

## Keeping It Local

Many of us “older” people have great memories of the “good old days.” My mom and dad were school teachers with four children, which led to living on a tight budget. I never realized how much hamburger and bologna we ate until I married into a farm family who frequently served pork chops and even steaks for everyday meals. I was used to a roast on Sunday after church.

My mother was as bargain shopper. Every week she spread out the local newspaper and made her grocery list according to what items were on sale at the different local grocery stores. Then we would shop each store for the sales. Never did we travel out of town for groceries and household purchases were made in Main Street stores in McPherson, Kansas, my hometown.

Shopping local is not as common anymore, but it should be. GSCF wishes to congratulate Garrett’s Country Mart, recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the Year. Our local Country Mart is amazing in both customer service and product availability. Look 30 miles to the south and we are reminded the importance of shopping local!

GSCF also congratulates Kent and Donna Saylor for their generosity to our community, students, schools and many projects. The Saylor’s serve examples joyful giving and being able to see the fruits of their giving. Kent has said many times that they don’t seek attention, but if the attention they get because of their giving causes others to give, the attention has served its purpose.

Giving to local projects and charities is equally as important. The Greater Sabetha Community Foundation exists to help connect people who have a charitable intent with local projects. There are many large organizations that do some good for their cause, but sadly, there are many that become more intent on the business side than the philanthropic reason for their existence. Of course, there are program costs that arise, but when CEO salaries, marketing and administrative costs become the focus of the charity, a red flag should go up. Then there are charities that support causes that are controversial and possibly do not adhere to our personal values, like Planned Parenthood or abortion rights. It takes research to learn where our donated money is going.

GSCF exists to help individuals choose a local charity to support through charitable contributions. We can also help you create your own donor advised fund or designated fund for charitable gift giving when the time is right for you. The fees are remarkably low and our affiliate host foundation grows, the fees will become even lower. Create your legacy while **keeping it local** to support your hometown-- That is what YOUR local Greater Sabetha Community Foundation strives to do, now and forever.