

Gifts near \$150,000

County Foundation grants \$32,430 to thirteen non-profit groups

In five granting cycles spanning three years, the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) has awarded \$141,190 to 53 non-profit groups across the county.

In a recent ceremony held at the Wright County ISU Extension Office, thirteen groups received \$34,420 which helped make that 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, reviewed the grant applications; \$28,920 was awarded by the grant committee with the youth adding \$5,500 from their review. All grants were approved by the full WCCF board of directors.

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| Heartland Museum Foundation | museum roof repairs | \$3,000 |
| Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Hamilton and Wright Counties (RSVP) | copy machine and digital camera | \$820 |
| Belmond Chapter of the Wright County Historical Society | professional curator and designer | \$1,000 |
| Wright County Visitors Bureau | county promotional brochure | \$1,800 |
| Krysilis | memorial wreath project | \$2,000 |
| Eagle Grove Senior Citizens Club | kitchen improvements and roof repairs | \$3,200 |
| Wright County Health Department | support building families and Head Start program | \$2,000 |
| Eagle Grove Sports Boosters | tent for use at sporting events | \$1,600 |
| Belmond Trees Forever | landscape area around Belmond welcome signs | \$3,000 |
| Dows Historical Society | repairs on historical museum | \$4,000 |
| Betterment and Planning Group from Goldfield | improvements to road to Oakridge | \$4,000 |
| Crossroads Ministries in Goldfield | repairs to director's apartment | \$4,000 |
| Eagle Grove Music Boosters | update band equipment for K-12 students | \$4,000 |

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.

Added into the above totals, youth checks were given to eight of the grant recipients: \$500 to Heartland Museum, the RSVP program; Eagle Grove Senior Citizens; Belmond Trees Forever; and Dows Historical Society. \$1,000 for Belmond Historical Society; Krysilis; and Crossroads Ministries.

According to Duane Asbe, WCCF President, the WCCF has chosen to give annual funds in two granting cycles. "This is the spring granting cycle," he said. "In the past, we have given about two-thirds of the available money in this cycle with a smaller grant cycle in the fall."

The fall grant applications will be received beginning in September with the grant application deadline on October 1, 2008. 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 .



Heartland Museum in Clarion was one of the 13 recipients of grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The Museum received \$3,000 (includes \$500 from Youth Leadership review) for roof repairs. Pictured: from left, Maurice Riley and Ralph Borel, representing Heartland Museum; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson.



Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Hamilton and Wright Counties (RSVP) received \$820 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), which includes \$500 from Youth Leadership review, towards the purchase of a Canon multifunction copy machine and digital camera.. Pictured: from left, David Brown and Christine Read, representing Heartland Museum; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson.



Because of a \$1,000 Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) grant to the **Belmond Chapter of the Wright County Historical Society**, the historical group will be able to hire the services of a professional curator and designer to enhance their historical work. Receiving the funds are, from left, Tony Andrews, Dr. Al Kollasch, and Mary Shaw, all representatives of the historical group; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and WCCF Board Member Lee Aldrich.



The **Wright County Visitors Bureau** will use its \$1,800 grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) to produce promotional brochures. Pictured: from left, WCCF Board Member Karen Weld; Visitor Bureau reps Maggie Bleakly and Bonnie Saxton; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and Visitor Bureau reps Gordon Worden and Betty Worden.



Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce a grant of \$2,000. (includes \$1,000 from Youth Leadership review) for **Krysilis** towards the purchase of memorial wreath equipment to add to work opportunities for those participating in Krysilis programming. Pictured: from left, Marybeth Russell, Krysilis Director; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson.



Eagle Grove Senior Citizens Club was one of the 13 recipients of grant money from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF). The group received \$3,200 (includes \$500 from Youth Leadership review) for kitchen improvements and roof repairs. Pictured: from left, Gloria Faiferlick and Myrtle Schaumburg, both representing the Senior Citizens group; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson; WCCF President Duane Asbe; Raymond Loux, Senior Citizens rep; and WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell.



Wright County Public Health received a \$2,000 grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) to help fund the county's Head Start Program and to support building families. Pictured: from left, Mary Haugen and Linda Klehm, representing Wright County's Public Health Department; WCCF President Duane Asbe; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson.



The Eagle Grove Sports Boosters received \$1,600 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) to aid in the purchase of a tent which will be used for cross country, track, and other sporting events. Pictured: from left, Michael Herrington and Steve Voss, representing the Eagle Grove Sports Boosters; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson.



Working to landscape areas around Belmond welcome signs, the **Belmond Trees Forever** group will have an additional \$3,000 with a grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF), which includes \$500 from Youth Leadership review. Pictured: front row, from left: Mary Jo Swenson, Trees Forever Representative; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; and WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; back row, Tony Andrews, Trees Forever Representative; WCCF Board Member Lee Aldrich; Dr. Al Kollasch, Trees Forever Representative; and WCCF President Duane Asbe.



The **Dows Historical Society** was one of the 13 recipients of grant money The Museum received \$3,500 (includes \$500 from Youth Leadership review) from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF).for repairs on a historical museum. Pictured, front row, from left: Maggie Bleakly, representing the historical group; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; and Betty Worden, Dows Historical Society rep; back row: WCCF Board Member Dennis Peterson; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and historical society representative Gordon Worden.



Goldfield Betterment and Planning Group received \$4,000 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) toward improving a road to Oakridge Recreation. Pictured: from left, Joe Skinner, and Dean Reichter, representing the betterment group; WCCF Board Member Jack Stoakes; WCCF Treasurer Jeanne Russell; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and WCCF Board Member Jim Schipull.



Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce a grant for \$4,000 (includes \$1,000 from Youth Leadership review) for **Crossroads in Goldfield** to help with repairs to a director's apartment for the youth center. Pictured: front row, from left, Sandy Schipull; WCCF Secretary Jeanne Russell; representing Crossroads; and Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; back row: Marylyn Wilson, Crossroads representative; WCCF Board Member Jack Stoakes; WCCF President Duane Asbe; and WCCF Board Member Jim Schipull.



The **Eagle Grove Music Boosters** will be able to enhance its updating of band equipment for its kindergarten – 12 grade students with a Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) of \$4,000 (includes \$1,000 from Youth Leadership review). Pictured: front row, from left, Emma Bartley, Caleb Baker, and Val Baker, all representing the music boosters; Andrew Lovgren, Youth Leadership Representative; and WCCF Treasurer Connie Wilson; back row: Richard Christensen, Roi Anne Gearhart, and Sandy Muzzey, Eagle Grove Music Boosters representatives; and WCCF President Duane Asbe.