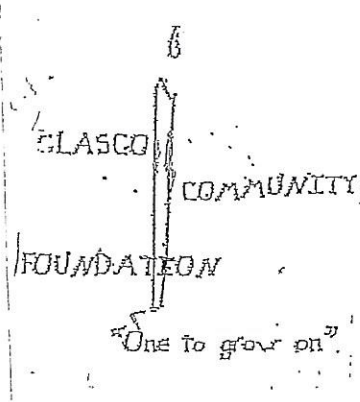


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The Glasco Community Foundation was created to help friends of Glasco work to preserve and maintain community assets.

The assets we celebrate are our built environment, our history and the people of Glasco. We continue to share thoughts about the people and place that mean so much to us. Our built environment changes around us, as buildings age and needs for repair, restoration, or even relinquishment are revealed. These changes are gradual. Our efforts to maintain are stubborn but realistic.

Community Asset Number 1, The Built Environment.

Restoration of the Dream Theatre is more than a dream. It is a promise. The long, difficult winter put action on hold, but now it is time to move ahead! Please watch for action at the Dream Theatre.

The Corner Store is a historical structure with an amazing capacity to accommodate a variety of activities. The first floor houses the Farmers' Market, exercise classes, weekly music jam sessions, and Sunday Community Fellowship. It is maintained regularly. The second floor remains an opportunity. A compelling vision is needed to move us to address access-exit issues, in order to make the remarkable space available to the community.

Community Asset Number 2, Our History.

Glasco Community Foundation has worked with the Glasco Sun-Delphos Republican for the past several years providing a news contact site as management of the paper was explored. The importance of a hometown newspaper recording the daily events that become history cannot be over emphasized. The paper reveals and sustains community. Stephanie and Dennis McAlister have become the new, local, owners of the Glasco Sun-Delphos Republican. This is a historic transition for the McAlister's and for Glasco.

The Corner Store now features a new display prominently marked G L A S C O. There you will find a packet 'Welcome to Glasco' that links history to current resources, as an outreach to new comers. There are many businesses and services that are not immediately seen, yet make up the rich experience of living in Glasco.

Alumni-Memorial Weekend will bring many Glasco High School graduates back to renew friendships and memories. The Corner Store will be open to welcome them home.

Community Asset Number 3, Our People.

At the 20th Annual GCF Membership Meeting held in January, 2019, Brenda Berndt spoke about her new position in the

community. The newly formed Glasco Community Recreation Board has tapped Brenda as the facilitator of a project to develop activities for youth and families. This is a concrete step to encourage families to continue to live here.

“Milt Henderson’s garden has filled the produce niche of the market, from April through October, from onions to turnips. This is an incredible gift to the community and the foundation.” This was the report in the November, 2018 newsletter. And it was the report that could have been printed every year since 2003, when the Farmers’ Market was established and Milt began this meaningful relationship with the community through the market at the Corner Store. Milt has given us notice that he will not plant the garden this year. Perhaps letting others know there will be need for others to share their garden produce.

These behind the scenes people 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 lights are on a lot at the Corner Store. We work to keep it that way!

*Watch for three great summer mini-festivals celebrating the market: Rhubarb, Salads, and Salsa— June-August.

*Sunday evenings welcome Community Fellowship services, a time for reflection and meditation, led by Dennis McAlister.

*The GCF supports Art and Recreation in the Park, the art program in the schools, the Glasco Community Preschool and the Glasco Community Recreation Board.

*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.

*The more? Music and games that attract joining in on the fun. Tuesdays are a big day.

Please remember these other ongoing services and events:

*Living Fit! Exercise at the Corner Store three times a week. Fun and fitness—free.

*GIFTS-Free University and Recreation Board activities.

* Sharing and Caring Cupboard

*Art and Antiques Vendors

*Permanent Exhibits: *Jan Teasly brings in a different angel each month. *New Donna Guipry paintings. *Glasco student art is on display. *Mongo Man shares his primitive sketches. * Murals tell of Glasco history.

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, 2019 edition of the newsletter continues our membership outreach for 2019. 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 Evelyn Williamson, Norma Graham, Frank and Leola Williams, George Larson, Elden Gritman, JoLynn Keller, Andy Heidrick, Steve Schrandt, and Virginia Halderson. 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
5 members	at	\$1,000.00
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 2019.

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 2019 budget of \$18, 515.00 to maintain the Corner Store and the programs there, and to meet financial obligations of utilities, insurance, and taxes.

*to encourage community planning and support for historic preservation.

*to engage in 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 a creative Free University.

*to 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: Pat Coco, June Dwyer, Avis Henning, Dorothy Martin, Jan McClellan, Joan Nothern, Bobbie Paulsen, Jean Schmidt, and Charles Wilson.

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