

Incorporated 1999

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

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. Our built environment changes around us, as buildings age and needs for repair, restoration, or even relinquishment are revealed. Our efforts to maintain are stubborn but realistic.

Community Asset #1: **The Built Environment** *Spring brings out the painters and the old liquor store, the Dream Theatre and the Balog building are first on the list.

*The Glasco bar is receiving quite a facelift and remodel and will open this month. The G.O.A.T. – 'Glasco Oven and Tavern' is under the ownership of Tim and Melissa Bonneau. We welcome this new Main street business.

*Another transformation is happening in the old seed house as it becomes a printing business. *The Glasco Medical Center is staffed 4 days a week, a wonderful addition for our health care. *The concrete foundation has been poured for the stairway to the upper floor of the Corner Store. We are close to having a required second entrance!



*We are excited about doors – yes, doors! The alley entrance of the Corner Store has rusted, shifted and became so hard to open. A new door is on order. Upstairs of course, a new door will be needed to go with the new stairs.

Community Asset #2: Our History

*We have enjoyed observing and celebrating Glasco's history this past year and plan to continue.



*In March, Kyle Peterson, curator of the Mitchell County Museum, presented a slideshow of early Glasco history as part of the Walter Wolf Lecture

series. Kyle made several Beloit to Glasco connections. His presentation left us wanting to hear more of the story. Forty-five guests and one baby goat enjoyed the program.



Melissa Bonneau and her little goat.

Community Asset #3: Our People

We acknowledge just a few of those who are true assets to our community.

- *The **Glasco Recreation Board** creates monthly events for family engagement.
- *The **Glasco Library** joins in with fun, educational activities for children.
- *Shared Treasures thrift shop brings more shoppers to town.
- *The **Hodge Podge** is our treasured spot for drinks, ice cream, food, gifts, bagged ice, greeting cards and, most importantly, a place to meet friends.



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 **Farmer's Market** continues on Tuesdays. New vendors welcome. Farm eggs, homebaked goods, like cinnamon rolls and coffee cakes, jams and jellies, bierocks and frozen pies. Now adding seasonal produce.
- * The ever popular **Rhubarb Fest** is only moments away. It is May 17th this year.
- *The *Light Up The Park* event is growing with Christmas cheer. The City crew installed the refurbished street pole decorations, now with LED lights and they were bright and beautiful.



- *Thad Shamburg displayed his framed Christmas seals and Christmas stamps for the month of December. It was impressive!
- *GIFTS: Glasco Inspires Free Talent Sharing: Living Fit! Exercise class, pitch players and the Tuesday morning jam session use the Corner Store weekly. Glasco Artist group meets monthly.

*The **Blessing Box** and **Food Bank** are maintained by the Corner Store. Food donations are welcome anytime.



- * In January, family and friends of Kim Darrow Hollinger gathered in the Corner Store after her funeral service. We are honored to offer this space when needed.
- *Teresa Heidrick presented a slideshow at our annual meeting in January. She reviewed the activities of the Glasco Recreation Board whose mission is: To provide the community of Glasco with enhanced activities for youth of all ages and for increased family engagement opportunities. Teresa thanked everyone for doing something.
- *Debbie Martin and the 5th & 6th graders filled all the Easter eggs, scattered them in the park and collected the empties after the hunt and prepared them for storage. That is a BIG job! The Delphos Lions Club, the Glasco Rec. board and the Foundation purchased the candy for the event held the day before Easter.
- *Glasco High School senior Taylor Pearce received the 2022 Glasco Community Foundation Scholarship. We wish her well as she continues her education.

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, Avis Henning, Jan McClellan, Charles Wilson, Patricia Coco 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.



Postcard sent from Glasco, Feb. 3, 1910

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: Evonne Moe, Lewis and Vivian Dean, Maxine Kelly, Sandi Kinser, James Griffin, Margret Nutland Bishop, Shirley Coffin, Lloyd and Donnas Linton, Guy Williamson, Stan Imboden, Virginia Halderson, Steve Schrandt, Ted and Alma Libben, Kim Hollinger, Francis Tatro and Heinrich" Buettner.

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.

This May 2022 newsletter continues our membership outreach for 2022. Please join us in this venture. Become a Hometown partner. Your membership and donations are what make this work! We can do so much together.

The Corner Store carries a variety of sizes and colors of Glasco High School and Glasco, KS t-shirts. Short-sleeve: \$10/\$12. Long-sleeve \$15.

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- **Please Note** Our annual membership outreach is our primary means of funding. Our obligations at this time include:
- *Meet our 2022 budget of \$19,940 to maintain the Corner Store and its programs and to meet the financial obligations of utilities, insurance, building maintenance and taxes.
- *Encourage community planning and support for historic preservation.
- *Engage in historic preservation work on Main Street.
- *Seek a sound fiscal basis for maintaining the Corner Store as a Rural Nutrition and Activities Center.
- *Coordinate with the Glasco Community Recreation Board, Chamber Pride, Fun Day committee and the 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 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.

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