Our 2012 Outstanding Citizen is Carolyn Peterson

After receiving the 2012 Outstanding Citizenship Award, Carolyn Peterson walked to the microphone to say thank you to the audience. Not just thank you for the award, but thank you for allowing her to serve. No one was surprised. Anyone who has given as much time as Carolyn has, obviously enjoys serving others.

Throughout her lifetime, Carolyn Peterson has given and given generously of her time and talents. She served on many local boards, including the former YWCA, the Salina Regional Health Center Auxiliary, the Smoky Hill Education Foundation, the Saline County Fair Board, various PTAs, Youthville, the Greater Salina Community Foundation, Kansas Wesleyan University, the Saline County Extension Council, and the Salina Symphony, to name a few.

Currently she serves on the Salina Arts & Humanities Endowment Committee, the Saline County Commission on Aging Board, the Diocesan Council for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, and the board of the Montessori School.

She has held numerous positions in her church. She has helped to raise money for the Ashby House, the Salina Area United Way, Project Salina, and many other organizations.

She has been involved in the Chamber, and is a member of the Lions Club and the Rotary Club. She has volunteered as an usher at the Stiefel Theatre and helped to host the Farm Show.

Wherever she is volunteering, Carolyn does so because she believes in the theory that we must all contribute to the greater good of the whole, and because it brings her joy.

See inside for our 2012 Youth Citizenship Award Winner.
Until 2006, Salina was home to a branch of the YWCA. When the local branch closed, the YW Legacy Fund was established using assets from the sale of the building and private donations. The building may no longer house the YWCA, but the mission of the organization lives on through annual grants from the YW Legacy Fund. Since inception, the fund has awarded more than $134,000 in grants.

This year, the fund awarded the following grants:

$4,660  **Salina Child Care Association**  - to purchase new computers, software and toys for classrooms in its new facility

$2,900  **Catholic Charities**  - supporting summer extended preschool for second language learners, in partnership with Heartland Programs

$2,400  **Salina Juneteenth Celebration**  - supporting the Salina Juneteenth Celebration promoting awareness, knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture

$1,640  **THE CASTLE Project at Sunrise Presbyterian Church**  - to replace outdoor play equipment used by the summer program serving children in grades K-6

$4,630  **Child Advocacy & Parenting Services, Inc.**  - assistance for counseling for Hispanic women who are victims of domestic violence, and support for the Nurturing Parenting class

$6,000  **Southeast of Saline Education Foundation**  - to purchase the Yamaha Music in Education system that will enable the school to offer piano instruction for all K-12 students

The following grant was made possible through a partnership with the Elden Miller Trust. Grants funded through this partnership meet specific funding criteria established by the Trust. Grant administration is provided by the Foundation.

$8,000  **Heartland Programs**  - supporting Community Family Connections, a series of education programs on parenting, relationship building and financial freedom

$30,230  **Total Grants Awarded**

Grants meet one of the following criteria:

- Encourage women’s growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people
- Help children attain their greatest potential
- Create an environment to assist in the physical and mental health and well-being of women and their families
- Pursue the elimination of racism wherever it exists

Making a Splash

It is not too late to donate to the Kenwood Cove Fund to help children from low-income families enjoy Salina’s water park. All gifts are tax deductible and 100% of the donations go to provide passes for the children. To donate, send your contribution to GSCF, Box 2876, Salina, KS 67402-2876. Write Pool Fund in the memo line on the check.
**Throwin’ it Down for Charity!**

GSCF partnered with Salina Area Young Professionals (SAYP) to host Salina’s first ever Throw Down Tourney (Rock-Paper-Scissors). The event generated a lot of enthusiasm and friendly competition. Winner Jenny Coleman chose Big Brothers Big Sisters to receive the prize money. (Jenny got the Champion T-shirt!)

**Fund for Greater Salina Grants Support**

Of all the grants awarded by the foundation, the Fund for Greater Salina offers the greatest variety of grant applicants and grants awarded. This unrestricted fund meets current community needs through an application process in the spring and fall. This spring, the Foundation received 28 grant applications with requests totaling nearly $106,000. Grant requests are capped at $5,000.

- **$2,500 The American Red Cross** - to underwrite the cost of providing CPR/AED and First Aid training to low-income childcare providers and at-risk students

- **$3,500 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina** - to pay for expenses for the new BBBS bus that will transport 80 high school student mentors to elementary and middle schools to serve children on the waiting list

- **$2,500 Hospice of Salina** - to fund community grief support programs for specific school-age, adolescent and adult groups

- **$2,500 St. John’s Missionary Baptist MADD Camp** - to pay local artists to teach at a youth summer camp featuring Music, Art, Dance and Drama

- **$3,500 Lakewood Middle School** - to bring a professional composer to the school who will teach the process for composing music and then work with students to premier the work that is created

- **$2,000 South High School Robotics Club** - to purchase equipment and pay competition fees for the SHS Robotics Club

- **$900 South High School Physics** - to purchase technology that will support a variety of experiments related to the principles of motion for physics students at South High School

- **$2,500 The Volunteer Connection** - to contract with a consultant to develop and implement a strategic plan

- **$500 Safe After Prom 2012** - for the after prom event for students of Salina South, Salina Central and Sacred Heart

- **$2,543 Consumer Credit Counseling** - to purchase new computers

Since 1999, the Foundation has awarded more than $724,000 from the Fund for Greater Salina. Funding for this grant program comes from donations, memorials, and other gifts to the Fund for Greater Salina Endowment. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to this important community grant fund. Significant donors to that fund include:

- Don & Opal Diekhoff
- The Turning Point
- Bob & Marcia Anderson
- Clark, Mize & Linville, Chtd.
- Tex & Betty Fury Fund
- The Home Telephone Company, Inc.
- Joe & Mildred Pankaskie
- Joy D. Peterson Memorial Fund
- Charles E. Stevens Fund
- Michael & Alice Sullivan
- Chester & Laurabelle Smith

**Youth Citizen**

YGMC members pose with the 2012 Outstanding Youth Citizenship Award recipient, Deby Nouanlasy, a sophomore at Salina South High School. Nouanlasy is a leader on her school student council and...
2012 School Marathon Grants

Building on the success of the 2011 School Marathon program, the Foundation is pleased to expand the program to nine elementary schools this fall.

Last fall, seven schools took the opportunity to apply for the noncompetitive grants to host a school marathon for their students. More than 1700 students completed a full 26.2 miles and more than 100 others participated and completed at least a portion of a marathon. Parents, school staff and siblings also participated and benefited from the initiative.

The Marathon program is part of the Foundation’s Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative. GSCF is pleased to partner with the Kansas Health Foundation and the Salina Regional Health Foundation to fund the program.

The 2012 School Marathon Grant recipients are:

- Coronado Elementary School
- Heusner Elementary School
- Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School
- Oakdale Elementary School
- St. Mary’s Elementary School
- Schilling Elementary School
- Stewart Elementary School
- Cottonwood Elementary School
- Sunset Elementary School

*Fund in part through the L.P. Pat Mullen Fund for Youth Arts and Humanities

The following grants were made possible through a partnership with the Salina Regional Health Foundation Community Health Investment Program (CHIP). Grants funded through this partnership meet specific funding criteria established by CHIP. Grant review, allocation of funding and grant administration is provided by the Community Foundation.

- **$3,500  Salina Arts & Humanities** - to bring in teaching artist Brandon Draper to conduct pre-festival drumming circles/workshops at a variety of locations and to perform at the River Festival

- **$3,875  Salina Community Theatre** - to fund a summer stage performance of Cinderella especially for families with developmentally challenged children

- **$5,000  Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center** - to purchase cribs that meet new safety standards, replace intercoms for better communication and provide scholarships for low-income families who do not qualify for government assistance

- **$5,000  Salina Child Care Association** - to purchase classroom computers and software for the new Donna Vanier Children’s Center

- **$2,000  South High School** - to assist 12th grade students in South High School’s Performance-Based Diploma Lab to enroll in an introductory course at K-State-Salina to explore technology and engineering

- **$42,318  Total Grants Awarded**
YGMC Grants

Grants written by youth, for youth and decided by youth

The Foundation’s Youth GrantMakers Council received 9 grant applications requesting more than $13,000. Members of the council reviewed all requests and made the following awards:

$750 Rachel Cusick/Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina: to help fund a “Big for a Day” recruiting program at Central High School

$1,000 Graham Shoemaker: to help fund an afterschool bowling program for students at Cottonwood Elementary

$918 Jonathan Peuchen/Assaria Summer Youth Program: to help fund trips to Wichita, Manhattan, and Abilene for kids in the Assaria Summer Youth Program

$1,000 Lydia Newquist/South High School: to purchase sewing machines for the South High School theatre department

$595 Rachel Peuchen/Assaria Yardstick Garden: to replace garden markers and purchase plants for the Assaria Yardstick Garden

$1,428.00 Ryan Krajicek & Rhys Young/Sacred Heart High School: to establish a student newspaper, Knights News, at Sacred Heart High School

$450 Taylor Green/South East of Saline FFA Chapter: to help construct and install a 9-hole Frisbee golf course in the city of Assaria

Together with the grants awarded in the fall, YGMC made $12,781 in grants to support youth programs and projects for the year. YGMC members included Miranda Basinger, Ansley Bender, Lara Brockway, Dane Butts, Damion Cooper, Dekeysha Cooper, Hunter Lindquist, Kate Martens, Brooklyn McElderry, Cindy Nguyen, Vaughn Plumer, Sara Prendergast, William Reid, Jack Rhodes, Alyse Weishaar, and Emily Wood.

Funding for the Youth GrantMakers Council program comes from donations, investment income and the generous support of its Funding Partners. This year’s Funding Partners include The Earl Bane Foundation, The Darwin & Delma Sampson Fund and Donna Vanier. For more information about YGMC or becoming a Funding Partner, please contact Youth Coordinator, Jessica Martin, at 785-823-1800.
Congratulations Students!

These local and area student scholarship winners were honored at the Foundation’s annual grant luncheon. Through the generosity of our donors, GSCF awarded 52 scholarships this spring. An additional 79 scholarships were awarded through our 11 regional affiliate foundations.