

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation's purpose is to increase the visibility of the Extension by raising and granting funds to further projects and activities in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, community development, family and consumer sciences, horticulture and 4-H youth development..

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Unusual Times

During these unusual times, we are hopeful that everyone remains safe and healthy. In spite of the “stay-in-place mode”, there are still many reasons to be thankful and cheerful. We had a great turnout at our dinner and auction; our members were extremely generous. This enabled us to make sizeable grants for K-State Research and Extension activities. We are looking forward to when we will be able to meet face to face again and not have to use *Zoom* for our meetings. Thanks to everyone for your support of the foundation.

Larry Justice
President



THANKS TO ALL for a successful “JCEEF Benefit Evening”

It was an evening of ‘participation’ on that special day in Leap Year February 29. There were several fun ways to spend your money – all in support of the Foundation’s Education mandate. Members and Guests were treated to a Silent Auction of interesting items. The items were graciously donated by various groups or individuals and included wonderfully made wooden items, theme filled baskets, original art, beautiful pottery and much more. The Wine Pull was again a popular activity with some ‘surprise’ bottles to be desired. Dart throwing skills were tested at the Balloon Pop – all for a chance at a surprise held in the balloon.

The fast paced and thrilling live auction by Auctioneer Ron Stricker saw a record number of items finding new homes – a week at a lovely resort in Tennessee (2 of them), a handmade quilt, a week at a large home in Florida, a cherry-wood jewelry chest, an airplane tour of Kansas City (2 of them), a diamond ring and so much more. And if all that were not enough, we enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner with loaded mashed potatoes plus and dessert made by the Master Food Volunteers.

All of the thanks for the successful benefit goes to the many donations from individuals and businesses, the volunteers, the Extension staff and Tara Markley (Extension Director, who pulled the whole thing together), the JCEEF Board and, of course all those who bid on the wonderful items.

MANY SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE

Help us by completing the questionnaire sent to you recently by email and please offer your suggestions. Your responses will help us to improve our next JCEEF ‘Benefit.’

The Foundations mission is to support education through Extension.

The results of everyone's efforts resulted in the following grants for 2020 totaling:

\$15,435

\$1100 to train 22 volunteer counselors for 4-H summer camp.



\$395 to Family & Community Education Starfish Project to provide "Shower Bags" for low income people.

\$750 to support criminal background checks for any volunteer KSRE-Johnson County who works with youth.

\$750 Funding for five 4-H high school youth to attend workshops & to lead an outreach effort for the community to teach about reducing food wastes.



\$500 for signage, a frame and post, plants and pavers for the Community Garden at the Center of Grace by Ext. Master Gardeners.

\$800 for fencing for the Extension Master Gardener St. Agnes Jr. Master Gardener Program.



\$500 to the WIC Garden (adjacent to Extension office) for signage & equipment. The garden benefits families enrolled in the Johnson County WIC nutrition & education Program.



\$475 for tools & supplies for the new Wassmer Park Demonstration Garden

\$1000 to fund Wildlife education programs for the six Jr. Master Gardener programs at area elementary schools.



\$1100 to build raised bed & install signage at the Deanna Rose Farmstead demonstration garden to illustrate advantages of raised bed gardening



\$700 for tools & supplies for the new West Flanders Demonstration Garden in Shawnee.

\$2500 in each of four years for a total of \$10,000 to the Ext. Master Gardeners for expenses in conjunction with the 2023 International Master Gardeners Conference. Johnson County EMGs brought this honor to Johnson County and Kansas City. They are the only County to ever win the honor. The conference is usually accomplished by a state.

\$900 for materials for the irrigation system & signage in the Garden Gallery Demonstration Garden.



\$3965 to the Extension Office for the written material section of the Extension to improve functionality of information in the lobby with new wall towers, holders and associated items.



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