Help Fund the Future at Uncorked 2020!

When you raise your bidder number during the Fund the Future Auction at Uncorked 2020, you support feeding hungry children, comforting victims of domestic violence, enhancing parks and beautifying the community.

Barney Tull and Bill Fales (these photos will be available on the DCF Facebook and Twitter accounts one week after Uncorked).

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Thank you for your support.

### Beverages

Complimentary Wine & Beer

*Cash bar available for mixed drinks*

### Food

Appetizers and Desserts prepared by:

Olive Tree & Truly Amazing Catering

### Entertainment

Mystery Boxes, Wine Pull, Super Silent Auction, Two Photo Booths & An Interactive Game

Event proceeds benefit the Derby Community Foundation

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### Endowment Fund Partners

The individuals and businesses listed below have pledged to assist with the continued work of the Foundation through gifts to the Operating, Endowment and Great Endowment Funds.

### Legacy Partners

The Decusky Foundation

### Leading Partners

Jet Airwerks

### Guiding Partners

Bill and Nancy Lusk

### Building Partners

Bill and Reba Smith

### Founding Partners

Martha and Bill Allen

### Board of Directors

Dian Adele, Retired Owner

### Secretarial Support

Marianne S. Prine, Secretary

### Complimentary Wine & Beer

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### Fund the Future

Estate, and a $1,000 vacation voucher will be available to attendees this year. It’s a “traditional” photo booth with a strip of photos; and an instantaneous photo booth with Barney Tull and Bill Fales (these photos will be available on the DCF Facebook and Twitter accounts one week after Uncorked).

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New Program Receives Boost from DCF Grants

When Cheri Gage created the Women For Women organization through St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Derby in 2019, she turned to the Derby Community Foundation for assistance. Grants from three DCF funds combined to support this new initiative and provided the opportunity for Gage to apply (and receive) a matching grant from the Episcopal Diocese.

Women For Women is an organization which provides direction and support for women seeking to obtain employment or change their current employment status. Through personalized coaching, the six-week program strives to ensure that each woman improves her odds of getting a good job. There is no fee to participate in this program.

Supporting Women

For Women was a natural fit for the Decarsky Foundation Fund and the Garinger Agency Fund. Vicki Decarsky and Jean Garinger, administrators of these 2 funds, are passionate about community efforts to encourage and assist working women. Each fund contributed a $1,000 grant to Women For Women.

A third grant of $1,000 was awarded from the program’s Kansas Health Foundation Fund, for a total of $3,000. Call 316-788-2566 or email saintandrewsderby@gmail.com for more information about Women For Women.

What happens when a small group of like-minded, generous people decide to take on the role of “Derby’s Fairy Godmothers/fathers”? The answer is nothing short of magic.

It all began in early August 2019 when local resident Cheryl Bannon started a group chat about pooling resources to benefit worthy causes. She introduced the idea of sponsoring elementary classes at Derby schools to provide books for students.

A common theme in the group chat from a teacher who noted that some children come to school on book fair days and are visibly upset because they can’t participate, either because their parents aren’t readers or there is not extra money for books. Teachers also shared that having a home library expands vocabulary and reading skills—both important to the development of young children.

Almost instantly, the positive responses came pouring in: “definitely yes to sponsor reading,” “I’ll sponsor reading,” “I’ll sponsor a class,” “We want to contribute to the pot with others,” “We’ll sponsor a class.”

With the overwhelming positive response, the idea snowballed into raising funds to provide one book a month throughout the school year for ALL local second graders. Each month of the school year, Scholastic Inc. makes available a $1.00 book to classroom teachers. The total number of second graders in Derby is 553 (USD 260-507; St. Mary School-40, Faith Lutheran School-6). To fund a book a month for the remaining 8 months of the school year, $4,424 needed to be raised.

The Derby Community Foundation stepped in to suggest that what was happening was the formation of a Giving Circle. The definition of a Giving Circle is a form of participatory philanthropy where groups of individuals donate their own money to a pooled fund; decide together where to give—it’s a version of grant-making. In five short days, the Derby Giving Circle Fund was established with the Derby Community Foundation and with the help of a matching grant from the Decarsky Foundation Fund, the group raised the needed funds for this project.

The group of givers wants to be anonymous. One of the donors explained, “I’d like for kids to know that it doesn’t matter if we know the people who help us out in life…just that there are kind people left in this world who want to make others happy—even if they are total strangers.”

The response from area second graders receiving their first book in September was delightful. Exclamations of “Wow!” and “That’s cool!” could be heard throughout area second grade classrooms as September’s book, “Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners” by Laurie Keler, was distributed to students.

And what an appropriate first book for this initiative. The book synopsis reads: Mr. Rabbit's new neighbors are Otters. OTTERS! But he doesn't know anything about Otters. Will they get along? Will they be friends? Just treat others the same way you'd like them to treat you, advises wise Mr. Owl.

The Derby Giving Circle is a shining example of “treating others the same way you’d like them to treat you.”

With the mission of “Find a Need; Fund a Need,” the Derby Giving Circle will continue to explore ways to collectively benefit the Derby area.