

# Community foundations focus of proclamation

There are 65 community foundations in Kansas and they are all focused on a single goal: improving the quality of life in Kansas communities. Together, Kansas Community Foundations distributed over \$25 million to their collective communities in 2006.

In recognition of community foundations' value and importance, Governor Kathleen Sebelius proclaimed November 13, 2007 as Community Foundation

Day in Kansas. The Proclamation coincides with National Community Foundation Week, celebrated November 12 – 18.

"Community foundations are at the heart of our cities and towns. We know the places of need in our area, and we can direct resources to solve those problems," said Byrne Wood, executive director. "Here at the Russell County Area Community Foundation, donors can pool their

resources and know their dollars are being used in the best possible way. Our collection of funds, including funds for the Russell Regional Hospital, Russell Girl Scouts and the Russell Public Library, is designed to link donors with charitable causes."

Locally, the Russell County Area Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, provides annual grants to area non-profits. Over the past six years, more than \$50,000 has been given back to the community in grants and scholarships. The Foundation is currently in the midst of a campaign to provide even more funds to the community. As a member of the Kansas Health Foundation's GROW program, the Russell County Area Community Foundation will receive \$450,000 in additional funds when \$750,000 is raised by Dec. 31, 2008.

For more information on Russell County Area Community Foundation, call 445-3611.

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