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#### **About the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is a private foundation established by the late Ewing Kauffman, founder of the pharmaceutical firm Marion Laboratories (now Aventis Pharmaceuticals) and original owner of the Kansas City Royals Baseball Club. The Foundation looks beyond need to identify and develop pivotal opportunities for improving the education of children and helping create successful businesses in Kansas City and nationwide.