

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Assuring a bright future for south central Kansas

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Grant Supports School Art Program.



Nancy Hildebrand with third grade display of birch trees illustrating warm and cool colors using acrylic and watercolor paints with chalk pastels.

For a few hours during the school year, Stafford School's cafeteria is transformed from serving line to art studio. A South Central Community Foundation grant makes an innovative art program possible at Stafford Elementary School. SCCF awarded a \$1,425 grant in 2005-06 and \$800 in 2006-07 for the program.

Eight years ago Nancy Hildebrand, who will begin her 13th year as elementary secretary, dreamed of using her college art background to benefit students. While earning an associate's degree from Barton County Community College, she began working with each

elementary class for 45 minutes a week during one nine-week period. Due to teachers' requests, she expanded the program to 18 weeks. The SCCF grants have allowed Mrs. Hildebrand to purchase resource materials, take fifth graders on a field trip to the Wichita Art Museum and host an elementary art exhibit.

"We couldn't do the field trip or the art exhibit without the grant," Hildebrand states. "My main goal is for students to have success. I want them to recognize that their art is unique. Art doesn't have to look like someone else's to be successful. Everyone can find a niche. Not everyone likes broccoli, and different art styles appeal to different people. It's especially exciting for me to watch students who may struggle academically excel with art."

Hildebrand teaches basic art elements like line, form, shape and color theory to younger elementary students. Even with second graders, she begins working on three-dimensional drawings with shading and shadow. The students work with chalk and oil pastels, watercolor, acrylics, printmaking and wax resist. Last year, they added art elements to digital images.

"I model step-by-step to a certain point, and then I encourage the students to add their own colors and details," Hildebrand says. "I want them to make it their own."

With the 2005-06 grant, she purchased posters featuring famous works of art. During the field trip to the Wichita Art Museum, students were excited to see art by some of the featured artists, including Edward Hopper and Mary Cassatt. (cont. on page 3)



Lucile Turner Asher

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Awarding scholarships is an important avenue to assure a bright future for South Central Kansas' youth. It is also a way for donors to memorialize parents, other important people in their lives and their children. In May, South Central Community Foundation presented a total of 25 scholarships to students planning to attend 12 different colleges and universities.

One of these scholarships is the Lucile Turner Asher Scholarship in Mathematics. Her son and his wife, Dr. Marc and Ellie Asher of Leawood, Kansas with additional donations by numerous relatives and friends, established it as a memorial to Mrs. Asher. Lucile Turner Asher taught at Radium and was an instructor in Mathematics at St. John High School. She was a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan College and earned a Master's degree in Mathematics from Emporia State Teachers College. She was the first Mathematics Specialist for the Kansas State Department of Education and served in this position until her retirement. Her life was an inspiration to many and continues to impact the lives of students through this scholarship.

The Lucile Turner Asher Scholarship in Mathematics assists an academically promising and financially deserving student to further his/her education in Mathematics or a closely related field. The scholarship provides \$1,000 per semester towards tuition at the student's university of choice and is renewable for seven additional semesters if the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA or better, continues to major in Mathematics or a closely related field of study and maintains a full-time academic load.



The 2006 recipient of this scholarship is Katie Hildebrand, graduate of Stafford High School, who plans to attend Kansas State University, majoring in Mathematics. She is the daughter of Rex and Nancy Hildebrand.

For information on establishing a scholarship, please contact Denise Unruh at SCCF, (620) 679-7929.

YMAD COUNCIL SELECTS MEMBERS

Maggie Southard, SCCF Youth Advisor, and current council members recently interviewed applicants for open positions on the YMAD Council for 2006-2007. The following high school students were selected:

**Megan Coleson and Cole Long-Barber Co.
Stephanie Patton, Haley Miller, Dayona Nett,
and Christina Graber – Kingman Co.
Kara Sutton, Jeremiah Jantz and Jessica
Davis – Kiowa Co.
Harley Walker, Sara Venters, and Jared
McCarty – Pratt Co.**

During the next few months the Council will develop their leadership skills, identify the needs of youth in their counties and select priorities for grants to meet these needs. Early in 2007 they will review grant applications and select the recipients. In March they will assist with the awarding of the grants.

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“The posters also help me demonstrate that not all art is the same, but they are all considered wonderful works of art,” Hildebrand said. “Even staff members, middle school, and high school students get excited when we display the art posters and the student artwork in the cafeteria. It gets them thinking about and comparing works of art, reminds them of other art they’ve seen and helps them recognize an artist’s style. So the grant is a boost to everyone.”

This year, fifth grade teacher Carolyn Poole will work with students to develop Power Point presentations combining art, clothing, architecture and music through the early 1900s, adding an additional component to the January art exhibit.

“I hope that the art classes broaden the students’ view of the world,” Hildebrand says. “From the beginning of time, man has created art. Take for example the caves of Lascaux in France, with the bison drawn on cave walls. Even back then, when lives were much more focused on survival, people were creating art and expressing themselves. I hope the students will come to realize there is more to life than just work, that aesthetics do matter to people. They can take pride in creating art or at least appreciating it.”

From Denise’s Desk



The Consistent Giver

Whether it is in large or small amounts, many of you are regular and consistent givers to your favorite charities. One very obvious consistent giving opportunity is the collection plate at your church. An offering plate passed in front of us every week teaches us to be consistent and regular givers. Regularly buying Girl Scout cookies or making an annual contribution to the charity of your choice are all opportunities to develop the habit of consistent giving. It helps us become aware of the needs around us, and gives us the opportunity to do something about them.

What happens, however, when we are gone? Our consistent giving goes away too. That can be devastating for the organizations that rely on our regular giving to meet their budgetary needs and continue their work in our communities. It doesn’t take too many losses of consistent givers to take a bite out of any organization.

One way to continue consistent giving after your lifetime is to designate a portion of your estate to an endowment fund. Contributions to an endowment fund are invested and only the earnings are disbursed to the charities of your choice. A \$20,000 endowment fund will generate an annual \$1,000 distribution to charity effectively continuing the consistent giving that you demonstrated during your lifetime. What better way to continue to make a difference and support the values and organizations that are important to you?

South Central Community Foundation manages more than \$5 million dollars in endowment funds and can easily help you establish your legacy for the future. A double bonus is that through December 31, 2006 the Kansas Health Foundation in Wichita will match 1:1 every endowment dollar that comes to SCCF. Please take time to think about how you will continue to be a consistent giver long past your lifetime.

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