

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

***Our Vision Statement:***

**Bringing rural communities together for growth and success.**

***Our Mission Statement:***

**To revitalize your community and enhance the well-being of present and future generations.**



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**Note from the Executive Director**

With the support and commitment of our Board of Directors and staff, our Foundation is moving forward, creating new partnerships along the way which serve our rural communities in northwest Kansas. In 2012, three community foundations affiliated with us and agreed to establish funds to support community development projects and programs in their communities.

Once we achieve our fundraising goals for those community initiative funds, we will establish community endowment funds. A community endowment is a permanent fund established benefit a specific community (or county). Each fund is governed by a local board who decide how best to use those funds.

This has been an exciting year, and I look forward to 2013 and beyond!

*Cathy*  
 Catherine A. Domsch  
 President and Executive Director

**Statement of Financial Position**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2012

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 478,255.56
Investments	\$ 6,391,342.22
Other Assets	\$ 4,615,156.12
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 11,484,753.90</b>
 <u>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</u>	
Liabilities	\$ 163,556.93
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 163,556.93</b>
Fund Balance	\$ 11,321,196.97
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 11,321,196.97</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 11,484,753.90</b>

\*This is an un-audited Statement of Financial Position.

**2013**  
**Board of Directors & Staff**

Rodney Young, Chair	Dan Busse
John Deeds, Vice-Chair	Sherry Carmichael
Gary Brubaker, Secretary	Lori Janicke
David Hendricks, Treasurer	Rod Klepper
	C. Ned Smith

Catherine A. Domsch, Executive Director  
 Darci Shields, Administrative Assistant

## Giving Cards

Much like retail gift cards, Giving Cards are given to celebrate birthdays, holidays, a job well done or other special occasions. Giving Cards can be redeemed to benefit any 501(c)(3) public charity in the United States (including schools and churches). Giving Cards can be purchased and redeemed through the Foundation's website at [www.gnwkcf.org](http://www.gnwkcf.org).



## KACF Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations is to leverage the resources of community foundations in the State of Kansas to strengthen and promote community philanthropy and to inspire action that will improve the quality of life in Kansas communities.



The purpose of KACF is to strengthen and promote community philanthropy in Kansas, to educate members on effective philanthropic operations, and to foster collaboration and the exchange of information regarding philanthropic programs and issues.



## Western Kansas Alliance of Community Foundations

*“Western Kansas Giving for Western Kansas Causes”*

The Western Kansas Alliance is an informal group of community foundation board and staff from Western Kansas that communicates among each other on ways to improve their communities individually and as a region, as well as work together to promote endowment for Western Kansas causes. This group works in partnership with the state organization, Kansas Association of Community Foundations.

## About the Foundation

The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF) was formed to increase exposure and opportunities for philanthropy throughout northwest Kansas and the tri-state region. In 2009, realizing the benefits to regionalization, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation created and affiliated with GNWKCF. The hope was that other communities in the region would too become a part of GNWKCF, so that together we can build strong communities by building a strong regional community foundation to support its communities.

The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation is an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a public charity under section 509(a)(3), a supporting organization, and a non-profit corporation organized in the State of Kansas. With this designation, the Foundation is a supporting organization of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. The board of directors took these steps to ensure the future of the Foundation as a community foundation. With this relationship, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation assists the Foundation with back office and legal support.



## Services to Affiliate Foundations

GNWKCF offers two types of affiliate relationships to other community foundations, an Affiliate and a Partner.

An Affiliate Community Foundation is a collection of community funds to increase the philanthropic base for a geographic area. Both endowed and non-endowed funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable non-profit organizations and for charitable purposes to benefit area residents.

A Partner Community Foundation is an Agency Fund of GNWKCF. The Partner Community Foundation relationship is for Community Foundations who already have a 501(c)(3) and already have employees, and an operating endowment to sustain its operations.

## Current Funds of GNWKCF

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Organizations may establish a fund through the Foundation; anyone can contribute to these designated funds to help build an organization's endowment or to support special projects.

- Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Administrative Fund

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarships may be established by individuals or groups, giving a gift of education, providing a tangible commitment to the future and a vision of hope for the next generation.

- Wingfield Scholarship Fund

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are easy for individuals, families and corporations to utilize as they are simple to set up and offer tax benefits. Donors may suggest grants to their favorite charitable organization, and address the issues and needs they care most about.

- Domsch Family Fund

## Current Affiliate Community Foundations



Bird City Century II  
Development Foundation



Gove County  
Community Foundation



Sheridan County  
Community Foundation



Sherman County  
Community Foundation

## Personalizing Your Philanthropy

Many people come to a point in their lives where they feel inclined to give back. They do so for a number of reasons, all very personal to them. What motivates you? Perhaps you feel strongly about a cause. Perhaps an organization has touched your life or the lives of loved ones. Maybe you want to create a legacy and set an example that inspires others to give. Or your giving is a way to get your family together and pass along your values to younger generations.

### *Who can give?*

Anyone! Donors to the Foundation are from a variety of backgrounds with a common commitment to the community's well being. Whether setting up a named fund, contributing to an existing fund, or making an unrestricted gift, every person in the community can make a difference.

No gift is too small. The minimums referred to are only for **starting** a named fund. Gifts of \$25, \$10 or even \$1 can be made to any existing named fund. That is what makes this truly a **community** foundation.

### *How do I create a fund?*

Creating a permanent endowment allows you to benefit the community for generations to come. We make the process easy.

1. **Decide when to give** – You can create a fund now, establish it in your will, or create it through a trust arrangement that benefits your family as well as charity. Tax deductions are earned at the time of the gift.
2. **Decide what to give** – Almost any kind of asset can be used to start a fund: publicly traded securities, closely held stock, real estate, life insurance, tangible personal property or private foundation assets. Tax benefits vary according to the type of asset contributed.
3. **Choose a type of fund** – We offer a variety of funds that are flexible to meet our donors' different charitable interests.
4. **Choosing a fund name** – Most funds are named for the donor or the donor's family. Funds can also be named in memory or honor of an individual, family or organization. Every grant from the fund will carry this name. Donors who prefer anonymity may choose a name that reflects the donor's charitable interests.

For as many motivations as there are to give, there are ways of giving. The key to having a rewarding giving experience is finding the best fit—for your charitable priorities, financial goals, and personal preferences.

Contact us for a checklist that is designed to help you and your professional advisor determine the custom giving solution that's right for you.

## Sherman County Community Foundation

Sherman County Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2012. They are a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening the community for present and future generations. The Foundation is a non-profit vehicle for people of all means to make a lasting difference in our community. The Foundation is a flexible tool that can meet your charitable objectives while standing as a symbol of your caring for generations to come. It is the goal of the Foundation to provide leadership and act as a catalyst in identifying and addressing evolving community needs.

### *Our mission is to:*

- ◆ Promote philanthropy
- ◆ Build and maintain a permanent collection of endowment funds
- ◆ Serve as a trustworthy partner and leader in shaping effective responses to community issues and address emerging community issues
- ◆ Provide professional administration for foundation funds

## **Fund of Sherman County Community Foundation**

- Sherman County Community Initiative Fund

The Affiliate Board established the *Sherman County Community Initiative Fund* to support community development projects and programs in Sherman County.



*Marilyn Imel presents a grant check for \$440.36 to Marcy Melia, children's librarian for items in the new Family Place library area.*



*Marliyn Imel presents a grant check for \$1,650.89 to Kathy Schermerhorn for the Animal Shelter.*

## 2013 Sherman County Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

Marilyn Imel, Chair  
Roxann Kling, Secretary  
Karen Gillihan, Treasurer

Adam Dees  
Dane Scherling  
Kris Yost



## Goals of a Community Foundation

- ◆ To promote philanthropy and serve as a catalyst for local giving to our schools, churches, and other local nonprofit agencies and organizations.
- ◆ To multiply the present and long-term impact of charitable donations in the community, by providing donors with significant financial advantages, including tax benefits and professional money management. Donations can be acknowledged or made anonymously whichever the donor prefers.



- ◆ To lead the way in improving and maintaining the quality of life for all community residents by providing a full-range of donor services and community grants. By doing so, community foundations will help meet the needs of this constantly changing community, far into the future.
- ◆ To work with your trusted professional advisors to devise a way to save taxes for yourself and your family, while maximizing your giving power to the community that you've spent your life in.

- ◆ And much more...community foundations are not a place give money, it's a way to give money to your favorite charities to benefit your families, friends and neighbors, now and into the future.



## Bird City Century II Development Foundation

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Inc. was founded on December 17, 1985 with remaining funds from the Bird City centennial celebration earlier that year. Original founders of the Foundation include Edgar Robertson, Robert Brubaker, Floyd Jensen, Robert L. Jones, and Floyd Wright. The Foundation was organized for the betterment and benefit of the Bird City community, and continues to function as such. In 2009, Bird City Century II became an affiliate of GNWKCF.

The Foundation is a community foundation which represents an opportunity for all friends of the Bird City community to give, through philanthropy, back to the Bird City community to enhance and ensure the quality of life for present and future generations of Bird City.

In just the past decade, Bird City Century II Development Foundation has granted out more than \$1,000,000 to local organizations for community projects; of that amount, \$161,000+ has been awarded to Cheylin seniors through the Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship.

The legacies left by the Robertson's and Rosemary Griffin with their multi-million dollar bequests have made the 'impossible' possible in our community! The growth our Foundation has seen over the years has allowed many community development projects to happen in our community. Thank You to all of our donors!!

### **Funds of Bird City Century II Development Foundation**

- Bird City Century II Business Incubator Program Fund
- Bird City Century II Community Initiative Fund
- Bird City Century II Scholarship Fund
- Bird City E-Community Fund
- Bird City 150th Celebration Fund
- Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Preservation Fund
- Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Endowment Fund
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Operating Fund
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Golf Program Fund
- GNWKS Real Estate Fund, LLC
- Martin Burton Family Fund
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund

## Sheridan County Community Foundation



Sheridan County Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2012. The mission of Sheridan County Community Foundation is to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future.

### **Fund of Sheridan County Community Foundation**

- Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund

The Affiliate Board established the *Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund* to support community development projects and programs in Sheridan County.

### 2013 Sheridan County Community Foundation

#### Board of Directors

Michelle Foote, Chair  
Jodi Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ladonna Joslyn

Harry Joe Pratt  
Leanna Sloan



**Gove County Community Foundation**

Gove County Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2012. The initial goal of the Gove County Community Foundation is to increase economic and community development opportunities in Gove County.

**Fund of Gove County Community Foundation**

- Gove County Community & Economic Development Fund

The Gove County Community Foundation Board of Directors have established the *Gove County Community & Economic Development Fund* to support community and economic development projects and programs in Gove County.



**2013 Gove County Community Foundation**

**Board of Directors**

Adrian Coberly (Gove), Chair  
 Ericka Gillespie (Quinter), Secretary  
 Mitch Gillespie (Grainfield)  
 Terry Ostmeyer (Grinnell)

Ron Powers (Quinter)  
 Roger Ringer (Quinter)  
 Colleen Tummons (Quinter)  
 Duane Vollbracht (Grinnell)

**Bird City Century II Development Foundation**

**2012 Grants:**

**Bird City Century II Community Initiative Fund**

Cheylin Recreation Commission - Cinco de Mayo Celebration	1,648.00
City of Bird City - Bird City Pool Improvements	10,000.00
City of Bird City - VanDoren Park Maintenance	7,400.00
Immanuel United Methodist Church	1,000.00
Living Water Fellowship	1,000.00
St. John Lutheran Church	1,000.00
St. Joseph Catholic Church	1,000.00
Wesleyan Community Church	1,000.00
Cheylin Schools - Teacher Grant Program	1,845.38
Bird City Housing - Apartment Restroom Renovations	8,158.23
Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Assoc - Bldg 5 Renovations	18,000.00
Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Assoc - Inflatable Rental	600.00
Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair	1,000.00
Santa Day	250.00
Bird City Area on Aging - New Awning/TV/DVD	5,000.00
Martin Burton Family Fund	10,000.00
American Legion - Assist w/ Operations/Community Projects	1,000.00
Cheylin Schools - Preschool Program	9,000.00

**GNWKS Real Estate Fund, LLC**

City of Bird City - Housing Development Program	25,250.00
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**Bird City Century II Business Incubator Fund**

Kansas Small Business Development Center - Outreach Office	30,000.00
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**Total Grants in 2012: \$134,151.61**

**2012 Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship:**



Cory Rucker \$2,000

Kayla Statley \$800

Jessica Turner \$2,000

Ethan Young \$2,000

**2012 Recipients**



Forrest Burr \$800

Dalton Magnani \$800

Wil Orten \$2,000

Roberto Ponce \$2,000

**Total Awarded:  
\$12,400**

**Entrepreneurship Programs**

**2012 Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair**

*3rd Annual Cheylin E-Fair (13 Projects Entered)*

- 1st Place: Michael Barnett, Hunters Hotel
- 2nd Place: Jessica Smith, Papa Charlie's Cornmeal
- 3rd Place: Ivan Kemp, Kemp's Klean Kut Lawn Care
- E-Community Award: Heath Churchwell, The Wonderful World of Corgis
- E-Community Award: Nakita Schneider, For All Hungry Harvesters
- E-Community Award: Elizabeth Keltz, Elizabeth's Pigs



**2012 Entrepreneurship Camp**

*Jessica Turner, Summer Intern*

*4th Annual E-Camp (2nd-4th Grades / 5th-8th Grades)*



**Robertson-Griffin-Bacon Memorial Building**

***Business Incubator***

In March 2011, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation purchased the former Security State Bank building with financial assistance from the Bacon Family Foundation.

Interior renovations of the building's main floor were completed the first of May 2012. The renovated building will serve as a business incubator for small start-up or expanding businesses. The purpose is to help these emerging businesses survive and grow during the start-up period when they are most vulnerable, and offer entrepreneurial support through the various resources available locally and state-wide.



**Downtown Beautification Projects (2002-2012)**

*Over \$1.5 million dollars funded*

- 2002: Renovation of Hometown Market Building
- 2004: Paint Sower's Building
- 2004: Paint Exterior/New Awnings on Temporary Bird City Century II Office
- 2005: Construction of Bird City Century II Offices
- 2009: Renovation of City Hall Office/Board Room
- 2009: Demolition of Old Lumber Yard
- 2010: Exterior Renovations on Old Theater Building
- 2010: Addition of EMS Training Room
- 2010: New Awning on Hometown Market Building
- 2012: Grant Land to City of Bird City for Senior Housing Project
- 2012: Renovation of 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store Building
- 2012: Renovation of Old Security State Bank Building/Lot
- 2012: Addition to Bird City Century II Offices
- 2012: Renovation of American Legion Hall

*Old Lumber Yard, demolished in 2009; Open Lot was then granted to the City of Bird City in 2012 for the building of the Bird City Senior House Estates*



*Old Security State Bank Bldg Renovated into a Business Incubator Bldg*

*Newly Renovated American Legion Hall*

