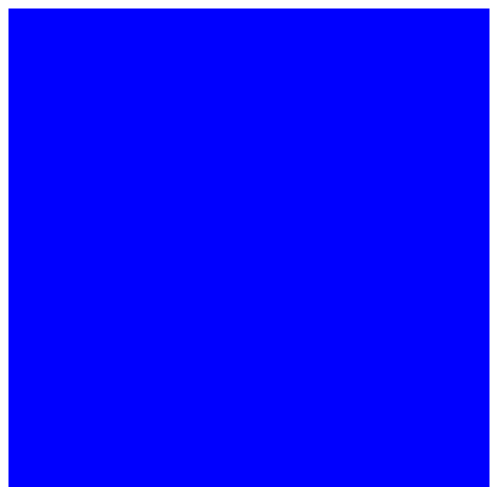
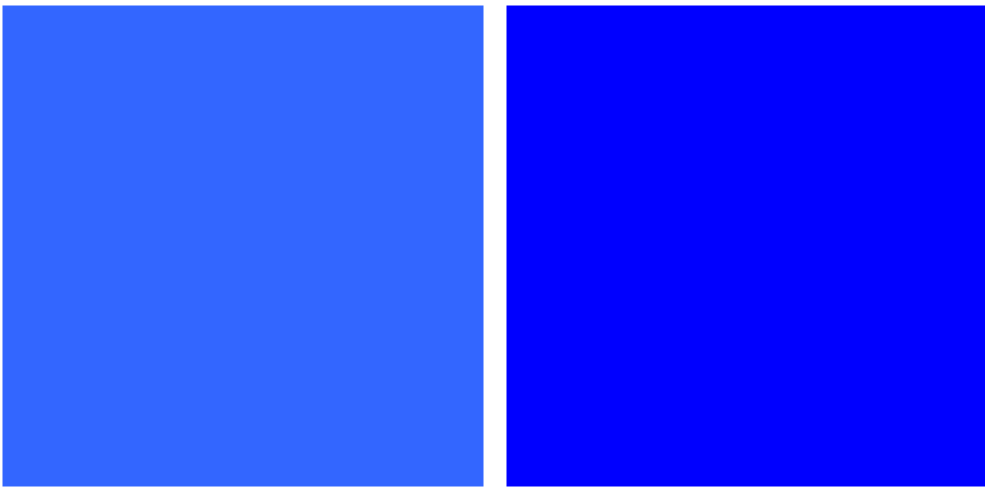


ACTING LOCALLY

If you want to change the world, be that change.



June 30, 2009 Annual Report

Russell County Area Community Foundation



BUILDING CHANGE

Our sincere gratitude goes to our retiring board members, Brad Wagner, Steve Schultz, and Odetta Marietta, who have served the Foundation for the past six years. We welcome our new board members, John O. Farmer, IV, Curtis Sohm, and Mollie Haberer, who will begin their responsibilities on July 1 of this year.

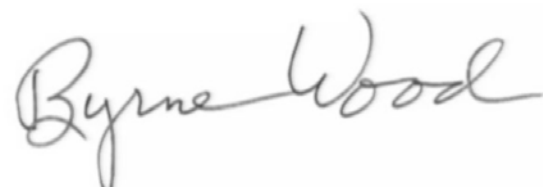
The Kansas Health Foundation is providing a 50% match for each dollar contributed to our school endowment “The Apple Seed Program” until July, 2010. It was established in July 2008 and has engaged over sixty new donors. This program will offer grants to teachers for classroom activities beyond what is available from the school budget. These donors expressed their interest in the future of our students and teachers. Our goal is to support new and interesting technologies with programs that are beneficial to our students, and allow teachers to be the best they can be.

Even though the national economy had declined, our Board voted to award \$26,000 to twenty college bound students and eleven students that are presently attending college. A grand total of \$90,000 in scholarships has been awarded in the past three years.

In the past twelve months, we have received a \$350,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation for meeting their challenge of raising \$700,000 in new funds. They also awarded us an additional \$100,000 for meeting a \$50,000 Administrative Fund challenge. Our thanks to the generosity of those individuals who helped us meet these goals.

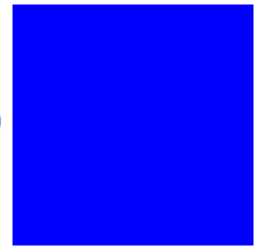
We are building community endowments where every gift, no matter how large or small, is celebrated. By building permanent community assets, we are helping one another to give back and support our rural communities that have given so much to us.

Cover photo courtesy Dale Schmitt Photography. Acting locally and through dedication, perseverance and hard work, the citizens of Russell and the surrounding area have accomplished the goal of "Keeping the Dream Alive".



Byrne Wood, Executive Director

GRANTS FOR 2009



Fund for a Better Russell County Area grants are awarded once year in a competitive process. Since inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$17,000 from this fund. \$2,756.76 was given away in 2008-2009.



DREAM THEATRE, \$250—To assist with the replacement of the popcorn machine.

DREAM, INC., \$500—To provide funding for “camperships” for Russell County children.

POST ROCK FAMILY SERVICES, INC., \$500—To provide supplies for break time at the after school program.

SMOKY HILLS PUBLIC TELEVISION, \$250—To help with the Literacy Leadership program in Russell County.

SUMMER KIDS INTERVENTION PROGRAM, \$250—To provide assistance with the summer program.



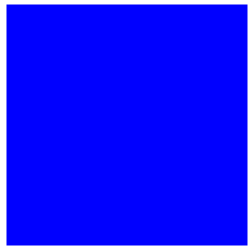
WALDO HERITAGE CENTER, \$250—To help with the remodeling of an additional room to enlarge the display area.

Through the Youth Advisory Committee, the Foundation was able to include local high school students in philanthropy. The youth were responsible for writing grants for and completing community projects. Two school groups were awarded funds in 2008-2009.

LUCAS-LURAY HIGH SCHOOL, \$363.51—To design and paint welcome signs for the city of Lucas.

USD 399, PARADISE, NATOMA, WALDO, \$393.25—To purchase soccer goals for the community.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*denotes new fund

Donor Advised Funds

For donors who like the flexibility for a private foundation, but who want less administrative burden, a donor advised fund can be the answer. Donors create the fund, and then simply advise the Foundation when they wish to make grants in support of their favorite charities. The Foundation invests the assets, handles the grant administration and correspondence.

Dolores Y. & Robert L. Earnest
Patrick R. & Elaine M. Hilger HOPE
Mike & Nancy Holland
Michael S. Holland for Russell
Regional Hospital
Max T. Horn Family
Leon & Christina Huxman
Montague

Murphy Family
Myers Family Memorial
Edwin W. Olson Family
Henry & Marjorie L. Pohlman
Jay & Micki Sweeney
Fred & Joan Weigel
Wallace N. Weber, MD

2009 GRANTEES—Total of \$152,050.00

Baptist Boys Ranch
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
Russell Celebration, Inc.
Russell County Free Fair
Smoky Hills Public Television
Southwind Hospice
Sunrise Kiwanis of Russell

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds create an avenue for donors to provide annual grant support to a designated area of interest or geographic area without naming specific charities.

Girls Scouts of Russell, Kansas
Helen A. Hampl Student Aid Fund
Dr. Earl D. Merkel Honorary
KHF Children’s Health

*Lucas/Luray Schools Apple Seed
*Natoma/Paradise Schools Apple Seed
Russell Schools Apple Seed

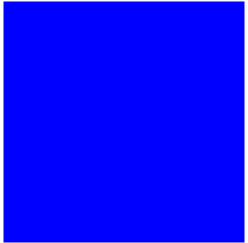
2009 GRANTEES—Total of \$600.00

Summer Kids Intervention Program

THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

I **EDUCATION.** Education systems and programs are challenged as never before. Make a difference with one program or at one school in need. Helping one can mean helping hundreds of children.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds provide educational opportunities for graduates of certain schools, for specific fields of study, or for study at particular institutions of higher education. With guidance from Foundation staff, donors can establish scholarships and outline eligibility requirements.

Randyl Becker
Boehler Student Aid
Doran & Bina Dole
Kenneth V. Dumler Memorial
Joshua
Murphy Memorial

David Ochs Memorial
Pohlman Family
R.H.S. Class of 1943
R.H.S. Class of 1952
Paul E. Ruggels Memorial
Ervin & Denzell Zimmerman Memorial

2009 GRANTEES—Total of \$26,000.00

Brianna Berens
Amanda Brown
Margarita Caufield
Megan Cline
Brittni Counts
Bailey Driscoll
Tyler Garland
Heidi Glassman
Bessie Harp
Charles Harp
Natasha Homeier
Adam Hutchison
Randilyn Karst
Nathan Kingsbury
Kaylee Maier
Courtney Mead
Brian Noller
Daniel Ogle

Amy Phillips
Taylor Plante
Heather Pohlman
Sadee Rohleder
Tyler Saryerwinnie
Jordan Seirer
Jordann Seirer
Brandi Stoneburgh
Tristan Walters
Amanda Waymaster
Lindsey Zielke



THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

2 **NATURE.** “I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree.” Our intimate connections with nature are priceless. Find a cause protecting, enhancing or creating open space and/or public parks.



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Organization Funds

Nonprofit organizations can establish an endowment without diverting staff or board resources to its management with an Organization Fund. Donors can contribute to the funds, or can establish a fund for their favorite nonprofit. These funds provide an annual income stream to support the charitable work of the organization, or an organization can choose to let the fund grow for future needs.

Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Russell, Kansas
Grassroots Arts Center Rare Visions of Eccentric Kansans
Russell Public Library
Russell Regional Hospital
St. John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas

Pass-Through Funds

A Pass-Through Fund allows a donor to contribute assets to the Foundation and make recommendations as to the charities which will receive grants. Pass-Through Funds work much like Donor Advised Funds, but with a separate fee structure and no endowment.

Funds for the Future

By utilizing the Foundation in their estate planning, donors are able to continue their charitable giving even after death. Using traditional estate planning methods, donors can establish a legacy that will survive them and forever benefit the community. If you have named the Community Foundation in your estate, please let us know so that we can recognize your generosity.

Gordon & Joyce Gorton
Bruce M. & Paula R. Hachmeister
Dick Phinney & Joy Phinney Jillson

THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

3 **THE ARTS.** Truth and beauty nurture the human soul. They are most often experienced through arts and culture. Support the art that touches you most deeply to provide truth and beauty for others.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Designated Funds

Donors are able to provide an annual source of income to their favorite charities with a designated fund. Annual grants are made in the donor's name, in perpetuity. In the event a named charity no longer exists, the Foundation redirects the annual gift to another appropriate charity, while keeping the donor's original intent in mind.



The Friends of the Deines Cultural Center Emma M. Gaines Memorial

Keep the Dream Alive

Hazel A. Olson Trinity United Methodist

Helen Polcyn St. Mary's Catholic Church of

Gorham Cemetery

Natoma Heritage Seekers Pohlman Building Fund

Natoma Presbyterian Church Preservation

V. Frankie & Reba M. New

*Pay It Forward Scholarship

Russell City Cemetery

David M. Shumaker Memorial Geology Fund

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gorham, KS, Building & Grounds

2009 GRANTEES—Total of \$7,374.00

City of Russell

Natoma Heritage Seekers

St. Mary's Church of Gorham, KS

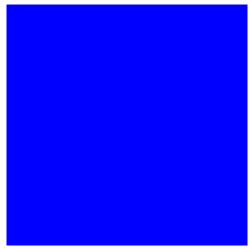
Trinity United Methodist Church

Russell Administrative Fund

A general unrestricted fund that provides funding that allows the Governing Board to operate the Foundation. Donations to this fund allow us to continue our mission of serving the Russell County area. Donor support provides that this area will continue to be supported into the future. No gift is too small for this fund.

THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

4 **HEALTH.** Few experiences are more debilitating than the loss of physical or mental health. Support a cause fighting a health problem whose pain and suffering you have seen or felt.



GREAT GIFTS

Thanks to the following *FY2008-09 Donors* to the Foundation. It takes a community to make a community foundation successful. We thank all our donors for their commitment to our community.

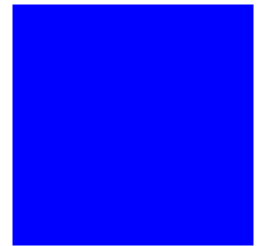
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 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Arthur
 Lance & Cindy Baker
 J. Eugene Balloun
 Dean & Aldean Banker
 David & Melanie Banks
 James & Gail Baxter
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Beatty
 Harold & Peggy Beck
 Velma Beeman
 Beta Sigma Phi
 John & Nancy Bosch
 Matthew & Genevieve Boxberger
 Karen Brungardt
 Thomas & Mary Casey
 Derril & Marvel Castor
 Richard & Betty Chalmers
 Dan & Janet Chegwiddden
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 Robert & Joyce Craig
 Damar Resources, Inc.
 Roger & Barbara Dennis
 Pat & Ann Dunne
 Dolores Earnest
 Dianne Farmer
 John & Michelle Farmer
 Charles & Callie Ferguson
 Richard Gentilucci
 Bruce & Rita Gibson
 Gorham Community Develop Assoc

Juanita Granlund
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 Charles & Pam Gudenkauf
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 Gary & Carol Herman
 Hilger Enterprises
 Patrick & Elaine Hilger
 Jodi Hitchcock
 Catherine Holland
 Nancy Holland
 Mark Honea
 Don Howell & Lisa Stone
 Harry Hunsley
 Brad & Cheryl Hutchison
 Ruth Jean Hutchison
 Carl & Linda Johnson
 Douglas & Ginny Johnson
 Lynn A. Johnston
 Kansas Health Foundation
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Krauss
 Donald & Karen Krug
 Morris & Barbara Krug
 Robert & Marlene Krug
 Kyle & Susan Lorenc
 Lucas Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.
 Howard & Joetta Mai
 P.N. & Mae Mangum
 Tom & Rev. Frances Manson
 C. Wayne & Odetta Marietta
 Malcom & Janice Marshall
 David & Lorraine McClain
 Dick & Georganna McCrary

THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

5 **FAMILIES.** Families are at the core of society and families need help meeting basic needs. Get involved in a family support program offered by government or a community-based organization.

GREAT GIFTS



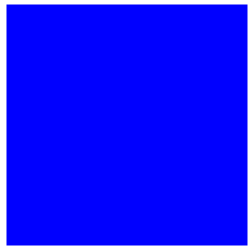
Every contribution we receive, large or small, is used for the betterment of our community, our county and our neighbors.

Ron Mellick
Marian Mills Godfrey
John & Betty Mills
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mills
Steve Mills
Vernon & Mary Lou Morgenstern
Isetta Murphy
Michael & Tonya Murphy
Myers Furniture, Inc.
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Merlin & Bonita Ney
North Central Kansas Antique
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Edwin W. Olson
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Esther White
Don & Mary Wilhelm
Byrne & Rosalie Wood
Cheryl Young
Lana Zorn family
Larry G. Zvolanek

THINGS RUSSELL COUNTY CAN DO TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

6 **VALUES.** They lead us to believe in good and bad, in right and wrong. Whatever your value system, find a way to get closer to it, to spread it, to deepen it, and make it more tolerant.



GIVING LOCALLY

Changing lives, through grants, through programs, through education; it happens every day. We know that of all the things we have accomplished, lives have been changed. It started with a special group of generous people who foresaw the good that could happen, our [Founding Donors](#).

Dolores & Robert Earnest
Patrick & Elaine Hilger
Catherine Holland
Michael & Nancy Holland
Max Horn
Leon & Christian Huxman
Leo & Alma Michaelis

Michael & Tonya Murphy
Martin Myers
Henry & Marjorie Pohlman
Starr F. Schlobohm
Dr. Wallace N. Weber
Fred Weigel, Jr.
United National Bank

Board of Directors

The Russell County Area Community Foundation is operated by a 2-person staff and a 12-member volunteer board. Their dedication, collective knowledge, and passion for the community are what drives the Community Foundation.

Byrne Wood, Executive Director

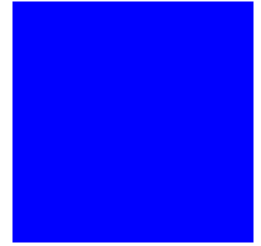
Theresa Wagner, Assistant

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Tonya Murphy, Vice Chair
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Pam Gudenkauf, Treasurer
Roger Dennis
John O. Farmer, IV

Mollie Haberer
Nancy Holland
Marty Myers
Henry Pohlman
Thurlene Ruggels
Curtis Sohm

*Special thanks to our retiring board members:
Steve Schultz, Odetta Marietta, Brad Wagner.*

FINANCES



Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2009 (unaudited)

ASSETS

Wells Fargo CMM	\$27,983.35
Pooled Investment-Vanguard	2,204,275.33
Office Equipment	13,460.09
Accum. Depreciation—office equip	<u>(4,375.17)</u>
Total Assets	\$2,241,343.60

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00

FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance—Principal	\$3,049,306.64
Fund Balance—Income	<u>(807,963.04)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,241,343.60</u>
Total Liabilities and Funds	\$2,241,343.60

Statement of Activities

REVENUES

Gifts & Bequests—Principal	\$777,953.14
Gifts & Bequests—Income	8,625.00
Dividend Income	61,271.52
Money Fund Dividends	140.57
Unrealized Gain on Investments	<u>(571,805.47)</u>
Total Revenues	\$276,184.76

EXPENSES

Grants Authorized	\$196,280.76
Foundation Admin Contribution	20,127.22
Management & General	<u>32,740.62</u>
Total Expenses	<u>248,864.77</u>
Net Activity	\$27,319.99



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