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Embargoed: The Wichita Community Foundation grants \$30,000 for student-led projects

Wichita, Kan. – The Wichita Community Foundation will grant \$30,000 to 11 USD 259 high school and middle school student groups as part of WCF’s Next Generation of Philanthropy (NGP) grant competition and the East High Class of 1964 Fund.

Created by Alice White this fund was established in honor of her 1964 East High classmates. Alice recalls her years at East High as the most productive of her life and hopes this annual grant opportunity will benefit the students who request the funds and those who benefit from the ideas and actions it creates.

In its third year, NGP teaches students about philanthropy. Students developed an idea for a school project that addressed one of four focus areas: beautification, humanitarianism, inclusion and civic engagement. To apply, students also submitted 30 to 90 second videos demonstrating the need for the project.

“NGP allows for students to be involved in their projects from beginning to end,” said WCF President and CEO Shelly Prichard. “It’s our hope that these initiatives the students create impact the way they think about philanthropy.”

The surprise grant presentations will begin Friday, Dec. 7. The media is welcome to attend. Please contact WCF if you plan to join. ***The following dates and times are embargoed until each surprise grant is announced.***

Friday, Dec. 7

9:15 a.m. – **Chester Lewis Academy**, 1847 N. Chautauqua St.

- \$2,500 to the Woodturning Club for tools to create Freedom Pens for Kansas Honor Flight

10:15 a.m. – **Northeast Magnet High**, 5550 N. Lycee St.

- \$2,500 to Student Council, NHS and Arts & Crafts to create identity through indoor art

11:45 a.m. – **North High School**, 1437 N. Rochester

- \$1,400 to Calmer Minds to buy ukuleles and tools to relieve stress in school

12:30 p.m. – **East High School**, 2301 E. Douglas St. – **EAST HIGH CLASS OF 1964 FUND**

- \$5,000 to East Marketing Class to create an outdoor seating area.

1:45 p.m. – **Coleman Middle School**, 1544 N. Gouverneur

- \$2,500 to the Garden Club to create a shaded patio area with tile mural

2:40 p.m. – **South High School**, 701 W. 33rd St. South

- \$2,500 to Student Leadership for a clothing/hygiene drive for students in need

3:30 p.m. – **Marshall Middle School**, 1510 N. Payne Ave.

- \$2,500 for exercise balls, chair cushions and bands, rocking stools and hammock chairs as flexible seating options

Monday, Dec. 10

11:30 a.m. – **Wilbur Middle School**, 340 N. Tyler Road

- \$2,500 to Wilbur Task Force for outdoor seating, updated equipment for PE classes, yearbooks for students, equipment for recess and resource room items for calming techniques

1:15 p.m. – **Gordon Parks Academy**, 2201 E. 25th St. N.

- \$2,500 to KAY Club to install under-desk bike pedals
- \$2,500 to KAY Club for Buddy Benches

Thursday, Dec. 13

9:00 a.m. – **West High School**, 820 S. Osage

- \$2,000 to the Advanced Business Development Class for student-created indoor murals

10:15 a.m. – **Mayberry Middle School**, 207 S. Sheridan St.

- \$1,600 to Panther Ambassadors to partner with Wesley Children's Hospital to provide toys and entertainment to hospitalized kids



Founded in 1986, the Wichita Community Foundation's mission is to be the catalyst that creates lasting legacies by partnering with people, families, and organizations to devote resources to causes that matter. The Foundation is a public nonprofit organization with nearly 300 charitable funds and agency endowments, representing \$80 million. For more information, visit wichitacf.org or call 316-264-4880.