

## **Participating Organizations 2022 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 Hospital Auxiliary:**

The Auxiliary is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers that provide services to the hospital and community. They operate the gift shop located in the hospital, hold other fundraising projects, and receive monetary gifts throughout the year. These funds are used to purchase needed medical equipment to serve our community and to provide scholarships to entering or continuing students in the medical field. Their purchases for medical equipment average around \$7,000 per year and they give 10 scholarships each year of at least \$750 each. Other ongoing projects they sponsor or are involved with are the Red Cross Blood Drive, Pink Ladies (greeters at the hospital), Visiting Angels (patient visitation), Cancer Screening, Child Car Seat Safety program, and Knitted Knockers.

### **Career and Technical Educational Scholarship:**

This scholarship serves seniors of Ulysses High School who want to further their education in a Technical School, learning a meaningful trade. Not all students are college bound. This scholarship is for students whose talents better lend themselves to learning a skill that will elevate their lives, such as welding, auto or diesel mechanics, auto body repair, plumbing, HVAC, construction management, cosmetology/barbering, etc.

### **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.**

Du Good Events, Inc. was organized to help people struggling with the financial burden of serious illness. At the same time, we encourage good health and fitness by sponsoring fitness events, like “Frost your Fanny”. Organized a number of years ago, the group has been revitalized with a progressive board that is dedicated to helping those who need financial help while they are in treatment with diseases like cancer, COVID, diabetes and others.

Du Good Events, Inc. relies solely on donations from the public to continue to help those in need with financial hardships due to serious illness.

### **Friends of the Library:**

The “Friends of the Grant County Public Library” is a non-profit organization established in 2011. Our purpose is to encourage and promote community participation and support for the activities and programs of the Grant County Library and to assist in the Library’s growth and development.

Through membership, donations and volunteerism, the “Friends of Grant County Public Library” help support library activities for all ages. Friends may organize special library events such as special book sales, author visits, raffles, luncheons, and more. Friends groups may assist with already established library programs, promote the library through community events and also apply for grants. Friends may help fund special projects, work with adult literacy or book delivery programs.

### **Furever Friends:**

This group is made up of volunteer animal advocates whose end goal is to eventually manage the day-to-day operations of the animal shelter to reduce the demand on the Animal Control Officer. This will allow the officers to concentrate their efforts on enforcement of the city ordinances relating to animals. This group would also be able to dedicate their time and energy toward rescue efforts and making the animals time in the shelter to be more routine & less stressful. In the future, we would also like to start working towards the root cause of stray animals in our community by sponsoring low cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics.

### **Genesis Family Health:**

Genesis Family Health (GFH) has provided medical and social programs to thousands of people in Southwest Kansas. A nonprofit 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.

### **Ginger’s Hope:**

Ginger's Hope is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and also has an endowment fund with Grant County Community Foundation. It is our goal to provide financial assistance to diabetics and their families so they can gain access to the medication, supplies, education, and equipment necessary to provide the best management and care available. This organization serves the people of Grant County, Kansas.

Organized in memory of Ginger Lozar who died in a diabetic coma when she was only 7 years old, her family and friends have started this organization to help other diabetics live their best life. Like many other challenges in life, if diabetes affects one person in the family, it impacts the whole family. While diabetes is treatable, it is difficult to control and in today's world, insulin and diabetic supplies are very expensive making it an extreme hardship, especially on those without insurance.

**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 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 four active community clubs, the 4-H program has an active school enrichment program. 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 Health Department:**

The Grant County Health Department provides an organized effort to protect and advance the collective and individual health of Grant County residents. Access to public health will be encouraged through services, programs and educational opportunities. Services will be aimed at the prevention and/or reduction of risks of injury, disease and disability and the promotion of physical and mental health. The Health Department established the Agency Fund participating in Grant County Gives to build an endowment to help assure public health services are available 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. Forward 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 1<sup>st</sup> of their family to go to college. It has provided scholarships to graduates of Ulysses High School for over 55 years, making a difference in the lives of many young people and their families.

### **HIGH Program, Inc.**

The HIGH Program was organized to assist with home repairs for those people unable to complete the repairs themselves and/or unable to afford necessary repairs. Their services are often needed by elderly citizens, single parent households and handicapped individuals.

### **Impact Ulysses:**

Impact Ulysses provides information, education, prevention and intervention programs to the youth of Grant County through a variety of programs offered through the schools and the community. They have been successful in implementing several evidence based programs to address underage drinking, drugs, vaping and opioid abuse. In addition, they are involved in a variety of health initiatives aimed at

identifying and improving health statistics in Grant County. With a variety of grant funding, this group strives to better our community by promoting healthier alternatives and providing the education and methods to be successful.

**Kansas Children’s Service League:**

At Kansas Children’s Service League, we believe stronger families start here. For over 130 years, KCSL has worked to create, repair, and restore healthy parent-child relationships, which are the foundation of a strong family. This work fosters long-term positive impacts on children living in Grant County. Our work with children and families improves school readiness and supports parents in their role as their child’s first teacher. Our early childhood programs work with children and families in the areas of health, safety, and education to succeed and break destructive cycles. Our programs help both children and parent develop the skills of life-long success. All money donated in Grant County will benefit Head Start and Early Head Start programming in Ulysses.

**LARC DVS:**

LARC DVS is a non-profit organization that has been a service provider to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking for over 40 years. The agency provides the following services in Grant, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Stanton and Stevens Counties in southwest Kansas: 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, Crisis Intervention, Individual Advocacy, Medical Advocacy, Court Advocacy, Law Enforcement Advocacy, Emergency Accommodations, Shelter, Therapy, Support Groups, and Community Awareness and Education.

**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.

**Restored by Grace:**

Restored by Grace serves our community by providing a much needed place for people to purchase gently used clothing and household items at affordable prices as well as donating items to those in need. It also provides a place for our community to donate items they no longer need to benefit others in our community. Restored by Grace has been blessing our community since 2016.

### **Southwest Health Transport, Inc.**

Our "Southwest Health Transport" 14-passenger bus will be used for transportation services to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities (KDOT 5310). Services under our program will be open to all elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Non-elderly persons who have a medical need in Garden City may ride the bus, if seats are available, as long as the transportation needs for those individuals specified in the grant application have been satisfied. Bus route will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Garden City and back. Care givers may accompany patients if space is available. KDOT has notified us that we will receive our bus this November or December.

### **Substance Abuse Treatment Fund:**

In recognition of the damaging effects that drug and alcohol abuse have 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.

### **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 Educational Fund:**

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.

**USD #214 Teacher Recruitment Fund:**

In recent years, it has become more difficult to attract and retain quality teachers for USD #214. In the fall of 2017, USD #214 started a Demand Fund in the Grant County Community Foundation to provide incentives to bring more teachers to our area. The fund can be used to provide scholarships or pay student loan payments. This fund gives the community an opportunity to help fund some meaningful extras to bridge the gap for teachers with incentives above what school districts can provide.

**Ulysses Stampede:**

The Ulysses Stampede Board is a non-profit organization whose mission is *"To promote and produce quality western lifestyle events while preserving western heritage and promoting agricultural education."* We are community members who have a passion for the western way of life. We come from diverse backgrounds who work towards our common goal of producing and hosting top notch quality events that are beneficial to our outstanding community! The Ulysses Stampede Board has much gratitude for Ulysses and the support that the community has given to us and for that we Thank You! For more information please contact the Ulysses Stampede Board at [ulyssesstampede@gmail.com](mailto:ulyssesstampede@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page. We will use these funds for equipment and facility improvement.

**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 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. In recent years, Women of Purpose has sponsored an Annual Free Cancer Screening, provided \$10,000 in gas cards for cancer victims, donations to the Ulysses Animal Shelter and a pledge for the Outdoor Fitness Center and \$3,000 in local scholarships.

**GCCF Operating Fund:**

At the request of some donors, we have added an opportunity to donate to the Grant County Community Foundation operating fund. This money supports the Grant County Gives campaign in addition to managing the other foundation activities including writing and administering grants that benefit our community. Our budget is very small but important to providing services.