

Goessel Community Foundation Newsletter

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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 Four outdated computer monitors were replaced in the Goessel Public Library with a 2016 Grant of \$500 from the GCF Endowed Impact Fund.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."

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Pictured from left to right: Kim Funk, Tabor Food Pantry Coordinator; Laura Dailey, Goessel Library Director; Susi Shipp, Goessel Elementary After-School Program Director; Eric Schrag, Bethesda Home CEO/Administrator; and Steve Banman, Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Board President.

GCF AWARDS \$2,500 IN GRANTS

The Goessel Community Foundation awarded five community grants April 29 at a Recognition Dinner hosted by the foundation board.

\$1,000--Bethesda Home \$900 from the Goessel Senior Endowment and \$100 from the Impact Fund to supplement expenses for the Friendship Meal Program.

\$400—Goessel Elementary After-School Program from the Impact Fund which will provide funds for play equipment and supplies for the program.

\$300--Goessel Public Library \$300 from the Impact Fund to purchase large print books which require twice the funding of regular books.

\$500—Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum from the Impact Fund for painting the Schroeder Barn on the Museum grounds. With this grant, the funds needed for the project can be completed and painting can proceed soon.

\$300—Tabor Food Pantry from the Impact Fund for purchasing Keith Foods cards and items needed by the pantry.

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Q: If I make an undesignated donation to the Foundation, where does the money go?

A: The Board of Directors determines "where most needed".



GCF Scholarship Funds Grow

GCF President, Myron Schmidt, recognized Donna Spoonemore for her work in raising over \$1,100 for the Foundation's "Dustin Thiesen Student Opportunity Scholarship" by sponsoring a benefit 5K run, walk, or jog. The event took place at last fall's GHS alumni weekend event. In addition, Donna solicited sponsorship funds to cover the cost of a back-pack for each participant.

SAVE THE DATE

September 23, 2017—Golf Tournament Fund Raiser

November 28, 2017—Giving Tuesday

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New Board Member

Dwight M. Flaming was recently appointed to a three-year term as a board member of the Goessel Community Foundation.

He and his wife, Tammy, live on the farm where his parents, Randolph & Laura Flaming, ran a successful dairy. Dwight & Tammy continued in the dairy business until 2014 when the dairy was sold. Today, Dwight concentrates on crop production. They have two grown daughters. Katie and her husband Joe Scott live in Seattle, WA where she works as a supervisor in the Washington State Department of Social Health Services. Kendra and her husband Kevin Friedberg live in Bel Aire where she is a special education teacher for the Wichita School District.

Dwight & Tammy are members of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church where he is Church Treasurer. Other current board positions are: Marion County Planning & Zoning Commission and Menno Township Board Clerk.

Gifts

The Impact Fund (our unrestricted grant making fund) has increased \$7,000+ since the beginning of the year. Thank you to those of you who made donations after our Spring Community Dinner. A special thanks to the anonymous donor who recently contributed \$5,000 .

Q: What is the difference between men and women when it comes to charitable giving?

A: *“Women give for personal security, freedom, and goals; men give for power, achievement, and prestige”, Betty Johnson CKCF Affiliate Summit. 08/24/17.*

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Golf Tournament Annual Fund Raiser

The Pine Edge Golf Course is hosting a Benefit Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Goessel Community Foundation. Your participation supports the mission of the Foundation by either entering the tournament as a golfer or by being a sponsor.

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Pine Edge, participants can try their best golf game in a two-person scramble. The cost is \$40 per participant which covers the green fee, three mulligans, and lunch.

If you are not a golfer, you can still help! Please consider making a donation to the Foundation as a Tournament Sponsor for \$100 (Gold), \$75 (Silver), or \$50 (Bronze) as a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation. Make check payable to the Goessel Community Foundation.

Contact Myron Schmidt at 620-747-0707 or email luvmilk@mtelco.net.

Save the Date

November 28, 2017—Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. GCF will host a local event.

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#GIVINGTUESDAY™

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Sponsored by Goessel Community Foundation

Goessel Public Library, 4 to 7 p.m.

Thank you for your support for the Foundation the past six years. The total you have invested in endowments in ten different funds is \$162,800. Of this total, local organizations and individuals have \$120,300 invested in designated funds. The Impact account, funded by donations from which grants are awarded, has reached \$42,500.

The Goessel Community **Impact Fund** has provided 20 grants totaling \$4,650.

Several different **Scholarship Funds** have provided nine GHS graduates \$5,000 in scholarships.

The annual **GCF Golf Tournament Fund Raiser** this fall was a big success thanks to the golfers, businesses and individuals that generously contributed to raise more than \$3,500.

We look forward to our annual **2018 Dinner & Grant Recognition** in spring to celebrate the community's investment in our mission.

Please join us **NOW** with continued donations as we grow the Impact Fund towards our current goal of \$117,000. These investments allow us to continue providing tangible, local support to non-profit organizations within our community.

GCF Board of Directors

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New Board Member

Elaine Unruh was recently installed as a board member of the Goessel Community Foundation.

Elaine has been a member of the community since 1987 when she married John Unruh. They live on the family farm where John grew up. They own West Branch Excavating, LLC where her job is “doing the books”. She has been employed at Excel Industries in Hesston the past seven years as Human Resource Coordinator.

Elaine & John are parents of a son, Austin, who works in the family excavating business. Their daughter, Laura, is married to Jared Unrau and is a stay-at-home mom taking care of their granddaughter Ellie.

Elaine and John are members of Tabor Mennonite Church where she directs the children’s choir.

Whitehead Resignation

In early December, Jennifer Whitehead submitted her resignation as a board member. After serving a little over a year, Jennifer cited time restraints at this point in her life for not being able to continue on the board. The board regretfully accepted her resignation.

2018 Grant Cycle Opens

Any community non-profit 501(c)3 organization is eligible to apply for a grant February 15 through March 15, 2018. For more information, contact Peggy Jay, GCF Grant Committee Chair, pjay@thecsb.com or 620-367-2264 for more information. Applications are available at: <https://centralkansascf.org/non-profit-organizations/grant-list>

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We have topped \$50,000!

Our first #GivingTuesday event, held November 28, 2017 at the Goessel City Library, was a success.

Donations to the Impact Fund that day totaled \$2,550. An additional \$3,766 was received before December 31. The year-end Impact Fund balance stands at \$50,263.04, a 54% increase over 2016.

Save the Date

February 15 to March 15, 2018—Grant Cycle Open

April 21, 2018— Grant Recipients announced at 2018 Dinner & Recognition Event.

September 22, 2018—Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser at Pine Edge Golf Course near Goessel.

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JNNCC Scholarship Awarded



Dwight M. Flaming and Madeline Meier

Madeline Meier was awarded the GCF Joyful Noise Community Child Care Scholarship at the Goessel High School Awards Program on May 8.

Dwight M. Flaming, on behalf of the Foundation, presented the scholarship in the amount of \$900. The JNNCC award was established to provide financial assistance to a graduate who plans to further their education at a private or public college/university.

Madeline plans to attend K-State University in the fall majoring in Ag Communications. Congratulations Madeline.

ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pine Edge Golf Course will host a fund-raising, two-person scramble, golf tournament on September 22, 2018. By being either a golfer or a sponsor, your contribution will benefit the mission of the Goessel Community Foundation.

For information, call Myron Schmidt 620-747-0707 or check out our Facebook page, *Goessel Community Foundation*, "Events".

THREE-YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



GCF Board Members: (left to right) Myron Schmidt, Dwight M. Flaming and Peggy Jay. Photo by: Tyler Ottensmeier

Over the next three years (2018-2020), the Goessel Community Foundation has set a goal of receiving donations of \$75,000 to the Impact Fund from 75 donors giving \$1,000 each to the **Giving Back to Goessel** Capital Campaign. Please consider being one of these donors who will be "Giving Back to Goessel".

The Impact Fund is an un-restricted grant-making fund that allows GCF to award grants to a variety of community needs and causes.

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September 22, 2018—Annual Golf Tournament

November 27, 2018—#GivingTuesday

April 27, 2019—Recognition Dinner & Grant Awards

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November 27, 2018—#GivingTuesday

April 27, 2019—Recognition Dinner & Grant Awards

A #GivingTuesday Event

Tuesday, November 27, 2018



Sponsored by Goessel Community Foundation

City of Goessel Community Room from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support for the Foundation the past seven years. The total you have invested in endowments in ten different funds is \$236,310. Of this total, local organizations and individuals have invested \$181,052 in designated funds. The Impact account, funded by donations from which grants are awarded, has reached \$51,600.

The annual **GCF Golf Tournament Fund Raiser** this fall was a big success thanks to the golfers, businesses and individuals that generously contributed to raise more than \$3,772.

We look forward to our annual **2019 Dinner & Grant Recognition on April 27, 2019** to celebrate the community's investment in our mission.

Please join us **NOW** with continued donations towards our "Giving Back to Goessel" three-year campaign to increase our Impact Fund by \$75,000. <https://centralkansascf.org/affiliate-foundations/goessel-community-foundation/>

These investments allow us to continue providing tangible, local support to non-profit organizations within our community.

GCF Board of Directors