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CAMPAIGN UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW— SPECIAL INSERT

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Exceeded \$5 million in grants since established in 2001.
- Legacy Society encourages residents to plan a gift through their will or estate.
- 24/7 Campaign reaches first goal of adding \$2 million under management for a total of \$15 million in permanent funds.

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## Philanthropists recognized at 8th annual event

Scott Achenbach, owner of Scott's Hometown Foods and Bethany Home Board member, was named the 2015 Philanthropist of the Year at the McPherson County Community Foundation annual ceremony on Thursday, November 19. Eric Edwards, Circles of McPherson County volunteer was named runner-up and Betty Jo Houchen, McPherson Arts Alliance volunteer was named second runner-up. The Super Morphing Ninjas



Destination Imagination team received an honorable mention award for their efforts.

Awards were distributed during the ceremony at the McPherson Opera House Theatre. Each year, the Community Foundation requests nominations of local residents who demonstrate a philanthropic spirit "to help humankind as by charitable aid or donations" as defined by Webster's Dictionary. In addition to the

awards, the Community Foundation announced they have exceeded \$5 million in grant funds being distributed since the first award in 2001.

Achenbach was given a plaque and \$1000 to award to an organization of his choice. Edwards and Houchen also received plaques and awards of \$750 and \$500 respectively for organizations of their choice. A gift in the amount of \$50 will be awarded to McPherson Special Olympics in honor of the Super Morphing Ninjas work.

"All of our nominees demonstrated the true philanthropic spirit the award was designed to recognize. We selected Scott this year for his support and contributions to multiple organizations in Lindsborg as well as throughout McPherson County," states Becky Goss, MCCF President/CEO. "He is an icon in the community."

Achenbach has served on the Bethany Home Board of Directors since April 2015, but was no stranger to the Home as his involvement in the community has made him somewhat of a local celebrity. Achenbach is known for his grocery or product donations through his store and his willingness to help for special events

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## Legacy Society gifts prepare for future

McPherson County Community Foundation strives to help donors create funds that reflect their charitable goals. Grants are made from endowment earnings to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations to enhance healthcare, education, arts and culture, environment, civic and human services or other charitable initiatives selected by donors.



Notifying MCCF of a planned gift allows the donor and representatives of the Foundation to work together in building a plan focused on the donor's intent of the contribution when it becomes available. For named funds, a fund agreement with the purpose of the gift will be prepared and filed at the MCCF office.

Although donors may remain anonymous, it is our hope to recognize planned gifts during the donor's lifetime through the Society.

A gift in the amount of \$10,000 or more is considered a donor advised, designated, or field of interest endowed fund. You or your family will be asked to name one or more

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# Waldhauer Fund continues tradition of free summer performance

The Lisa Waldhauer Memorial Education Fund sponsored two free showings of “The Three Little Kittens” as performed by the Wichita Children’s Theatre. Children of all ages enjoyed the show at the McPherson Opera House. This was the fifth year for the Waldhauer Fund to sponsor two shows for local residents. Other performances included “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”, “Chicken Little”, “Little Red Riding Hood”, and “The Ugly Duckling”.

The Waldhauer Fund was established at the McPherson County Community Foundation in memory of Lisa Waldhauer. Lisa was a teacher in American Government and History teacher at McPherson High School. She passed away in 2006. A total of \$135,389 in grant funds have been awarded to benefit educational programs for McPherson area children and youth.



Other grants include Camp Invention scholarships, sponsorship of the Waldhauer Hour for speakers at McPherson Middle and High School, grants to the McPherson High School Band and more. Applications for funding are accepted throughout the year. To apply, visit [mcpersonfoundation.org/grants](http://mcpersonfoundation.org/grants).

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like the Bethany Home Ice Cream Social or Lindsborg’s Hyllningsfest. He is an active member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lindsborg as well as a supporter of school activities and sports.

Edwards was recognized for his work with Circles of McPherson County. Through his work with autistic students at USD 418, he recognized, in many cases, poverty has a stranglehold on his clients and their families. In an effort to find an outreach program to assist in getting completely out of poverty, he began facilitating the Getting Ahead class administered by Circles. Edwards has been recognized by the participants as committed, understanding and most of all trustworthy as they begin their journey towards a better life. Edwards is considered to be a bridge between Circles families and the school system having a tremendous impact on the student’s academic success.

Houchen was recognized for devoting over 40 years promoting artists in McPherson. She was instrumental in starting promotional events to showcase local work, including Art in the Park and Art in the Garden Dinner and Tour. One of her greatest roles was to help establish the McPherson County Student Art Exhibition and Scholarship competition 35 years ago. Art students from every high school in the county exhibit their creations and artwork in several categories. Seniors compete for scholarships to pursue art at the post-secondary level. Houchen was a founding member of the USD 418 Collection

Advisory Board and is currently on the Exhibition Committee at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg.

“We were happy to recognize Eric and Betty Jo for their work as well. Eric’s selfless dedication to the participants in Circles should serve an inspiration to all of us. Betty Jo has always looked for ways to encourage young art students to follow their passion,” Goss states. “Our communities are better places because of the efforts by Scott, Eric and Betty Jo.”

Kylie Golden, Sam Houston, Lauren Rogers and Baylee Simmelink, Eisenhower Elementary students, aka Super Morphing Ninjas, were recognized for their efforts to support McPherson Special Olympics by planning and hosting “Pajama Wars 2015”. Working together the “Ninjas” researched potential projects and identified community partners. Their final decision of who to raise funds for was driven by the desire to support a fellow student who was enrolled in the Special Olympics program. During the one day event, the group raised \$1,011.33.

The Philanthropist of the Year award was established in 2008 by the Community Foundation. It was



A grant of \$50 was awarded to McPherson Special Olympics on behalf of the fund raising efforts by the Eisenhower Elementary Super Morphing Ninjas.

designed to recognize McPherson County residents for their efforts in supporting and promoting the mission of local organizations and the community. Each year, grants are awarded to organizations on behalf of the selected philanthropist. The award has grown from one \$300 grant to three separate grant awards totaling \$2,250.



## What's Next?

December 31, 2015

*Registration deadline for MCCF Match Day*

February 17, 2016 –9 am to 4 pm

*Inman CF Match Day*

March 2, 2016 – 7 am to 6 pm

*MCCF Match Day*

May 27, 2016–5:30 am

*Inman CF Annual Banquet*

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recipients of the annual return. Gifts of less than \$10,000 will be added to an existing fund as selected by the donor.

### **Membership Criteria**

Donors become a member of the Legacy Society of McPherson County by making a planned gift to the Foundation in one or more of the following ways:

- Naming the Foundation as beneficiary of a new or existing **life insurance** policy.

Participating in a group policy on a single insured also qualifies.

- Making a new or revised **will** that directs a percentage, fixed amount, or remainder interest for an endowment fund. Substantiation is requested, but not required.
- Creating an irrevocable **trust, life estate** or other deferred gift agreement that gives all or a portion of the assets for an endowment fund.

## Scholarships awarded for 2015-16 school year

Scholarships totaling \$12,500 were awarded to area students for the 2015-16 school year from funds administered by the Foundation. Recipients may use the funds for tuition, books, or educational expenses.

### **Paul W. Davis Scholarship - \$1,000**

Riley Burghart, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Biochemical Engineering at Kansas State University.

### **First United Methodist Church Scholarships - \$1,000 each**

Dalyn Chapman, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Nursing at Fort Hays State University.

Nicole Gieselman, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in English and International Relations at Arcadia University.

### **Raleigh Insurance Scholarship - \$500**

Daniel Corn, a graduate of Inman High School, plans to major in Wildlife Conservation and Management at HCC.

### **Hanson Family Educational Fund- \$1,000**

Stephanie Farney, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Engineering at Kansas State University.

### **Inman Alumni Scholarship - \$500**

Nicole Neufeldt, a graduate of Inman High School, plans to major in Business at McPherson College.

### **Chinberg-Eberle Memorial Nursing Scholarship - \$1,000, \$750, \$500 respectively**

Samantha Goodell, a current Nursing student at Hutchinson Community College.

Jennifer Stephenson, a current Nursing student at Wichita State University.

Caley Johnson, a graduate of Canton-Galva High School, plans to major in Pre-Med at Emporia State University.

### **Kyle Jefferson McMannis Fund - \$500 each**

Kayla Haase, a graduate of Wichita Northwest High School, plans to major in Business at Wichita State University.

Breanna Towers, a graduate of St. John High School, plans to major in Nursing at Barton Community College.

### **KS American Tooling Fund - \$550**

Ty Hart, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Electrical Engineering and Computers at Hutchinson Community College.

### **Gary McNaul Memorial Fund - \$500**

Abigail Hughes, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Health & Human Performance at Fort Hays State University.

Kimberlee Strawn, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Nursing at Emporia State University.

### **Bob Hooper MHS Basketball Fund - \$500**

Kyler Kinnamon, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Sports Therapy at Fort Hays State University.

### **Troy D Hostetler Memorial Fund - \$500**

Blayne Konrade, a graduate of Inman High School, plans to major in Pre-Physical Therapy at Kansas State University.

### **First Christian Church Educational Scholarship - \$200**

Caley Johnson, a graduate of Canton-Galva High School, plans to major in Pre-Med at Emporia State University.

## NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED April 2015 - December 2015

### *Inman Community Funds:*

*Inman Medical Assistance  
Inman Parks & Recreation  
Inman Senior Center*

### *McPherson Parks & Public Land*

### *Moundridge Community Funds:*

*Moundridge Food Pantry  
Moundridge Historical Assn.*

### *Prairie Trail Scenic Byways*

### **Jay L. Frazier Scholarship - \$1,000 each**

Michael McKinney, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Agriculture/Animal Science & Industry at Kansas State University.

Rovie Ann Napoto, a graduate of McPherson High School, plans to major in Nursing at Hutchinson Community College.

### **SAL Scholarship - \$500**

Nicole Neufeldt, a graduate of Inman High School, plans to major in Business at McPherson College.

High School students seeking scholarship assistance for the 2016-17 school year must apply by January 31, 2016. All applications must be submitted online. To access the application, visit the following site: [www.mcphersonfoundation.org/scholarship](http://www.mcphersonfoundation.org/scholarship).

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*Happy Holidays from*

*Becky, Sharon and Celeste!!!*

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## Would you consider giving One Hour to support the Community Fund?

As part of our 24 for Good....Ever....You campaign, the Foundation is working to build the Community Fund. The goal for 2016 is an increase of \$150,000. To accomplish this we are asking residents to give ONE HOUR of your salary in 2016. You can give one time, once a quarter or every month. If half of the county population (approximately 15,000 people) would donate \$10.00, the 2016 goal is met.

### ***Why is the Community Fund important?***

This is the unrestricted pool of funds whose grants can change depending on the needs and development of the community. Examples of the variety of grants we have awarded from this fund:

- \* Matching dollars for organizations participating in Match Day
- \* Capital grants for Live Free Ministries

- Women's Shelter and PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for Elderly)
- \* Landscape timbers for Lindsborg Community Garden
  - \* Philanthropist of the Year grants
  - \* Sunflower Sante Fe Multipurpose Trail
  - \* Completion of the Inman Barn Museum
  - \* Downtown McPherson Plaza & Planters
  - \* Kansas Motorcycle Museum renovations
  - \* Renovation projects at senior centers throughout McPherson County
- Grants will continue to grow and adjust with the community with McPherson County residents being the center of the grant focus.

Gifts of cash, stock, real estate or other assets may be donated. You may mail

your gift to MCCF, 206 S. Main, McPherson or donate online at [mcphersonfoundation.org](http://mcphersonfoundation.org). For other forms of giving, please contact Becky Goss at 620.245.9070.

**THE FOUNDATION IS HERE FOR YOU AND BY YOU. EACH GIFT, BIG OR SMALL, MAKES IT WORK.**



**GRANTS ONLY HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE DECIDE IT IS TIME TO GIVE.**