

## Smith County Community Foundation

# Accepted into grant program

The Smith County Community Foundation has been accepted into the GROW II matching grant program through the Kansas Health Foundation. The Smith County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, which applied for the grant on behalf of the Smith County Community Foundation.

As a part of the GROW II program, donations to

the Smith County Community Foundation will be matched, in part, by the Kansas Health Foundation. Donations to three types of funds in the Smith County Community Foundation, including the Administrative Fund, the new Health Needs of Smith County Fund for public health fund and the existing fund for community grants, will be matched at \$.50 on the dollar. Donations to all

other funds in the Smith County Community Foundation, 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 received from the Kansas Health Foundation will go to the Administrative Fund and the Public Health Fund.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for our

donors to have their contributions matched," said Don Wiens, Chairman of the Board for the Smith County Community Foundation. "We are very excited about the opportunity to grow our endowed funds for the benefit of the communities we serve."

GROW II is a highly competitive program. The Smith County Community Foundation qualified for up to \$300,000 in match

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ing funds over a six-year time frame. In addition, as long as the Smith County Community Foundation raises at least 10 percent of its goal or a minimum of \$60,000 each year, the Kansas Health Foundation will award an additional \$10,500 grant to the Smith County Community Foundation to assist in fundraising efforts.

### Everyone can help

Because the GROW II program will match nearly every endowed gift to the Smith County Community Foundation, everyone can participate in helping the Smith County Community Foundation meet the goal. In addition to current gifts, irrevocable estate gifts can also contribute to the matching campaign, even if the gift will not be received by the Foundation until well into the future, after the donor's death.

"Many people have the ability to help this community through the Smith County Community Foundation by remembering it in their estate plans. A

study completed by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations estimates that if only 5 percent of the wealth that will exchange hands in the next 10 years was captured by our foundation to benefit the communities in our area, we would have \$5,134,698 by the year 2020," Wiens said. "Think of the future we can create for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We have a lot of work to do to accomplish this goal in the next 6 years, but we are confident we can make it happen. The people of Smith County are very generous."

Donors interested in the Smith County Community Foundation can visit the website at [www.smithcountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.smithcountycommunityfoundation.org) <<http://www.smithcountycommunityfoundation.org>> or follow the Foundation on Facebook and Twitter.

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