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Dave Peebler named 2016 Generosity Award Recipient

Dave Peebler received the Derby Community Foundation’s 2016 Generosity Award at Uncorked 2016 last February.

Each year the DCF recognizes an individual for his/her generosity in the Derby area by awarding the Generosity Award. As the award recipient, Peebler received a personalized prize package and the opportunity to award a $500 grant to a local charity. Peebler chose the Derby Area Circles Program as the grant recipient.

“We are very pleased to honor Dave Peebler with this award,” said Justin Smith, DCF Board of Directors Chair. “Dave has given a tremendous amount of his time and talents to document and record many of Derby’s events and activities over the years.”

Dave Peebler is a “regular” at Derby events; typically seen with his video camera in hand. Peebler generously lends his videography skills to local organizations, including the Derby School District, City of Derby, Derby Community Foundation, Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices, Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, Child Start, and Raise My Head Foundation.

Peebler shot video of the community for the City of Derby that was used by CNN for a special televised edition that promoted Derby. His efforts helped bring the National Student Council Conference to Derby and contributed to the successful passage of the last school bond issue and the Derby Difference Sales Tax initiative.

Peebler also volunteers on the Derby Parks and Urban Forestry Board and the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Board of Directors.

Another part of Peebler’s volunteer efforts include visits to Derby Health and Rehab, Vintage Place, Sterling House, Westview Manor, Glenn Carr House and Derby Assisted Living, accompanied by Barney, a therapy dog. Peebler also brings short videos of Derby events to these visits to help residents stay connected with the community.

“Dave is one of those citizens of Derby who bleeds green,” said Cynthia Wentworth who nominated Peebler for the award.

Pastor Ben Ray recognized for community giving

Pastor Ben Ray, First Presbyterian Church, wears many hats in the Derby community: an advocate for the Derby school system, chaplain for the Derby Police Department, member of the Derby Ministerial Fellowship, and senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Derby (to mention avid fan of Derby Panthers, Sterling College Warriors, KU Jayhawks and WSU Shockers sports teams).

Peebler, as he prefers to be called, was named the recipient of the 2017 Generosity Award at the annual DCF Christmas Party in December. He will be acknowledged at Uncorked 2017 on February 25.

Ray selected the Derby Community Family Services Food Pantry as the recipient of the 2017 Generosity Award Grant.

“I had a hard time deciding on which charity to choose for the grant,” said Ray. “It’s always a burden on my heart when we have so much to eat at every meal and there are many in our community who have nothing [to eat].”

Ray has served on the Derby USD 260 Process for Success Committee and co-chaired the Vote YES Committee in 2012 for the district’s successful bond issue. He has been the featured speaker at the Derby High School Baccalaureate Ceremony and is serving on the school district’s Transgender Task Force.

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Warren Riverview Park gets boost with DCF grant

Thanks to a partnership between the Derby Community Foundation and the Warren family, the City of Derby received a grant of $50,000 designated for Warren Riverview Park. The funds were originally given to the DCF in 2008 by the family of Ray and Virginia Warren as the lead gift in the DCF’s endowment campaign with the understanding that part of the gift would be used in the future for the park that bears the family name. Though Ray and Virginia Warren are now deceased, their legacy will live on and be honored at the park. Their children and grandchildren remain active in the Derby community. “The Warrens certainly are the bedrock of Derby,” said Theresa Hearn, DCF Executive Director. “They have been instrumental in the growth and prosperity here in countless ways.”

The park will be located at the former City of Derby Public Works site on Market Street. Residents and visitors will bring new life to this property as the park develops. Highlights of the new park include a canoe launch, ropes course, an interactive boulder wall and a handicap-accessible playground. Other park features include a fire pit area surrounded by stone benches, a totum sculpture, a picnic pavilion and lawn terraces. There will also be an open lawn area and parking. The park will have a nautical theme, including one building called the “Lodge” which will have a Ravenna area for gathering and a river overlook. “This park is the perfect tribute to Ray and Virginia and the entire Warren family,” said Hearn. “The whole family has been active in outdoor activities like Bay Scouting, fishing and parks development in our community. And of course, the Warrens are well-known for building homes and businesses in Derby.”

Though no opening date has been set for Warren Riverview Park, work is expected to begin in the spring of 2017 and continue all year.

2016 Grants & Scholarships

A variety of grants and scholarships were awarded through the Derby Community Foundation in 2016 (not an all-inclusive list)

Community Enrichment Grants:
- Derby Health Collaborative/DRC – Story Walk $1,500
- Derby High School Theatre Department – Children’s Theatre $1,500
- Derby Fire and Rescue – Inflatable Rescue Boat $1,500
- Winner Elementary School – Inclusive Playground Equipment $2,000
- Derby Area Circles – Childcare/Curriculum $2,500

Kansans Health Foundation Grants:
- Derby Senior Celebration 2016 $500
- Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices/After Prom $500
- LED Derby $500
- Gudalupe Clinic – Health Care for Low Income Derby Residents $500
- Derby Senior Services – Fitness Equipment $500

Arle and Charlotte Lindsey Kids for Life Memorial Fund:
Johns Hopkins Medical Center $361

Patty Anthony Memorial Fund:
- Spctal Olympics-Kansas (Derby Free Spirit) $200
- A Night to Shine – Aviator Church $50

Ada Thoma Memorial Scholarship:
Alexis DeVou $850

Mike Burr Memorial Scholarship:
Ashley Ltd $289

Kerrit Daum Scholarship:
Haley Mills

Decorsky Foundation Scholarship:
Shane Swank, Addison Linn, Chandler Benway, Luke Palmer, Autumn Crafton, Jesus Loera, Ocean Swartz, Katelyn Voge, Juliana Karagianis, Shelby Foster, Kathryn Margaret Drake $4,000 (each)

Rotary Club of Derby Scholarship:
Isabel Dishman, Avery NoeI, Haley Mills $1,000 (each)

Braxton Kooser Memorial Scholarship:
Haley Mills, Avery NoeI, Hannah Steiner $500 (each)

Colleen Zirkle Memorial Scholarship:
The Independent School $1,000

Riley Hilt Memorial Dance Scholarship:
Allison McCue $500

Ross Hearn Vocal Music Excellence Scholarship:
Hannah Ruth Tables $250

Circles program changes lives

A grant was awarded to the Derby Area Circles Program in 2016. Circles is a high-impact, long-term initiative that empowers low-income participants to permanently move out of poverty. Circles engages community members and leaders across socioeconomic lines to change conversations around poverty, learn from those moving out of poverty and build pathways of self-sufficiency through relationship building and community advocacy.

During the first year, Derby Circles can already document progress for each participant. Here are just a few highlights: one participant has registered for GED classes and has an improved employment situation; one participant has resolved legal issues and now has a valid driver’s license; two are enrolled in online college courses; and two have made major health improvements due to information they gained from being in the program.

The DCF grant supported the Circles childcare program, which includes a children’s curriculum with a module on financial literacy.

Community support of the Derby Area Circles Program is welcomed and encouraged. To get involved, contact Claudia Reabler at 788-2140, Charlotte Mathis at 789-8295, or Rhonda Cott at 210-4995.

The DCF mission statement updated

The Derby Community Foundation Board of Directors participated in a strategic planning session in August 2016. The DCF does strategic planning every three years. Along with revising goals and objectives for the next three years, the board updated the organization’s mission statement.

For many years, the DCF’s mission statement was “inspiring vision and generosity.” This will still be used as the DCF’s “tagline,” but the following has been adopted as the updated mission statement: The mission of the Derby Community Foundation is to enrich the quality of life in the Derby area by being a catalyst for connecting people and resources with community needs and initiatives.

In addition, the board approved the following support statements as part of the organization’s mission:
- To fulfill the Derby Community Foundation is committed:
  • As a grant maker – we award grants and scholarships to improve the lives of Derby area residents.
  • As a vehicle for philanthropy – we encourage private giving for public good.
  • As a community leader – we inspire, educate and cultivate a spirit of philanthropy.
  • To respond to changing needs – we promote community involvement and collaboration.

The mission statement update is intended to clarify the purpose of the Derby Community Foundation.

Legacy Society helps fund the future of Derby

When you plant a tree you provide shade and beauty now and in the future. In that same way, life takes on special meaning when you choose to leave a gift to benefit future generations. The Derby Community Foundation has established a Legacy Society – an opportunity for individuals who realize the importance of supporting our community now and in the future. Legacy Society members have made provisions for future gifts that will last for all time.

You are invited to join a tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your legacy to those of others who realize the importance of supporting our community. Legacy Society membership is honorary, there is no cost to join. Your membership is a priceless gift that will last forever.

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest to the Derby Community Foundation in your estate plan, such as cash, stock, IRA or retirement plan assets, savings bonds, or real or personal property.

Joining the Legacy Society is easy – just complete a Legacy Society Statement of Intent, available on the DCF website. There is even language available to assist with establishing a planned gift.

Accepting our invitation to join the Legacy Society allows us to honor your future gift and helps us encourage others to consider how they, too, may make a difference. When you join the Legacy Society, you hope for creative new ideas and for those in generations to come.

We would love to talk with you about leaving a permanent gift to support area charitable purposes – feel free to contact the DCF for more information.

We also encourage you to talk with your professional advisor(s) to determine which type of planned gift is best for you. Arrange your estate plan to create a personal legacy with a bequest or planned gift for the Derby Community Foundation.

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Ray and his congregation coordinate the annual Police Banquet which provides a meal and gifts for the uniformed men and women who serve the City of Derby. As Chaplain for the DPD for the past nine years, he has been instrumental in providing support counseling to Derby police officers when they are involved in critical situations such as the death of a child or death by suicide or domestic violence.

Ray authored a grant application in conjunction with Police Chief Robert Lee to provide emergency assistance (such as vouchers for lodging, food, etc.) to victims of domestic violence – the Derby Community Foundation funded this grant in June 2016.

“We are very pleased to honor Pastor Ben Ray with this award,” said Justin Smith, DCF Board of Directors Chair. “He has done a tremendous amount of wonderful work for our community and he is truly deserving of the Generosity Award.”

“Warren Riverview Park” -in- "We do what for others remains and is immortal."

The Derby Community Foundation proudly presented a grant to Derby Fire and Rescue to assist with the purchase of an inflatable rescue boat. Additional funds are needed for this project. If you are interested in donating to this effort, please contact the Derby Community Foundation.