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Fort Scott Area Community Foundation

***Please see below for 2019 FSACF
Grant Cycle information and Newsletter.***

***FSACF Grant Applications will be released
August 1st and will be accepted throughout
the month of August, 2019.***

***What is the Fort Scott Area Community
Foundation?***

Click [HERE](#) for frequently asked questions.

[2019 FSACF Grant Cycle](#)

Will Open August 1st, 2019

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation is excited to announce that grants will be available for the upcoming 2019/20 cycle.

Thanks to the generosity of all who have contributed and continue to donate to the FSACF General Fund, the interest accrued will allow the grant committee more opportunities to benefit the 501c3 applicants who meet the qualifications.

Beginning August 1st, the grant application will be available on the FSACF website www.fsacf.com or may be picked up in person at the Chamber of Commerce, 231 E. Wall St. Completed applications will be accepted through the month of August.

Monies granted to the 15 beneficiaries from last year's cycle were used for a variety of causes, providing benefits to:

- educational programs including USD 234, FSCC, and the Lowell Milken Center;*
- new instruments for the FSHS band*
- the needs of cancer patients through Care to Share*
- 2 wheelchairs for Tri-Valley Developmental Services*
- volunteer training for Bourbon County CASA*
- and more!*

A full listing of last year's 2018/19 grantees may be found [HERE](#).

Grants will be awarded at the Foundation's Chamber Coffee, held in the Landmark Bank lobby at 3rd and Main at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

You may click [HERE](#) for the FSACF website to learn more about YOUR Community Foundation.

FSACF Welcomes new Board members:

*The Board unanimously approved the following
nominating slate of new Board members:*

**** Carla Farmer * Charles Gentry * Michelle Bruner ****

*Carla and Charles return to the Board after a brief sabbatical, and
this will be Michelle's first time serving. The Board is excited to
welcome these new members.*



2019-2020 Board of Directors:

Stephanie Witt, Chair

Barbara Albright, Vice-Chair

Melissa Wise, Treasurer

Gregg Motley, Gary Palmer, Frank Halsey,
Blake Hudson, Patty LaRoche, Sheryl Bloomfield,
Craig Campbell, Travis Shelton, Beth Nuss, Otie Thomas,
Dick Hedges, Bob Marshall, Mike Emerson, Janet Braun

Community Foundation Partners with 1st Graders



In August of 2018, the 1st grade team at Winfield Scott Elementary had an idea. They wanted to engage students more fully in their community as a part of their social studies curriculum.

A grant from the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation helped fuel that idea. From December until May, students experienced a variety of community activities such as: Anderson Elk Ranch, The Gordon Parks Museum, Twister Trailer, a game at LaRoche Stadium, an historic trolley tour, Fort Scott Livestock Market and tours of the Post Office.

Not only did students visit businesses and organizations in the community, but they also wrote about what they did at each stop and kept a giant map of the city marking each visit.

Dear Community Grant,
Thank you For the grant for 1st grad feld trips.
We went to the elk farm we saw elk
And elk skuls and antlers. I have never seen elk
before. It was so xciting.
We also Went to the vet we saw a hors with 1 eye.
The vet was taking care of it
We saw a masheen that wrkd on cows
And we saw an x ray of a dogs leg. I have never
been to an elk farm or inside of a vet.
THANK YOU

Mason Query
1st gradde

Conversations about careers were an added bonus of the different visits. A high point for students was the post office trip where they bought stamps and mailed letters to their pen pals. Teachers also purchased a variety of books about the people and places that make a community work.



The Community Foundation is thrilled to partner with grantees with great ideas... like this one!

What great idea might you have? The granting cycle opens **August 1st**.

Donations to the Community Foundation are welcome year-round!

Online donations may be made [HERE](#).

Or, click [HERE](#) to download donation form and mail a check to the address provided on the form.

Watch the funds grow!

The larger the FSACF endowed funds, the more money (interest) is available to benefit the community in granting each year in perpetuity!

Endowed fund balances* as of May 15, 2019:

*Board Controlled General Fund: \$793,100.38
Donor Advised/Controlled Funds: \$7,521,622.28*

Total funds: \$8,314,722.66

****Board Controlled funds** are funds when donated from the general public, memorials, or trusts are not designated to benefit a certain organization, scholarship, or purpose. These are the funds that the Board is able to grant interest from annually.*

****Donor-Advised/Controlled funds** are funds established by donors or trusts to benefit specific organizations, scholarships, or purposes. The interest from these funds is distributed annually among those particular beneficiaries.*

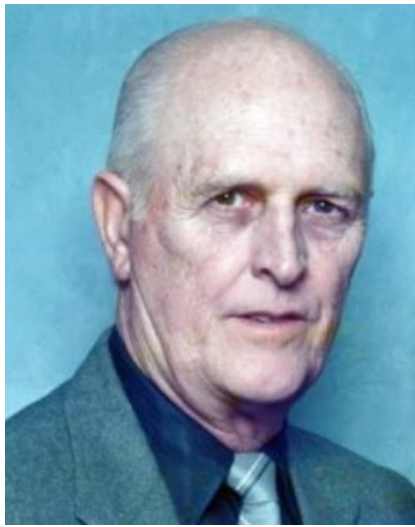
Grant Funds were approved for the following scholarship awards:

*The Habberbash Scholarship Fund
The Leiman History Scholarship Fund*

Grant Funds were also approved from the Robert and Faye Steele Trust, totaling \$137,131.00.

Bob and Faye Steel were married in 1974. Both were employed at Western Insurance Company, which later became American States/Safeco, in Fort Scott, for many years. Bob was a Systems Administrator, while Faye served as a Territory Underwriter. They were both volunteers for the Old Fort Genealogical Society, The Beacon, various church groups, and community Thanksgiving Dinners. Following retirement, they loved to travel in their RV, and then later with tour groups, they particularly liked the Branson area,

where they had made many friends over the years. They were almost always together, you rarely saw one without the other. In fact, Bob passed away on April 10th, 2017, barely more than two months following Faye's passing on February 7th.



Prior to passing on, being extremely generous and philanthropic, Bob and Faye planned for their sizeable estate to be gifted, via a Memorial Endowment, to seventeen different charitable organizations in the Bourbon County area. The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation was selected to manage these funds. Thanks to the pre-planning and generosity of Bob and Faye, these funds will continue to provide for our community in perpetuity.

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation was established in 2007 and is a tremendous asset to Fort Scott and Bourbon County. The current and future principal in these funds will be in place forever; the interest will grow as the funds grow and will annually benefit the local area into the long-term future.

***See the links above to
make a donation today!***

*Contact 2019-20 Board Chair Stephanie Witt
for questions or more information.*

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Thank you!

Confirm that you like this.

Click the "Like" button.