

Community Foundation announces grants

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$4,625 in annual grants to 12 non-profit organizations, institutions, and groups in the Smoky Valley area, according to SVCF executive director Leon Burch.

Members of the SVCF board currently are delivering grant checks to respective meetings of the recipients.

The 2008 recipients, and their projects, are:

The Associated Churches of Lindsborg (TACOL), funds for "complete the move", as the Thrift Shop and TACOL Building adds new signs and exterior painting.

Bethany College, "Blue + Gold = Green" new recycling equipment and program for collection of paper, plastic, aluminum, and other metals--to benefit the environment and conservation.

Birger Sandzen Memorial Foundation and Gallery, acid-free expanding folders for preservation of Gallery photographs.

The Children's Center in Lindsborg, grant for toy fund.

Friends of Lindsborg Library, additional metal bookshelves.

Lindsborg Arts Council, start-up costs for new CD recording "The Musical Sounds of Lindsborg."

Lindsborg Christmas Committee, assistance with replacement lights on Old Mill Bridge and in community public areas.

Lindsborg Community Hospital physical therapy department, SAE-BOGlide equipment and supplies for "Upper Extremity Rehabilitation Program."

Lindsborg Convention and visitors Bureau, assistance with downtown Christmas lighting.

Lindsborg Midsummer's Festival, grant toward new website design and hosting.

Raymer Society for the Arts and Red Barn Studio Museum, start-up costs for DVD recording "Lester Raymer, The Christmas Toys."

Riverview Estates of Marquette, grant to aid in purchase of "Hoyer Sit-to-Stand Lift Chair."

Burch said, "The Foundation offers this as one of its grant programs,

which are part of its efforts to fulfill a mission in helping to improve quality of life in the local and Smoky Valley area community."

The Foundation considered applications from numerous applicants throughout the greater Lindsborg area—with Smoky Valley defined as northern McPherson County and southern Saline County.

The Foundation board is comprised of local members who serve without any remuneration. Information about the SVCF is available online at www.smokyvalleycf.org. It is a non-profit entity affiliated with the Greater Salina Community Foundation, and contributions are tax-deductible. The Foundation accepts contributions of any size from donors, according to Burch.

The SVCF is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes and as a public charity it has served Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley since 2002. This will be the fifth year for the SVCF fall grant cycle.

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