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The Glasco Community Foundation was created to help friends of Glasco work to preserve and maintain community assets.

The assets we celebrate are our built environment, our history and the people of Glasco. It is a privilege to share thoughts about the people and place that mean so much to us.

Community Asset Number 1, The Built Environment.

Restoration of the Dream Theatre is a major commitment. We continue to make steady progress, in small steps. Since our last report, the façade has had further treatment—opening the upper windows and refreshing the frames. Work has begun in the interior. Stringers have been installed, preparing the way for plywood patches in the floor and opening the way for safe, serious work on the interior.

Even while this work is being done, there has been serious decay in some of the neighboring Main Street buildings. We find ourselves in conversation about preserving and in letting go. This makes our small Dream Theatre steps important statements.

The Corner Store stands as inspiration for preserving the historic structures on Main Street. The built environment houses the human environment within. The welcome and vitality of activities there are why we restore, renew, and reinvest in the built environment. During the winter months the Corner Store provided safe harbor for a forest of plants. People gathered to play games, knit on a community quilt, and prepare the plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Conversation, music, and exercising grew there. It is a nourishing place.

Community Asset Number 2, Our History.

We will take a slightly different approach to history this time...history in the making. GCF makes real contributions to people-serving projects. Among these successes are the Glasco Community Preschool; serving students with exceptional needs as they gain employment skills; providing Living Fit! Exercise facilities; and sustaining the Walter L. Wolf Historical Lecture Series. The Glasco Community Foundation is at work in each of these.

We are taking this opportunity to reveal the growth that can be found around us. The plants flourishing in the Corner Store windows, yes! The impact of Glasco Community Preschool as students confidently move on to kindergarten, yes! The relationships GCF has with other community initiatives and organizations: Strategic Doings discussions, Southern Cloud Booster Club, Learning/Service, Fun Day, and Glasco Chamber Pride. Yes! GCF collaborates with the City Library and Museum, making the annual Wolf Lecture Series a reality. Yes!

Working together, Glasco remains strong.

Community Asset Number 3, Our People.

We share updates on people who have impact on our community.

The Fisher Creek String Band, composed of Dr. Harwood, Clark Huffer, Ben Black, and Wayne Dye, provided a year of 3rd Saturday Coffeehouses dedicated to supporting Dream Theatre renovation.

The band is taking a new approach, moving to “Coffeehouses on demand.” The first demand was on St. Patrick’s Day, as they celebrated Clark’s 80th birthday with music.

Cindy Patton was the speaker at our annual membership meeting in January, 2018. Her topic was “An Individual’s Role in Community.” Her role is to provide Early Head Start programming in four counties. She described the many services families may request. We can safely say we had no idea of these valuable resources until Cindy told us of her work.

The art on display at the Corner Store introduces us to people in Glasco through their gifts! Jan Teasley, Heather Smith’s art students at the Glasco schools, Dennis McAlister, and Lora Jost.

These behind the scenes groups are outstanding community assets—people at work in the community.

The Glasco Community Foundation was created to support civic, cultural, and recreational activities that promote a quality of life leading to the continued existence of the Glasco community.

The Farmers Market is the heart of our summer at the Corner Store. Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, jellies and jam, and more!

We will begin the summer welcoming alumni over Memorial Weekend.

Our mini-festivals will lift up the Farmers Market! Both the producers who provide and the appreciative customers. During the summer of 2018 we will recognize Rhubarb in June, Salads in July, and Salsa in August in a spirit of fun and gratitude.

GCF sponsors a two-week program for youth in City Park and water aerobics for seniors at the pool

The last Saturday in September let’s gather in the Pocket Park, to participate in the international 100 Thousand Poets /Musicians/Artists for Peace and Change. This is an annual event we can’t resist.

Please remember these ongoing services and events:

- Living Fit! Exercise at the Corner Store three times a week. Fun and fitness—free.
- GIFTS-Free University.
- Sharing and Caring Cupboard
- Tuesday Market: Fresh produce, eggs, jellies and jam, baked goods, and more! Music-that is. Crafters welcome to come and work together.
- Art and Antiques Vendors
- Permanent Exhibits

Glasco Community Foundation was created to provide a vehicle for accepting memberships, memorials, donations, and gifts of cash from individuals, families, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and private foundations to address community needs.

This newsletter is our communication with you, our partners in the projects undertaken.

This May, 2018 edition of the newsletter continues our membership outreach for 2018. Please continue with us in this venture. Your membership and donations are what make this work! We can do so much together.

- The GCF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, therefore *all contributions are tax deductible.*

Through the years, we have received significant gifts in memory of friends and family members who have died. These gifts bring to mind the special relationships forged with the community, some many years ago.

During the past six months we have received memorial gifts on behalf of Betty Plush, Beverly Lavy, David Williamson, Steve Schrandt, Monna Schaper Ray, Donald Schaper, Evelyn Williamson, and Burton Studt.

Celebrating their lives through the work of GCF in Glasco is an honor for the foundation. A permanent record of those remembered through memorial gifts is found on the memorial boards at the Corner Store.

We maintain our original vision of how best to be a community foundation. We believe the best way to serve the community is to *be* a community foundation. That is, to be as inclusive as possible, all working together.

The projected membership is based on many people working together to meet community needs. Our annual membership goals are:

100 members at	\$25.00
25 members at	\$50.00
20 members at	\$100.00
11 members at	\$500.00
<u>5 members at</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
163 members	\$16,250.00

We confess, we have not reached this goal in any year so far—but we think it is a very good plan for becoming a true Community Foundation. If we meet these goals, the Corner Store would be self-sufficient. We urge you to share our story and invite others to become hometown partners in 2018.

GCF is unique among Kansas Community Foundations, striving to provide direct programming to address community needs as well as supporting other community efforts.

****Please note**** Our annual membership outreach is our main means of funding. Our obligations at this time are to:

- meet our 2018 budget of \$15, 060.00 to maintain the Corner Store and the programs there, and to meet financial obligations of utilities, insurance, and taxes.
- encourage community planning and support for historic preservation.
- engage in preservation work on Main Street.
- seek a sound fiscal basis for maintaining the Corner Store as a Rural Nutrition and Activities Center.
- coordinate a creative Free University.
- develop Community Based Service Learning, building on the strengths of students and volunteers.

These all speak for GCF's very real role in meeting community needs in Glasco. We will continue to seek support for our efforts in the community, making wise use of the resources provided by our members.

A board member would welcome an invitation to visit with you about the foundation. Estate planning that includes Glasco Community Foundation will help secure Glasco's future.

The current GCF Board Members are: JoAnn Cool Alban, June Dwyer, Avis Henning, Dorothy Martin, Jan McClellan, Joan Nothern, Bobbie Paulsen, Jean Schmidt, and Charles Wilson.

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