



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION— Elaine Hamilton, Deb Dickerson, Sherri Linnemann, Vernon Reinking, Deb Wagenblast, Don Wiens, Rob Reitz, Dave Stortz, Kelly Lyon, Keith Waldron and Nancy Stortz pose for a photo after the check was presented.

Smith County Community Foundation presents check

Smith County Community Foundation issued the second grant from its unrestricted grand monies.

A check for \$300 was presented to the Smith Center PRIDE Committee. Presenting the check to the Pride members was foundation chairperson, Don Wiens.

Members of the PRIDE Committee include Elaine

Hamilton, Deb Wagenblast, Sherri Linnemann, Vernon Reinking, Keith Waldron, Rob Reitz, Dave Stortz, Kelly Lyon and Nancy Stortz. The grant money will be used to help complete several current PRIDE Committee projects.

The Smith County Community Foundation was formed in May 2008.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide an endowment to assist non-profit entities in Smith County. Thirty-two individuals and businesses from the area have pledged the start-up capital for the foundation. Five percent of the balance of the funds will be given back to the community in the form of grants each year in June.

Anyone interested in learning more about the foundation or wishing to make a tax-free contribution may contact any of the board members: Don Wiens, Gary Frieling, Barb Lehmann, Randy Merritt, Joan Nech, Kim Phelps, Jim Schlatter, John Zabel, John Terrill or Demetre Evangelidis.

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