

*We are a rope — individual fibers braided together to make a stronger whole.*

# Giving & Matters

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## *Women Helping Women*

# New Fund will fill a void for Salina

The house was decked out with spider webs and ghostly treats. The guests were in their most creative witch attire. But this was far from an evil gathering. Party goers only looked like bad witches, instead they were current or potential good witches- Fairy Godmothers to be exact. Hostesses Amanda Michaelis, Susan Jordan and Sarah Payne used a Halloween gathering for friends to help promote the new Women Helping Women Fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

“We are so lucky to be surrounded by strong women, and we know how important it is to be generous with our support,” said party hostess Amanda Michaelis. “After I read about the Fairy Godmother fund in the paper, I knew it was the perfect organization for me to support, as well as to tell my friends about. We love to have parties and have a good time, but when we can inform people about and support local causes, it is much more fun and rewarding.”

Women Helping Women, A Fairy Godmother Fund, is patterned after similar programs in Manhattan and



Amanda Michaelis, Susan Jordan and Sarah Payne hosted a bewitching party to promote the new Fairy Godmother Fund.

Lawrence. Women in the community donate to create a permanent endowment in the Community Foundation. The endowment will generate annual funds to be used for grants to other women in the community.

Yvonne Gibbons, Anita Huntley, Janice Norlin, Gina McDonald, Debbie

Jensen, Nada Schroeder, Melanie Terrill and Jane Eilers are members of the steering committee responsible for bringing the idea to Salina. The founding group recognized that there are women in Salina who are living hand to mouth or facing a crisis. They

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go about their lives quietly getting by; maybe while raising children or living on a fixed income. Though Salina has many agencies that can help, there are many instances where a woman has no place to turn.

In Manhattan and Lawrence, such grants included car repair, some dental needs, short term assistance with tuition or child care, and a variety of other issues that might put a woman who lives day-to-day into a crisis. Participants in those cities are also called Fairy Godmothers, so the local effort is spreading the “magic” across the state.

Women Helping Women is a work in progress. A kick-off event was held in September with more than 80 women in attendance. At the gathering, women were encouraged to share the information with others. “We want to be inclusive of anyone who wants to be a part of this” said Anita Huntley. Even while the fund raising effort continues, committees are forming to look at the grant making process, communications, vendor relationships and special events. Grants are not yet available, but if all goes well, the committee hopes that they will be ready to make grants sometime late next year.

Members of the steering committee met with local human service agencies in Salina in August to share ideas and ensure that they were not duplicating services already offered in the community. The agency representatives whole-heartedly supported the formation of the new fund.

Contributors of at least \$500 to the fund are dubbed Fairy Godmothers. Donors can pledge their gift over a two year period. However, contributions of any size are welcome, and all gifts are tax deductible through the Community Foundation. More than \$30,000 has already been pledged or raised to establish the fund. The organizers would like to have an endowment of at least \$100,000.

# Fall Grants Ann

The Foundation received 31 grant applications this fall with requests totaling more than \$106,000. Fund for Greater Salina Grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive application process. The following grants were awarded:

**\$2,300 Saline County Commission on Aging:** Sunflower Adult Day Services- Funds will be used to purchase chairs, freezer, blood pressure monitor system and two stethoscopes for Sunflower clients.

**\$1,200 The Volunteer Connection:** Funds to purchase materials to secure storage area for tools and equipment, obtain snow shovels and a utility trailer to transport items to volunteer project sites to assist Salina residents with special needs.

**\$2,000 Central Kansas Cooperative in Education:** Funds will support Project EXCELL which will allow 18-21 year old high school students with developmental disabilities to take life-skills classes provided at the K-State- Salina campus.

**\$3,000 University of Kansas School of Medicine-Salina:** Funds will be used to create a reference library for medical students attending Kansas University School of Medicine-Salina.

**\$1,000 Infant Child Development:** Funds will be used to purchase adapted playground equipment for the Donna Vanier Children’s Center.

**\$2,450 Central Kansas Mental Health Center:** Funds will provide equipment and materials for a resource room where clients can work with case managers to practice appropriate life-skills in a safe environment.

**\$3,500 Salina Arts and Humanities:** To provide funding for the Dallas Brass to spend a day as artists in residence at Salina South High School to work with high school instrumental musicians and perform a shared concert for the community.

**\$2,000 Central Kansas Foundation:** Funds will be used to renovate bathroom facilities for the 20 bed residential unit. This unit serves uninsured Kansans with incomes below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

**\$3,000 Salina Symphony:** Funds used to transport students to an outreach concert for local fourth graders which will expose students to symphonic music.

**\$1,500 Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure:** Funding to support a spring break educational program targeted at middle school students that integrates the arts into the study of conservation.

**\$1,360 Salina Area United Way:** Funding to replace two laptop computers that are available to be checked-out and used with projectors by area nonprofit organizations.

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.

**\$2,500 Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center:** Funding will provide scholarships for low-income families who do not qualify for government assistance.

**\$3,500 Salina Child Care Association:** Funding will provide scholarships for low-income families and the replacement of supplies and toys for 5 classrooms.

**\$3,800 Salina Central High School Robotics Program:** Assist the high school robotics team with the purchase of LEGO Mindstorm Education sets to use for hands-on robotic activities with grade school students.

**\$5,000 Child Advocacy & Parenting Services, Inc.:** Funding for one-on-one parenting education, case management and interpretation services for low income, at risk Spanish-speaking families.

**\$2,500 St. Mary’s Grade School:** Funding for supplies for the after school program providing enjoyment, life skills and the opportunity to serve others.



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## More than \$22 million in grants awarded

Established in 1999, the Foundation is now in its 12th year, with assets totaling more than \$57 million. In that time, the Foundation has awarded more than \$22 million in grants, of that \$600,000 has been 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 endowment include:

Don & Opal Dieckhoff  
The Turning Point  
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**\$2,200 Salina AM Ambucs:** Funds to assist physically disabled children with mobility by purchasing therapeutic tricycles or Amtrykes, and building wheelchair ramps.

**\$3,500 Big Brothers, Big Sisters:** Funds will help offset the cost of recruitment, matching and supervision of community and school-based mentoring programs for youth ages 5-18.

**\$500 USD 305 Kansas Kids Fitness:** Funds will help support the 2011 Saline County Kansas Kids Fitness Day, an event helping 700 local children learn lifelong habits of good diet, nutrition, exercise, hygiene and safety.

**\$1,500 USD 305 Cottonwood Elementary:** Provide funds to purchase supplies for the Character Education Program that encourages honesty, responsibility, discipline and respectful traits in elementary students.

**\$48,313 Total Grants Awarded**

## GSCF welcomes new staff member

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is pleased to welcome Jessica Martin to our staff as Affiliate Coordinator. Jessica replaces Michelle Griffin, who left in August to be home with her family.

Jessica will provide support and continue to foster relationships with the Greater Salina Community Foundation's eleven affiliate foundations throughout rural Kansas.

Already, Jessica has attended the Council on Foundations *Foundations Fundamentals* course in Charlotte, NC and a course on *Affiliate Foundation Models* in Phoenix, AZ.

Jessica is originally from Andover, Kansas. She has a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology. Her husband Aaron, is an attorney.



## GROW II: Give and get your gift matched

Don't forget, now is a great time to make a donation to the Foundation and get your gift matched. GSCF and five of our affiliate foundations are taking part in a wonderful grant from the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF). As a part of the GROW II program, donations to the participating foundations will be matched, in part, by KHF. Donations to the foundations' administrative funds, newly established public health funds and community grant funds will be matched at \$.50 on the dollar. Donations to all other funds in the foundations, such as donor advised funds or funds to benefit local charities will be matched at \$.25 on the dollar. Only scholarship funds are not eligible for the match. All matching funds from KHF will go to the administrative and public health funds.

Affiliate foundations currently participating include: Community Foundation for Cloud County; Heartland Community Foundation, serving Ellis, Rooks and Trego counties; Republic County Community Foundation; Russell County Area Community Foundation; Smith County Community Foundation. Several more affiliates have applied for the second round of GROW II. Those recipients will be announced in December. For more information, please call the Foundation at 785-823-1800.

## UPDATE: Youth Grant Makers Council

Members of the Youth GrantMakers Council have spent the fall marketing grant opportunities to local schools, clubs, and youth groups. Council members created posters, flyers, and designed t-shirts to help inform area youth about YGMC and to encourage grant applications.

Applications for the fall grant cycle were due November 1. Another grant cycle will be available in the spring. All YGMC grants must be written by youth under the age of 18 and should benefit youth.

## PET Project 2011: Join us!

The PET Project steering committee is working on plans for the 2011 kick-off event. Although the time and location are yet to be announced, we do know that the event will include information on the success of last year's PET grant as well as friends, food and spirits. Stay tuned for more information!

The PET Project stands for Philanthropy, Empowerment & Transformation. The project brings together young Salinans, willing to make a little commitment, to be part of something big. If you have been a part of the Project in the past, we hope you will join us again this year. If you would like to learn more, visit our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org), or call our office and ask for Jenny Stack.



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## Special Giving Opportunities

### New This Year: Giving Cards

Gift cards have long been the gift of choice for folks who need to mail gifts or buy for a finicky relative. Now you can purchase a gift card that allows the recipient to make a donation to the charity of his or her choice. Greater Salina Community Foundation Giving Cards look just like a regular gift card you might buy at a department store. Recipients redeem the cards on our website, and can spend the gift card amount as a donation to **any charity in the United States**- making them the perfect charitable gift for friends and family that may live out of state. Cards can be purchased on our website at [www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org) (click on Giving Cards), or for bulk purchases, call the Foundation office at 823-1800.

### Help with Holiday Shopping

Give a gift that will give forever. Make a contribution to the Greater Salina Community Foundation in honor of friends, colleagues or loved ones. We'll send a personalized holiday card announcing your gift made in their name. It's a great gift for that person on your list who is tough to buy for. And it's easy for you.....no searching for a



parking place, waiting in line or looking for sizes. Visit our website ([www.gscf.org](http://www.gscf.org)) for an order form.

### Make a Wish Catalog Returns

The Make A Wish Come True Catalog is now available to help gift-givers complete their holiday shopping. The catalog provides information and a wish list for 25 local nonprofit organizations. Items on the wish list vary from items as small as a book of stamps to larger items like household electronics or small appliances. Copies are available at the Salina Public Library, or by calling the Foundation office at 785-823-1800. Pick up a catalog today and learn how you can include area charities in your holiday giving.