

Gifts near \$180,000 total

County Foundation grants \$37,900 to fifteen worthy county projects

From its six granting cycles in three years, the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) has awarded a total \$179,090 to 68 non-profit groups across the county.

In recent ceremonies held at the American Legion Hall in Goldfield, fifteen groups received \$37,900 which was added to make the overall total. The grant making committee, as well as the Youth Leadership committee, composed of six high school juniors and seniors from across Wright County, and reviewed the grant applications; \$32,900 was awarded by the grant committee with the youth adding \$5,000 from their review. All grants were approved by the full WCCF board of directors.

The WCCF receives a portion of the gaming funds which come to the state coffers from gambling annually, as do another 84 counties. Each of those counties does not have gaming in their counties. Each county foundation is required to give 75% of the monies they receive; the 25% balance is retained as a permanent county endowment.

Grant recipients include: Lake Cornelia Improvement Association - \$5,000 for an outdoor warning siren; Krysilis - \$1,650 to purchase two dual-team tricycles; Wright County Visitors Bureau - \$1,750 to publish a county business directory; Clarion Partnership for Growth - \$500 to purchase a furnace for the depot; Rowan Lions Club - \$2,500 toward making the Rowan school building handicap accessible; Dows Senior Citizens - \$3,000 for renovations to make bathroom handicap accessible; Wright County Search & Rescue - \$5,000 for rescue equipment; Belmond Cub Scout Pack #16 - \$1,000 to replace penny carnival game equipment; Wright County Health Department - \$950 expenses for programming; Goldfield American Legion - \$750 for tables and chairs; Belmond Chapter of the Wright County Historical Society - \$1,050 for computers and monitors; Three Rivers Trail Committee; \$3,000 for Aaron Eilerts 911 Emergency Trail Number markers project; Eagle Grove Sports Boosters - \$500 for concession, restrooms, and dugout projects at city ball parks; Clarion-Goldfield Connections - \$3,250 for educational field trips, snacks, family enrichment projects; and Wright County Charitable Foundation - \$3,000 for ongoing expenses for operating foundation in the next 24 months.

Added into the above totals, youth checks were given to ten of the grant recipients: \$250 each to Wright County Visitors' Bureau, Belmond Cub Scouts; Wright County Public Health; Goldfield American Legion; and Belmond Historical Society. Two groups received \$500: Clarion Partnership for Growth and Eagle Grove Sports Boosters. The Three Rivers Trail project was allocated \$600. The Rowan Lions and the Dows Senior Citizens both were granted \$700. Clarion-Goldfield Connections received \$750 from the youth committee of the county charitable foundation

According to Wright County Economic Development Director Dennis Bowman, there were twenty applications in this grant cycle. "Requests continue to come from across the county," he said. "We are pleased with the quality of the projects and the difference the

foundation money can make to projects from a wide variety of needs and areas.” Each grant applicant is required to match a portion of the funds necessary to complete the project; volunteer labor hours can also be added to the funds/hours needed to complete each project.

The 2009 spring grant cycle will begin on March 13 (no applications will be received prior to this date) with the final date to receive completed grants on April 15. Grant applications can be obtained at the Wright County Economic Development Offices, lower level of the courthouse or on line at the county’s web site: www.wrightcounty.org .

Lake Cornelia Association



The Lake Cornelia Association was one of the 15 recipients to receive grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The Museum received \$5,000 toward the purchase of an outdoor warning siren, which could alert lake residents, guests, and campers of inclement weather. Pictured: from left, WCCF board member Leroy Jensen; WCCF President Duane Asbe; Tim Pate, representing the Lake Association; and WCCF board member Karen Weld.



Krysilis

Krysilis received \$1,650 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), towards the purchase of two dual-team tricycles which will be used in their programming. Pictured: from left, WCCF President Duane Asbe; Marcy Duncalf (with daughter Jordyce), representing Krysilis; and WCCF board member Tom Groom.



Wright County Visitors Bureau

The Wright County Visitors Bureau will use its \$2,000 (includes \$250 from the youth leadership review) grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) to help fund the production of a Wright County Business Directory for distribution and use by county residents. Pictured: (from left) Visitor Bureau rep Melinda Petersen; WCCF President Duane Asbe; Visitor Bureau reps Blanche Bosteder, Larry Turner and Karen Weld, who is also a WCCF board member.



Rowan Lions Club

Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce a grant of \$3,200. (includes \$700 from Youth Leadership review) for Rowan Lions Club towards work to make the Rowan school gym's lower level meeting room handicap accessible and to restore some of the area damaged by spring flooding. Pictured: from left, Rowan Lion Berne Ketchum; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and Rowan Lion Tom Groom. Groom and Ketchum also serve on the WCCF board.



Senior Citizens

Dows Senior Citizens was one of the 15 recipients of grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The group received \$3,700 (includes \$700 from Youth Leadership review) for bathroom improvements to make it handicap accessible. Pictured: from left, WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; Senior Citizens rep Deloris Story; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and Anna Brinkman, Senior Citizens rep.



County Search & Rescue

Wright County's Search & Rescue team received a \$5,000 grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) to help fund search and rescue equipment which will be used by the county. Pictured: from left, WCCF board member Karl Helgevold; search & rescue team member Rod Heiden; WCCF President Duane Asbe; search & rescue team member Gene Rosenbaum; WCCF board member Jim Schipull.



Cub Scouts

Belmond Cub Scouts Pack #16 received \$1,250 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), which includes \$250 from Youth Leadership review, to aid in the purchase of Penny Carnival equipment destroyed by spring flooding. Pictured: from left, WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson; Matthew and Trevor Glockel, representing the Belmond Cub Scouts; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and Trisha Glockel from the scout troop.



County Public Health

The Wright County Public Health Department will have an additional \$1,200 with a grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), which includes \$250 from Youth Leadership review. Money will be used for “Girl/Guy Talk” programming in county schools. Pictured from left: WCCF board member Jim Schipull; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and Kathy Nicholls of the county public health department and WCCF board member Jack Stoakes..



Goldfield American Legion

The Goldfield American was one of the 15 recipients of grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The Legion received \$1,000 (includes \$250 from Youth Leadership review) toward the purchase of new tables and chairs. Pictured, from left: WCCF Board member Jim Schipull, Legion rep Kenny Axon; WCCF Board President Duane Asbe, Legion rep Jimmy Johnson and WCCF board member Jack Stoakes. The legion hall is also used three times weekly for Goldfield congregate meals.



Historical Society

Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce a grant for \$1,300 (includes \$250 from Youth Leadership review) for the Belmond Historical Society to help in the purchase of computers and monitors for their work. Pictured, from left: WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson; WCCF Board Member Tom Groom; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and Belmond Historical Society Representative Larry Turner.



3 Rivers Trail Marker Project

The Wright County Charitable Foundation (SCCF) is happy to support the Aaron Eilerts 911 Emergency Number project at the 3 Rivers Trail, through the Eagle Grove Boy Scouts, by contributing \$3,600 (includes \$600 from Youth Leadership review). Pictured: (from left): WCCF board member Karl Helgevold; WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson; Eagle Grove Boy Scout representative, Carol Eilerts; WCCF President Duane Asbe; Eagle Grove Boy Scout representative and Robert Eilerts and Michael Herrington, Boy Scout Representative. Aaron Eilerts passed away from injuries sustained in a tornado that went through Little Sioux Boy Scout Camp near Onawa, Iowa this summer.



Sports Boosters

The Eagle Grove Sports received \$1,000 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), including \$500 from the Youth Leadership team. Money will help with concession, restroom, and dugout building at the city ball parks. Pictured: from left: WCCF Board Member Karl Helgevold; WCCF Secretary Connie Wilson; Sports Booster Representative Michael Herrington; and WCCF President Duane Asbe.



Connections

Clarion-Goldfield Connections was one of the 15 recipients of grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The program received \$4,000 (includes \$750 from Youth Leadership review) to aid in the after school programming of field trips, family enrichment opportunities, and snacks for participants. Pictured: from left, WCCF board member Jack Stoakes; C-G Connections rep Tricia Rosendahl; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and WCCF board member Karen Weld.



Partnership for Growth

Because of a \$1,000 Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) grant to the Clarion Partnership for Growth, the partnership will put money toward the purchase of a furnace for the Clarion Depot, which serves as the partnership offices, community and meeting room. (\$500 of the total was granted by the WCCF youth committee). Receiving the funds are Executive Director Jill Harrington (far right), from WCCF board member Leroy Jensen (left) and President Duane Asbe (center).



Foundation Board

The Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) was awarded \$3,000 for operational expenses of the foundation (i.e. printing promotional materials, copying, mailings, and mileage to meetings). The foundation begins its fourth year of operation. Directors include (front, from left): Karl Helgevold; Jeanne Russell; and Karen Weld. Second row: Tom Groom and Connie Wilson. Third row: Leroy Jensen; Berne Ketchum; Jack Stoakes; Duane Asbe; and Jim Schipull. Not pictured are board members Steve McClintock; Lee Aldrich; and Dennis Peterson. Wright County Economic Development staff Dennis Bowman and Colleen Bartlett provides office support and oversight to the work of the foundation board of directors.