

Participating Organizations 2016 Grant County Gives

American G I Forum:

Dr. Hector P. Garcia believed in the American dream and lived it. He was a man who passionately quoted the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and applied such texts to the outcast minorities of society. He inspired Mexican Americans to educate themselves in democratic principles, then worked to apply those principles to all people through his organization, The American GI Forum. Dr. Hector P. Garcia saw the flagrant deprivation of rights of Mexican Americans and spent his life working to effect positive change. The local chapter of American G I Form has established an education fund that funds scholarships to outstanding local youth. The education fund is the part that is supported by Grant County Gives.

Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Auxiliary:

The Auxiliary is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers that provide needed services to the hospital. They operate the gift shop in the hospital and raise money to purchase needed equipment for the hospital. In the fall of 2012, the group purchased a digital mammography machine for the hospital. They also provide scholarships for Grant County citizens entering or continuing in a medical school.

Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund:

The mission of Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital is to provide quality healthcare services for Grant County and surrounding areas. Believing that we cannot depend upon Federal and State Funding to meet our local need for services, the board of directors established an Agency fund to receive donations to help assure the hospital is a viable resource for the people of Grant County well into the future. It is the Endowed Agency Fund that is included in the Grant County Gives campaign.

Compass Behavioral Health Center:

Compass Behavioral Health Center is a community mental health center that offers comprehensive behavioral outpatient, inpatient, community and children's services. Our main goal is to put people first while providing the best care possible. We offer a wide range of services through our competent, professional staff which possesses many years of behavioral health experience. Compass Behavioral Health Center has been serving Southwest Kansas since 1961 when Garden City's Outpatient Office opened. Since 1961 AMHC has expanded to Dodge City in 1968, Ulysses in 1970 and Scott City in 1976. All funds from Grant County Gives will be used for the Compass Behavioral Health Center in Grant County, Kansas.

Du Good Events, Inc.

Their mission is to assist Grant County residents who are battling serious and ongoing illnesses and injuries, while also promoting good health through athletic events. Since, 2009, they have grown from one event to five and continue to raise money each year to support their mission. They have benefited a number of individuals along with their families and introduced hundreds to the recreational opportunities in Grant County Kansas.

Fine Arts Fund:

The dwindling resources available to fund the arts such as music, drama and art is a concern. The importance of these influences in the development of our children is well documented and yet funds to support the programs are scarce. This fund provides grants to support fine arts in Grant County, Kansas.

Genesis Family Health:

Genesis Family Health (GFH) has provided medical and social programs to thousands of people in Southwest Kansas. A non profit service agency, GFH serves people of all races, colors and faiths. GFH is supported through state and federal grants, as well as the generous donations of local churches, organizations and citizens.

All GFH programs, dental and medical clinics, oral health screening and education, social services such as the food bank, clothing room, emergency assistance, citizenship classes, immunizations, early literacy, health education and outreach -- are designed to improve the lives and health status of individuals and families, thus building a stronger community.

Grant County Ambulance Service:

Grant County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is dedicated to the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Ulysses and Grant County, Kansas. EMS is a division of Grant County working together to serve the community with a high standard of quality patient care delivered with professionalism and compassion to anyone that requests it. The Ambulance Service established this Agency Fund participating in Grant County Gives to build an endowment to help assure emergency medical service is available in the future.

Grant County Chaplaincy:

The Grant County Chaplaincy Ministry is a grassroots organization that formed in the fall of 2012 in response to a growing concern about Chaplaincy services for the residents of Park View Assisted Living and The Legacy at Park View. Both facilities serve the elderly population of Grant County. Park View Assisted Living houses residents that can care for themselves but need a light level of care such as housekeeping, meals and onsite nursing care available. The Legacy is a long-term care unit for those needing full care. The Chaplaincy program provides end of life spiritual care and counseling for the residents and their families. The program relies on donations. The fund included in Grant County

Gives is an endowed fund seeking donations to build the endowment to provide the services for residents in the future.

Grant County Extension 4-H Fund:

Grant County Extension Educational programming is conducted by the Grant County Extension Council consisting of four Program Development Committees selected by all citizens of Grant County through a county-wide election process. Programming areas are 4-H and Youth, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Economic Development and Family and Consumer Sciences. The Agency Fund participating in Grant County Gives is dedicated to the 4-H and Youth Program of the K-State Research and Extension. In Grant County, in addition to the two active community clubs, the 4-H program has an extensive school enrichment program and reaches virtually every elementary and middle school class in the local school system. It also encourages community involvement and develops the leadership skills of older youth through involvement in several activities including the 4-H Ambassadors program and Leadership project. Visionary leaders have established this Agency Fund to build an endowment to help support 4-H and Youth programs in the future.

Grant County Historical Society:

The Grant County Historical Society provides support and leadership for the historical preservation of life in Grant County through the Grant County Adobe Museum. The Grant County Adobe Museum in Ulysses, Kansas was built in 1938 as a county shop. It opened as a county historical museum in 1978. The Adobe Museum features historical artifacts and exhibits that tell the story of life on the High Plains. The visual story is set into scenes with dimensional murals and backdrops enhancing the exhibits.

Grant County Recreation:

The mission of the Grant County REC is bringing people together, incorporating wellness, classroom and sports to develop mind, body, self-esteem and social values through total family participation of all ages and abilities. Using recreation to develop sportsmanship and citizenship for the future of Grant County citizens. This organization provides a wealth of programs for all ages of citizens in Grant County. Forwarding thinking leaders established the Agency Fund that is included in Grant County Gives to build an endowment to assure that physical fitness, sports and wellness programs can continue in the future.

Grant County Senior Center:

The Grant County Senior Center is committed to providing services, information, education, and recreation for senior citizens and their families or caregivers in Grant County. It is an important source for health care and food service that is provided daily at the center. Through annual grants, the fund will provide needed support for important services for our senior citizen population in the coming years even as other support diminishes. This fund provides a way for our citizens to make tax deductible charitable contributions to forever support the senior citizens of Grant County.

Grant County Scholarship Foundation:

They provide scholarships to students enrolled in post secondary education. Many of the students do not qualify for other financial assistance and are the 1st of their family to go to college. It has provided scholarships to graduates of Ulysses High School for over 35 years, making a difference in the lives of many young people and their families.

HIGH Program, Inc.

They are organized to assist with home repairs for those people unable to complete the repairs themselves and/or cannot afford necessary repairs. Their services are often needed by elderly citizens, single parent households and handicapped individuals.

Kansas Children's Service League:

No one knows kids better than the Kansas Children's Service League. For over 120 years, we've provided a continuum of programs and services, advocated for children, and collaborated with public and private agencies to impact the lives of more than 40,000 children and families each year. KCSL is dedicated to providing services and advocacy efforts that focus on keeping children safe, families strong, and communities involved. The Ulysses location specializes in early childhood learning and development with the Head Start Program and other programs dedicated to improving the lives of children in Grant County. All money donated through Grant County Gives will be used in the Ulysses location.

Liberal Area Domestic Violence:

The Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Service is a non-profit organization serving the city of Liberal, Seward County and the surrounding area by providing safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and by working to eliminate these crimes. The major work of the organization is to provide a victim advocate program offering temporary shelter, a 24-hour hotline, crisis and support counseling, information and referral, emergency transportation, accompaniment for legal and medical procedures, and public awareness education. All services are free of charge and confidential. All funds from Grant County Gives are dedicated to helping Grant County victims of domestic violence and rape.

Loaves & Fishes:

This organization serves as a local food cupboard, providing an emergency food source for people in Grant County who are in need. It is not meant to be a grocery store, but is here to help people over a rough spot in life. People are usually referred to Loaves & Fishes by one of the local pastors or the Law Enforcement Center as needs are identified. They typically serve a large number of people over the course of a year.

Parents as Teachers:

This is a service dedicated to early childhood development with an emphasis on birth through 3 years old. The programs are designed to teach and equip parents to teach their own children and improve their development in a positive and nurturing manner through these critical early years. The program is available to everyone with young children.

Park View Assisted Living:

Park View Assisted Living is a senior living community in Ulysses KS that offers Assisted Living. An assisted living community allows seniors to live as independently as possible while having personal care and health services as the resident's care needs increase. Assisted living communities provide assistance for residents that need help with a few of the Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). These can include dressing, bathing and feeding. Assisted living communities also typically provide meals three times a day and have nurses on staff or on call 24 hours a day.

Precious Beginnings:

Precious Beginnings is an organization that helps women to find out if they are pregnant, couples to learn how to have a healthy pregnancy and safe childbirth, new parents to learn care and bond with a young baby, parents to learn more ways to run their home effectively, young adults to venture out wisely, and men to become authentic fathers.

Substance Abuse Treatment Fund:

In recognition of the damaging effects that drug and alcohol abuse has on the community and particularly their families and the need for effective treatment, the City of Ulysses has established this fund to provide a way to fund treatment and prevention programs now and into the future. Donors with a heart for this persistent problem can make tax deductible contributions to the fund.

The Legacy @ Park View and Park View Assisted Living:

The Legacy at Park View and Park View Assisted Living are state-of-the-art intermediate care and assisted living communities located in Ulysses, Kansas. At The Legacy at Park View and Park View Assisted Living, the guiding principle is to provide outstanding and innovative healthcare in an environment that remembers the importance of the individual and family. Our staff of dedicated professionals embodies the values that we cherish most - a nurturing spirit and a commitment to quality. The board of directors established an Agency Fund to receive donations and bequests to build an endowment for the future. It is the Agency Fund that is included in Grant County Gives.

Tigers in Action:

Formerly known as Communities in Schools, this is an organization dedicated to connecting the school and its activities to the community. They are a network of dedicated professionals working in schools

to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. They manage several important programs that improve the school environment and provide an important connection between the school and the community.

Ulysses Animal Shelter:

The Ulysses Animal Shelter takes in domestic animals that do not have homes; stray animals, when their owners pass away, other animal control agencies, and owners who can no longer care for their pets. The shelter houses the animals on a short-term basis, provides vet care as needed and assists in finding new homes and the adoption process. This established fund uses its grants to provide care that otherwise could not be funded.

Ulysses Boy Scouts:

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. BSA teaches leadership by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. All donations through Grant County Gives stay in Grant County and help with supplies and materials to run the local program.

Ulysses Girl Scouts:

The Girl Scouts of America is the preeminent leadership organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. All donations through Grant County Gives stay in Grant County and help with supplies and materials to run the local Girl Scout program.

USD #214:

The United School District #214 is dedicated to providing a quality education in a safe environment. The USD # 214 Fund provides a way for citizens of Grant County to make tax deductible charitable contributions to provide support for educational opportunities. The school district will use the grants from this fund annually to support classroom projects and programs that could not otherwise be funded.

Women of Purpose:

The goal of this fund is to empower Grant County women to take an active and powerful role in philanthropy to serve other women and children. The Women of Purpose fund will allow dedicated, engaged women to make a difference in the lives of many without a significant time commitment. To meet this goal, the women of Grant County focused their attention on building an endowment that would forever make grants to improve the lives of the women and children in Grant County. It is the endowed fund that is included in Grant County Gives.

GCCF Operating Fund:

At the request of some donors, we have added an opportunity to donate to the Grant County Community Foundation operating fund. We have been blessed to have an operating fund grant from the Kansas Health Foundation for the last 5 years. That grant expires at the end of 2017. This is the money from which we are able to contribute to and provide the organization and advertising for the Grant County Gives campaign in addition to managing the other foundation activities such as annual grants from the various funds within the foundation. Our budget is very small but important to providing services.