# WAMEGO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"A Foundation for the Future"

# 2001 Annual Report



# Wamego

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"A Foundation for the Future"

# **Mission Statement**

- Enrich the quality of life in Wamego and the surrounding region.
- Serve as a leader in the community to build awareness of community needs and opportunities.
- Provide a vehicle by which individuals, families, businesses, and organizations can financially support community needs.
- Solicit funds and educate potential donors about the advantages of giving for both the donor and the community.
- Insure professional management of perpetually endowed funds.

# Values and Beliefs

We believe:

- In enhancing, improving, and enriching the lives of our community's citizens.
- In investing in our youth and their education.
- That the future of our community is in the hands of the community itself.
- That every gift, regardless of size, is important and that the foundation provides a means for small gifts to make a difference.
- That a healthy, vital community provides the best opportunity for families and future generations to remain within the community.

# **Board of Directors**

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# Wamego Community Foundation



"A Foundation for the Future"

Dear Citizens of the Wamego Community:

The following pages detail the activities of the Wamego Community Foundation for the year 2001.

At the close of the 2001 calendar year, the Foundation had total assets in excess of \$283,000 in (18) existing funds. The amount donated to those funds was nearly the same as the previous year 2000 at just over \$102,000 dollars of net contributions. Over \$32,000 was granted back to worthwhile community projects and organizations in 2001.

Several scholarships were awarded to individuals from four scholarship funds and one donor advised fund. Other agencies receiving grants during the year were the Wamego Chamber of Commerce Main Street, The Family Life Education Center, Friends of the Park, the Messiah Fund, and several charities given to from the Wamego Telephone Company Fund.

Thanks to the volunteer hours donated by our Board of Directors, Community Advisors, and other community volunteers, we were able to structure a successful organization that will be here to benefit the residents of Wamego and the surrounding communities for generations to come.

The WCF, along with two other local charities, held a very successful community auction in September of 2001. Over \$42,000 was raised by the event, with over \$32,000 dollars going to funds within the Community Foundation. A lot of hard work by many volunteers was necessary to make this successful and the board of directors hopes to make this an annual fund raising event for the Foundation.

We invite you to read our 2001 Annual Report and see for yourself all the worthwhile programs, funds, and services that the Foundation supported in 2001. In these difficult economic times, it has been hard to find long-term investments that are not being eroded by poor market conditions. We will continue to strive to find ways to invest your donations wisely.

Of course, with any organization comes operational costs. We have established an *Administrative Fund* that is funded by generous donations from businesses and individuals within the community. It helps to cover the overhead incurred in operating and promoting the Wamego Community Foundation. We are an all-volunteer organization with very low overhead. However, we are beginning to recognize that our future may depend on our ability to fund a full or part-time executive director, whose duties will be to manage the day-to-day operation of the Foundation.

The Foundation is here to serve this community and will continue to do so in these and many other ways. We hope that you will find our Annual Report informative and helpful. Please visit our web site at <a href="http://">http://</a>

www.thewcf.org

Michael A. Rice President

# Grants and Scholarships Information



### **Grants**

The Foundation Grant Committee meets annually to evaluate grant applications. Applicants must be nonprofit organizations and the money requested must serve only the residents of Wamego and the surrounding community. All proposals must fall within the parameters of the Foundation's Mission and Values and Beliefs statements.

#### Deadlines:

Grant application requests published the first part of February. Grant applications due to WCF by March 31. Grants awarded by May 31.

### **Applications:**

Available upon request by calling **456-8444** or downloadable from the Foundation's web site at **www.thewcf.org**.

# **Scholarships**

# Applications:

Students are required to apply for scholarship funds. Students should contact their school counselor's office for details. Once the applications have been received by each school's scholarship application deadline, they are turned over to the WCF Scholarship Committee for final review and the determination of each scholarship winner. An annual awards luncheon is held to recognize each winner along with their parents.



# Wamego Community Foundation 2001 Grants



In October of 1998, the Wamego Community Foundation received it's letter of determination from the IRS, stating that we are organized as a 501 (c)3, not-for-profit organization. 1999 became our first full year of existence as a community foundation. In 2001, grants from endowed funds were awarded to worthwhile community non-profit agencies that submitted grant applications which closely follow the Values and Beliefs established by the Foundation.

Other short-term funds also granted money to fund projects that were specifically designated in the terms of the original fund agreement.

# **2001 Grants**

# Wamego Community Fund

Recipients: Wamego Chamber of Commerce - \$150 Family Life Education Center - \$150



Wamego Telephone Company, Inc. Fund

Recipients: 32 charitable organizations

\$17,100

# Wamego Community Foundation 2001 Scholarship Awards



# 2001 Scholarship Awards

### Meinhardt Family Scholarship Fund

2001 Recipient:
Jennifer Jepson - \$200

# Carl Ray Fulmer Memorial Scholarship Fund

2001 Recipient:
Jennifer Jepson - \$500

### Rebecca Sester Memorial Scholarship Fund

2001 Recipient:

David Freeze - \$250

#### Jeff Birney (Fox) Memorial Scholarship Fund

2001 Recipient: Steven Kern - \$250

#### Wamego Telephone Company, Inc. Fund

2001 Recipients:

Erin Edwards - \$500 Amy DeDonder - \$500 Gretchen Ghert - \$500 Helen Kilian - \$500 Mike Kegay - \$500

### Pickering Award Fund

2001 Recipients:

Suzette Wilson - Valedictorian, Wamego High School - \$200 Rorik Peterson - Salutatorian, Wamego High School - \$100

# Investing in the Wamego community through the WCF



#### Why give through the Wamego Community Foundation?

Donors receive a number of benefits and incentives for charitable giving. Anyone, regardless of wealth or position, can create a charitable gift fund at the WCF. Donors can establish their own named fund for as little as \$5,000 and can take up to 5 years to fully endow that fund. Contributions can be made to existing funds at any time for any amount.

- Donors know that their charitable wishes will be carried out in both present and future generations. Donors are assured that their gifts will be held in perpetuity and administered in accordance with their wishes.
   Unless donors choose to be anonymous, their names will be honored in perpetuity.
- Donors receive the maximum tax benefit from a gift. Contributions made to the WCF qualify as a maximum deduction for income, gift, and estate tax purposes.
- Donors can pool gifts with others' contributions to increase charitable impact, provide a better investment return, and offer efficient financial management. Funds are categorized as either short-term or long-term and the investments of each may be different.
- Donors (or contributors) can contribute gifts at any time and to any specific charitable cause. Those who set up a specific fund are called donors. Contributors are those who give to existing funds.
- Donors receive the WCF's annual report, quarterly fund statements, and information on other grant making opportunities as desired.
- Donors appreciate the ease of making a gift. After establishing a fund, there is no separate tax return to file. All grant paperwork and government reporting is handled by the WCF.

#### Who oversees the investment of the funds?

Professional investment managers supervise the pool of money in all the long-term funds. Through careful guidance by WCF's Investment and Finance Committee, investment decisions are made to achieve the highest return with the lowest risk. Funds will be designated as either short-term or long-term funds, which will dictate into which pool of investments that fund will be placed.

#### Who decides on the grants?

Discretionary grants are evaluated by the Grants and Distribution Committee of the WCF and are awarded to non-profit organizations submitting proposals for specific projects and programs which will benefit the community. An example of this type of fund is the Wamego Community Endowment Fund, whose grant awards will make a difference within the community and follow closely the "Values and Beliefs" set forth by the WCF.

Please contact the WCF at 456-8444 to obtain a grant application form, or you can download the form from our web site: <a href="http://www.thewcf.org">http://www.thewcf.org</a>.

#### What assets can be contributed to a fund?

- Outright gifts of cash, publicly traded or closely held stock, real estate, insurance, or other assets.
- Bequests by will of cash or property.
- Memorial tributes in honor of a friend or loved one, or contributions in honor of anniversaries, birthdays, etc.
- Life insurance naming the Foundation as beneficiary and owner.
- Private foundations transfers in which your family foundation, private foundation, trust, or civic endowment transfers its assets to the WCF, while your fund retains its name and purpose. In some cases the private foundation may choose to become a Supporting Organization to WCF, thus achieving public foundation status. This approach saves management costs, excise taxes, and administrative burdens.
- There is no minimum for a contribution to an *existing* fund.

#### How long does it take to establish a fund?

A fund can be established quickly. You may choose any name you wish for the fund you establish. Funds may be increased at any time by additional gifts. Grants from the fund you established will always be recorded in the name of the fund, a lasting symbol of your caring. The length of time depends on the complexity of your wishes, but generally, a fund can be established in a matter of days or weeks.

#### Is there a fee to establish a fund?

The WCF does charge a \$100 setup fee to establish a fund. In addition, there is an annual administrative fee which is never more than one percent of the fund's annual market value. The WCF currently does not charge scholarship funds for either the setup fee or the annual administration fee.

#### How do I create a fund?

Most funds can be established in one brief meeting, and can be funded with cash, securities, real estate, publicly traded or closely held stock, insurance, or other assets. Or you may wish to create a fund in your will or through special charitable trust arrangements that benefit you and your family by providing them with life income while carrying out your charitable intent. All options provide you with maximum tax advantages while helping you invest in the growth of the community.

#### How do I know I can trust WCF to take care of my fund over time?

The primary purpose of a community foundation is to preserve and protect its donors' investments and charitable intentions, while still providing as high a return on investment as possible. The WCF is organized to provide permanent investment and grant making protection for each donor's fund.

#### What types of funds are there?

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

These gifts are used for a broad array of charitable purposes. There are no restrictions placed on the gift by the donor and thus can be used at the discretion of the Foundation. This fund category allows for maximum flexibility for the Foundation to support programs or needs which enhance the quality of life in the Wamego community.

#### **Field of Interest Funds**

These gifts support a class of charitable beneficiaries or institutions. The donor who establishes or contributes to a field of interest fund stipulates the particular class to which the gift will be given. Examples of classes in a field of interest fund might be assistance to children, the arts, health, or community projects.

#### **Advised Funds**

These funds allow the donor, on a yearly basis, to recommend specific charities to which gifts be distributed. This type of fund allows the creator of the fund to change their giving interests as their interests change.

#### **Designated Funds**

This fund provides permanent support to specific charities named by the donor. If any of the designated charities should cease to exist or become obsolete, the Foundation will reallocate the fund to charities which serve a similar purpose.

#### **Scholarship Funds**

These are designated for the continued education or training of children, young adults, and others in the community. These programs may be designated to meet the donor's specifications or be general in design.

The 4th of July Parade held annually in Wamego is one of the largest and longest running parades in the state of Kansas.

Rosemary Crilly pictured here.



# Existing WCF Funds In 2001



#### **Unrestricted Funds**

The Wamego Community Endowment Fund



Aerial View of Wamego

Field of Interest Funds (None yet established)

Donor Advised Funds
Wamego Telephone
Company Fund
Meinhardt Family Fund

**Special Purpose Funds** 

Library 2000 Building Fund
Donna Swanson Memorial Baseball/Softball Complex Fund
Friends Of The Park Fund
Messiah Fund
Wamego Recreation Complex Fund

### **Designated Funds**

(None yet established)

#### **Scholarship Funds**

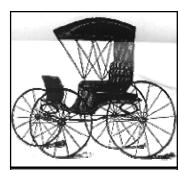
Carl Ray Fulmer Memorial Scholarship Fund Community Scholarship Fund Rebecca Sester Memorial Scholarship Fund Jeff Birney (Fox) Memorial Scholarship Fund Pickering Award Fund

#### **Administrative Funds**

WCF Administrative Fund

#### **Organizational Endowment Funds**

Family Life Education Endowment Fund Friends of the Park Endowment Fund Wamego Library Endowment Fund



Wamego Historical Society

### WAMEGO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 208,101
Mutual funds	75,362
Accrued investment earnings receivable	<u>14</u>

Assets:

Total Assets	\$ 283,477
Liabilities & Net Assets:	
Liabilities	
Due to Wamego Public Library	\$ 129,291
Kansas sales tax payable	1,540
Total Liabilities	130,831
Net assets	
Unrestricted	\$44,679
Temporarily restricted	<u>107,967</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>152,646</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 283,477

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001

		Temporarily	2001
Revenue and Support	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	<u>Total</u>
Contributions - total amount raised	6,740	108,578	115,318
Less: amounts raised on behalf of others	2.000	(26,983)	(26,983)
Contributions - transfers between funds (note 1)  Net contributions	2,000 8,740	<u>12,300</u> 93,895	14,300 102,635
Net continuations	0,740	95,095	102,033
Investment return (loss)	(184)	(416)	(600)
Less: investment loss on behalf of others		423	423
Investment return (loss) - sale of Alltel stock (note 2			<u>(9,157)</u>
Net investment return (loss)	(9,341)	7	( <u>9,334)</u>
Sales - charity auction	2,896	23,163	26,059
Less: value of contributed items (note 3)	(4,990)	(50,789)	(55,779)
Net profit (loss) from auction sales	(2,094)	(27,626)	(29,720)
Administrative fees	657		657
Miscellaneous income	1,000	1,302	2,302
Net assets released from restrictions	32,859	(32,859)	0
Total Revenues and Support	31,821	<u>34,719</u>	<u>66,540</u>
Grants and Expenses			
Program services: Grants	22.222		22.222
Grants - transfers between funds (note 1)	32,233 14,300		32,233 14,300
Messiah performance	2,841		2,841
Supporting services:	2,041		2,041
Administration	1,754		1,754
Development	2,044		2,044
Total Grants and Expenses	_53,172	<del></del>	<u>53,172</u>
Change in net assets	(21,351)	34,719	13,368
Net assets, beginning of year	66,030	73,248	139,278
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$44,679</u>	\$ <u>107,967</u>	<u>\$152,646</u>

note 1 - From time to time, WCF funds make grants to other WCF funds. Transfers such as these totaled \$14,300 during 2001
note 2 - The loss from the sale of Alltel stock donated by Wamego Telephone Company, Inc., was absorbed entirely by the Wamego Telephone Co., Inc. Fund.
note 3 - The "value of contributed items" represents the fair market value of property donated for the charity auction as determined by the respective donor(s) and/
or donor's appraiser, and is also included in "Contributions - total amount raised."

### 2001 WCF Contributors

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Kally McConkey
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Karen Meek
Katherine Degen

Katherine Massieon

Plus many more anonymous cash contributions given as memorial tributes to those who passed away.

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# 2001 COMMUNITY PROFILES



#### **CORPORATE GENEROSITY**



Caterpillar Work Tools, Inc. Wamego, Kansas

As a good corporate citizen, the management and staff of Caterpillar Work Tools, Inc. led the way locally in donations of items for our community benefit auction, held in September of 2001. But the generosity does not stop there.

The management of this company has realized that giving through the Community Foundation benefits their work force that lives, works, and spends locally. Indications are that additional donations of equipment will be forthcoming in 2002 and beyond.

It is important for the business community to look upon Caterpillar Work Tools, Inc., as a model for local corporate generosity. Their example could lead other businesses to consider how to donate locally and receive benefits for their own generosity.

Corporate support for the WCF Administrative Fund could advance our organization beyond a volunteer group whose work for the Foundation goes unpaid. Eventually being able to hire a part or full-time executive director will be aided by corporate support from local companies like Caterpillar Work Tools, Inc.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Preserving the history of Wamego is important to the community and the Wamego Historical Society has dedicated itself to doing just that. Established in 1972, the Historical Society today has over 250 local members.

The Historical Society began a museum in what was the old railroad mechanics building located on the south lawn of the Wamego City Park. From that humble beginning has developed a museum complex that now includes an adjacent building constructed in 1995 as a second

addition to the museum. The complex also includes a one-room school house, an original jail, in addition to an operating Dutch Mill, which is a landmark tourist attraction.

Kay Russell has been the executive director since 1990 and reports to an all-volunteer board of directors. The spirit of this community has directly led to the successes at the Historical Society. They are now working to bring in a General Store as an addition to the park complex.

The ability of this community to rise to the occasion and turn a dream into a reality seems to be endless. This commitment by our citizens to a cause serves as a model to all communities in Kansas.



Wamego Historical Society
Museum Complex