

## What is Kids Who Care?

Kids Who Care is a grant program of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF). The program's purpose is to expose area youth to philanthropy and to help them be more aware of needs and issues in their communities.

Youth are an important part of our community, with a unique perspective of what can be done to improve the quality of life. In going to school and being involved in their neighborhoods and after-school activities, they may know about a special need that they can do something about... for their school, their neighborhood, or their community.

This program has been successful because youth discover satisfaction that comes from doing good work for others. We are delighted with the pride and commitment of the children as they complete their projects, and we look forward to supporting more excellent projects in this year's program.

In the past, students have accomplished a wide variety of good deeds for their communities. Examples include:

- Holiday care packages to soldiers in Iraq
- Book drives for Head Start preschool students
- Pen pal program with senior citizens
- Bracelets made and sold by students with proceeds going to help cancer victims purchase needed supplies
- Redevelopment of a community garden
- Many other worthy projects...

This is a unique opportunity for them to put on their thinking caps and be original in discovering that they can truly make a difference in their community.

## Who Can Apply?

The GMCF welcomes applications from schools in the greater Manhattan area including the Manhattan/Ogden, Riley County, and Rock Creek school districts; and non-profit organizations serving and working with youth.

Students in grades 4 through 12 may apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to fund a class or club project that will benefit their community.

## How Do I Apply?

Proposals must be received by the GMCF no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2010. Proposals may be e-mailed to [foundation@mcfks.org](mailto:foundation@mcfks.org); or mailed/delivered to 555 Poyntz Avenue, Suite 269, Manhattan, KS 66502. Grants awards will be announced by June 17, 2010.

## What Should the Application Include?

Projects should be described in a one-page proposal. We strongly encourage the youth/students to develop their own project ideas and write the grant proposal, with general oversight by a teacher, school administrator, or other adult group leader. All funded projects must be completed by May 1, 2011.

Although a detailed budget is not required, an explanation of how the grant money will be used should be included. If the project is funded, receipts will be required for all expenses.

The following things should be addressed in your class's proposal:

- the purpose of the project
- the benefits to the community
- who will be involved in the project
- when the project will start and be completed (*must be completed by May 1, 2011*)
- how much funding is requested from Kids Who Care - please also indicate any other source of funds for the project
- please include organization name, grade, name of supervising adult, e-mail address, and phone number where the supervising adult can be contacted

## For More Information:

Questions can be directed to the GMCF at (785) 587-8995 or via email to [foundation@mcfks.org](mailto:foundation@mcfks.org).

**We look forward to learning about  
your projects!**

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for the community*

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