



# Futures

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## Many ways to use foundation to aid Fort Scott

It's sometimes confusing how individuals or groups can utilize the FSACF to help the community. There are many ways the foundation can be of assistance.

A family may choose to establish a named fund that bears the family name and continues the family's community giving into perpetuity.

A community group may decide to establish a fund in honor of, or in memory of, a friend or community leader.

A business may choose a community foundation to help with its grant making, saving time and personnel for the business, yet assuring support for its selected charitable interests.

Some donors choose to make their community philanthropy anonymous, and the foundation is a perfect partner to help them.

Nonprofit agencies often establish their endowments within a community foundation to guarantee their endowment donors that the principal of the gift is never disturbed and the earnings will forever come to the agency.

To find out more about how you or your business can utilize the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation, contact Janet Braun, FSACF chairwoman, by calling 620-223-2274.



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The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation awarded Doloris Sonntag of *Lee's Paws and Claws* (left) with a \$600 Surprise Grant on April 26 at the Chamber Coffee. The grant will be used to fund operating expenses for the animal shelter, which was built in October. The shelter is currently seeking additional donations and grants in order to open and operate successfully. Although the shelter has its own foundation, the annual interest from its endowment fund is only enough to fund ongoing expenses, not costs associated with its opening and initial operations.

## Surprise grant "surprises" Lee's Paws and Claws

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation officially recognized a need in the community with a Surprise Grant on April 26. Doloris Sonntag of *Lee's Paws and Claws* was awarded a \$600 grant during the Chamber Coffee.

Because of Fort Scott Rotary Club's Dancing With Our Stars donation to the FSACF, money was available to award a grant for a need that was identified outside of the FSACF regular granting cycle timeframe. The grant will be used for operating expenses.

Fort Scott's newest animal shelter was built in October and is located at 721 240th St., Fort Scott, Kan. An anonymous donor matched up to \$2,000 for all funds the

animal shelter raised during the month of April. As a result of the matching funds, the \$600 FSACF grant grew to \$1200 for the shelter.

*Lee's Paws and Claws*, named for donor Lee Weast, is in need of volunteers and donations for basic expenses in order to open its doors. The shelter is now built and paid for, but it is currently in need of contributions to help with operating expenses. *Lee's Paws and Claws* is associated with Shirley Yeager Animal Friends Foundation. However, only the annual interest from that endowed fund may be used to pay ongoing expenses. Therefore, the animal shelter is conducting fundraisers and requesting donations to open and operate successfully.

### FSACF Funds Updates

**Combined Non-permanent Fund : \$4,536**  
**Endowment : \$194,526**  
**Pledges: \$88,500**