



Fort Scott Area
Community Foundation

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023



GRANT SPOTLIGHT



USD 234 - First Grade Life Science

Craig Campbell, FSACF board chair visits with students about their favorite animals.

The first graders at Winfield Scott Elementary benefited from a \$2500 grant to create a life science program in the 2022-23 school year. They purchased animals including a lizard, a tarantula named Charlotte, fish, canaries and chickens. In addition, they took several animal-themed field trips during the year including FSCC rodeo, a veterinary clinic, a dairy farm, and more. They created special notebooks where they wrote about what they experienced.

The first graders and their teachers then hosted a special presentation for foundation and district board members and staff to display their work and show off their furry friends in the "Critter Corner."

LEAVING A LEGACY

The Foundation offers many ways that you can create a legacy gift that will benefit Bourbon County for years to come. Leaving a percentage of your estate to FSACF allows you to make a financial gift, with the flexibility to remember both your hometown and your family. The Kansas Association of Community Foundations suggests that designating 5% of your estate to your local community foundation can make a tremendous difference for the future.

FSACF can also assist you with designating more complex gifts, such as shares of stock and IRA distributions. For more information on ways to leave your legacy in Bourbon County, please contact us at:

Your hometown. Their future.



You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What would you do to ensure future generations of Kansans can say the same?

The Keep 5 in Kansas initiative asks us to designate just 5% of our estates to our hometown needs. With a little planning, and help from our community foundations, we can create permanent funding for our schools, hospitals, churches, parks, nonprofits, libraries, and so much more!



A little planning. A big impact.

Learn more at keepfiveinkansas.com

The Keep 5 in Kansas campaign is sponsored by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (kansascfs.org) and the Kansas Health Foundation.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Noll

Linda was born in Fort Scott and has lived in Fort Scott and Uniontown most of her life. With her husband Matt, she raised 4 children, and they are grandparents of 7 children. Linda retired from a career in healthcare administration at Fort Scott Family Physicians and Mercy Health Center. She now spends time with a Women's Bible study group, and as a volunteer in the CASA program, Garden Club and as an officer in P.E.O.



Jess Ervin

Jess is a 15-year resident of Uniontown, where he has served on the city council for 10 years. With his wife Ginger, he has two sons, Blake and Levi. He is Manager in the Outsourced Accounting Service Line of the Nonprofit, Government and Education Practice for Wipfli, LLP, a nationally recognized accounting firm. Prior to that, he worked in various accounting and finance roles with Mercy and Southeast Kansas Community Action Program. Additionally, he has served on the board for Bourbon County Regional Economic Development, Inc (BCREDI) for more than 3 years, and previously served on the Uniontown Rural Health clinic committee and as treasurer for the Kansas Association of Community Action Programs.



Jordan Witt

Jordan was born and raised in Fort Scott. Together with his wife, Randi, they have three children; Ivan, Ava and Lydia. Jordan graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1999 with a degree in Finance. He received the Outstanding Senior in Finance award while at PSU. He then graduated with an MBA degree from KU in the fall of 2000. Jordan has been in the financial services and insurance business for several years now, and partnered with Bob Larkin to create the Larkin-Witt Financial Group in 2011.



GRANT APPLICATION NEWS

We are making an exciting change to our granting process. We know that community project timelines may not always align well with our annual grant cycle, so we will be making the change to a biannual grant process, with a spring and a fall cycle.

Our current grant application process is open until August 31, with grants awarded in October.

As you may have guessed, current market conditions will likely impact the amount available for grants in the 2023 cycle. We expect the grant process to be competitive, and the granting committee looks forward to hearing from applicants with projects that can provide maximum impact across our communities in Bourbon County.



Fund Balances as of 06/30/23

FSACF Controlled Funds

\$1,652,610.89

Donor Advised Funds

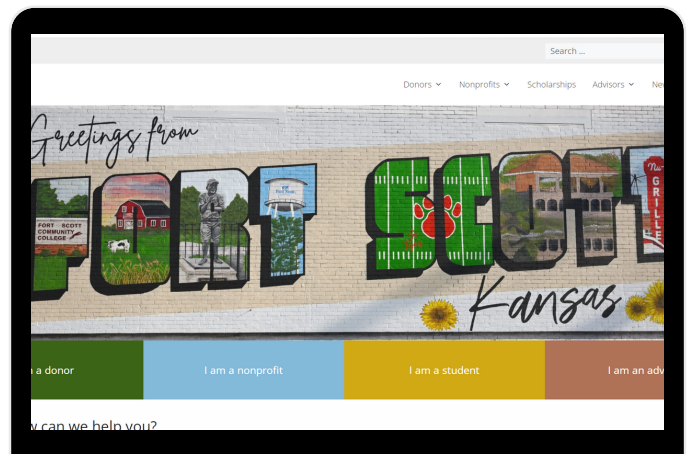
\$1,236,696.44

FSACF Other Funds

\$5,547,244.91

TOTAL FUNDS:

\$8,436,552.24



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