

“Is this all there is? I could never live here!” This was my reaction as we drove down Main Street on our first visit to Buhler. We were living in San Jose, CA, a city of over one million people, and wanted to move to the mid-west to be near family and to give our three children the opportunity to grow up in a smaller, safer environment. We subscribed to the Hutchinson News before we moved to get an idea of the housing market. “Located in the Buhler School District” was a phrase that we saw often. We figured there must be a reason to add that phrase to so many listings, so we began looking exclusively within the district boundaries. As it turned out, we found a rental in Buhler and decided to check out small town living. The “I could never live here” soon went by the wayside as we began to enjoy the benefits of a pool, park, grocery, library, dentist and doctor, all within walking distance. Our children readily adapted to the smaller school environment and benefited from the tradition of excellence in the Buhler Schools. In addition to seeing our children thrive both academically and in extracurricular activities, Gaylen had the opportunity to serve on the school board for sixteen years.



The strong community built on traditional values was very important to us and twenty three years later we are completely invested in this thriving little town. We consider it a privilege to participate in the future of Buhler by contributing to the Community Fund. Buhler is a wonderful place to call home!

Gaylen and Judy Banz

Building a *Legacy* for Buhler

Many of you have stories like this one. Whether you’ve lived here a short time or most of your life, you’ve discovered that Buhler is not just any small town. It’s a community of people who care for each other. It’s a neighborhood where lasting relationships are made. It’s a place you call home.

In 2009, the Buhler Community Foundation was established to provide resources to enhance the community of Buhler by building charitable funds for the future needs and growth of our community. Our mission is to continue Building the future of Buhler on a firm foundation of traditional values and progressive ideas.

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The Buhler Community Fund is an *Endowment*

A community fund enables people to easily and effectively support the issues most important to them. Money or assets given to the fund are invested and the earnings from the investment are put back into the community each year. Since 2010, the Buhler Community Fund has made grants worth nearly \$5,000 to help provide ovens at the Buhler Senior Center, downtown beautification, library renovations, equipment for the wellness center and a Frisbee golf course in Wheatland Park.

The *Challenge*

It is important to build the Buhler Community Endowment Fund so the earnings will be enough to meet some of the future needs of the community. The advisory board has set a five-year goal of \$500,000. With gifts from generous, visionary people of Buhler, we have raised \$100,000. **For the next 5 years, all gifts to the fund will be matched fifty-cents on the dollar by the Kansas Health Foundation.**

On Wednesday, November 28, we have the opportunity to grow our endowment exponentially. In addition to the Kansas Health Foundation's 50% match, a donor in our community has committed another 50% match up to \$8000. That means you can double your gift on November 28th!

Make your donation at the Mustard Seed between 7am and 7pm on November 28 and get a free cup of coffee compliments of the Buhler Community Foundation. Take advantage of this opportunity to give back to the community you have enjoyed and to invest in its future.