

The Greater Seymour Area Foundation Annual Report

"Providing for Seymour"

The Greater Seymour Area Foundation (GSAF) is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and was founded in 1998. The GSAF has over \$780,000 in charitable assets, has grown to 30 funds, and has made over \$234,000 in grants and scholarships since its inception.

The mission of the GSAF is "to enhance the quality of life in the greater Seymour area," and the purpose of the GSAF is "to meet its mission through the identification of problems, the determination of solutions and the creation of economic means to achieve these solutions." The Foundation empowers local not-for-profit organizations to address local opportunities and needs. Examples of grant recipients include the Parent Teacher Organization, the City of Seymour, the Seymour Fire Dept., Head Start, the YMCA, the Southern Webster County Fire Dept., the Senior Citizens Center, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Friends of the Library, the Fordland Clinic, and the Seymour Elementary School. Programs sponsored by the GSAF include the Youth Empowerment Project (Y.E.P.), the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the newly formed Seymour Historical Preservation Society. (These programs are highlighted in this report.)

In the fall of 2007, the Harry Cooper Supply Company announced an exciting opportunity for our Foundation and our community—the **HARRY COOPER SUPPLY COMPANY CAMPAIGN FOR THE OZARKS CHALLENGE GRANT**. The Harry Cooper Supply Company and the Cooper family have been regional leaders in volunteerism, charitable giving and community involvement. Through their challenge, the Cooper family will match, dollar for dollar, any donation made to an unrestricted fund up to \$25,000. That means that the GSAF has an opportunity to receive a \$25,000 grant if we are able to locally raise \$25,000. The challenge grant ends December 31, 2008, and we have already raised over \$18,000 towards this challenge. So, we still need your donations. To help us ensure that we meet this challenge and receive funds that will stay in our community, please make your checks payable to "GSAF" and memo the check "Cooper Challenge." Send your donations to: GSAF, PO Box 456, Seymour, MO 65746.

THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (Y.E.P)

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The Y.E.P. is a youth committee of the Greater Seymour Area Foundation. It consists of a team of 16 high school students, four from each grade, chosen by the teachers and counselor to participate in this program. Susie Raetz, the Seymour High School counselor, Renne' Wallace and Mike Barlow, from the GSAF Board, are advisors to the group. The mission of the Seymour Youth Empowerment Project is "to positively impact the Seymour community through volunteerism, service, fund-raising, and grant-making."

A primary component of the Y.E.P. is providing financial support to youth-created and youth-driven service projects in the Seymour area. Youth organizations are urged to submit project proposals to the Y.E.P. Grants Committee. For more information, contact Renne' Wallace at 935-2888 or Janice Blankenship, GSAF President, at 935-4801.

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY: SEYMOUR, FORDLAND AND MANSFIELD

Educators have identified reading to very young children by parents as among the most important steps toward a child's success in school. Newborns are registered in the program each year, and the Dollywood Foundation sends a book each month to all children registered. Books are selected by educators and child psychologists to be age appropriate of the highest quality. The Parents As Teachers personnel have graciously volunteered to oversee the administration of this program.

Since this has to be a self supporting program, \$30 per child per year is needed for funding. Donors can sponsor one or more children annually. For more information, contact Renne' Wallace at 935-2888 or Skipper Maybee at 935-4952 or Janice Blankenship, GSAF President, at 935-4801.

THE SEYMOUR AREA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

In 2007, the GSAF formed The Seymour Area Historical Preservation Society as an advisory committee to the Foundation. The mission of the Society is "to preserve and protect historic houses, churches, buildings and sites and to collect artifacts, books, photographs, manuscripts and related genealogy materials, as well as serving as an institution for the education of citizens through the promotion and appreciation of our heritage." In 2008, the Foundation transferred the jurisdiction of the Seymour Area Historical Preservation Society to the Seymour Area Council.

The Society is involved in many exciting projects. A coffee table book entitled, *Back to the Past: A Pictorial History of Seymour, 1881-2006*, was published this year. In addition, many historical photographs and artifacts are on display at the School Mom's Museum and Gallery which is open to the public on Fridays, 12-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9-1 p.m. or by appointment.

For additional information, please contact Helen Lamb, Chairman of The Seymour Area Historical Preservation Society, at 935-4983 or Lee Binley, President of The Seymour Area Arts Council, at 935-4570.

PLANNED GIVING

The Greater Seymour Area Foundation needs financial assistance from people like you to continue their work. More than 80% of Americans contribute to non-profit organizations throughout their lifetimes; but, according to research conducted in 2000, only around 8% of people chose to continue this support through a charitable bequest or other planned giving vehicle. By making bequests and other "planned gifts," you can continue to help organizations that are making an important difference in our community. Gifts large and small are important. Charitable giving is not only for the wealthy.

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| <p>Potential benefits of planned gifts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase current income for the donor or others • Reduce the donor's income tax • Avoid capital gains tax • Pass assets to family at a reduced tax cost • Make donations to charity | <p>Planned giving tools that you may want to discuss with your financial advisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts of cash • Gifts of life insurance • Gifts of appreciated property • Gifts by bequest (will or trust) • Gifts from retirement plans • Gifts that provide income for the donor |
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For further information, contact any GSAF board member or Janice Blankenship, GSAF President, at 935-4801.

GSAF BOARD MEMBERS

Janice Blankenship, President • Ron Gledt, President Emeritus • Skipper Maybee, Vice President • Helen Lamb, Secretary • Marilyn Mingus, Treasurer
 Mike Barlow • Lee Binley • Kevin Rudolph • Ernie Snyder • Charles Haywood • Renne' Wallace • Dan Underwood • Gary Haney • Rachel Hoagland

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN OUT IN FISCAL YEAR '07 AND FISCAL YEAR '08

Grants from unrestricted funds:	FY '07	FY'08
Seymour Head Start	300.00	300.00
Girl Scout Troop 684	233.00	
Friends of the Library	300.00	500.00
Seymour Elementary		
Accelerated Reading Program	500.00	1,500.00
Playground Equipment	2,000.00	
City of Seymour		
Vision 2026 Economic Dev Project	1,500.00	1,565.50
Seymour Fire Department-Defibrillator		499.88
YMCA After School Program		555.00
Fordland Clinic Children's Dental Program		254.94
Y.E.P. Grants		
Share Your Christmas	500.00	
Seymour Science Fair	250.00	
Seymour Project Graduation	500.00	
YMCA – Youth Garden Club	250.00	
Total grants from unrestricted funds	5,833.00	5,675.32
Total scholarships	10,500.00	7,555.56
Total grants from restricted funds	\$5,663.23	19,986.17
Total grants and scholarships from all funds:	\$71,996.23	\$33,217.05

Total grants and scholarships from all funds (unrestricted & restricted) since GSAF inception: **\$234,938.11**

FUND BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2008

Fund Name	Balance	Fund Name	Balance
The Seymour Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund	\$383.79	Seymour Historical Preservation Society Fund	150,334
The Fordland Imagination Library Fund	408.28	Seymour United Methodist Church Endowment Fund	902.17
The Mansfield Imagination Library Fund	786.72	Greater Seymour Area Fund	93,322.12
Fordland Clinic Fund	0.00	The Sivey Cemetery Fund	9,020.34
Fordland Clinic Endowment Fund	0.00	Seymour Pharmacy Corporate Grantmaking Fund	2,710.62
GSAF Administrative Fund	15,906.03	Seymour Area Arts Council Fund	27,615.63
Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Gledt President Emeritus Fund	5,844.31	Seymour P.A.L.S. Fund	20,427.38
Ruby Knutson and Esther Miles Fund	257,720.07	Dan & Nancy Underwood Family and Community Fund	883.94
Jerry and Carol Kleier Family and Community Fund	9,358.25	Frances Pringle 4-H Capacity Building Fund of the	117,212.06
Lone Star Freewill Baptist Church Scholarship Fund	37,550.04	Webster County Extension Council	105,499.54
Sue (Coutchie) Loughrige Scholarship Fund	7,306.88	Webster County Extension Council of the	0.00
School Mom's Building Restoration Fund	1,73	Frances Pringle Capacity Building Fund of the	1,145.24
Seymour Area Arts Council Bldg. Fund	32,024.51	Wellness for Webster County Scholarship Fund	2,484.23
Seymour Area Arts Council Bldg. Fund	1,649.54	Seymour Youth Empowerment Project Capacity Building Fund	
Seymour Affiliate Checking Account #2	11,093.75		
Seymour Senior Quality of Life Fund	11,713.75		
GSAF Administrative Endowment Fund	11,550.00		
		Grand Total	\$784,671.26