors.



## **2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Craig Campbell Becky Tourtillott Lindsay Madison Sheryl Bloomfield Janet Braun Michelle Bruner Steve Buerge Diana Endicott Carla Farmer Ronda Hassig Bailey Lyons Gregg Motley Gary Palmer Kirk Sharp Travis Shelton David Shepherd





Janet Braun, Mary Rio, & Bob Irby presented a grant award from the Dr. Pratt and Pauline Irby Fund to Gordon Parks Museum Director Kirk Sharp. The grant award was used to purchase an interactive museum display.

William F Lehman American History Scholarship Fund Honoree Thade Yates with board members Charles Gentry and Carla Farmer.



Our website underwent a transformation in 2022! Take a moment to visit us online at <u>fsacf.com</u> to stay in touch throughout the year.

# Fund Balances as of 10/31/22

FSACF Controlled Funds \$1,051,607.37 Donor Advised Funds \$1,330,176.12 FSACF Other Funds \$6,275,856.72

> TOTAL FUNDS: \$8,657,640.21