

Incorporated 1999

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

Preserving our assets and building on them is the challenge tackled day in and day out by the Glasco Community Foundation.

The assets we celebrate include our built environment, 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 #1: The Built Environment
*A new downtown business in Glasco is always
exciting and Eileen Ginther has opened an
upholstery shop in the old insurance building.
Welcome to We've Got you Covered!



The new door on the upstairs of the Corner Store is installed and ready for the stairway. The ceiling has now been prepped and painted and ready for ductwork. Many more decisions need to be made. Primary use of the space is yet to be determined.





Community Asset #2: Our History

- * Memorial weekend brought alumni and guests into town for reunions and it was a wonderful weekend.
- *The Glasco High Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th in the Corner Store. Norman Kelly reserved the space and enjoyed being in *Kelly's Fine Foods* for the afternoon.
- *The Nicol Home residents and staff were the Grand Marshals of the 2023 Fun Day parade. They are our Hometown Heroes! This is their 60th year and they are going strong.

Community Asset #3: Our People
We acknowledge a few of those who are true assets to our community.

*Doc Harwood celebrated his 98th birthday in June. His family hosted a party in the Corner Store. Many well wishers stopped by to visit and enjoy his birthday cake.

Update - November 17, 2023: Tough day in Glasco as we lost Doc Harwood, Tony Martin and Tom Lynch the same day. We are hurting.

*Charles Wilson was the Cloud County honoree at the Salina Sunflower Senior Fair in September.



Local metal artist Brad Giesecke is shown with his entry in the Salina Sculpture Tour contest. His entry has already been purchased by Long McArthur.

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.



Kristy Shrader is shown with her produce.

- *The **Farmers Market** continues year-round on Tuesdays with baked goods, bierocks, breakfast burritos, frozen pies, jams, jellies and seasonal produce.
- *The GCF supported **Fun in the Park**, a twoweek program coordinated by the Recreation Board. It is the highlight of summer fun!
- *GIFTS: Glasco Inspires Free Talent Sharing If you have a talent to share or an idea for a class, please contact us. Let's get something going! Exercise, weekly card games and artist projects are current Free U programs.



*The **Blessing Box** and **Food Bank** are stocked with help from caring friends. Food bank usage is up, helping those when needed. Food donations are always welcome and a cash account allows us to replenish supplies.

- *The Foundation supported the summer reading program through the Glasco City Library.
- *The Nicol Home put on a dandy fireworks display on July 1st. The GCF and many others cosponsored to bring this celebration to Glasco.
- *We sponsored free-swim Saturdays for the month of July at the Glasco swimming pool. The Glasco Recreation Board continued free-swim Saturdays for August.



June Rhubarb Fest: The counter is full of rhubarb goodies to share.

- *The Corner Store soup luncheon in October ended the seasonal food events which included the Rhubarb Fest, the Salad Luncheon and Salsa Fiesta. We love the fellowship shared with friends, family and neighbors.
- *Commodities are distributed from the Corner Store's south door. Watch for flyers for date and time.
- *Bingo was the name of the game on Fun Day. Jana Cramer Fitzgerald called the numbers for this event as a fundraiser for the Glasco food bank. We added \$327 to the account. Thank you all! The challenge continues to keep it stocked.
- *The Highway 24 Garage Sales and Pickle Ball Picklepalooza event on Main Street in June were fun days for the Corner Store to be open.

The Glasco Community Foundation was established in June 1999 and represented a decision to work together to make a difference in Glasco. That mission continues. June Dwyer, Jean Schmidt, Dorothy Martin, Bobbie Paulsen, Jan McClellan, Charles Wilson, Patricia Coco, Mary Lynne Bonneau and John Cooper are current directors.

*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 old river bridge is currently closed to vehicular traffic. Engineers are assessing its condition. Don Bonneau is leading us through the obstacles to save the bridge.

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

*During the past six months we have received memorial gifts on behalf of:

Pete Woodward, Judy Condray, Bill Schrandt, Marte DeMars, Truman and Anna Johnson, Frances Webster, Janice Chancy, Aaron Higgins, Milt Henderson, Wayne Miller and Phyllis Struble.

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.



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

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Please Note Our annual membership outreach is our primary means of funding. Our obligations at this time:

*to meet our 2023 budget of \$49,009 to maintain the Corner Store and programs there and to meet the financial obligations of utilities, insurance, building maintenance, a new roof and taxes.

*to encourage community planning and support for historic preservation.

*to engage in historic preservation work on Main Street.

*to seek a sound fiscal basis for maintaining the Corner Store as a Rural Nutrition and Activities Center.

*to coordinate with the Glasco Community Recreation Board, Chamber Pride, Library and the Free University.

These all speak to 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 resources provided by our members.

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

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.

This November 2023 newsletter begins our membership outreach for 2024. Please continue with us in this venture. Your membership and donations are what make this work! We can do so much together.



Clark Huffer, Graydon Plush and Charles Wilson, GHS Class of 1956. Photo taken at the Skelly Truck Stop on Hwy 24.

GLASCO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2024 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

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*Memorials may be given in the name of friends and family members who have passed; their name will be added to our Memorial Board. Please provide name here:					
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Old tractor tires never die. This one is enjoying new life as a wreath in the Pavilion.





