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Q: What two endowment funds award grants each year?

A: *The Impact and Goessel Community Seniors.*



FOLLOW-UP ON 2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Bethesda Home of Goessel. When the Goessel Agape Senior Center closed in 2012, some of the proceeds from the sale of the building were placed in an Endowed Senior Services Fund with the GCF. From the earned interest, Bethesda's Friendship Meal program for their home bound residents was awarded a GCF \$900 grant.

"Last year's award specifically helped fund the upkeep of the trays which are rather expensive but keep hot food hot and cold food cool. It also provided partial funding for food expenses. We try to provide a healthy and well-balanced meal and make it affordable to the recipient. As a result, the portion that the recipient pays does not cover the full cost," Eric Schrag, CEO/Administrator explained.



Tabor Food Pantry. In 2016, the Tabor Church Food Pantry received a grant from GCF for \$250. The money was used to buy needed groceries and/or gift cards from Keith Foods.

"Often individuals who use the food pantry find it necessary to do so because of health care needs, job related circumstances or unforeseen personal issues. Through the work of the Food Pantry, we are striving to pass on the love of Christ ...", Kim Funk, Coordinator.



Goessel Public Library. Four outdated computer monitors were replaced in the Goessel Public Library with a 2016 Grant of \$500 from the GCF Endowed Impact Fund. Small monitors made some websites difficult increasing the frustration of patrons especially when some information wasn't viewable.

"Our computers are now more user friendly. They have decreased the frustration and increased independence of users. Job applications can be seen in entirety. Applications are now allowed that couldn't be done before. The increased size has also helped our vision impaired patrons," stated Librarian Laura Dailey.



USD 411 received \$250 from the Impact Endowment for the Elementary School Garden. Funds were used to purchase seeds, fertilizer, and tools for the gardening project. Some of the money received went to pay the gardening director for the hours spent planning and implementing lessons for the students.

John Fast, Superintendent/Elementary Principal shared the outcome of the project, "125 students all got the opportunity to work and harvest food in the garden. We counted over 200 cucumbers and over 50 cantaloupes. In addition, sweet potatoes, beans, melons, and other vegetables were harvested and served in the cafeteria. Specialty foods such as peanuts were roasted and then offered in the classroom. Surplus produce such as sweet potatoes, and beans, were taken to the Tabor Church Food Pantry and thus shared with the community."

