



SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2019 1st Quarter

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

~ Happy May to each of you ~

As we finish our first quarter of 2019, we are so excited to share some of the happenings here at the Foundation.

As we begin May, SCCF staff will finally have the ability to print checks in house again thanks to our new software Akoya. This software will also allow us to have our grant and scholarship applications online for complete submission.

This year we are also excited to celebrate the Foundation's 25th Anniversary. Hopefully you have received our Save the Date card for September 14th, a formal invitation will follow.

Our last project for 2019 will be reconfirming for National Standards, an accreditation process through Council on Foundations.

As always, we enjoy hearing from you so please reach out to the Foundation anytime or stop by the office (114 W. 5th Street in Pratt.)

Holly Rooks
SCCF Executive Director

AKOYA:

SCCF has had an exciting and busy start to the new year. We are currently on the downhill side of our transition to Akoya, our new in-house software.

Akoya allowed us to end our contract with Greater Horizons (our previous back office accounting firm) and will be up and running in early May.

We apologize for the delay in the online donor portal, as it will be unavailable temporary until we complete the transition from Greater Horizons to Akoya.

If you are needing a current/updated fund balance, please contact the office at:
(620) 672.7929 or
ed@sccfks.org.

25TH ANNIVERSARY:

In September of 1996, South Central Community Foundation was established by a group of community members looking to find a way to support South Central Kansas.

Now almost 25 years later, SCCF has nearly 175 funds that support a wide variety of community activities.

Our annual Community and Teacher's Grant cycle awards nearly \$80,000 to our seven counties and last year our Scholarship Cycle awarded over \$69,000 to students from the surrounding area.

These reasons and so many more are why we are excited to celebrate SCCF's 25th anniversary with you, save the date, Sep. 14th!

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 14th ~ SCCF Annual Board Meeting
- June 1st ~ 2018 Community Grant Reports Due
- June 1st ~ 2019 Community and Teacher's Grant Applications available
- August 31st ~ 2019 Grant Applications due to SCCF Office
- September 14th ~ SCCF 25th Anniversary Celebration Event

SCCF AT-A-GLANCE:

Assets: \$18,408,000

Current Funds: 174

Scholarships: 32

2019 Grants (As of March 31st, 2019):

Includes grants from donor's funds.

\$68,302

SCCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Shawn Collins, St. John

Lance Dixon, Kingman

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Kristi Molz*, Kiowa

Candy Murphy, Protection

Hannah Brass,

Medicine Lodge

Judy Schrock, Kiowa

Jennifer Slater, Pratt

**Outgoing Board Members*

*Thank you to Debbie Estes of Pratt and Kristi Molz of Kiowa for their 9 years of service on the SCCF Board of Directors;
~ It has been an honor to have them as board members ~*

ESTATE PLANNING WITH JOHN GRIFFIN, STEWARDSHIP COUNSELING

Did you know that South Central Community Foundation, along with the Pratt Community College and Pratt Health Foundation, offers free estate planning to our community members and donors? There are many common mistakes in estate planning such as not having an updated plan, no durable powers of attorney / other support documents, or no business / farm transition plan in place that we want to help you avoid.

Why we do this? We believe that everyone having access to estate planning is critical. By offering this community service we allow you to save 10 hours or more of planning time with an attorney.

We contract with John Griffin, an estate planner through Stewardship Counseling, LLC . John, raised in the Netherlands and Northwest Iowa, holds a J.D. from the University of South Dakota School of Law. After practicing law in South Dakota, John joined Stewardship Counseling, LLC in 1991.

John's appointments are monthly and are typically the last Monday or Wednesday of the month. To schedule an appointment with John, contact SCCF at 620.672.7929 or ed@sccfks.org.



NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We would like to introduce Sarah Ricks, SCCF's new Administrative Assistant.

Sarah is a recent transplant to Pratt and is originally from Michigan. She started working with the Foundation in January of this year, assisting with daily office tasks such as processing scholarship and grant applications.

Sarah received her Bachelor's degree from American Military University and is currently working on her Master's in Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is married to Cameron Ricks and has two precious fur children.

Stop by the office Monday through Friday from 9 – 3 p.m. to welcome Sarah to the Foundation and the Pratt Community.

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