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NEWS TO USE

Visit the JCCF Facebook page to see photos from the **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**.

Join us for our first **REVERSE RAFFLE NIGHT** on Friday, November 17. Visit jccf.org/events for details and tickets.

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE quarterly meeting is planned for **Thursday, November 2** at The Barn at Bay Horse Inn.

GRANT CYCLE 2 LETTERS OF INTENT are due **Tuesday, September 26**.

The Common Form Scholarship Application will open on **January 1, 2024**.

 **REGISTER OR FIND EVENT DETAILS AT JCCF.ORG.**

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS: ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CITIZENS

JCCF has had an eventful summer as the staff, board and volunteers engaged with the community. A few of the highlights are listed here.

➔ **SCHOLARSHIPS:** JCCF awarded 127 scholarships to 85 recipients totaling a distribution of \$306,000.

On June 7, JCCF hosted a scholarship reception at the Johnson County Museum of History to celebrate and honor the recipients.

➔ **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS:** August 31 was the 13th year that JCCF has partnered with the Franklin Chamber to host a Business After Hours serving up steak sandwiches grilled by members of the Johnson County Beef Cattle Association. More than 80 people came out to take part in the great food and company.

➔ **MURAL PAINTING:** On August 5, JCCF's 13th mural was added to the Book Barn at the JCPL Franklin Branch. Two artists, Chrissy Robertson and Gabriel Yaden collaborated on their artistic talents to lead the board, staff and community members in the community painting day.



2023 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: L-R Adeline Jolley, Emma Williams and John Gries.

➔ **GOLF OUTING:** Thank you to all our Golfing for Good outing sponsors and supporters!

Check out JCCF's calendar of events at jccf.org to see what fun and exciting things are planned for the rest of the year including the Reverse Raffle Night on November 17. Come and join us.



Left: Abby Robertson and her children, Sadie and Duncan helped paint the 2023 Color the County mural. Lower left: Community painting day at the Book Barn. Below: Scholarships recipients at the reception.



Why Plan?

How might a Charitable Gift Annuity benefit you during your lifetime?



If you are looking for ways to plan your future giving while actively investing, a charitable gift annuity may be the right choice for you. This route of planned giving at JCCF allows you to donate assets including cash, such as securities and personal property, that earn you income until the assets become gifts.

But what is a charitable gift annuity, exactly? How might you and your loved ones benefit from opening one?

Fidelity.com defines a charitable gift annuity as follows:

A contract that provides the donor with a fixed income stream for life in exchange for a sizeable donation to a charity.

If you choose to donate through a charitable gift annuity with JCCF, you become eligible for partial tax deduction for your donation, plus you receive a fixed income stream from the Foundation for the rest of your life.



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

As a donor, you make a sizable gift to JCCF. In return, you may be eligible to claim partial tax deduction for your donation for the year you set up the annuity. Why only a partial deduction? The IRS views one portion of the donation as a gift, and the other portion as a personal investment, which is beneficial to you as this is how the fixed pay-out occurs. Once your charitable gift annuity is set up, you receive a fixed stream of income from the charity for life. A portion of the fixed payments you receive may also be tax-free for a period of time, based on your life expectancy. This fixed stream of income will never devalue, and it is also guaranteed, backed by the charity's assets, making JCCF the best choice when deciding where to designate your funds.

For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities, contact Kim Kasting at 317-738-2213 or kimm@jccf.org.

Consult a tax advisor about your specific situation.

PRESIDENT'S POST

Former President & CEO
Gail Richards



I was on vacation during the transition from myself to the new President & CEO, Kim Kasting. I went to sleep on July 31, 2023 as President & CEO and woke up on August 1, 2023 as the Director of Special Projects and Kim's employee. I have to admit after 14+ years at the helm of JCCF, it did feel a little strange, not bad, just strange. I am sailing off into the sunset of retirement to spend more time with my granddaughter because I do not want to miss time with her. I never thought I would be a grandmother,



and I sure do not want to miss this blessing that was added to my family over two years ago.

But enough about me, I want to give a shout out to Kim as she transitions into her new role after 16+ years at JCCF. She aced her interviews and demonstrated that she is definitely the one to lead JCCF into the future. She is a poised professional, a community leader, a builder of JCCF and community assets and a team player. Kim will share with you in the next and subsequent issues, her vision for taking JCCF from ~\$40 million in assets to *the sky is the limit* assets.



Gail and granddaughter Madilyn

I am positive that you will love working with her in the future! Please help me in welcoming Kim to her new position at JCCF!

Grants



BIG GRANTS FUND NOTABLE ENDEAVORS

The JCCF Grants Committee recently awarded a total of \$213,500 to nine organizations allowing the Foundation to address several crucial needs in the county. The Bigs Cycle was open to organizations with a program request of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of which there were 38 applicants.

The 2023 Bigs grant awards reflect the Foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Johnson County.



The Bigs Cycle grant recipients received their awards and shared about their programs at a reception in August.

Following are the organizations, program names and amounts awarded:

- ➔ **Aeronautical Center of Technology** – Flight Simulator Program, \$20,000
- ➔ **Amity Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** – Saving Lives in Johnson County with the Jaws of Life, \$30,000
- ➔ **Boys & Girls Club of Johnson County** – After-School Expansion Program, \$20,000
- ➔ **Franklin Community High School FFA Alumni and Supporters** – Franklin FFA - ACE Building Fund, \$23,500
- ➔ **Friends of the Greenwood Public Library** – Early Literacy with Fable the Fox, \$20,000
- ➔ **Gateway Services, Inc.** – Access Johnson County Public Transit, \$25,000
- ➔ **Interchurch Food Pantry** – Permanent Drive-Thru Distribution, \$20,000
- ➔ **Johnson County Senior Services** – Going the Extra Smile, \$25,000
- ➔ **Reach For Youth, Inc.** – Mental Health and Positive Youth Development Services at Clark Pleasant Schools, \$30,000



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FEATURED FUND

THE EMMALYN WAY FUND was established in 2023 in honor and memory of Emmalyn Jane Collins, by her parents Jacob and Loren Collins, to create inclusive and accessible play spaces for all children in Johnson County.

Emmalyn Jane Collins was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at 9-months-old but was never defined by her disability.

"Emmalyn came into this world in a burst of fire and spirit and she kept both until her very last day on June 28, 2023. She leaves behind a devoted family and community committed to honoring her life by improving the lives of others," said Jacob.



This message of Emmalyn's legacy will be carried on by the fund at JCCF with intent to create inclusive playgrounds and accessible spaces where all children can experience the joy of play. The Collins' hope is that future playgrounds will be not only inclusive in name, but in practice as a true testament to how each child shapes our community. The goal with this fund is to start with the re-construction of Northwood Elementary playgrounds, then move on to other Franklin Community School Corporation Elementary Schools.

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THE CHAIR DECLARES

Chair of the Board

Steve Spencer

The year 2023 has been a time of leadership change for JCCF. We live in a world where change is inevitable. We do not need to fear loss in this transition but should look forward to a new beginning. To appreciate this transition in leadership, let's review how we got here.

In 1989, the Pride and Progress Foundation of Greater Greenwood was founded and encouraged with grant funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. in 1990. In 1991 the name was changed to the Johnson County Community Foundation. The ones that came before laid the foundation for successful endowment building. Now Kim Kasting will lead JCCF into the future.

When Gail announced earlier this year that she would retire in March 2024, she gave JCCF the gift of time plus the continued access to her talented leadership. Having served

admirably for 14 years as the leader of the organization, it was clear to everyone that Gail loved her work. She now transitions to a mentor/coach to ensure Kim's success.

Gail's legacy to me will be the way she inspired, empowered and guided the JCCF staff to become specialists in their jobs while also supporting each other collectively. She made important contributions to improving the financial management of the organization while recruiting new team members to support the mission of the organization. She did not flinch in times of adversity whether it was a national financial crisis or the COVID pandemic. Gail's steady leadership maintained the ethics and integrity of the Foundation preparing it for more opportunity and growth in the future. We thank Gail for all she has done and for her commitment to JCCF. We wish Gail and her husband Mark the very best in the years ahead.



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