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11 Kansas organizations receive \$500 Seed Grants from Volunteer Kansas

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Volunteer Kansas is pleased to announce the winners of this year's 11 Volunteer Kansas Seed Grants. This is the sixth year these grants have been awarded to Kansas organizations to support projects that will engage volunteers and increase volunteerism across our state.

This year's winners include:

1. Central Kansas Flywheels Yesteryear Museum (Salina) Paint and repair projects;

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2. Easterseals Capper Foundation (Topeka) Project to replace two raised vegetable beds;
3. Rainbows United, Inc. (Wichita) Project to create a children's garden;
4. McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation (McPherson) Artifact organization project;
5. Wichita Family Crisis Center (Wichita) Project and repair and stain privacy fence;
6. Just Food (Lawrence) Project to create an outdoor learning space;
7. Dear Neighbor Ministries (Wichita) Project to construct 17 outdoor games;

8. Operation Wildlife, Inc. (Linwood) Project to build a trail to the predator rehabilitation pens;
9. Inclusion Connection (Olathe) Painting project;
10. ECKAN (Ottawa) Dress boutique project for residents at Lakemary Center; and



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11. United Way of Douglas County (Lawrence) Summer reading backpack assembly and distribution project.

“Forty-five applications were received this year, more than any previous year, making it especially difficult to narrow the list down to just 10 deserving projects to support, so we chose 11. However, we hope the projects not chosen for funding will still occur,” said Volunteer Kansas Executive Director Nola Brown. “And we are happy to help recruit volunteers for those projects as well.”

In order to qualify for the grants, organizations had to submit proposals for projects that would incorporate at least 20 volunteers, agree to list their volunteer project on Volunteer Kansas’ website at www.volunteerkansas.org and place photos of their projects on Volunteer Kansas’ Facebook page and/or tweet them.

“We really hope these projects will generate enthusiasm for helping others, create ideas for more volunteer projects and ultimately engage additional people in volunteerism,” said Brown. “If 220 individuals volunteer as a result of these 11 grants, we will have planted seeds that could grow into lifelong service.”

The vision of Volunteer Kansas is to move Kansas from number seven in the nation for volunteerism to No. 1.



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