

Community Grants Report

December 2019

Ellis County



Hays Community Theatre, HCT childrens Theatre Experience Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$2,000, Awarded 06/05/2019

Project Summary: This grant would provide the necessary equipment and items needed to complete our annual children's theatrical education and production.

Use of Funds: The funds were used for scripts, props, costuming and other miscellaneous items need for the performance.

Impact & Results: On September 13 and 14, 2019 HCT sponsored a children's workshop and show at the Celebration Community Church. It was a huge success and drew large crowds from the area. It allowed the children to learn about theatrical skills such as costuming, props and performing. It also allowed the children to work together amongst themselves and adults. With the grant we were able to expend our costuming and props which in hand provided a superior show. We were able to reach out to many children and parents and this project will continue to be an annual fall event.



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USD 489, STEM Pals: An Intergenerational Learning Partnership Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$1,000, Awarded 12/5/2018

Project Summary: Funds will be utilized to purchase materials for engineering challenges, STEM activities, as well as games to foster communication between fifth grade students and the residents of an assisted living facility, or facilities, on a monthly basis.

Use of Funds: Items specifically purchased included: Gears, Gears Gears Build a Bloom Set, Legos, Goobi Construction Packs, Kinetic Sand, Marble Maze Kits, Shoot the Moon, Shut the Box, I Got This!, Bunchems, Magnetiles, and PlayShire Brain Flakes.

Impact & Results: Approximately 25 fifth grade students and 35 assisted living residents were participants each year. Many of our students are from single-parent homes and establishing relationships with supportive adults is critical. Assisted living residents also gained companionship. The assisted living residents were provided with ▶

mental stimulation, fine motor skill practice, and opportunities for authentic communication. Students learned to value elderly community members and learned that volunteering can be a very simple, but important, activity. The intergenerational partnership increased student excitement about STEM activities while learning the importance of respect and empathy. Students witnessed their intergenerational pals' willingness to engage in life-long learning. The assisted living residents now have a greater awareness of what is occurring in public schools. The director of the assisted living facility reported that residents that do not typically come out of their rooms for activities were excited to engage in the STEM Pals activities. The students frequently commented that they did not want to leave the assisted living facility because they were having so much fun getting to know the residents and completing the activities. Due to the assisted living facility's policy on confidentiality, I was not able to take photos. **The memories that the students and residents made together are truly priceless. Thank you for supporting this project!**

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USD 489, Early Head Start Curriculum

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$2,050, Awarded 12/5/2018

Project Summary: This grant will purchase the Frog Street Early Childhood Curriculum to be used by Early Head Start Child Care Providers with at-risk children in their care.

Use of Funds: 100% of funds were used to purchase the Frog Street Curriculum for the Early Head Start providers.

Impact & Results: The implementation of the Frog Street Early Head Start curriculum has made it easier to transition children from home-based Early Head Start to Head Start services. Previously the two programs were using different curriculum. By using the same curriculum, children are already aware of core competencies and enter preschool with no lag time spent re-teaching fundamentals. In addition, the new curriculum mirrors the concepts being taught in the center-based Early Head Start services. When everyone is on the same page, children benefit.

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USD 489, Preschool Hearing Screening Equipment

Ellis County Legacy Fund, Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$3,562, Awarded 12/5/2018

Project Summary: This grant will provide funds to purchase a Gordon Stowe Tympanometer/Audiometer combination instrument. The instrument will be used to provide hearing screenings to all USD 489 Early Childhood Connections preschool students.

Use of Funds: 100% of funds were used to purchase a GSI 39 Auto Tympanometer/Audiometer combination instrument (OAE) and carrying case. The OAE was purchased in February 2019 and has been used since then.

Impact & Results: Since 2019 the new OAE has been used to provide hearing screening for over 200 children entering or transitioning to the USD 489 Early Childhood Connections Preschool program. In that time 21 children were re-screened to rule out hearing loss. Of those 21 children, 10 were referred on to medical professionals for further treatment. Treatment ranged from medication for ongoing ear infections, placement of tubes or more intensive interventions such as hearing aids. The majority of parents had no suspicion of hearing loss in their child, prior to the screening. An additional benefit is the length of time needed to perform the hearing screening was greatly reduced with the new OAE. The old OAE was prone to malfunctions and breakdowns that meant repeated attempts were necessary on very young children.



**Rooks County Healthcare Foundation,
Patient Bed Accessibility Project
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund,
\$7,000, Awarded 06/06/2018**

Project Summary: Rooks County Healthcare Foundation (RCHF) seeks funding to purchase upgrades to the patient beds at Rooks County Health Center (RCH). Specifically, purchase new bed cabling units that connect the patient's bed controls to lighting and nurse contact.

Use of Funds: Purchased:

- 96 switch caps for bed controls
- 22 Inner labels for right and left bed controls
- 23 Magnetic bed cabling units
- 17 Low voltage controllers

Impact & Results: Elimination of patient calls to the nurses station requesting over bed lights be turned on or off. Reduced or eliminated repair costs on cabling coupling units. Greater patient satisfaction with RCH facility, safety, comfort and nurse response time.

Nurses have been reporting fewer calls to patient rooms now that patients can control their own lighting. While it is too soon to conclusively state that patient falls and near falls have decreased (due to the fact that the system has only been in place for two months), preliminary reports from the Quality Director are that there have been fewer falls/near falls by inpatients while in their rooms since the new system was introduced. Some of this reduction might be the consequence of patients not leaving their beds unassisted to turn off their lights.

Maintenance personnel report that previous to the installation of the new system they were called to repair the old cabling systems as many as 10 times a month. In the two months since the new system was installed, maintenance reports they have had only two requests for help regarding the cabling system and both of those involved new hires who only needed re-training on how the new system works. The results of the implementation of the project met every one of the objectives stated for the project.

The main takeaway from the implementation of this project is that seemingly minor upgrades of certain technologies can significantly increase patient care and increase staff efficiency at a relatively low cost.

**Fusion Christian Youth Center, Grow & Give Summer outreach ministry program
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$2,119, Awarded 06/07/2018**

Project Summary: This summer our ministry has an opportunity to reach out to our youth in ages 8 to 14 and provide weekly summer ministry program.

Use of Funds: Please see attached receipts.

Impact & Results: We were able to hire two youth ministers, a college student minister and a youth helper to serve in our summer ministry program Grow and Give. Our President; Peter Bellerive met with these four stipend staff weekly to oversee our summer ministry. We were able to purchase two different spiritual curriculum programs for older grade school as well as junior high by Beth Moore called The Quest. Our summer schedule consisted of forth grade on Tuesday, fifth grade on Thursday, and junior high on Friday night. Doors open at 10:15 am begin at ▶



10:30 – then walk over to cafeteria at 11:15am for a free lunch provided by the school. Junior high was Friday night at 7:00 to 9:00. During the last week of the ministry in August; the fourth and fifth grade groups completed a serve project for the local nursing home, where they were able to complete a multi-generational craft within The Quest curriculum. We recognized there is a challenge during the summer months to have consistent attendance, however we know the spiritual seeds planted will have an eternal impact.

Our staff was able to review weekly with our board liaison to continue adjust the programming, times and activities with each weekly ministry event. By weekly evaluation, we were able to continue to draw more youth into the ministry events. At the end of the summer outreach, a board representative met with the summer staff to review and receive feedback how the program was received and what we could do better in the future. Everyone agreed, summer months are a challenge; to find optimal time for youth to attend. Although consistent attendance varied week to week; the content and

relationships built decidedly was solid and provided growth to these youth. After the summer ministry, multiple youth began to attend youth ministry programs at local churches.

Trego County

USD 208, “Raising a Ruckus”

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund,
\$4,065, Awarded 06/05/2019**

Project Summary: Trego Community Schools have been without a band program for nearly seven school years. We have secured a highly qualified band teacher who is committed to revitalizing the program by offering band opportunities for fifth through 12th grade students.

Use of Funds: The funds we received were used to purchase good, used, refurbished instruments. We now have two flutes, two clarinets, one alto saxophone, two trumpets and two trombones. We have four of the instruments that current students are rotating for use.

Impact & Results: With the addition of band we have afforded some students the opportunity to be involved in something social. At this point, our junior high band has had two instances whereby the band has helped the cheerleaders with some pep rally music. This was VERY well received. Additionally, there are scheduled community practices for former band and community members. Again, this is receiving recognition within our community. Without these grant funds we would be at the mercy of the music house that circulates around Kansas to request, view, and tryout instruments.

There are forty-eight fifth through eighth grade students in band and twelve at the high school level. While we are very pleased with these numbers, there are some students that might not have gone out for band had we have not had the instruments available that we received grant funds for. The instruments are used as a trial run, when needed, and then some parents felt comfortable in going ahead and purchasing for their child based on the band directors recommendations.

As we proceed further into the school year, we are nearing band and vocal concert times of the year. **This, along with our community pep band that has been organized, will be a tell all of the impact both in our school setting as well as the excitement in the community.**

USD 208, AED Addition for USD 208

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund,

\$3,556, Awarded 06/05/2019

Project Summary: The goal of this grant is to obtain two new Zoll AED Plus machines for our school district. One of these will replace an outdated AED at the high school gym and the other will be to replace an older one at the grade school.

Use of Funds: The grant money was spent specifically for the purchase of two new Zoll AED machines and two sets of AED pads for pediatrics.

Impact & Results: This helped our school and community tremendously. This will ensure that if something should happen, the new AED will have better chances of working. Without the funding we would have had the Phillips AED in place and if used may or may not shock. This will now ensure the proper treatment for someone right away.

Trego Arts Club, Wichita Children's Theatre Tour for Trego Schools

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$1,000, Awarded 06/05/2019

Project Summary: We are requesting funds to bring the Wichita Children's Theatre touring company to Trego schools. For some of our students, especially the younger ones, it will be their first experience with live professional Theatre.

Use of Funds: The grant funds were used for two performances of the Wichita Children's Theatre touring company, one afternoon performance for Trego Grade School students, and one evening performance for the public.

Impact & Results: Trego schools have a tradition of hosting the Wichita Children's Theatre touring group that goes back over 30 years. The WCT group comes in the fall, during the time high school students are preparing for their musical theatre performance. The grade school students were entertained, and the high school music students got to see what goes into producing a professional theatre piece. This is particularly important this year, as Trego Community High School music and theatre students are performing a Broadway type musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The enthusiastic young performers of WCT provide the cast with advice and inspiration. The students at Trego Grade School always enjoy the performances, and treat the WCT group like celebrities, cheering for them and asking for autographs. They love seeing the sets and costumes up close and visiting with the performers. Hopefully these performances will help create interest in theatre and increase participation in school programs. We are grateful to the Heartland Community Foundation for giving our students the experience of a live theatre production.

Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital, Trego County Health Fair

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant, \$2,500, Awarded 06/05/2019

Project Summary: We are requesting the grant to help with the cost associated in running a community wide health fair. All the resources are free to the attendees and we have several people in the community donate their time in order to make this event happen.

Use of Funds: The Health Fair has several cost from free services, advertising, wages, and food. The grant funds were used specifically to keep the lab draws and flu shots at no cost to the community. ▶

Trego Co. Lemke Memorial Hospital

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



When: Saturday, October 26, 2019
7:30 am to 11:00 am

Where: Trego Recreation & Wellness Center
512 Caroline Ave, WaKeeney, KS

Dental Cancer Check
Colby Com. College

Vision Check
Dr. Robben

Hearing Check
Miracle Ear Hearing Aid Center

Free Lab
(Fasting 12 hours)
TCLMH

Free Flu Shots
(6 months and older)

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Impact & Results: Each year we are more amazed at the number of participants we see join us for the health fair. Health care facilities are paving the way for being proactive in personal self care, this is exactly why we continue to offer the Health Fair in Trego County. By receiving the grant, it allows our facility to offer wellness tables that participants can walk away with tangible information to better care for their health. This year there were 140 lab draws, which is our most successful year to date.

This was our second year of offering free flu shots, and were able to provide 121 flu shots. We believe by offering the health fair free of charge, our community is better equipped with health knowledge and receiving information. There are several circumstances that leave people feeling helpless or uneducated on health issues, and the health fair is just one of the pieces to the puzzle to help bridge the gap. One of the major success of this year out of the 140 lab draws, there was a participants who needed to be seen for immediate care by our ER Provider day of the health fair.

Multi-County

Plainville Community Foundation, Remembering Our Fallen National Memorial to Plainville, KS Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund \$4,000 Awarded 06/05/2019

Project Summary: Plainville Community Foundation with Plainville Ambassador Club is bringing the Remembering Our Fallen National Memorial to Plainville this fall. It is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military Fallen from The War on Terror.

Use of Funds: We printed 3000 postcards, 2500 flyers, 1000 posters, 1000 tri-fold brochures, sent out 2500 informational letters to alumni. We also bought radio ads and printed promotional banners which were used at a booth at the fair and along the highway.

Impact & Results: I believe that Plainville, Rooks County, and many of the surrounding areas will be impacted by the Remembering Our Fallen Memorial for years to come. Over 500 kids who participated in the event, from volunteering for setup, escorts, readers, music students, art students, and those who just came and watched the opening ceremony will never forget the experience and will carry a new appreciation of service and sacrifice for a lifetime. Over 20 Gold Star families from across Kansas, out of state, and even one family member who flew in from Belgium, were embraced by North West/ North Central Kansas area. They left Plainville knowing that they are now part of the Rooks County family and were so impressed by the people of our part of the state. A public information officer from Kansas Emergency Management estimated that we had nearly 1,800 people at the opening ceremony and thousands toured the memorial from setup on Thursday through tear down on Sunday afternoon. The grant enabled us to reach out to the entire state - every VFW and American Legion post in the state received promotional materials, as well as Plainville alumni. The founder of the 501(c)3 that owns the Remembering Our Fallen Memorial told us, "We all agree, the best job done by any host since unveiling September 7, 2017." That's no small feat, considering the memorial has been to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Philadelphia Independence National Park, and the Marine Corps Museum.

