



the best
time to plant
a tree is...
20 years ago.

the next best
time is...
now.

*A Report to
Our Community
fiscal year 2009*

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from our leaders

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation helps good people do great things: donors who are compelled to give back to their community; nonprofits that provide critical lifelines to residents in need; and board and staff members who work tirelessly, listening, learning and making thoughtful decisions that positively impact our quality of life.

The challenges of the past year demonstrate just how important our Foundation is in this community. In the midst of a devastating economic downturn, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation's board approved \$1,140,620 in funding at a time when our friends and neighbors needed us most.

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation helps good people do *great* things...

During our 10-year history, the foundation has reinvested \$4,944,270 in our community. As we move forward, we will continue to increase awareness about the Foundation and its unique contribution to the area, build permanent resources, and forge partnerships with grantees and other funders to maximize our impact. By reaching out to contributors and prospective donors, we will help them invest with confidence in the causes they care about most.

To those of you who have entrusted your time, talent and treasure to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and its 120 funds, we thank you. Throughout this report, you will see examples of how your support is helping good people do great things throughout our community. The board and staff look forward to partnering with you to accomplish even greater things in the years to come. In fact, the way this community looks in 20 years depends a lot on the seeds that are planted today. What story will our Report to the Community tell in the year 2030? Will you be a part of that story?

Best regards,

Don Wissman
Board President

Sarah Saueressig
Executive Director



The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

The mission of the Community Foundation is to enhance quality of life in the Greater Manhattan area, both today and in the future, by:

- enabling donors to fulfill their charitable desires
- building a permanent endowment
- facilitating prudent management and care of funds
- meeting needs through grants, awards, and scholarships

one generation plants a tree. . .

Are you passionate about improving the lives of those around you? For 10 years, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation has been empowering people just like you to do great things in our community.

With an annual gift to the Unrestricted Fund, you can help meet our community's most pressing needs today and in the future. With a \$10,000 gift, you can establish your own named fund that supports the causes you care about most. Our board's prudent financial oversight and our staff and volunteers' grant-making expertise will help you fulfill your philanthropic wishes while establishing your legacy in the community.



There are many advantages to giving through the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation:

1. **IT'S EASY:** Foundation staff handles your fund's set-up, investments and grant administration: much like a private foundation, but with none of the work for you.
2. **IT'S COST EFFECTIVE:** A low initial gift establishes your fund, which can accept additional gifts at any time. Our administrative fees are low, leaving more of your investment for grant-making.
3. **IT'S A TAX BENEFIT:** Because the foundation is a public charity, we offer the maximum tax advantage under state and federal laws.
4. **IT'S LOCAL:** The foundation's deep roots and keen local knowledge can help you maximize your gift's impact in the community.
5. **IT'S FOREVER:** Your gift keeps on giving long after you are gone.

The foundation accepts gifts of cash, stock, real estate, business income and retirement assets. By working with your attorney or financial advisor, we can develop a giving plan that works for you.

and another gets the shade.

Imagine if you could help people in every corner of the community - all with a single gift. That's what donors to the unrestricted fund did this year. Their gifts funded 23 grants totaling more than \$50,977, supporting local nonprofits when the community needed them the most. The fund is not limited by time or purpose; its grants meet a broad range of needs as they arise. Each year, nonprofit organizations may apply for a grant during one of three unique funding periods. Priority is given to the most vital and timely programs.

Jim Gordon

GMCF 2009
professional advisor of the year



Jim and Debra Gordon

Jim Gordon, Certified Public Accountant with Sink, Gilmore & Gordon LLP, has been a major player in the existence of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. In fact, 10 years ago Jim donated the foundation's first office space at his accounting firm and served as foundation President for several years. He currently serves on the Executive Board and was named the GMCF Professional Advisor of the Year in 2001 and again in 2009.

"Prior to the community foundation, clients with philanthropic desires had very few choices," Jim said. "They could begin their own foundation, but that can be expensive and time consuming. It can take more than a year to set up, annual reports must be filed with the state each year, and privacy can be an issue. The community foundation benefits the client because it is already set up and ready to go and can handle all of the required reporting. In addition, a community foundation allows people more time to make wise decisions about how and where they want to give."

Jim has never had a client that regretted setting up a fund with the community foundation. In fact, he says, many have closed their private foundations to move the funds to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. "This allows them to do all of the same great things in our community, with a lot less work on their part! It's a win-win situation for both the client and the community."

"It's about more than just the dollars. It's about giving our community a good quality of life now and for future generations."

Jim and his wife, Debra, have a donor advised fund set up at GMCF. The Gordons started it early because they wanted it to build up over time. Today, the fund allows them to organize their charitable giving. In the future, it will allow their children to continue their parents' legacy of giving.

Prior to GMCF there were very few endowments for community nonprofits. Now, there are 120 and that number continues to grow. "Our goal when we began the community foundation was \$10 Million in 10 years, Jim said. We have reached that, and I believe we can grow to \$20-25 Million in the next 10 years. But it's about more than just the dollars. It's about giving our community a good quality of life now and for future generations."

The best part about working at the Foundation is seeing, first hand, how many good people are doing great things in our community. And, even though we are not the ones actually performing these great things, it's nice to know that we can play a part in making them happen and telling the stories.

Thank you for making these stories a reality with the gifts you have given through GMCF. We hope you will feel a sense of pride knowing that you have been a part of it.

For a complete list of GMCF donors please visit our website at www.mcfks.org

the stories



It's a cow, it's a bus, no, it's the Wonder Workshop! This Classroom On Wheels (C.O.W.) visits area schools featuring an exhibit about dinosaurs, geology, & paleontology. The Wonder Workshop received a grant from GMCF to have air conditioning & heating installed in the Bus.

A Boys & Girls Club summer program scholarship made a big difference in the lives of one new Manhattan family. Six year old Janie and her mom, Kathy, were new to our community. After fleeing from an abusive family member, they found a temporary place to live at the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. Kathy desperately needed to find a job, but could not leave her daughter in order to do so.

Thanks to the Boys & Girls Club and the all-day summer program available at no cost to the family, Janie was in a safe, inviting place to play and learn while Kathy was able to find a job and a place for them to live.

The Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan provides scholarships to families to waive the cost of fees for its summer program. In 2009, the Club provided scholarships valued at \$25,495 to needy families, and a grant from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation was crucial to help offset this expense.

**Names have been changed to protect privacy.*

Big Brothers Big Sisters' Great Expectations in Math & Science (GEMS) is a program that is designed to help "littles" with their math, science and engineering skills. A YIC grant from GMCF provided materials for the educational kits used in this program.

Destany had a hard time finding enjoyment in her class work. She had trouble understanding and needed some one-on-one help. Christy, Destany's Big Sister, noticed Destany's frustration and thought that the GEMS program could help.

As they utilized the program Christy began to notice that Destany's view of doing class work changed. GEMS greatly helped Destany with her problem solving skills and she realized that learning was actually fun! Destany grew from not enjoying her class work to asking if they could work on more of the worksheets every time Christy and she got together!



A resident of Stoneybrook Assisted Living admires Silky, a Silkie Bantam Chicken that is part of the Seniors Understanding Nature (SUN) Program developed by the Sunset Zoo. This program is fully funded through a grant from the unrestricted fund at GMCF.



Game room in the new USO facility at Fort Riley which will soon be the home of a pool table provided by a grant from GMCF

Since before the United States entered World War II, the USO (United Service Organizations) has been the bridge between the American public and the U.S. military. A brand new USO facility is scheduled to open soon at Fort Riley and will be a "home away from home" for service members and their families. The center offers game rooms, movie theater, computer lab, fireplace lounges, meeting room, family room, café with free snacks and drinks and a library.

The USO at Fort Riley will serve all service members and military retirees in the region – Active, Guard and Reserve – and their families. It will also serve as a one-stop shop for those in the region interested in supporting the military.

The Fort Riley USO applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Grants for Greater Manhattan fund to help with start-up costs at the facility. The money is being used to provide a pool table and accessories (balls, cues, rack, etc.).

2009 GMCF grant recipients

funding periods

Grants for Greater Manhattan

Applications accepted March - Mid April

Kids Who Care Program

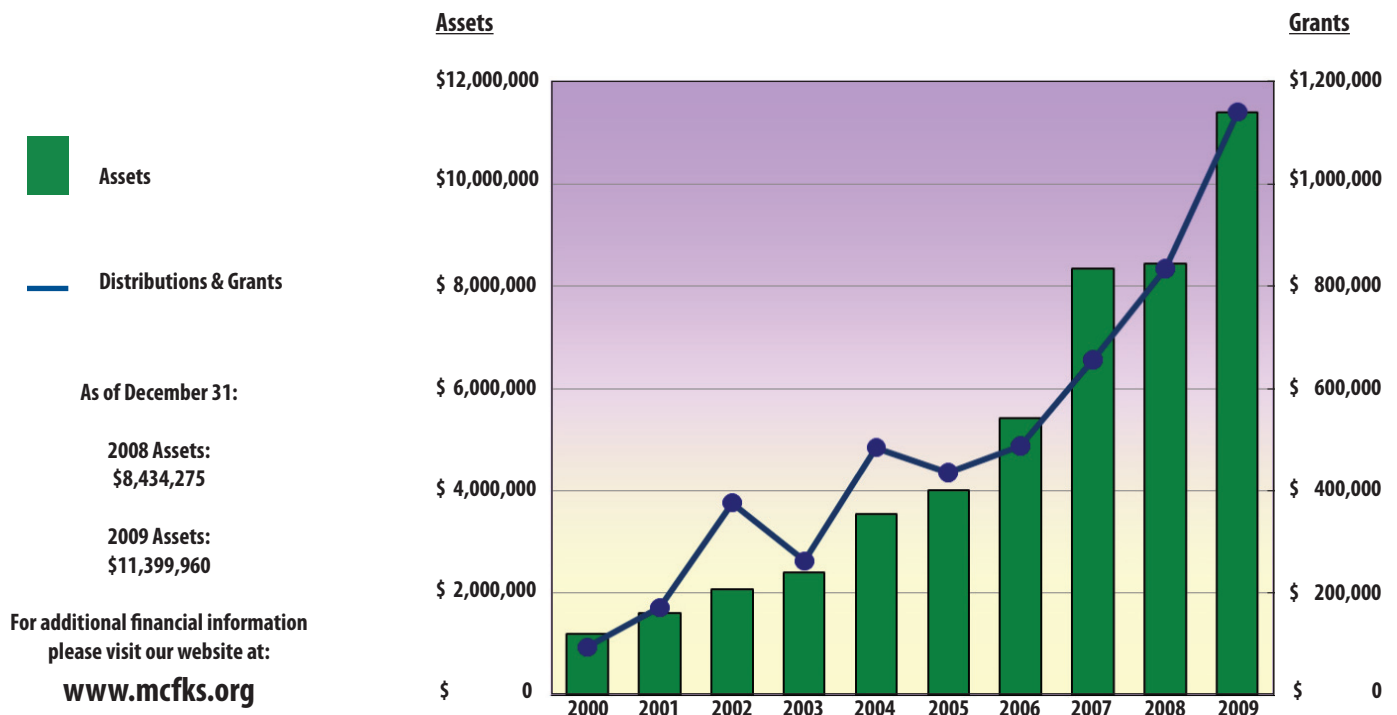
Applications accepted March - Mid April

Youth Impacting Community (YIC)

Applications accepted September - Early October

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys and Girls Clubs of Manhattan
Cool Care Kids Club
Crisis Center
EEA Chapter 1364 - Wing Nuts
Flint Hills Breadbasket
Manhattan Arts Center
Manhattan Daycare & Learning Center
Manhattan Emergency Shelter
Manhattan Parks & Recreation Dept.
Marlatt Elementary
MHS East Campus
Mid-West Educational Center
Pawnee Mental Health Systems
Pilot Club of Manhattan
Riley County Extension
Riley County Health Department
Shepherd's Crossing
Sunflower CASA Project, Inc.
Toys for Manhattan
United Service Organization
Youth Leadership Foundation

2009 financial report



funds of the foundation

Arts & Humanities

Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl Beach Museum of Art Fund
Friends of the Flint Hills Discovery Center
Gene Grosh Endowment for the Arts
MCF Fund for Arts & Humanities
Riley Co Genealogical Society Library
Riley Co Genealogical Society Organization
St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center Endowment
Henry & Shirley Wassenberg Endowment for the
Saint Gregory Catholic Church

Basic Human Needs and Healthcare

Community Health Council Fund for Community Health
Crisis Center Fund to Stop Domestic Violence
Fairy Godmothers Fund
Flint Hills Breadbasket Fund
Flint Hills Community Clinic Expendable Fund
Habitat for Humanity-Legacy Club Fund
Homecare & Hospice Fund
Jim Reed Flint Hills Community Clinic Endowed Fund
KSU Volunteer Center of Manhattan
Manhattan Emergency Shelter Fund
MCF Fund for the Elderly
Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund
Mercy Community Health Foundation
Riley County Police Department Employee Assistance Fund
Shepherd's Crossing Endowed Fund
Shepherd's Crossing Expendable Fund
United Way of Riley County
Wareham Family Foundation

Community Development & Leadership

Flinthills Leadership Endowment Fund
Leadership Manhattan Scholarship Endowment
League of Women Voters Edith Stunkel Fund
MCF Fund for Community Development & Leadership
UFM Community Learning Center Endowment
UFM Community Learning Center Expendable Fund

Preservation, Conservation & Beautification

Edna Williams Wolf House Complex Historic Site
Fitz House Fund
MCF Fund for Preservation, Conservation & Beautification
Sunset Zoo & Wildlife Conservation Trust Foundation

Children & Youth

Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment
Boy Scouts of America-Coronado Area Council
Boys and Girls Clubs of Manhattan
David L. Flinchbaugh-Parents As Teachers
Don Dodge Fund for Youth & Aviation
MCF Education & Youth
Flinthills Leadership Children's Fund
Instruments for Interested Youth
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund
K-State Rowing Association Fund
Little Apple Soccer Club
Lois Blackman Endowed Fund
Manhattan Baseball Association Scholarship Fund
Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Youth Fund
Manhattan Catholic Education
Manhattan-Ogden Schools Foundation
Sunflower CASA Endowed Fund
Sunflower CASA Expendable Fund
Toys for Manhattan
Youth Impacting Community Endowed Fund

Scholarship & Education

Academy of Veterinary Consultants
Bonnie Verbrugge Memorial Scholarship Fund
Casey Kline Memorial Scholarship Fund
Loriel Cross Women Education & Youth Art Fund
Fairchild Terrace Scholarship Fund
Fately/Hammaker Fund for Collaborative Research
Flint Hills Christian School Cindy Blanchard Scholarship
Flint Hills Christian School Endowment
KSU Fund for Excellence
League of Women Voters Stella Harris Scholarship Fund
Little Apple Soccer Club-Scholarship Fund
Lucky Endowment Fund for Manhattan Catholic Schools
Marge Bernard Allen Fund for Adult Education
MATC Lewis & Ernest Braun Scholarship
MATC Briggs Auto Mechanic Scholarship
MATC Greg Davis Building Trades Scholarships
MATC General Scholarship Fund
MATC Teaford Nursing Scholarship
Roger Trenary Tennis Fund

Humane Treatment of Animals

Polly Stocklein Fund for the Humane Treatment of Animals

Donor Advised Community Support

Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl Advised Fund
Jack Goldstein Charitable Funds
James & Debra Gordon Advised Fund
Phil & Margaret Howe Fund
C. Clyde & Margaret S. Jones Fund
Kansas Farm Bureau Foundations Donor Advised Fund
Kansas State Bank Advised Fund
Little Apple Toyota Honda Fund
Manhattan Rotary – Lud Fier Endowment
John & Karen McCulloh Advised Fund
Dennis & Rhonda Mullin Advised Fund
Edwin & Kae Olson Charitable Fund
Reitz Family Fund
William L. and Linda K. Richter Endowments
Marvin Robinson Fund
Ryan W. Sloan Memorial Fund
The Trust Company of Manhattan Advised Fund
MCF Trustee's Endowed Fund
Henry & Shirley Wassenberg Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Florence Day Fund
Fund for Greater Manhattan -Expendable
Fund for Greater Manhattan - Endowed
Jean Caul Fund for the Community
MCF Founders Fund
MCF Benefactors Fund
MCF Operating Fund

Affiliate Community Foundation Funds

Dover Community Foundation Fund (DCFF)
DCFF - Eldon Lambotte Scholarship Fund
DCFF - Share the Outdoors
DCFF - Norma Grubb Dover Community Center Endowment
Frankfort Community Trust-Art & Mildred Neal Fund
Frankfort Children's Fund



fund spotlight

fairy godmothers

Dreams do come true in our community, thanks to the help of nearly 400 individuals who call themselves the *Fairy Godmothers*. The Fairy Godmother Fund is a giving circle that is creating a permanent legacy to address the needs of women in Riley County. Since they began in 2006, the Fairy Godmother Fund has magically transformed the lives of 77 women in need of assistance. They have helped purchase dentures desperately needed to eat without pain, buy professional clothing for a job interview, begin studies toward a technical degree, repair or buy tires for a car, purchase diapers after a pay check was stolen, pay in part for a funeral to bury a spouse, repair plumbing, and purchase a washing machine, just to name a few.

To read more about the Fairy Godmother Fund please visit their website at:

www.fgfund.org

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Michael Oldfather

GMCF 2009
volunteer of the year



Michael Oldfather is a character! Ask just about anyone who has ever spent time with him and that is probably what they will say. Whatever the occasion and no matter the crowd, Michael will undoubtedly share his wit, wisdom, and humor.

The staff and volunteers of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation especially appreciate Michael. Not only because he can make any board or committee meeting a fun place to be, but also because he does so much for the Foundation and for this community. You see, in addition to being a character, Michael *has* an awful lot of character as well.

For eight years Michael has faithfully served the Foundation behind the scenes. He has been a member of the Executive Board for two terms and currently holds the office of Treasurer. He has had extensive involvement with both the Investment and Finance Committees. In addition to committee work, the Foundation staff can always count on Michael to lend a hand when they are in a pinch. He stops by often to sign checks. At a time when all of the staff had to be away, he even stepped in to help answer the office phone!

When asked why he first got involved with the Foundation, Michael listed establishing good things today that will outlive him as one of his reasons. He said "I like the idea that long after I'm gone and all the people that knew me are too, the things I did today will still be making a positive difference in this community."

In addition to volunteering at GMCF, Michael is the choir director at his church, a Board member at Community First National Bank and a member of the Employment Security Advisory Council for the Kansas Department of Labor.

"We say thank you, Michael, for all of your hard work and dedication to this community!"

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