



SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2021 3rd Quarter

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

September 30, 2021

Greetings Friends:

What a wonderful 3rd quarter we have had at the Foundation.

Our four grant committees made up of 40 volunteers read over 200 applications and are awarding nearly \$150,000 to our seven counties!

SCCF is eager to celebrate in person this year with each County's recipients. The Foundation and Grant Committee members plan an award ceremony in each county. These events are open to the public, visit sccfks.org/calendar.cfm for more details and updates.

As we prepare for 4th quarter, SCCF plans to wrap up the year with an open house. While we are busy finalizing the details, look for an announcement on our website and Facebook page in the next few weeks.

Until then, wishing you an incredible start to the fall season!

All the best,
Holly Rooks
SCCF Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW...

You can donate directly to any fund at the Foundation to support causes close to your heart with no minimum donation required?

What this means—you can select any public fund at SCCF to give to during any time of the year!

Different options include: agency funds (started by local nonprofits), the SCCF Grant Cycles (which helps us fund even more applications during our annual grant cycle), or the Founders Fund which is an unrestricted fund used at the Foundation for staff/board education, membership, or overhead to run our programs.

Donations can be made in a variety of ways:

- Mailed: SCCF | P.O. Box 8624 | Pratt, KS 67124
- Online: www.sccfks.org
- Stock or Gifts of Grain, please contact Holly at (620) 672.7929 or ed@sccfks.org.

All questions can also be directed to the Office at the contact information above. Our Foundation would not be possible without the Community's support and we cannot thank you enough for your continued assistance!

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 20th through November 17th—County Grant Ceremonies to celebrate the 2021 Grantees (complete details can be found at sccfks.org)

November 9th - SCCF Board Meeting

November 18th - Estate Planning with John Griffin
(call to make your appointment today, (620) 672.7929)

Early December - SCCF Open House (details to follow)

SCCF AT-A-GLANCE:

Assets: \$20.8 million

Current Funds: 184

Scholarships: 40

2021 Grants (As of 3rd Quarter):
Includes grants from donor's funds.

\$494,000

OFFICE INFORMATION

South Central Community Foundation is open
Monday—Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

After hour meetings are available by appointment.

Scholarships, grants, and donor information can normally be found online at sccfks.org but staff always enjoys meeting the community in person so please stop in the office anytime.

Executive Director, Holly Rooks, and Office Assistant, Hannah Fritz, are available to help with any of your questions regarding the Foundation.

Grant Update: USD 349 Stafford County Schools

South Central Community Foundation has been busy collecting Grant Reports from the 2019 and 2020 Grants Recipients. These grants reports help evaluate how the grant dollars were used as well as insight into the program's impact.

In 2019, USD 349 Stafford Schools received a \$1,000 from South Central Community Foundation to help support their project titled "Pay it Forward."

Pay it Forward is an initiative intended to support students and families in their efforts to get ahead by providing financial support for food resources. "This grant enabled our school to provide students and families with the kind of support they need to succeed and thrive." said Destiny Johnson, Social Worker at Stafford Schools.

This grant allowed three families, who had high dollar amounts of overdue lunch balances ranging from \$70 to \$485, to be paid off. In addition, two other families overdue lunch balances were assisted along with an anonymous donation from the community. In turn, this grant allowed a high school senior to be able to walk the stage at graduation and receive their diploma, which they previously would not have been able to do with an outstanding lunch balance.

"We are so thrilled with the impact this grant had on the students at Stafford Schools." said Holly Rooks, SCCF Executive Director, "It is such an incredible effort by USD 349 to recognize this need and seek outside resources such as SCCF to help lessen the burden for the students and their families."

South Central Community Foundation is incredibly thankful for the many donors who help make the annual grant cycle such an impactful and growing program. Check our website and Facebook page for the 2021 Grant Recipients announcements coming soon!