

# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

March 2021



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..  
Kansas State University Research and Extension—Johnson County

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## \*\*\*\* 2020 Grantee Reports \*\*\*\*

Dear JCEEF Members,

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to those who renewed their memberships in the foundation for the coming year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go along way to help Extension bring low cost and free programming to the citizens of Johnson County. In this newsletter you will see the results of some of the grants awarded last year. Our congratulations go to the 4-H Science Matters Team for their award winning performance at the state level.

Because of the pandemic, some grant awards made last year were not able to be completed. Your board has voted to make those funds available again for this year so the intended purpose of the grant can be completed by those who made the request. The board will also be reviewing grants submitted for 2021 and making the awards towards the end of March.

We look forward to getting back to a normal mode of operation and hopefully be able to have a dinner and auction in 2022. Thanks everyone for their support of the foundation.

Larry Justice  
President



## 4-H Science Matters Program

A JCEEF grant of \$1300 aids 4-H youth as they study food waste and teach others.

The team wrote and performed its own waste video.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Ncv4aAmq8>



## \$395 Grant to FCE Harmony

FCE volunteers prepared 50 Shower kits for the homeless with such things as razors, chapsticks, soap, combs, deodorants, toothbrush & toothpaste, hand towels, bandaides, etc.



Tough times never last but tough people do. Always remember you are loved and you matter. Take Care! FCE Harmony

Notes in each kit

The contents of this shower bag was made possible by the monetary contribution of JCEEF (Johnson County Extension Education Foundation). The bag was put together by the caring hands of members of Harmony FCE (Family and Community Education).



The team competed in the KSU Science of Ag Challenge at the Kansas Farm Bureau in Manhattan, Kansas in November, 2020 and was awarded first place recognitions. The team encourages you to #WatchYourWaste!!



**Wassmer Park  
Prairie Village**

**An Extension Master Gardener  
Demonstration Garden**

**A Grant of \$475**

**Ann Graham, Co-Chair says the  
grant allowed us to purchase  
large tools and startup supplies  
such as a leaf blower &  
collapsible cart**



**Deanna Rose Farmstead  
Overland Park**

**An Extension Master Garden Demonstration Garden**

**A Grant of \$1100**

Along with funding the raised bed at the garden, signs were purchased to help educate visitors about the (1) advantages of raised bed gardening, (2) information about Monarch and Black Swallowtail butterflies. The butterfly signs will hopefully help to spur interest in planting butterfly & pollinator friendly plants.

Unfortunately, the Farmstead was closed to the public in 2020 due to the pandemic. The EMGs, however, were allowed back into the garden mid-June. On the average in past years there was approximately 450,000 visitors per year.

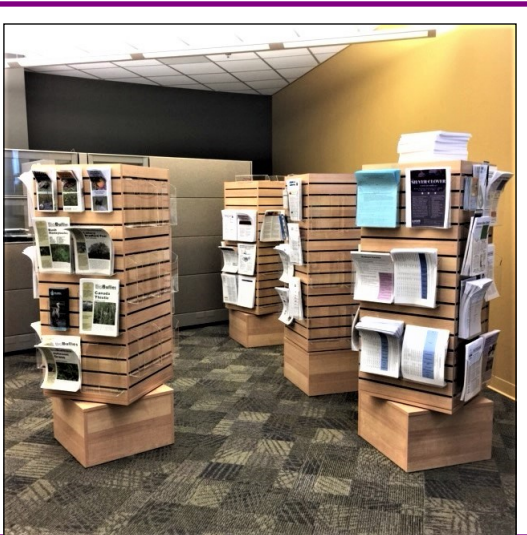


**Johnson County Extension  
Horticulture Office**

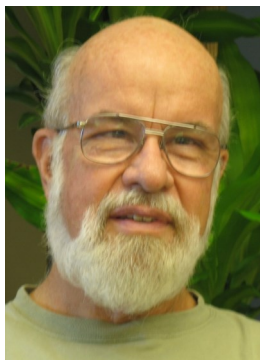
**Grant of \$3,965**

Tracy Hemsath shows the old shelving system of displaying informational sheets. This information is available to the public and covers horticultural subjects pertinent to the County.

The JCEEF grant purchased the new display system which clearly made the information more accessible. The previous shelving was advertised on Facebook & sold thereby eliminating any disposal fee.



**MEET YOUR BOARD**



After retirement as a physician for the Department of Veterans Affairs and faculty member at KU College of Medicine, I became an Extension Master Gardener (EMG). I started gardening as a young child under my mother's watchful eye. Wherever I have lived, I have always had a garden when possible, especially roses.

As an EMG I learned about Johnson County K-State Research and Extension and all the programs sponsored by Extension. I was asked to join the board of the Johnson County Extension Education Foundation in 2013 as treasurer. Since then it has been gratifying to see the Foundation grow its membership and support Extension programs.