



Futures

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Why give to the Community Foundation?

There is unique added value to working with the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation:

- **We are local.** Assets stay in the community. We are a locally sustained nonprofit existing solely for the benefit of other nonprofits in the Fort Scott and Bourbon County area.

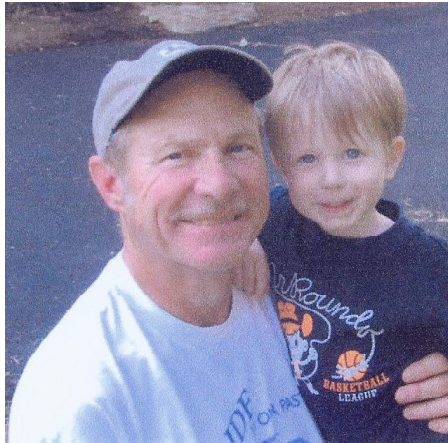
- **We make a permanent difference.** Gifts to the Community Foundation can continue working long into the future. The Community Foundation was built to last. Donors can feel secure that our volunteers, investments and mission are organized to strengthen our community in perpetuity.

- **We know philanthropy in the Fort Scott and Bourbon County area.** We offer donors help in identifying effective ways to aid the community you call home. We can help you direct your giving to target specific problems and goals. FSACF provides a pass-through opportunity for a benefactor who wants to make one tax-deductible gift to a charitable organization. As FSACF grows, it will also provide leadership on community issues in significant community discussions.

- **We can ensure anonymity.**
- **We make complicated gifts easy.** We help donors make gifts in a cost and time effective way. It is not always efficient or feasible to establish a scholarship program or private foundation. We are able to accept a variety of assets, support multiple organizations through one fund and help donors to leave a legacy. FSACF is affiliated with the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) and also the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF). While FSACF establishes the philosophy and policies for investments, the GKCCF invests all FSACF funds and prepares financial reports for the FSACF.

Learn more about the good work we do by contacting us.

In memory of Dr. John H. Spencer



Submitted photo

Dr. John H. Spencer, 61, a member of the Board of Directors of Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, died Saturday, January 3, 2009.

John was born in Emporia, Kan., in 1947 to Dr. Harold and Margaret Spencer. He graduated from the College of Emporia in 1970 (of which he is a member of the alumni board) and went on to attend KU Medical School. He completed his residency in Family Practice in Midland, Mich., before moving to Fort Scott to begin his practice at Newman Young Clinic in 1977. He later became a partner of Fort Scott Family Physicians. John practiced in Fort Scott 28 years, and has

been practicing recently in the Independence and Fort Scott emergency rooms and in the Arma and Pleasanton offices.

He was an active member of the community who enjoyed many outdoor activities and exhibited a great love of history.

John was a man deeply loved by his family, including his wife Janice L. Spencer, originally of Great Bend, Kan.; son Justin Spencer and wife Amy of Caufield, Mo.; daughter Jerilyn D. Whitsitt and husband Landon of Liberty, Mo.; step-daughter Angela Walts of Odessa, Tex.; sister Sharon Stewart and husband Max of Emporia, Kan.; and nephew Dr. Robert H. Stewart, wife Kim, and daughter Abby, also of Emporia, Kan. Much joy was brought to John's life by his six grandchildren; Elijah and Molly Spencer, and Ian, Simon, Julian, and Rowan Whitsitt.

As a founding member of the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, John will be fondly remembered for his encouragement and assistance as the Foundation was being formed.

A memorial scholarship has been set up in John's name at the First Presbyterian Church, 308 S. Crawford, Fort Scott, KS, 66701. Donations in John's memory may also be made to the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation and sent in care of Janet Braun, FSACF chairperson, 1606 Clairmont, Fort Scott, KS 66701.

FSACF Funds updates

Operating Fund : \$1,019.80

Granting Fund : \$14,400

Community Improvement Fund : Used for pass-through funds for projects such as little league football or swim team diving blocks

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Yes! I want to invest in the Fort Scott area!

Name _____
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Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____
I would like to establish:

- _____ an Unrestricted Fund
- _____ a Donor-advised Fund
- _____ a Field of Interest Fund
- _____ a Designated/Agency Fund
- _____ a Scholarship Fund

_____ Please do **NOT** include my name in any publications. I wish to remain anonymous.