

Connecting Passion with Purpose for 15 years

The old adage is true, John Richeson said.

Everything we need to know in life we learned in kindergarten: sharing, giving, being a good neighbor.

It's a lesson reflected for the past 15 years by generous donors to the Franklin County Community Foundation, Richeson, an Ottawa attorney and founding member of the FCCF, said. These selfless-of-ten posthumous-gifts resonate throughout the community, though Richeson and others with the organization would like to see more donors giving while living.

"I wish more people would start giving now while they are still alive to enjoy the self-satisfaction that comes when others benefit from their charitable intent," he said.

The FCCF is planing a community meet-and-greet event in honor of the organization's 15th anniversary. The gathering, which is open to the public, is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Carnegie Cultural Center, 501 S. Main St. Light refreshments will be served.

The 15-year celebration honors not only the giving of donors, but the organization's roots and the service of its members.

FCCF's story was inspired by a similar organization in Hutchinson, where three big families provided the foundational giving to establish the group, Richeson said. Ottawa didn't have the same startup resources, so the founding members researched other foundations to come up with a realistic game plan for success.

"From there, we took baby steps as we inched along," Richeson said.

The group set a mission: to improve the quality of life in the area by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about and leading on critical community issues.

The funds eventually started rolling in, but not without early efforts from fellow founding members Richeson, Jeff Mourning, Ken Woods, Jeanny Sharp, Sam Sheldon, Bob Green, Lucille Hinderliter and Marguerite Gibson.

"Each of us agreed not to go out and raise money, but to spend our effort on becoming known in the community," Richeson said.

Some gifts came through Richeson's law practice when clients asked about estate planning. Others, like the Myrtle Marie Kelly Trust, were transferred from Kansas State Bank's trust department.

Mourning, in the trust department at Kansas State Bank in 2000 when the FCCF was established, said he wanted to do something with the Kelly trust and needed someone to handle its administration.

"I, too, had heard of community foundations in other places and

thought 'We have other people around who have wealth. What will it take to get it started?'" Mourning said. "I think the FCCF has done a great job and they will continue to do so. I'm grateful to the people who have served and the people who have made donations."

It wasn't easy, Richeson said, with members at times wondering if they were even making progress toward their goals.

"I told them, 'don't be discouraged,'" he said. "Looking back, it's been a good ride. It's too bad it took us so long to get here."

With more than \$6 million in assets today, the FCCF is firmly rooted in the community and excited to tell the community its story, along with educating potential donors about how they can leave a legacy and see it being put to good use.

"We get joy from seeing others benefit from our giving," Richeson said. "It does your heart good."

You're Invited!

You are invited to our

15th Anniversary

Open House

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Carnegie Cultural Center,

501 S. Main St., Ottawa

Refreshments provided

Giving Back to our Community

Fifteen years into our service to the community the FCCF manages more than \$6 million in assets, manages an endowment to ensure annual giving to local charities and provides educational scholarships to area high school graduates seeking higher levels of education.

The first educational scholarships were awarded in 2001 to Joseph Habtemichael, Michael Habtemichael and Shawn Dickinson. Since then 110 scholarships totaling \$178,175 have been given to Franklin County students.

Since 2006 the FCCF has given more than \$357,000 to area organizations including East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corp., First United Methodist Church, Ottawa Library, Ottawa Rotary Foundation, Lifecare Center for Women, Richmond Community Museum Association, Salvation Army, Trinity United Methodist Church, Franklin County Historical Society and Ransom Memorial Hospital Charitable Association. The gifted funds have been used for public playgrounds, the homeless shelter and homeless project, curriculum materials and supplies, park projects, repairs, computers and software, services to those in need and general operating expenses.



Photo by Clinton Dick/The Ottawa Herald
 Kenneth Woods, Franklin County Community Foundation board chairman, presents a \$5,000 grant check to Tom Shrimplin, Ottawa Library board president, and Terry Chartier, Ottawa Library director, with Bob Green, Franklin County Community Foundation board member, in 2015 at the library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. The grant was given to the library to replace four of its public access computers and to purchase a laptop for programming purposes. The grant was from the Franklin County Community Foundation, the Jim Chandler Fund and the Eileen R. E. Roseberry Trust.



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Changing lives, one scholarship at a time

Two Franklin County women with dreams of becoming veterinarians are steps closer to that reality with the help of the R.E. Roseberry and Eileen E. Roseberry Scholarships established through the Franklin County Community Foundation. Ellen "Elli" Ouellette Unruh, Rantoul, and Kotie Wootten, Wellsville, are attending Kansas State University Veterinary School.

The Roseberrys owned several farms in Franklin County and left \$4 million to establish the K-State veterinary scholarship, a music scholarship also at K-State and a scholarship for the College of the Ozarks. Ellen Roseberry gave the FCCF's board of directors the authority to decide how much financial support each recipient would get for each scholarship, based in part on when they had a qualified applicant.

Ouellette Unruh said the scholarship she's receiving is a huge blessing.



*Ellen "Elli"
Ouellette Unruh*

"I am very blessed to be a recipient of the Roseberry Scholarship and thankful for the financial assistance I have received," she said. "Receiving the scholarship has a large impact on the size of financial burden I will have when I graduate veterinary school. It is my goal when I become a practicing veterinarian that I can give back to the community in ways similar to the Roseberry family."

Wootten said the scholarship has relieved a lot of stress. "I never imagined I would be this lucky to receive a substantial scholarship that would instantly make going into a veterinary school seem less stressful," she said. Before I received this scholarship, I was constantly worrying about how I would be able to afford it and I was trying to calculate how much I would need to work to make ends meet."

The renewable scholarships provide \$10,000 each school year.



*Kotie
Wootten*

Passionate Philanthropy for 15 years and beyond

The Franklin County Community Foundation was formed in 2000 to foster the idea that charitable giving should be the responsibility of many, not just a select few. Driven to improve the area, the Foundation has grown to become one of the largest and most entrepreneurial public charities of its kind in the area.

Founded on the idea that philanthropy is both necessary and healthy for the community the originators started with \$0 assets. Today the Foundation manages more than \$6 million.

Donors receive the simplicity and tax advantages of a public charity combined with the personal recognition, involvement and flexibility of a private foundation. Donors also gain access to the highest level of strategic thinking on ways to meet community challenges.

The Foundation partners with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which provides cost-effective investment, management and other guidance. The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation has met the National Standards for operational quality, donor service and accountability in the community foundation sector. The FCCF is in compliance with the National Standards of U.S. Community Foundations Program administered by the Council on Foundations, a membership body of more than 2,000 grant-making foundations and giving programs worldwide. This affirms our commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability.

Our values include:

Integrity. We conduct our work in an honest and transparent manner, holding ourselves accountable to our commitments and for our words and actions.

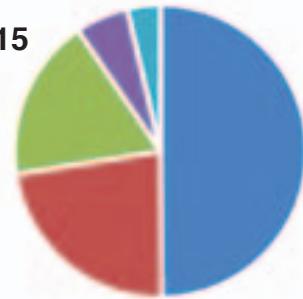
Respect. We value each person as an individual, embracing inclusion and diversity. We always ask, "What's important to you?"

Passion. We believe in the mission of the Foundation. That belief translates into compassion for people and a commitment to our work.

Innovation. We seek new ideas and approach our work with flexibility, urgency, enthusiasm and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Type of Organizations Receiving Grants

2000-2015



- Education 50%
- Human Services 23%
- Religion 18%
- Health 6%
- Societal benefit - Arts, culture, humanities 4%

2000-2015

Assets:
\$6.2 million

Contributions:
\$5,498,444

**Grants
(paid & in-process):**
\$357,404

Total Funds: 16

2015-2016 BOARD MEMBERS



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~ Steve Grogan ~

“Family taught lesson to give back when I could”

Philanthropy can be a lot of work, which is one of the reasons former NFL quarterback Steve Grogan transferred the management of his scholarship legacy over to the Franklin County Community Foundation.

“My dad [Jim] and I both managed the foundation [scholarship] together over the years,” Grogan said. “He got to the point that it was more than he wanted to do anymore. I, living in Massachusetts, didn’t think I could do it all by myself, nor was I fond of the paperwork that has to be done. Dad knew some of the folks on the board at FCCF. We met and it seemed like a perfect fit.”

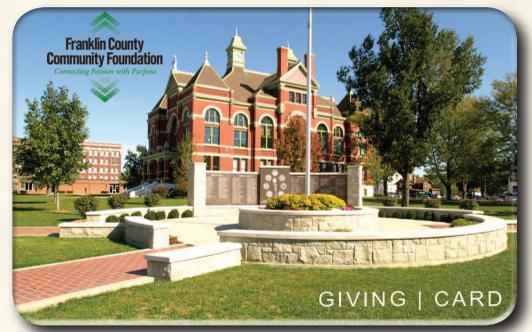
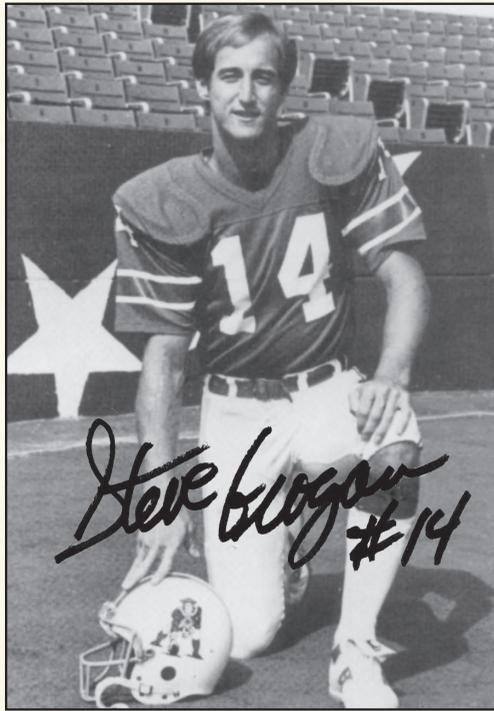
Grogan said when he retired from the NFL, after playing for the New England Patriots from 1975 to 1990, some people wanted to celebrate his career with a dinner and some gifts he didn’t feel comfortable about taking. “We decided to have the dinner but put the funds – that would have been used to buy me gifts – into a foundation to help young athletes cover some of their college expenses.

“I was raised in a family that was very active in the [Ottawa] community and always trying to give back when they could. I was very fortunate to have my career in the NFL but education was always stressed in the family too. The foundation seemed like a great way

to give back and not only help in the athletic arena but also in the educational one.

“The FCCF has helped me continue to provide that help. If not for them I would probably have had to terminate the foundation [scholarship program]. I’m glad they were there.”

The \$1,000 Steve Grogan Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating high school senior attending school in Franklin County. Preference is given to Ottawa High School graduates who have participated in some form of high school athletics and possessing a GPA in the top third of their class.



Give the Gift of Giving

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.” Ben Carson

Almost everyone feels good about giving. FCCF Gift Cards, whether for a loved one, friend or colleague is a great way to share the giving experience. It’s also a great way to start the habit of giving for children and grandchildren.

A gift card from the Franklin County Community Foundation (available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts) can be used by the recipient to give to any 501 (c)(3) charity or organization. Visit www.FranklinCountyGiving.org to purchase a Giving Card.

By the Numbers:

110 Scholarships awarded in past 15 years.

\$178,175 Value of those scholarships

12 # of organizations helped with grants during past 15 years.

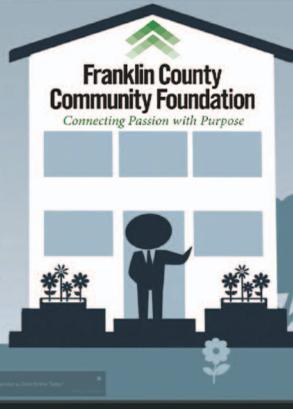
\$100 Smallest grant to RMH Charitable Association

\$45,000 Largest grant to Trinity UMC

Want to learn more?

Watch Our Video!

www.FranklinCountyGiving.org



Mission Statement

The Franklin County Community Foundation is a public charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3). Its mission is to improve the quality of life in the area by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about and leading on critical community issues.

Vision

Community dreams fulfilled through the power of philanthropy.

2015-2016 BOARD MEMBERS



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FCCF... A Better Way to Give

Q: What makes a fund?

A: Funds can range in size from just a few thousand dollars to millions of dollars. Anyone with an interest in charitable giving can participate.

Q: What is the organization's fund investment philosophy?

A: The responsibility for managing the Community Foundation's investment portfolio is vested in the Foundation's Board of Directors, which works in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to invest and manage funds to meet donors' wishes.

Q: What is the difference between a designated fund and a non-designated fund?

A: A designated fund allows donors to establish charitable accounts supporting issues and causes they are passionate about. For example, R.E. and Eileen Roseberry donated land that was sold and converted

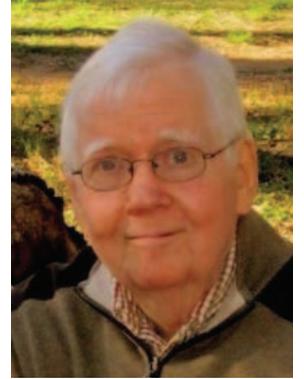


Eileen Roseberry

to cash to establish designated funds for five of their passions: Kansas State University School of Veterinary Science; Kansas State University music; School of the Ozarks; First United Methodist Church for social concerns within the community; and the Salvation Army for the needs of residents and non-residents of Franklin County, Kansas, all of which are administered by the Franklin County Community Foundation to invest endowed funds and select qualified recipients as beneficiaries. The Franklin County Community Foundation cannot change the limits placed upon the use of funds by the Roseberrys. The Salvation Army locally receives its designated funds and decides when and how to pay it out. First United Methodist Church receives its funds and segregates those funds from other funds of the church and currently receives approval from the foundation for assisting homeless families generally, although the church determines the recipients.

The foundation manages the funds into perpetuity while the interest and growth on the funds are used in the manner the donors requested.

In the case of the James J. "Jim" Chandler fund, Chandler participated in both designated and non-designated funds in 2008 when he donated \$1 million to the FCCF. The Franklin County Community Foundation administers both the donor-advised funds and the unrestricted funds, but in different ways. The designated funds were labeled by the donor to go to the Franklin County Historical Society. However, these funds are held by the Franklin County Community Foundation and invested and protected; from the income derived from investing those funds, the Historical Society must come to the Franklin County Community Foundation and seek distribution of these funds for various projects the foundation may or may not approve, particularly if the request in this case is not to be used for approved tax-exempt activities. The remaining portion of the Chandler funds were donated directly to the Franklin County Community Foundation with unlimited use for the purpose of giving support directly to the Franklin County Community Foundation; for the foundation to become creative and offer support as the foundation sees fit and in accordance with tax exempt uses that it alone may make of the money donated. This portion of the Chandler funds are non-designated, although the fund was created by an individual who retained through his personal estate plan the ability to designate the amount and the general use by the foundation of the money donated. The specific use determined by the foundation alone is limited only by law in that it must be used for tax-exempt purposes.



James J. Chandler

A portion of the non-designated funds are distributed by the FCCF board to qualified, charitable purposes for emerging community interests. Previous community interest donations have included personal defibrillators, basketball courts at area parks, computers for libraries and public artwork projects, among others.

Scholarships Available and How To Apply

The Franklin County Community Foundation believes investing in our youth is the safest, soundest investment. The dream of a college education is one the FCCF shares with area high school graduates.

General Scholarships for 2015-2016

- R.E. (Rosey) Roseberry and Eileen E. Roseberry Scholarship Funds
 - Kansas State University Veterinary School Scholarship
 - Kansas State University Music Department Scholarship
 - College of the Ozarks Scholarship
- Eleanor Shiras Harris Memorial Scholarship for Ottawa University
- Shelly Ward Ottawa High School Cheerleading Scholarship Fund
- Vern Chesbro Memorial Scholarship Fund Public Administration or Political Science
- Steve Grogan Scholarship Fund - Athlete

How To Apply

Applications are not submitted electronically. After the application is completed, we ask that you print it, sign it and mail a copy to the address found on the last page of the document.

Before filling out the application please take a moment to review the criteria for eligibility and carefully read the application instructions.

School-Specific Scholarships 2015-16

Students attending the schools below who are interested in learning more about these scholarships and obtaining application materials are encouraged to contact their school's guidance or financial aid department and inquire about the fund listed. For more information please visit our website at: <http://FranklinCountyGiving.org>

1. Ottawa High School
2. Central Heights High School
3. West Franklin High School
4. Wellsville High School

