

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Assuring a bright future for south central Kansas

Spring, 2006

Kerrs Receive Olive Bloom Outstanding Service Award

Fred and Nancy Kerr were honored for their extensive service to the South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) at the annual meeting on March 28. Fred and Nancy are SCCF Founders who worked diligently to help start the South Central Community Foundation. They served a two year partial term on the founding board and completed three, three-year terms as board members. Fred will continue as past president in 2006-2007 and Nancy will continue on the grants committee as a non-board member.

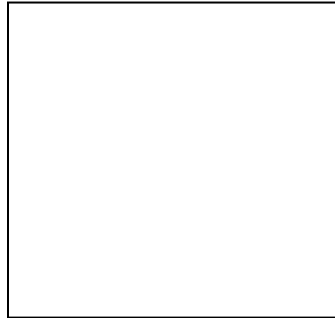
They have both served on the Executive Committee, Fred as vice-chair and chair and Nancy as chair and secretary. They have been very active on committees throughout their years on the board, Fred on the Investment Committee and Executive Director Search Committee and Nancy on the Grants Committee.

They continue to actively work to increase the SCCF endowed funds, frequently stop by the office to offer assistance to Denise Unruh, Executive Director, and are available to help with special events, mailings or whatever needs to be done. They quickly answer board member questions concerning the foundation and offer advice when it is requested.

The Kerr's names were placed on the plaque that hangs in the SCCF office and

they received certificates of remembrance of the presentation.

At the 10th Anniversary of South Central Community Foundation, October 14, 2004, the Olive Bloom Outstanding Service Award was awarded for the first time. This first award went to Olive.



Fred and Nancy Kerr

The Olive Bloom Outstanding Service Award goes to a Board Member who has had a high level of involvement in many areas of the foundation, such as executive committee, various committees and offices, has volunteered his/her time to assist the executive director, has actively worked to increase the endowed funds in SCCF, and has gone above and beyond the normal amount of board member involvement as well as working behind the scenes. This is not an annual award, but is presented when appropriate.

**SCCF Board Membership Changes
Grants Assure a Bright
Future for**

Dr. J. W. and Mary Ann Van Blaricum, Pratt and Ralph and Neoma Shrauner, Protection were welcomed as new members of the board of directors at the March 28 annual meeting. Chris Ballard, Betty Buell and Don Hildebrand were elected to their second three-year term. Fred Kerr, Nancy Kerr and Dr. Tom Simpson retired from the SCCF Board of Directors after serving three, three-year terms. They were recognized for their service. ❁

**Youth Making a Difference Honors
Seniors**

Maggie Southard, SCCF Youth Advisor, recognized senior members of the YMAD Council, who will leave the council following high school graduation, at a dinner following the March 28 grant awards ceremony. While serving on the council the youth attended one meeting each month, developed and practiced leadership skills, assessed needs in their counties, selected priorities for grants, reviewed grant applications and awarded the grants. At the grant awards ceremony they announced the winners of fifty grants totaling \$41,500 and presented the checks.

Honored seniors were:

Alex Brooks, Comanche County

Matt Hammond, Barber County

Misty Long, Barber County

Rachelle Pauly, Kiowa County

Casey Svoboda, Pratt County

Students interested in serving on the YMAD Council may request an application by calling (620) 672-7929 or emailing SCCF at:

sccf@southcentralcommunityfoundation

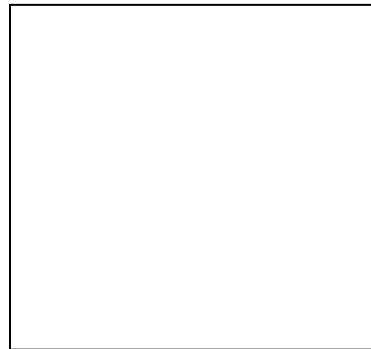
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[.com](http://www.sccf.com). Applications are due in the office by May 3, 2006. ❁

At the 10th Annual Awards Presentation \$41,500 was given to assist programs in Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Stafford and Rice Counties in South Central Kansas.

Granting priorities were: the arts, enriching youth, health care for all ages, humanitarianism or people helping people, and promoting healthy lifestyles, especially in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention, obesity and eating disorders, and teen pregnancy prevention.

Donor-advised funds, scholarships, designated grants and agency funds also give financial awards to individuals and organizations in this seven county service area. In 2005 a total of \$225,400 was awarded through SCCF.



Skyline School sixth grade guitar class, directed by Beth Novotny, perform at the Tenth Annual SCCF Grant Awards. Last year SCCF awarded Skyline School \$800.00 to purchase guitars for music classes. ❁

Kansas Health Foundation Offers Phase IV Grants

The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is again offering Kansas community foundations the opportunity to participate in the GROW Healthy Kansas program. If SCCF obtains new endowed funds of \$500,000 by December 31, 2006, the KHF will match this amount. All matching funds must be placed in the KHF Children's Health Fund for the health and well being of children in the SCCF counties. Currently, SCCF has received \$401,097 towards this goal. Donations to build endowments may be sent to South Central Community Foundation, Box 8624, Pratt, KS 67124. ❁

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position – December 31, 2005

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 126,898
Total Investment Pool	7,263,431
Furniture & Equipment	<u>2,600</u>
Total Assets	\$ 7,392,929

Liabilities & Equity

Total Equity	<u>\$ 7,392,929</u>
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SCCF Offers Free Estate Planning

No-cost, no-obligation estate planning services are offered by SCCF through Stewardship Counseling LLC - John Griffin, Esq. Call 620-672-7929 for an appointment. ❁

From the Executive Director's Desk



Denise Unruh, Executive Director

Recently, I heard a statement that I believe is true about community foundations, "We serve Dreamers."

When donors come through my door, it is because they are dreamers. They are dreaming about helping others; they are dreaming about leaving a legacy; they are dreaming about a bright future for the communities they love.

Let me tell you about one of those dreamers. A few years ago, a mother lost her daughter in a tragic accident. To honor her memory, her friends and family established a scholarship fund. Financial assistance has already helped one student pursue higher education and more will follow in the years to come.

Another dreamer wanted to provide funds for children who couldn't afford things like athletic shoes, winter coats, and eyeglasses. Several other dreamers have wanted to preserve the history of this area and have established endowment funds for local museums. Others dream about the arts or economic development and they have opened funds to support those causes.

The stories go on and on, but what they all have in common is that these dreamers are willing to do what it takes to make their dreams come true. They contribute to scholarship funds; they start endowment funds for their favorite charities; they plan their estates in a way that lets them give back to their communities long after they are gone.

What are your dreams for helping people? What are your dreams for helping your community? Do you want to leave a legacy that far outlives you? All it takes is dreaming and planning and the good news is the community foundation is here to help you with both. ❁