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Dear Community Foundation Friends and Patrons:

2009 was another year of successful growth for both the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation and the Wamego Community Foundation. More than 30 new funds were established within both Foundations to further our mission of servicing the needs and visions of our communities, donors, and stakeholders.

This level of service could not have been possible without the KRCF and WCF partnering to hire our first executive director, René Eichem, in March 2008. This continued collaboration allows the Foundations to serve communities, both local and throughout Kansas, with their philanthropic endeavors.

With continued growth and our commitment to high quality service to our communities comes increased financial requirements. I encourage your continued support by contributing to our administrative fund or other funds whose purpose touches your heart. Maybe you want to establish a new endowment fund that will assist many future generations. Endowments are the perpetual contributors to our communities as their earnings are filtered back into our communities forever. It all starts by contacting the Foundations with your estate planning and philanthropic questions at (785) 456-8444 or wcf@wamego.net or krcf@wamego.net.

Under the direction of our executive director and both Board of Directors, the Foundations are positioned to prosper. Both Foundations' commitment to serve our communities is our joining force. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wamego Community Foundation and the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation, as well as the many recipients of your generous contributions, I want to thank our generous donors who are the lifeblood of the Foundation. We appreciate the trust and support you provide. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for caring enough to give back to your communities!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas K. Springer".

Douglas K. Springer, 2009 President
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Dear Friends and Supporters:

It is my hope that as you turn the pages of this annual report, you will get a glimpse of the stories, people, and places behind the pictures and names. Every fund tells a story of how someone cared for someone else or was passionate about a cause.

We dedicate this annual report to the generosity of our supporters who give of their time, talents, and financial resources. It takes all of these precious assets to ensure we can continue helping all the communities we serve to grow and thrive.

I joined the WCF and KRCF as their first-ever executive director in March 2008, and it has been exciting and rewarding, to say the least! Although the past year was fraught with uncertainties due to the economic downturn, it was also a year of milestones and achievements for the Foundations.

As I look back over our accomplishments, I am extremely pleased with our progress and deeply grateful for the support you have shown us and your causes. It's hard to pick just one accomplishment that stands out the most, so I'll highlight a couple:

- More than 30 new funds were established with the Foundations, both locally and statewide; from Admire to Woodbine we have been able to help communities and other nonprofit organizations grow and thrive.
- The Wamego Community Foundation was named "2009 Business of the Year" by the Wamego Chamber of Commerce for our philanthropic work in the community.
- The Foundations hosted the 10th annual scholarship awards banquet, and more than \$30,000 in scholarships were awarded to area high school students.
- Together the foundations received more than \$500,000 in grants for our funds and charitable causes, as well as individual donations ranging from a couple of dollars to several thousand dollars. Every gift, regardless of size, is important and the foundations provide a means for all gifts—both large and small—to make a difference.

From special projects to the grants and donations we receive and make to other charities and from park improvements to historical preservation to providing scholarships—your contributions make a difference. Together, we are truly engaged in connecting people who care with causes that matter.

With sincere gratitude for your continued support,

René Eichem, KRCF/WCF Executive Director

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In Remembrance ...

We would like to pay special tribute to the following loved ones who have been honored through memorial contributions to funds held with the Wamego Community Foundation and the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation since their inception. The following list does not include memorial scholarships, which are on Page 10.

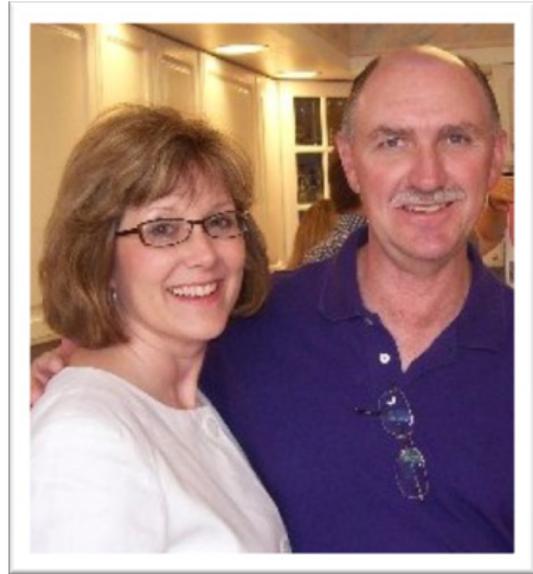
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**“Treat your
community like
a member of
the family and
give something
back to it.”**



Debra and Michael Rice

I served as president of the Wamego Community Foundation from 1998, when it was founded, through 2003 and have remained on the WCF board as a community advisor ever since. Over the years I have seen the Foundation grow from one small charitable fund to nearly 40 funds that provide scholarships to area students, grants for community projects, and contributions to many other worthwhile charitable causes.

The WCF has provided a way for us to do many wonderful things in and for Wamego and surrounding communities, and I wanted to be able to provide some of those same opportunities and services to other rural communities in Kansas who didn't have the tools or resources needed to establish their own community foundation.

I helped establish the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation in 2006 and will serve as president in 2010. However, and more importantly, I believe in the adage that a board member should be willing to give their time, talents, and treasures to the foundation. As such, my wife, Deb, and I have pledged to support the Community Foundation by contributing \$2,500 a year for the next six years.

We believe in giving back to our community and the state we call home, and we want to help ensure the Community Foundation will continue providing services to all Kansans ... now and forever.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Rice

Michael A. Rice
Wamego, KS



(l to r): Cassie, Rachelle, Doug, Jordon, Jacob, Joshua, and Chantel

“Put your
money
where your
life is.”
Routh family motto

My husband, Doug, and I had often talked about estate planning, but we never seemed to find the time and kept putting it off. Like most people, we were busy. We were running two companies — R-Tech Tool & Machine Inc. in Wamego and Paxico Antiques in Paxico—raising five kids and going to all their school activities, attending church, volunteering for various civic organizations, and everything else that keep all of us so busy.

When we decided travel to Japan on vacation in 2008, we knew we couldn't put it off any longer. Our entire family was getting on an airplane and traveling halfway around the world; it was time to make provisions in the event something happened to us.

We met with our accountant and tax attorney and established a Trust that names our families, two of our favorite charitable organizations, and the Wamego Community Foundation as beneficiaries. Upon our death, the Doug and Rachelle Routh Community Endowment Fund will be established at the Community Foundation. The WCF Board of Directors, as trustees, will determine the areas of the greatest need in and for the Wamego community and will make disbursements from the income of our Endowment Fund each year.

In December 2008, we also established two R-Tech Tool and Machine Scholarship Funds with the Foundation. Every year a student at Wabauunsee High School in Alma and a student at Wamego High School will receive a scholarship. We feel so good that we are able to help deserving students further their education in the field of metal fabrication.

We have been truly blessed in so many ways, and we wanted to give something back to the communities where we live and work.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Routh

Rachelle Routh
Rural Alma

P.S. I also joined the board of the Wamego Community Foundation in January 2009 as a community advisor because I see the great things they are doing for the community, and I wanted to be a part of it!

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 Pikul, Richard & Diane
 Pinnacle Countertops
 Pitney, Carol
 Pitney, Jerry
 Platt, Gregory & Brett (Stewart)
 Pollard, James & Tammie
 Poore, Larry & Barb
 Portia Club
 Pott County Econ. Dev. Corp.
 Pottawatomie County Recycling Committee
 Powell, Richard & Helen
 Powers, John & Martha
 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
 Pray Inc.
 Price, William & Linda
 PRN Home Health & Hospice
 Prockish, Steve & Des
 Prouty, David & Bonnie
 Pugh & Pugh, Attorneys at Law
 Pusker, Susan
 R-Tech Tool & Machine, Inc.
 Rambler's Steaks
 Rather, Ronald & Terri
 Rebekau Unity 232
 REED Company, LLC
 Reed, Carl
 Reed, Carl & Marty
 Reed, Kathryn
 Reese & Novelty, P.A.
 Reese, Rick & Mary Ellen
 Reilly, Maureen A.
 Releford, Scott & Tiya
 REW Materials
 Rex's Electric, Inc.
 Reznick, Marilyn (Belton) & Ira
 Rhoads, Jesse & Rebekah
 Riat, Greg & Phyllis
 Riblett, Carl & Betsy
 Ribordy, Christine
 Rice, Mike & Deb
 Richards, Verlyn
 Riffey, Donald & Sharon
 Rinearson, Sam
 Riniker, Dirk & Becky
 River Trail Products
 RoadID
 Roberts, Michael
 Robichaux, Rex
 Roller, Julie
 Rosander, J.E. & Lynda Sue
 Rosenkranz, Richard & Sara
 Ross, Eric & Lisa
 Ross, Gerald & Kathleen
 Routh, Doug & Rachelle
 Rumbaugh, Glen & Ardith
 Rush, Jim
 Russell, Max & Kay
 Russell, Sean
 Ryan, Tim & Karen
 S. Clark Balderson Trust
 Sackrider, Jeff
 Sackrider, Steve & Nancy
 Satterfield, Mike & Glenda
 Schau, Scott & Joyce
 Schierkolk, Wayne & Patti
 Schmidt, Chris & Shana
 Schoen, Brad & Susan
 Schultz Construction, Inc.
 Schumacher, Betty
 Schumacher, L. Lee & Linda
 Schumacher, Lee & Mary Ann
 Schumacher, Patricia
 Schwartz, John
 Schweppe, Roger & Darlene
 Scott, James & Shirley
 Scritchfield, Joyce
 Sean Padgett Masonry, Inc.
 Seemater, Terry & Janet
 Shaffer, Susan
 Shain, Dennis & Casandra
 Sharp, Roger & Winnie
 Shea, J.L.
 Siebert, Mary Kaye
 Siebert, Ruth
 Signorello, Frank
 Simmer, Dyan
 Simmer, John & Patty
 Simmer, Lena
 Simmer, Wilford & Donna
 Simmons, Rand & Tracy
 Slater, Chris & Deborah
 Smith-Guth Insurance Agency
 Smith, Charles & Patricia
 Smith, Joyce Harrison
 Smith, Shirley
 Sommers, Jared & Jennifer
 Springer, Doug & Jenny
 Stacey, Reid
 Stamper, Amanda
 Stamper, Kent & Bette
 Stamper, Woodie & Amanda
 Stan Hartwich Construction
 Steerman, David & Diane
 Stevens, Bob & Kathy
 Stewart Funeral Home
 Stewart, Bart & Jennifer
 Stewart, Cathy
 Stewart, Shawn & Christi
 Stewart, Wanda
 Stramel, Dean & Janet
 Strand, Garth
 Streefer, John & Linda
 Suther, Steve & Anne
 Sutton, Steve
 Symons, Stan & Susan
 Taliaferro-Collins, Marsha
 Tauer, Leo & Betty
 Tawani Foundation
 TC Retail Liquor
 The Ladd Foundation
 Thierolf, Mindy
 Thomasset, Janet (Sherrill)
 Toburen, Elsa
 Toto's Tacoz
 Tracy, Carol
 Trudo, Chris & Diana
 Tully, Peter & Mary
 Ubel, Don & Sally
 Uhrich, Alberta
 United Methodist Women
 USD #320
 Valero, M. Teresa
 Van Ryn, Frank & Rochelle
 Vanderblit's
 Vanderblit, David & Jan
 Various
 Venture Placement Services, Inc.
 Vision Source
 Vogel, David & Chantel
 Voldrich, Rudy & Maria
 Vonada, Sally
 Vopata, Stan & Joann
 Waddington, Donald
 Wade, Bradley & Jennifer
 Wade, Robert Chad
 Wagenblast, Joe
 Walters, Barry & Leanna
 Wamego Council of Churches
 Wamego Dental Center
 Wamego Drug Store
 Wamego High Alumni Assn.
 Wamego Hospital Association
 Wamego Lions Club
 Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc.
 Wamego Times, The
 Wamego Veterinary Clinic
 Watkins, Andrew & Barbara
 Watkins, Aron & Kathy
 Watt, Susan
 Wedeking, Leroy
 Wedeking, Steve
 Wegner, Maye
 White, Charles & Jan
 Whiteside, Phyllis
 Wilburn, William & Joyce
 Wilson, Brent & Stacy
 Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Larry
 Winkler, Wendell & Louese
 Woodard, Daniel & Veronica
 Worthing, C.R. & Cindy
 Worthing, Fern
 Wright, Bill & Cheri
 Wright, Donald
 Wylie, Robert, Asbury, & Jessi
 Yager, Timothy & Debra
 Yocum, Ronald & Sue
 Yoos, Billee & Carole
 Yoos, Caroline
 Zabel, Michael & Kelda
 Zabel, Stephen & Joy
 Zadina, Lanny & Vicki
 Zeller, Jim & DelAnne
 Zweimiller, Lannie & Penny

Kansas Rural Communities Foundation Funds

Admire Community PRIDE Fund
Belvue Community Improvement Fund
Blue Valley Foundation Fund
Discover Kansas Arts Fund
Education for Kansas Fund
Flint Hills Horse Park Fund
Friends of the Flint Hills Fund
Friends of USD 329 Fund
Granite Hills Legacy Foundation - General
Operating Fund
Granite Hills Legacy Foundation - Endowment
Fund
Havensville Community Improvement Fund
Kansas Barn Alliance Fund
Kaw Valley Jr. Golf Fund
KRCF Administrative Fund
Leisure Land Playground Fund
Lenora Jubilee Association - General Operating
Fund
Lenora Jubilee Association - Endowment Fund
Norton Community Improvement Fund
Pete Darting Memorial Scholarship Fund
Pottawatomie County Economic Development
Fund
Pottawatomie County Historic Preservation Fund
Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Fund
R-Tech Tool & Machine Scholarship Fund
St. George Historical Society Fund
St. Marys Community Foundation Fund
St. Marys Friends of the Park Fund
St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Ties That Bind Fund
Wamego Telephone Company Donor Advised
Fund
WestKan Foundation Fund
Westmoreland Community Improvement Fund
Woodbine Community Foundation Fund

Wamego Community Foundation Funds

4th of July Fireworks Fund
Family Life Education Center Endowment Fund
Friends of the Park Endowment Fund
Friends of the Park Equipment Fund
Gaylord Belton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Gus Hildebrand Memorial Scholarship Fund
Helm Sisters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hilliard Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
HTC Entrepreneurship Fund
Jeff Birney (Fox) Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Lawless Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kevin Dekat Memorial Jazz Scholarship Fund
Leadership Children's Fund
Leadership Wamego Fund
Messiah Fund
Pickering Award Fund
Pottawatomie Recycling Committee Fund
R-Tech Tool & Machine Scholarship Fund
Rebecca Sester Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sarah Katherine Watt Education Fund
Teresa Ann Siebert Memorial Scholarship Fund
USD 320 Foundation Fund
Vision Oz Fund
Walter P. Chrysler House Project Fund
Wam-Sag-Man Trail Fund
Wamego City Park Train Enhancement Project Fund
Wamego Community Endowment Fund
Wamego Community Foundation Administrative Fund
Wamego Community Scholarship Fund
Wamego Public Library Endowment Fund
Wamego Recreation Complex Fund
Wamego River Access Fund
Wamego Telephone Company Scholarship Fund
WHS Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund
WHS Class of 2005 Scholarship Fund

Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2009*

KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	190,333
Investment securities	<u>1,035,657</u>

Fixed Assets

Cost - office equip	6,269
Accum. Deprec. - office equip	<u>-3,689</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 1,228,570**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Expense payable	<u>1,004</u>
Total Liabilities	1,004

Equity

Retained Earnings	1,080,076
Net Income	<u>147,490</u>
Total Equity	1,227,566

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 1,228,570**

WAMEGO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	371,623
Investment Securities	<u>261,804</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 633,427**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Expense payable	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	0

Equity

Retained Earnings	540,781
Net Income	<u>92,646</u>
Total Equity	633,427

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 633,427**

*Note: To view the KRCF 990's, please visit www.thekrcf.org
To view the WCF 990's, please visit www.thewcf.org



Pott. Co. Historic Preservation Fund - Louis Vieux Elm



Belvue - Park



Wamego - Train Depot



Onaga - Leisure Land Playground



Kansas Barn Alliance