

Greater Northwest Kansas COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AFFILIATE FOUNDATIONS

ACE Foundation
Bird City Century II Development Foundation
Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation
Gove County Community Foundation
GROW Decatur County Foundation
Sheridan County Community Foundation
Sherman County Community Foundation

AGENCY FOUNDATIONS

Logan County Community Foundation
Norton County Community Foundation
Wallace County Foundation

AGENCY PARTNERS

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas
Graham County Community Foundation
Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc.
Phillips County Community Foundation
Thomas County Community Foundation



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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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2021 Review / GNWKCF Board of Directors

Incredible Growth for Northwest Kansas Community Foundations

As 2021 rolls into the rear-view mirror, we look over our shoulder and recall the many accomplishments of GNWKCF during this past year, and we look forward to the next great opportunities that come our way.

Our Affiliates, Agency Foundations and Agency Partners have shown that nonprofit organizations have so much to offer to our Northwest Kansas rural area! GNWKCF is working hand-in-hand with our partners to build a brighter and viable future for each county.

We are grateful to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for the new staffing grant initiative. All of our community foundations are comprised of volunteer board members, and this grant made it possible to hire or contract with part-time committed people to help us better serve our communities. This grant will make an extensive impact to each of our county-wide affiliated foundations.

2021 has been a year of incredible growth for GNWKCF! Our assets have grown by 70.2%, partly due to the Hansen gift of land to benefit the hometown of Mr. Dane G. Hansen. We are honored that the Hansen Foundation is trusting GNWKCF to care for this land and tenant farmers in Northwest Kansas.

With this growth, we continue to expand our talented and committed staff to support our 12-county area. In 2021, GNWKCF hired our fourth employee: Andi Culwell, Executive Assistant. Hers is the voice you hear when you call our office.

While writing this review for 2021, I have come to realize how lucky we are in our corner of Kansas. Yes, some of the times we do not get all the rain we think we need, the wind is blowing too much, BUT we are truly blessed to live in this beautiful part of Kansas filled with caring people.

~Cora House, Board Chair

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GROW Decatur County Foundation



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ACE Foundation

Funds of the Foundation

Designated Funds

Cheyenne County Village Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Dane G. Hansen Fund for Logan - Endowment Fund
 Dane G. Hansen Fund for Logan - Grant Fund
 GNWKCF Planned Giving Initiative Fund
 Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund
 St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Wallace County Foundation Amusement Association Fund (*WCF*)

Donor-Advised Funds

Bainter Family Fund (*SDCCF*)
 C.W. and Sandra Antholz Fund (*BCCII*)
 Carol and Douglas Sloper Family Fund
 Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (*NCCF*)
 Domsch Family Fund
 Elizabeth Laing House Fund (*SHCCF*)
 Farmers State Bank Community Fund (*LCCF*)
 Gail and Cindy Boller Fund (*NCCF*)
 Gennifer Golden House Family Fund (*SHCCF*)
 Jim and Cindy Leach Family Fund (*BCCII*)
 Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (*NCCF*)
 Junior and Deloris Knorr Family Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund
 Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Mitch and Carlene Gillespie Family Fund (*GCCF*)
 Richard and Darlene Brubaker Fund
 Robert Brubaker Family Fund (*BCCII*)
 Ryan and Andrea Culwell Family Fund
 Youth on the Move Fund (*SDCCF*)

Field of Interest Funds

BCBSKS Pathways Administration Grant
 Bird City 150th Celebration Fund (*BCCII*)
 Bird City Century II Business Incubator Fund (*BCCII*)
 Bird City Century II Community Initiative Income Fund (*BCCII*)
 Bird City Real Estate Fund, LLC (*BCCII*)
 Cheyenne County Impact Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Cheylin E-Community Fund (*BCCII*)
 Cultivate Sheridan County Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Fund for Grainfield Fund (*GCCF*)
 Gerald A. & Darlene R. Schaffer Fund (*SDCCF*)
 GNWKCF Land, LLC
 Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (*GCCF*)
 Graham County Endowment Fund (*GRCCF*)
 Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation Endowment Fund
 GROW Decatur County Community Initiative Fund (*GDCF*)
 GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (*GDCF*)
 Grow Gove County Fund (*GCCF*)
 Grow Gove County Investments, LLC (*GCCF*)
 Hansen Community Clean-Up Fund
 Hansen Community Grant Funds (12 counties)
 Hansen Community Grant Administrative Funds (12 counties)
 Hansen Match Initiative Admin Fund (12 counties)
 Hansen Strategic Doing Admin Fund (12 counties)
 Harold and Eileen Frasier Memorial Fund (*WCF*)

Field of Interest Funds, Cont.

James and Barbara Johnson Family Fund (*NCCF*)
 Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund (*NCCF*)
 Logan County Endowment Fund (*LCCF*)
 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
 Northwest Kansas Museum Coalition Fund
 Norton County Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
 Oakley Parks Improvement Project Fund (*LCCF*)
 Phillips Co Unrestricted Endowment Fund (*PCCF*)
 Rawlins County Future Fund (*ACEF*)
 SCCF Benefit Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund (*SHCCF*)
 Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (*SHCCF*)
 St. Francis New Generation Fund (*CCKCF*)
 Thomas County Hansen Matching Endowment Fund (*TCCF*)
 Topside Trail Project (*SHCCF*)
 Tri-County Leadership Fund
 Wallace County Foundation Grant Project Fund (*WCF*)
 Wallace County Foundation Unrestricted Fund (*WCF*)
 Youth Skilled Therapy Assistance Fund (*NCCF*)

Foundation Operational Funds

ACE Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 ACE Foundation Operating Fund
 BCCII Operating Fund
 Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund
 Gove County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Gove County Community Foundation Operating Fund
 Graham Co CF Operating Endowment Fund
 Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Greater NW Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund
 GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Fund
 Logan County CF Operating Endowment Fund
 Logan County CF Operating Fund
 NCCF Operating Fund
 Norton County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Phillips Co CF Operating Endowment Fund
 Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Fund
 Sherman Co CF Operating Endowment Fund
 Sherman Co CF Operating Fund
 Thomas County CF Operating Endowment Fund
 Wallace County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
 Wallace County Foundation Operating Fund
 Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund

Organizational Funds

Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund
 Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (*SHCCF*)
 Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (*BCCII*)
 Development Services of Northwest Kansas Fund
 Fort Wallace Memorial Association Fund (*WCF*)
 Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Fund
 Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Grant Fund
 God's Little Saints Preschool Fund (*ACEF*)
 Jim and Rose Blume DSNWK Endowment Fund
 Joey Weber Endowment Fund
 Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund
 McDonald Community Development Fund
 Morland Community Foundation Fund
 Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Endowment Fund
 Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Program Fund
 Northwest Kansas Conservation Fund (*LCCF*)
 Norton Area Child Care Association Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
 Norton County Community Service Assoc Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
 Norton County Health Department Fund (*NCCF*)
 Norton Theatre Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
 Oakley Educational Foundation Fund (*LCCF*)
 Selden Community Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (*SDCCF*)
 Thresher Association Endowment Fund (*BCCII*)
 Wild West Historical Foundation Fund (*LCCF*)

Scholarship Funds

Bird City Century II Scholarship Income Fund (*BCCII*)
aka Edgar & Mabel Robertson Scholarship
 Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (*SHCCF*)
 Della Connell Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
 Durham Family Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
 Erma and Bob John Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Farmers State Bank Junior Bank Board Scholarship Fund (*LCCF*)
 Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund (*GDCF*)
 Fox Still Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
 Glenn & Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
 Lisa Scott Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
 Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
 NCHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
 Norton Rotary Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
 Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City USD 281
 Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie USD 412 (*SDCCF*)
 Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
 Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship Fund (*LCCF*)
 W. Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
 Wingfield Scholarship Fund
 Youth on the Move Scholarship Fund (*SDCCF*)

Unrestricted Fund

Allen & Berna (Cox) Scott Endowment Fund

Represents Active Funds During Calendar Year 2021

Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position
Year-Ending December 31, 2021*

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$47,540,108.69

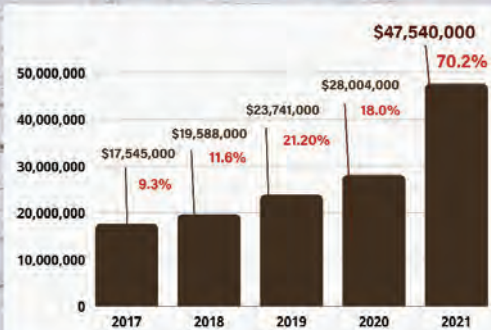
Cash & Cash Equivalents ... \$4,194,536.55
Investments \$25,390,554.86
Other Assets \$17,955,017.28

TOTAL LIABILITIES\$415,945.78
TOTAL FUND BALANCE..... \$47,124,162.91

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE
\$47,540,108.69

*Preliminary (unaudited) financials as of December 31, 2021

YEAR-END ASSET TOTALS and Percent Growth



Preliminary as of December 31, 2021

GIFTS & GRANTS HISTORY



Preliminary as of December 31, 2021

■ Gifts ■ Grants

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Donates Farm Property to Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

Press Release, August 27, 2021, LOGAN – When the Dust Bowl threatened the lives and prosperity of many in Northwest Kansas, Dane G. Hansen stepped in to help. Farmers in the area were filing bankruptcy and leaving Kansas as the land dried up and there was no way to make a living. For many in the counties near his home in Logan, Mr. Hansen purchased the farms and immediately leased them back to the families he bought them from. That allowed the families to stay home in Kansas, and when the rains returned and farming was again viable, they were able to prosper as tenant farmers.

Upon Mr. Hansen's death in 1965, the farms he purchased those many years before became assets of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The property owned by the Foundation has been a part of a diversified portfolio that includes investments in the stock market, the DGH Oil company, and other holdings — until now.

The Hansen Foundation Board of Trustees has donated the farm properties owned by Mr. Hansen, and subsequently the Foundation, to the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation in Bird City. The donation includes 12,000 acres of property, but reserves the mineral rights, which will continue to be owned by the Hansen Foundation. The approximate value of the combined properties, located in eight Kansas and one Colorado counties, is \$13 million.

The donation is designed to provide annual grant funds of about \$200,000 to Mr. Hansen's hometown of Logan.

Why donate?

Just as Mr. Hansen looked at every investment he made as a way to serve his hometown and his broader home of Northwest Kansas; the Hansen Trustees determined that they can best continue the mission of Mr. Hansen's Foundation by removing the farm properties from the Foundation's portfolio.

With a strong desire to limit any change to the tenant farmers and ranchers, the Trustees determined that donating the property, rather than selling it, was the best avenue for all parties.

They selected the Greater Northwest Kansas Foundation to be the recipient of this important gift, because the Trustees believe that GNWKCF will be thoughtful stewards of the land and its tenants, just as the Hansen Foundation and Mr. Hansen were.

The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation serves the farthest Northwest corner of the Hansen Foundation service area. It is a foundation that has proven to be a trusted partner to the Hansen Foundation, has demonstrated its ability to receive and manage agricultural property, and has a mission to serve the communities where much of the donated property lies.

As a part of the gift, the Hansen Trustees have requested that Northwest Kansas farm holdings not be sold for at least five years, and that the farm manager remain the same. The board members of GNWKCF are very much like the Hansen Trustees in their desire to be respectful to the tenants who have cultivated this property. Many of the GNWKCF board members are farmers and ranchers themselves. There should be little change in the daily lives of the tenants of the donated properties.

The donation will create a new fund at GNWKCF called the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund for Logan. From the profits of the property, annual grants will be awarded by GNWKCF to the Logan Community Development Foundation for programs and projects that will forever benefit Mr. Hansen's hometown. The funds can be used for enhancements to the city, the schools, and nonprofit organizations that serve the community.

Scholarship Awards

Cheyenne County

Edgar & Mabel Robertson Scholarship



This scholarship, in memory of Edgar and Mabel Robertson of Bird City, is available to Cheylin USD 103 graduating seniors with the primary emphasis being community service. This scholarship is paid over two years (four semesters), providing a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained.

2021 Awards:

Soledad Bermudez-Sanchez .. \$1,250	Alondra Perez..... \$1,250
Alexander Dart.....\$1,500	Tyler Sabatka\$1,500
Joseph Melton..... \$500	Andrew Schields \$500
Colton McCarty\$1,500	Briana Vandike.....\$750

Wingfield Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Owen and Phyllis Wingfield of McDonald to benefit Cheylin USD 103 graduating seniors who wish to continue their education and need financial assistance. This is a two-year (four-semester) scholarship with the possibility of being renewed for an additional two years (for a total of eight semesters), providing a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained.



2021 Awards:

Soledad Bermudez-Sanchez .. \$1,000	Alondra Perez.....\$1,500
Joseph Melton..... \$500	Tyler Sabatka\$1,000

Decatur County

Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Scholarship



This scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Decatur Community Schools through an endowment fund made possible by the generosity and forward thinking of Ms. Edwards. The scholarship is paid over two-semester. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship in 2021.

2021 Awards:

Sarah Abernathy	Hunter May	Gavon Uehlin
Nicholas Baker	Katie Meitl	Mackenzie Urban
Alex Eskew	Alana Raile	Gracie Vontz
Lily Hendrickson	Joshua Russ	Spencer Wishon
KeLynn Jacobs	Gabriel Seller	Taite Woolsey
Melody Koerperich		

Graham County

Adolph and Opal Harris Estate Scholarship / Hill City

Opal and Adolph Harris made provisions in their estate to create this scholarship which benefits graduates of Hill City / Graham County USD 281 or students who are home-schooled and live within the Hill City School District. Special consideration is given to students from the Penokee and Morland areas. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 paid over two semesters are awarded.



2021 Awards:

Breckan Born	Kyle Richmeier
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Logan County

Farmers State Bank (FSB) Junior Bank Board Scholarship



This fund was established by The Farmers State Bank of Oakley to recognize Oakley High School USD 274 graduating seniors who have actively participated on the FSB Junior Bank Board. This fund was established in 2020 with the first scholarship awarded in 2021. Each student selected was awarded a one-time award of \$1,500.

2021 Awards:

Eric Annis	Shianna Selzer	Lexus Shellito
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Norton County

Della Connell Scholarship

This scholarship was established to assist graduates of Norton Community Schools USD 211 with continuing their higher education. It is a two-semester payout with the opportunity to apply for a second year renewal providing the minimum GPA specified is met.

2021 Awards:

First Year, \$1,000

Courtney Jones
Tessa Hauser
Dru Kasson
Kennedy Yeager

Second Year, \$1,500

Cole Amlong
Lexi Kats
Jaida McEwen
Kade Melvin
Tucker Pfannenstiel
Judson Wiltfong



Norton Rotary Scholarship

The Norton Rotary has established this scholarship to benefit graduates of Norton Community Schools USD 211 who have been actively engaged in community service activities during their high school career. Three \$400 scholarships are awarded annually.

2021 Awards:

Olivia Carter	Sarah David	Tessa Hauser
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Sheridan County

Adolph and Opal Harris Estate Scholarship / Hoxie

Opal and Adolph Harris made provisions in their estate to create this scholarship which benefits graduates of Hoxie Community Schools USD 412 or students who are home-schooled and live within the Hoxie School District. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,750 each, paid over the course of two semesters, are awarded annually.

2021 Awards:

Gabriel Friess	Baylee McKenna
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Youth on the Move

Jodi Rogers of Hoxie established this scholarship to benefit graduates of Hoxie Community Schools USD 412 who have been actively engaged in the community, especially youth activities, during their high school career. Two \$250 scholarships are awarded annually.

2021 Awards:

Paiton Rogers	Gavin Tremblay
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Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship

This scholarship provides one graduating senior from Oakley High School USD 274, or students who obtained a GED and live within the school district, a chance to have financial assistance in seeking a two-year vocational, technical, or junior college degree. Students must demonstrate a financial need and a desire to obtain a certification or degree to prepare for the workforce. This fund was established in 2020 and the first scholarship awarded in 2021.

2021 Awards:

Aliya Holzmeister	\$500
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Scholarship Highlight

Erma and Bob John Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is made available by the children and grandchildren of Erma and Bob John in honor of their dedicated service to and love of the community of Tribune. The first awards were made in 2021.

Erma and Bob moved to Tribune from southwest Missouri shortly after their marriage in the late 1940s. The couple were immediately welcomed by the people of Tribune and became an intricate part of the community where they raised two children and resided for nearly seven decades.

Erma worked as secretary to the school superintendent and later, for many years, in the banking industry. Erma served as the first woman elected to the city council, was a member of Cross-County Home Extension Unit, and later served as state president of the Extension Units of Kansas State University from 1983-1985.

Bob made his career in the grain industry advancing to manager. Bob was an active member of Rotary International Service Club for nearly 40 years.

The couple were members of Tribune First Presbyterian Church where they both served as elders. In their retirement years Erma and Bob enjoyed their time at the senior center where Bob found

pleasure in helping with the daily tasks of running the center. Erma served on the senior center board and presided as president in her 90th year.

It is the wish of the John family, in memory of Erma and Bob and their love of the Tribune community, to assist qualified students in the pursuit of higher education.

This scholarship is awarded to one male and one female graduate annually from USD 200 Greeley County Public Schools. The two students are chosen based on their good citizenship and commitment to outstanding character as determined by the principal and school scholarship committee. In the unusual circumstance that there is not one male and one female graduate meeting the scholarship requirements, the selection committee has the discretion to award only one scholarship or they may award two male scholarships or two female scholarships to qualifying students.



2021 Awards:

Tyler Albers\$250
Macie Lehman\$250



Wallace County



Fox Still Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to assist Wallace County High School USD 241 graduating seniors with continuing their education at a Kansas college with a major in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice. No award was made in 2021.

Lisa Scott Scholarship

The family of Lisa Scott established this scholarship to honor her memory. Lisa grew up on the family farm south of Wallace and graduated from Wallace County High School. Graduating seniors from Wallace County High School USD 241 or Weskan High School USD 242 planning to continue their higher education at a college or technical school are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

2021 Awards:

Drayton Pletcher\$500

Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist Wallace County High School USD 241 or Weskan High School USD 242 former students continue their higher education working towards a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in Nursing. No award was made in 2020.

2021 Awards:

Brylee Aldridge.....\$1,000

Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to assist graduating seniors from either Wallace County High School USD 241 or Weskan High School USD 242 with continuing their higher education at a college or technical school. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, career potential, and have a GPA of 2.0 with no Fs on their transcript. One scholarship of \$250 is awarded annually.

2021 Awards:

Alyssa Pierce.....\$250

Sherman County

Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship was established in memory of Brianna Danae Linin, who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor which claimed her life when she was just five years old. A local fundraising event, "Goodland's Got Talent," was started as an annual memorial to her and her legacy, with proceeds each year building the scholarship fund. The first scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors of Goodland High School USD 352 in 2017, Brianna's classmates.

2021 Awards:

Jazlyn Fenner\$1,200
Annika Linin\$2,400

W. Paul Kirkham Scholarship

Dorothy V. Kirkham and the Kirkham Family established this scholarship to honor W. Paul Kirkham. This scholarship is to assist former graduates of Wallace County High School USD 241 or Weskan High School USD 242 with continuing their higher education at a post-secondary educational institution. Applicants must have accumulated a minimum of 30 credit hours from a college or university, preferably a junior or senior. One scholarship is awarded annually.

2021 Awards:

Joshua Daily\$1,000

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Partnership

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation (DGH), established in 1965, has been a partner to GNWKCF since 2015. DGH has provided support through a number of initiatives for its 26-county territory to expand charitable activities in Northwest Kansas to: build a sustainable pool of dollars available to meet ongoing and future needs; empower community members to confidently plan for the future of their hometowns; and increase community knowledge and visibility of local community foundations. GNWKCF works with 12 of the 26 counties, and Greater Salina Community Foundation works with the remaining 14 counties.

2021 Community Foundation Initiatives:

- ◀ **Community Grant Funds:** \$50,000 twice a year through the end of 2021, thereafter \$25,000 twice a year sunsetting in September 2025; provided the respective communities actively participate in the Strategic Doing process.
- ◀ **Matching Endowment Funds:** Matches \$1 for \$1 up to \$50,000 during a community foundation declared Match Month, sunsets in April 2026. Also offers incentive grants of \$20,000 for an **operational endowment fund** and \$5,000 for the **general operating fund** (prorated based on match month results) which will increase to \$45,000 for the operational endowment fund and \$5,000 for the general operating fund beginning May 2022.
- ◀ **NW Kansas Gives:** This initiative was introduced in 2019 to offer technical assistance and education to area community foundations to capture the transfer of wealth occurring over the next few decades. Through this program, donors wishing to make a charitable gift which impacts Northwest Kansas have access to estate planning attorney John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling to help design a plan.
- ◀ **Staffing Assistant Grants:** Beginning in April 2021 and sunsetting in September 2025, DGH is offering an optional operational grant to the 26 county-wide community foundations. Foundations can apply for a \$10,000 grant per year (in years 2021-2025) to provide funding for a staff or consultant position to assist the foundation with general operations.

Match Month Endowment Campaign Results by Community Foundation

2020 Challenge Completed in Spring 2021

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Graham	Apr-21	\$ 80,273.74	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 130,273.74
Logan	Feb-21	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 117,500.00
Thomas	Apr-21	\$ 70,387.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 120,387.00

2021 Challenge Completed in Fall 2021

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Cheyenne	Dec-21	\$ 65,630.83	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 115,630.83
Decatur	Dec-21	\$ 76,345.81	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 126,345.81
Gove	Nov-21	\$ 85,472.52	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 135,472.52
Norton	Nov-21	\$ 83,677.02	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 133,677.02
Phillips	Oct-21	\$ 67,046.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 117,046.00
Rawlins	Dec-21	\$ 72,647.25	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 122,647.25
Sheridan	Nov-21	\$ 68,402.41	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 118,402.41
Sherman	Dec-21	\$ 63,747.22	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 113,747.22
Wallace	Dec-21	\$ 50,906.12	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,906.12

YOU Can Make a Difference

DGH Trustees recognize the importance of capturing a portion of the transfer of wealth occurring over the next few decades and want to help eliminate barriers on making charitable gifts through the estate planning process. **NW KS Gives** makes it possible for donors to meet with expert estate planning attorney John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling.

According to DGH, in the 26 counties of Northwest Kansas more than \$70 billion will transfer from one generation to the next between 2021 and 2070. The opportunity to capture a portion of that wealth is a remarkable one, and the time is now. Estates of Kansans who are leaving us today can pave the way not only for their children, but for their respective communities to flourish as well.

Since kicking off the initiative in 2019, nearly 100 residents of Northwest Kansas have started the process of reviewing their estate plans with John Griffin. Through a series of three to four meetings, each person (or family) goes through a rigorous process of making a thorough inventory of personal financial situations and discusses various ways to make the most of those assets for their heirs and organizations the donor wishes to support.

"When my mom passed away unexpectedly this year, it made me realize that I needed to make estate planning a priority to take care of my own children. Community was always important to my parents: they always gave back in time and money. I wasn't aware of the NW KS Gives opportunity until I spoke with a Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation board member. Meeting with John was one of the best experiences! I had no idea how much I did not know until I went through this process. I now have a smart and charitable estate plan."

~Karla Mills, Cheyenne County, KS

Board or staff members from any of the 26-county-wide community foundations supported by DGH can make referrals to Gennifer Golden House at 785-734-2406 or by email at gennifer@gnwkcf.org. Gennifer will work directly with the donor to plan meeting times with John. He will help design a new or revised estate plan including a charitable gift that best meets the unique needs of the donor family with suggestions on the best way to navigate estate-related taxes. There is no charge to the donor for John's assistance, but when the draft is handed off to a local attorney to complete the document there will be a fee from that attorney.

Northwest Kansas Community Initiatives

Investing in Building Great Community Foundations

In our meetings with the Hansen Trustees and staff, they posed a question to us: "What else do your community foundations need to be successful?" The Hansen Foundation has been more than generous since commencing the community foundation initiatives in 2015. It was hard to ask for more, but GNWKCF staff had observed one certain fact and shared it with the Trustees in 2020, and they listened.

All of the boards for our affiliated foundations were comprised of community volunteers; however, several of the foundations were able to hire full or part-time staff members. Those with staff, were able to respond to Hansen initiatives quickly and more efficiently than the foundations with only volunteers, and they raised more money in the Match Month challenges.

The Trustees heard and responded. They recognized that having dedicated professional staff can help community foundations grow faster and better as they serve their respective communities.

In 2020 they announced the optional staffing assistance grant which would provide up to \$10,000 per year starting in 2021 for the 26 community foundations in Northwest Kansas to add or increase staffing. Starting in May 2021, foundations could apply for this assistance which could be renewed for up to five years.

By year end 2021, nine of our twelve county-wide affiliated foundations had applied for and received staffing assistance.

New Affiliate Community Foundation Staff

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

Jessica Matthies joined the foundation as a part-time administrative assistant in May 2021. She attended Denver area schools until she graduated in 2000. She received a bachelor's in psychology and minor in business management from Metropolitan State College of Denver. Jessica, her husband Brad, and children (Breelyn, Makaila, Carter, Henzley and Lincoln) moved from Fort Collins, CO, to Cheyenne County in 2007. They enjoyed country living for four years and then moved to St. Francis in 2012. She and her family quickly became active members of the community through 4-H, sports, and a community youth group, SWITCH.



Gove County Community Foundation

Kaley Tuttle became the part-time Foundation Director in July 2021. She grew up in Gove and is a 2010 graduate of Wheatland High School in Grainfield. She attended Fort Hays State University before returning to Gove County to pursue her lifelong dream of being an entrepreneur. Kaley is actively involved in the community and volunteers for Quinter Area Chamber of Commerce, Gove County 4-H, Wheatland High School Alumni committee, Camp Lakeside Site Council, Gove Community Bible Church, Gove Old Settlers Day committee, Party in the Park committee, and Castle Rock Wellness Center board.



Sherman County Community Foundation

Stephanie Kling was hired as a part-time administrative assistant in July 2021. She is a 2008 graduate of Olathe East High School and a 2012 graduate from Kansas State University with a bachelors degree in elementary education. Stephanie moved with her husband, Jake, to his hometown of Goodland in 2015. She was an elementary teacher for six years before becoming a stay at home mom to their two small children, Sadie and Marshall. She has grown to love "small town Kansas living" and wants to do what she can to invest in the future of their great community.



New Affiliate Community Foundation Contract Staff

GROW Decatur County Foundation

Vaughn Duckworth was contracted part-time to serve as a board liaison and assist with marketing efforts in May 2021. Vaughn and his wife, LaKen, who is a Kansas native relocated to Oberlin from Southwest Colorado in December of 2020. The couple has three grown sons and nine grandchildren. Vaughn retired with a background in Municipal Operations lastly being a Public Works Director.



New Affiliate Community Foundation Contract Staff, Cont.

Sheridan County Community Foundation

While not new to the foundation, **Karl Pratt** was able to change from part-time board liaison to full-time Executive Director by the end 2021. The foundation contracted with the City of Hoxie to add foundation responsibilities under his economic development work for the city. Karl, a native of Hoxie and Fort Hays State University graduate, returned home in the fall of 2018.



New Agency Foundation / Partner Staff

Graham County Community Foundation

Crystal Behanna started part-time as the Foundation Director on August 1, 2021. Originally from Denver, CO, she graduated in 2011 from Fort Hays State University and now resides in the town of Bogue with her son, Tuff. She is an advocate for children with special needs including cerebral palsy.



Logan County Community Foundation

Justin Wieland, began working as a marketing consultant in 2021 and later accepted the position of Executive Director with increased hours after former director Jayme Pfeifer stepped down. A native of Oakley, Justin served as an F-15 Pilot in the Air Force after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is the owner of ReachTech.org which provides technology consulting services to small businesses and nonprofits. He holds an MPA from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



Phillips County Community Foundation

Lee Lower joined PCCF as an administrative assistant in June 2021. She had recently retired from her nearly 20-year career at TAMKO Building Products, and the part-time position was a perfect fit as she still wanted to stay active in the community. Lee is a Phillipsburg transplant moving to the community in 1988 when her spouse purchased the local newspaper. They have three children and five grandchildren.



Wallace County Foundation

Grace (Hammer) Reinecker joined WCF as a board assistant in September 2021. She has deep roots in Wallace County's farming and ranching industry. After earning her bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Kansas State University, she moved back home in 2017, married Jacob in 2021, and was expecting her first child as the year ended.



Community Foundations & Partners

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 (BCCII) created and affiliated with GNWKCF. The vision of the regional structure is to help build strong, sustainable local community foundations that can provide financial support for their respective communities, together building rural resilience in Northwest Kansas. Since 2012, community foundations in 12 additional counties in the region have formed affiliated relationships with GNWKCF, and a number of organizations and donors have established funds, bringing our total assets to more than **\$47.5 million**.

GNWKCF is a public charity, a non-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. GNWKCF manages a variety of fund types for individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and community foundations. Fund types include: administrative / operational, designated, donor-advised, field of interest, organization, and scholarship.

A **community foundation** provides a philanthropic vehicle to receive donations and bequests for their local 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 including government, education, and religious entities.

GNWKCF offers three types of structured services for our foundations:

- **An Affiliate Foundation** operates under GNWKCF's tax-exempt umbrella, allowing donors to take the maximum allowable tax deduction available. They receive full back-office support from GNWKCF.
- **An Agency Foundation** is for community foundations who already have their own 501(c)(3) status. Their collection of funds are managed by GNWKCF but their assets remain tied to their own 501(c)(3) and are filed on their own 990. They receive back-office support from GNWKCF.
- **An Agency Partner Foundation** is for community foundations who already have their own 501(c)(3) status. GNWKCF manages their Hansen-initiated funds only. They receive individual fund support services from GNWKCF.

CHEYENNE	RAWLINS	DECATUR	NORTON	PHILLIPS
SHERMAN	THOMAS	SHERIDAN	GRAHAM	
WALLACE	LOGAN	GOVE		



Greater Northwest Kansas
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GNWKCF Staff Members



With the growth GNWKCF experienced during 2020 and 2021, we expanded our staff to four full-time positions. Pictured (L to R): Carol Sloper, Director of Grants and Scholarships; Andi Culwell, Executive Assistant; Darci Shields, Executive Director; and Gennifer Golden House, Director of Donor Services.



Affiliate Foundations

ACE Foundation
Bird City Century II Development Foundation
Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation
Gove County Community Foundation
GROW Decatur County Foundation
Sheridan County Community Foundation
Sherman County Community Foundation



Agency Foundations

Logan County Community Foundation
Norton County Community Foundation
Wallace County Foundation



Agency Partner Foundations

Graham County Community Foundation
Phillips County Community Foundation
Thomas County Community Foundation

ACE Foundation

ACE Foundation became an Affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation in August 2018. The Foundation gives residents and alumni of Rawlins County an opportunity to invest in their local communities through wills, trusts, life insurance, and other gifts. It is governed by a group of dedicated volunteers.

In 2021, 17 grants were awarded: two from the **Rawlins County Future Fund** and 15 from the **Dane G Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Rawlins County**.

The cities of McDonald and Herndon each received a **\$20,000** Community Grant award in 2021 to help make much needed local improvements.

The City of Herndon, which has a very small budget, was faced with muddy streets anytime there was rain or snow as the layer of gravel had completely worn away. Emergency vehicles and the school bus had difficult times during inclement weather to navigate the town. This grant has made the town safer for all residents and first responders.

The City of McDonald received a **\$20,000** community grant award plus **\$5,000** from the **Rawlins County Future Fund** to repair the roof on the library building. The old school building (*pictured below*), used as the public library and voting room, was becoming damaged inside due to the leaky roof. This grant helped preserve the building so that it can continue to be a resource to serve the community.



Rawlins County Health Center Foundation was awarded **\$10,000** from the **Community Grant Fund** and **\$6,275** from the **Rawlins County Future Fund** to purchase a cardiac monitoring system (*pictured above*) which is an integral part of reestablishing the Cardiac Rehab Phase II program at the local health center. The program provides a service for people recently diagnosed with post myocardial infraction (MI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG), percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), coronary artery disease (CAD), or stable angina pectoris that need supervision and cardiac monitored exercise to rehabilitate their heart. With the purchase of this equipment, and the addition of a dedicated physician (Tamara Robbins, M.D.), Rawlins County Health Center was able to start this program in April 2021. Previously, weak cardiac patients had to drive at least thirty minutes to a neighboring hospital, three times a week, to receive this service.

The annual **Rod Run** was canceled in 2020 due to COVID, so the board was happy to award a **\$3,850** grant from the



Rawlins County Future Fund to ensure the event was a success in 2021. The event, which brings visitors to town who shop locally, was well attended and enjoyed by all.



TOTAL FUNDS 9

<p>17 GRANTS AWARDED TOTALING \$145,111</p>		<p>TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED \$311,025</p>
<p>TOTAL ASSETS \$834,742</p>		

Board Members

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| Scott Chvatal, <i>Chair</i> | Gary Nemeth |
| Rhonda Argabright, <i>Secretary/Treasurer (Through May 2021)</i> | Troy Osborne |
| Olivia Chvatal, <i>Secretary/Treasurer (Starting June 2021)</i> | Travis Rickford |
| Melody Bearley | |
| Kevin Holle | |
| Reece Leonard | |
| Lori Marintzer | |

Bird City Century II Development Foundation

Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII) was founded in December 1985 with the remaining cash from the Bird City Centennial Celebration. The foundation was organized for the betterment and benefit of the Bird City community and Cheylin School District USD 103. In 2009, BCCII became the founding Affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation.

The foundation was proud to once again be involved with the 2021 Cheylin High School **Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship** awards. This scholarship is scored based on the students' community service involvement and academics. The eight graduating seniors were awarded a total of **\$8,750** for the use in furthering their education.

A **\$25,000** grant was awarded to the **Bird City Cemetery Board** for cemetery expansion. With the cemetery operating off a very minimal yearly budget, land expansion was a project that required financial assistance for them to pursue. BCCII in providing this grant was honored to help them achieve their goal with this much need improvement.



The **City of Bird City** was awarded a **\$6,750** grant from the **BCCII Community Initiative Income Fund** for improvements and beautification at Van Doren Park. Funding was approved by the BCCII Youth Advisory Board as well as the BCCII Board of Directors. The Bird City Community Club also assisted with the project. The grant monies went to providing mulch in all the playground open areas (*pictured above*) and flower beds of the park.

National Giving Day Matching Donations

BCCII held its annual Match Day fundraiser on November 30, 2021 in conjunction with National Giving Day. The foundation matched \$1 for \$1 (up to an amount set by the board each year) donations made between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. that day to approved community projects and organizations. In 2021, generous individuals and businesses donated **\$79,057**, and BCCII matched those donations with **\$71,016** from the Bird City Community Initiative Income Fund. (*Note: organizations listed in italics received community donations, but not matching funds from BCCII.*)

Organization	Amount
Awana	\$ 5,778
BC Area on Aging	\$ 800
BC Cemetery Board	\$ 2,775
BC Clinic	\$ 14,100
BC Community Club	\$ 3,980
BC EMS	\$ 4,489
BC Fire Department	\$ 2,919
BC Go-Getters 4H Club	\$ 655
BC Historical Association	\$ 670
BC Housing Authority	\$ 550
BC Library	\$ 4,260
BC Ministerial Alliance	\$ 2,135
BC Swimming Pool	\$ 9,149
BC VanDoren Park	\$ 1,600
BC/McDonald 4th of July Celebration	\$ 6,034
Cheylin Preschool Program	\$ 2,386

Organization	Amount
Cheylin Recreation Commission	\$ 964
<i>Cheylin Schools</i>	\$ 400
Cheylin Wellness Center	\$ 1,480
Community Youth Group	\$ 1,900
Cougar Cub Daycare	\$ 4,116
<i>McDonald CDF</i>	\$ 1,000
<i>Mc Donald EMS</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>Mc Donald Fire</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>Redeemer Lutheran Church</i>	\$ 2,000
<i>Salem Lutheran Church</i>	\$ 1,000
St. John Catholic Youth-McDonald	\$ 2,400
<i>St. John Lutheran Church</i>	\$ 7,000
St. Joseph Catholic Youth-Bird City	\$ 600
Thresher Assn Endowment Fund	\$ 8,440
Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Assn	\$ 51,615

Board Members

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 Wade Carmichael, *Secretary*
 Rod Young, *Treasurer*

Amanda Boone
 David Hendricks
 Lori Janicke
 Bridget Pochop
 Ned Smith

Youth Advisory Board Members

Ethan Young Chris Walden Emily Weishapl

Staff

Teryn Carmichael, *Foundation Director*
 Coleen Jensen, *Real Estate Manager*
 Kris Oldsen, *Administrative Assistant*

TOTAL FUNDS 12

57
GRANTS AWARDED
TOTALING \$241,101



TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED \$266,112

TOTAL ASSETS \$15,131,713

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF) became an Affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2017. Since then, the foundation's assets have grown to more than \$2.1 million as a result of the annual match month challenge issued by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and generous donors that truly care about the future of Cheyenne County.

The foundation's governing body transformed this past year with a concerted board recruitment effort to establish an equitable geographic representation of Cheyenne County. Since CCKCF evolved from the St. Francis Community Foundation, as board vacancies occur, every attempt is made to recruit members representing diverse factions of all parts of the Cheyenne County community. **Amy Hendricks** of Bird City joined the board this year.

The board lost **James "Jim" Milliken**, who gave tirelessly to his "home" town community of St. Francis. Jim was one of the first board members to join the community foundation board after its initial incorporation in 1988 and served on the board through all the name changes until his death on May 15, 2021. Jim was always proud that he and his wife, Ruth, called St. Francis home and raised their children there. He considered himself a farm boy and set up his shingle as an attorney in St. Francis after being encouraged by local businessman Bob Alsup. He believed in working to preserve and enrich the Cheyenne County community by giving back for the life the town provided his family. Jim and Ruth walked the talk as they gave generously in time and money to their "home" town. The board honored Jim by voting to give him Emeritus status weeks prior to his death. Ruth completed Jim's term on the board in his honor.



James M. Milliken

CCKCF's New Home on Main Street

CCKCF reached a new milestone in 2021. After many years of building the foundation, there is now a part-time staff member and an office with a presence on Main Street in St. Francis. This would not be possible without support from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation whose trustees saw a need and came alongside the foundation to help so the local board can focus on its mission to help our communities thrive. *(Below: board members check out the new office.)*



BCCII extended the boundaries of the **Cheyenne County e-Community Project** through NetWork Kansas (NWK) to include all of Cheyenne County. NWK provided CCKCF the opportunity to raise funds through tax credits which resulted in **\$22,500** in funds, some of which the board earmarked to support the e-Community project.

The foundation's assets grew from \$1.7 million to \$2.1 million in 2021. Not only were generous donations made to existing funds, but the first ever donor-advised fund (DAF) was established. After the death of her mother, Deloris (Rieb) Knorr, Carol Sloper established the **Junior and Deloris Knorr Family Fund** with an initial gift of **\$10,000** from donations given in honor of family members. Carol's great grandparents homesteaded property in Cheyenne County and were actively involved in the community after immigrating from Germany and Russia in the late 1800s and early 1900s. She wanted to make sure that future generations of the Knorr/Rieb/Miller and Neitzel families remember their roots which prompted her to create the DAF. The establishing documents include succession advisors being the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Carol's parents.



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| Tom Keller, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i> | Ruth Milliken |
| Tim Burr | Pastor Tony Serbousek |
| Dara Carmichael | |
| Gabe Gienger | Emeritus: |
| Penny Gienger | Carl Werner |
| Amy Hendricks | Jim Milliken <i>(deceased)</i> |

Staff

Jessica Matthies, *Administrative Assistant*

Gove County Community Foundation

Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF) affiliated with GNWKCFC in November 2012 with the goal to increase economic and community development opportunities in Gove County. Since that time, GCCF has grown to more than \$1.1 million in assets.

Foundation Invests in Fitness for All Citizens of Gove County

The GCCF board views health and fitness as a priority for citizens of Gove County to thrive and has been a supporter of **Castle Rock Fitness Center, Inc.** (CRFC) since they opened the first facility in **Quinter**. Over the past five years, more than **\$50,000** has been awarded to help CRFC create quality fitness centers in three locations: Quinter, Grainfield and Gove. The fitness centers are operated by a volunteer board.

In 2017, GCCF provided CRFC approximately **\$15,000** in grant funds to open a satellite location in **Grainfield** so that residents in the western portions of Gove County have a place to exercise and perform physical therapy.

In 2019, an additional **\$14,000** in grants from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Gove County** and the **Grow Gove County Fund** were awarded to purchase updated fitness equipment for existing locations.

In 2020, the **City of Gove** purchased the United Methodist Church building to create a community center and was awarded a **\$12,500** community grant. As the city worked to improve the building, there was interest by CRFC to establish a satellite fitness center in Gove.

In 2021, agreeing the new community center space would be perfect for a fitness center location, the **City of Gove** received a **\$7,592** grant to update the electrical infrastructure and raise the ceiling. Another **\$5,000** community grant was made to **CRFC** in 2021 to purchase exercise equipment at the new location.

The overall investment in the three fitness locations has made it possible for CRFC members to access any of the three fitness centers 365 days a year at any time of day. CRFC's board has worked to encourage citizens of Gove County to work on their fitness goals and be proud that their hometown has dependable and quality fitness centers.

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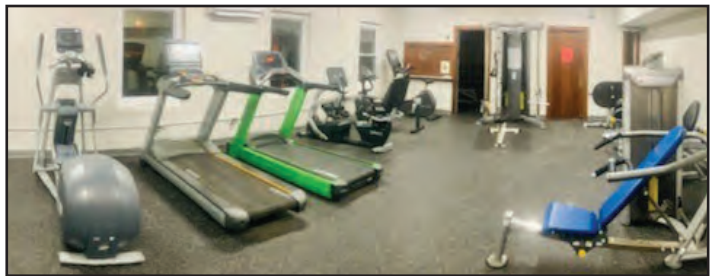
Staff

Kaley Tuttle, *Foundation Director*

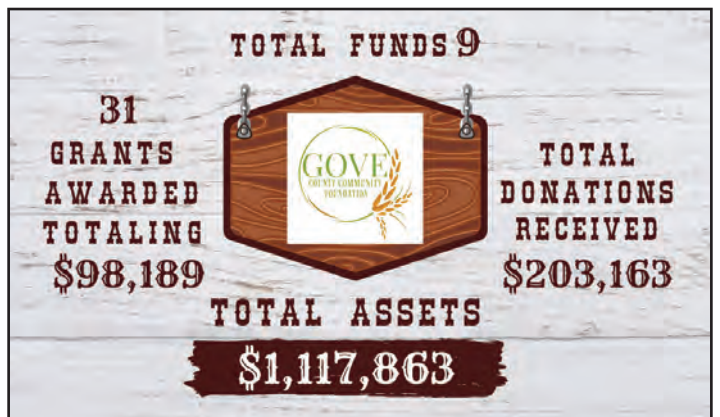


Helping Hands Helps Teachers

Helping Hands of Oakley, a volunteer driven organization, has been assisting schools in both Logan and Gove County to help teachers and families obtain standard school supplies so that students and teachers can be successful in the classroom. In addition to local fundraising efforts and private donations, GCCF donated **\$19,000** over the past three years to support providing supplies to **three school districts in Gove County** through this impactful project.



Above: Residents of the City of Gove now have access to quality fitness equipment locally thanks to a grant made in 2021 to the Castle Rock Fitness Center, Inc. To the right a member uses the rowing machine, purchased in 2019 with grant funds, at the Quinter fitness center.



GROW Decatur County Foundation

GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCF) joined GNWKCF as an Affiliate in November 2016. The acronym "**GROW**" in the foundation's name stands for **Growing Rural Opportunities Within**. Every board decision and grant awarded is focused on "GROW" to help Decatur area communities to grow and thrive.

In 2021, the foundation board members approved **\$15,958** in grants from the **GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund**, an endowment fund that has grown to more than \$800,000 thanks to generous donations made during the annual Match Month challenge issued by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Decatur County Puts the "Hype" in Bowling to Add Fun for All

There were a number of great grant funded projects for Decatur County nonprofit organizations in 2021. GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCF) awarded **\$25,000** from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Decatur County** to the **Sunflower Recreation Center** for assistance in the purchase and installation of the **new computerized scoring system** and upgrading to "**Hyper Bowling**", an interactive arcade style of bowling (*pictured to the right*).

The Sunflower Recreation Center provides safe affordable entertainment to kids of all ages from the surrounding area: from the Atwood kindergartners, the Norton Kays, the Selden Girl Scout Troop to the Decatur High School after Prom Party, and adult bowling leagues from surrounding communities.

Hyper Bowling has been instrumental in attracting party events as well. What a great way to celebrate a birthday, as many kids from around the area will tell you. Because the nearest "Hyper Bowling" experience is located in Lincoln Nebraska or Ft. Riley Kansas, Decatur County citizens consider themselves very fortunate to be home to the Sunflower Recreation Center a truly unique and fun filled experience!

Ten projects were funded through the GDCF endowment fund including the following:

- **\$1,000** for community life skills classes at Oberlin library;
- **\$280** for Centennial Park nativity lights;
- **\$1,000** for Decatur County Schools post prom activities;
- **\$2,000** to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for technology;
- **\$1,983** for sanctuary electronics at United Church of Oberlin;
- **\$2,000** for 4th of July fireworks sponsored by the American Legion Post 70;
- **\$2,000** for brackets to display Hometown Hero's Veteran's Banners;
- **\$1,993** to the City of Oberlin for safety netting at Gateway;
- **\$1,877** for Oberlin Recreation's new pickleball equipment; and
- **\$1,825** for community outreach by the Aquarius Club to provide holiday meals for those in need.



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Gary Walter
Josh Williby

Shayla Williby, *Advisor*

Staff

Vaughn Duckworth, *Contract Marketing Support*

Sheridan County Community Foundation

Sheridan County Community Foundation (SDCCF) joined GNWKCF in November 2012 as an Affiliate. The mission of the 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.

SDCCF has been actively participating in the Hansen "Strategic Doing" initiative since 2017. This is an active, dynamic, and continuous collaborative process to develop and implement projects that leverage available assets to DO something rather than just plan. One 2021 grant-funded project grew from the Strategic Doing process after the City of Hoxie participated in the K-State Extension and Research's "First Impressions" program. Twin communities were partnered and "secret shopped" one another's communities to provide first impressions and feedback. The survey results were shared with citizens at a Strategic Doing Meeting. The Hoxie Rotary Club proposed to secure funding and work with designers to create "Way Finder" signs on Hoxie's Main Street to better direct visitors to services provided in Hoxie. The community foundation awarded a **\$6,000** Hansen Community Grant for Sheridan County for this purpose.



The Carnival Must Go On

The foundation is a supporter of the Sheridan County Amusement Company. The annual Hoxie Carnival is known far and wide for its safe, affordable, and extremely enjoyable operation. Thousands of visitors, including residents, former citizens, and their families, as well as visitors from across the region attend the carnival year-after-year. It is a great source of pride for Sheridan County and, since its inception, has been 100% volunteer-run with more than 150 community members helping over the three-days each year.

After the State of Kansas strengthened inspection rules for amusement rides in 2017, the carnival required additional funding to ensure it could pass inspections and continue operating. In 2020, a **\$10,000** grant was awarded to install electric brakes on the popular ride, *Tilt-a-Whirl* (pictured below).



In 2021, the Hoxie Carnival celebrated its 40th year anniversary. The SDCCF board approved an additional **\$10,000** grant to assist with expenses for **continued safety improvements**. Funds from the grant were used towards insurance expenses, a requirement of the new state regulations; restoring **Ferris Wheel seats**; and purchasing new skins to recover two **Scrambler seats**. (The Ferris Wheel, pictured above, is one of the most popular rides.)



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Jodi Rogers, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Danielle Schiltz
Whitney Bainter	William Slipke

Youth Ambassador Board Members

Molly Foote	Haley Heskett	Hailee Scheetz
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Staff

Karl Pratt, *Board Liaison*



Sherman County Community Foundation

Sherman County Donors Support 29 Local Organizations

Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) became an Affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2012. Its volunteer board members strive to meet the foundation's goal of **"Honoring the Past and Building the Future"** in all ventures undertaken by SHCCF.

Board members take pride in helping nonprofit organizations in Sherman County through monthly grant awards and the annual **"Match Day"** event held at the Goodland Public Library on **National Giving Day**. Pre-event publicity through the local news media builds awareness along with opportunities to educate local civic clubs and other groups about giving. Each board member commits time, effort and cooperation to ensure Match Day is successful. Volunteers are on hand from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the library on Match Day to provide one-on-one help to people regarding the initiatives and the impact of giving.



Above, board members were enthusiastic when the results of the day were tallied. To the left, volunteers update the Sherman Co Shares donation chart throughout the day.



In 2021, generous supporters of the Sherman County community raised **\$115,143** in a single day to support **29 local charitable projects**. The foundation designated **\$23,000** and corporate sponsors added an additional **\$17,000** to provide **\$40,000** in matching funds.

A total of **\$155,143** was distributed to the 29 participating organizations at a home basketball game with representatives of the nonprofit organizations spread from end-to-end on the basketball court.

Corporate sponsors of Match Day include:

- Eklund Insurance,
- Short & Son,
- FNB Bank,
- Farm Bureau,
- Frontier Ag,
- Western State Bank,
- American Implement,
- Scouler Grain, and
- EBH Engineering.



In addition to the Match Day event, community members generously gave a total of **\$63,747** in December towards the **Sherman County Shares** Dane G. Hansen Foundation (DGH) match month challenge. SHCCF is extremely grateful to DGH for the dollar-to-dollar match of up to **\$50,000** and bonus operational support of **\$25,000** for reaching the goal. With local donations and DGH's support, a total of **\$138,747** was raised during the month of December.

The combined total from Match Day and Sherman County Shares raised **\$293,890** to support local projects.

TOTAL FUNDS 11

59
GRANTS
AWARDED
TOTALING
\$254,030

SHERMAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
HONORING THE PAST... BUILDING THE FUTURE

TOTAL
DONATIONS
RECEIVED
\$463,089

TOTAL ASSETS
\$1,340,909

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Jessica Cole
Jeff Deeds
Tyson Livengood
Candi Owens
Ron Schilling

Staff

Stephanie Kling, *Administrative Assistant*

Logan County Community Foundation

Logan County Community Foundation (LCCF) joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in June 2017. The foundation's mission is to engage donors to encourage planned giving, award grants, and support projects to create lasting community growth solutions for the betterment of Logan County. LCCF is committed to progress and improvement within Logan County for the longterm growth and well-being of individuals and organizations. In 2021, LCCF awarded 42 grants totaling \$134,985. A sample of the projects funded are highlighted on this page.

Saving 200 Center

Dubbed the **1886 Project**, 67 individuals and 15 businesses donated funds in 2021 to save the oldest building in Oakley, 200 Center Street. LCCF provided a **\$25,000 Hansen Community Grant for Logan County** to the City of Oakley, along with additional support from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and a Patterson Family Foundation grant, to help revitalize Main Street in Oakley. Grant funds and donations will be used to preserve the physical integrity of the building, replace doors and windows, and fix the roof. The goal is to open a remote working space, four offices, a kitchenette, and a shared conference room. With additional funding, long term plans include remodeling the second floor apartment to help address the need for housing in Oakley.



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 Jennifer Collins, *Treasurer*
 Carrie Evins
 Ralene Keller

Dave Lamb
 Leigh Ann Maurath
 Misty Mildenerger
 Angie Moore
 Henry Sloan

Staff

Jayne Pfeifer, *Foundation Director (partial year)*
 Justin Wieland, *Marketing Consultant, Director (partial year)*

Match Day Boosts Projects

On November 26, 2021, the foundation hosted a **Match Day fundraiser** supporting 11 community projects. Area citizens generously donated **\$36,952** in a single day, and LCCF donated **\$18,000** in matching funds from the **Logan County Endowment Fund**. Including the LCCF match, funds raised are listed below.

Project	Donations
Winona Community Gathering Spot	\$ 6,234.12
Museum Life in the Trenches Exhibit	\$ 2,063.00
O Taste and See - Food Pantry	\$ 8,828.12
Healthcare Scholarship Program	\$ 3,873.12
Methodist Church - Piano Project	\$ 6,730.12
Wesleyan Church - Project Yes Lord!	\$ 4,373.12
Christian Church - VBS Supplies	\$ 1,110.00
USD 274 Prom Fundraiser	\$ 3,408.12
USD 274 Healthy Snack Vending	\$ 3,500.00
USD 274 Elementary School Playground	\$ 11,435.22
Wild West History - Tech Tools Upgrade	\$ 3,397.12

Adding Color to Main Street

With funding from two **Hansen Community Grants** totaling **\$6,959**, the **Future Philanthropy Club** installed community planters around the community as part of an **Oakley Beautification** project.



Norton County Community Foundation

Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) was founded in 1994 and joined GNWKCF as an Affiliate in 2013. NCCF changed its affiliation with GNWKCF in 2018 and became an Agency Foundation. The foundation has 19 funds managed by GNWKCF in addition to other funds managed in-house at NCCF. It has two full-time staff members who work to fulfill the mission: "Dedicated to serving today for tomorrow, to make our community a better place in which to live."

In 2021, NCCF established two new funds with GNWKCF. The **James & Barbara Johnson Family Fund** was created to support charitable causes serving the **City of Almena** and its surrounding area. This is the first fund held at NCCF dedicated exclusively to Almena.

The second new fund established during the year is the **Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund**. Donors **Kellen and Emily Jacobs**, who completed the adoption of daughter Lilah Faithe in 2021 (*pictured below*), started the fund to help support the ongoing, collaborative process that is **open, domestic adoption**. Through this field of interest fund, grants will be issued through an application process to help support all involved in the adoption journey. Leap of FaithE strives to support all involved in the adoptive process. Rooted with a focus of weaving strong relationships with sound mental health support, the vision is to make adoption an easier choice for everyone. For more information go to: <https://www.nortonccf.org/leapoffaithe>.



Thrift Store Makes Use of Donated Space

In 2021, NCCF was instrumental in the Norton Thrift Shop's efforts to move to a larger site. In June, the **Thrift Shop** was gifted a building on Main Street, which had been purchased by the Norton County Community Foundation, at the direction of an anonymous donor and their wishes. The **new building** (*outside pictured above, inside pictured below*) has more than twice the amount of square footage, meaning the Shop will be able to expand its inventory, spread out its displays, and carry larger household items such as furniture. Volunteers will have more space to work, and – importantly – the new building is ADA accessible, expanding its accessibility to the community. Finally, because the new building is on Main Street, the Shop's visibility will increase to community members and people traveling through Norton, resulting in more business. In November, NCCF's **Hansen Community Grant Fund** awarded **\$10,000** to the Norton Thrift Shop to aid in renovations needed to open the building.



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Wallace County Foundation

Wallace County Foundation (WCF) was created in 1998 by a group of local leaders wanting to improve the quality of life in Wallace County and to facilitate gifts for community improvement projects. WCF joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in September 2018.

School Shop Safety Takes Priority

In 2021, the Wallace County Foundation awarded three grants totaling **\$23,999** to **Wallace County High School's woodworking and manufacturing program** to provide safe and modernized equipment for students. Trade skills have become increasingly important to the workforce, and this computerized equipment will allow students to receive hands on training for future careers.



Two SawStops were purchased through the help of a grant awarded by WCF. This type of equipment reduces the chance of a severe injury by stopping the blade when it comes into contact with skin. These new tools will give students a safe environment to design and produce projects. Mr. Bruce Bolen, Wallace County High School Superintendent and Industrial Arts teacher, stated that the new table saws can reduce possible accidental injuries by 95%, keeping students safer. *(Wallace County High School students are pictured with one of the StopSaws above.)*

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Two additional grants allowed the school's industrial education department to purchase a **Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine**. Students at Wallace County High School have been able to capitalize on highly sought after coding and numerical control skills. **USD 241** is excited to add this state of the art equipment. With these new additions, students will receive up to date training, certifications, and a head start in their vocational training. *(An example of a sign produced using this new equipment is pictured above.)*

Concert Sponsored by WCF

The **Fort Wallace Memorial Association** hosted a concert by **Michael Martin Murphey** on September 9, 2021 with an old-fashion chuckwagon dinner preceding. The concert was the kick-off event for the weekend exposition, **"Taking the Smoky Hill Trail to Santa Fe,"** which had re-enactors doing demonstrations for around 1,200 school students over the weekend. The foundation awarded a **\$3,000** grant to help cover costs associated with the concert and meal which were well attended.



Agency Partner Foundations

Graham County Community Foundation

Graham County Community Foundation (GHCCF) became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of the **Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Graham County**, **Graham County Endowment Fund**, and the **Graham County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund**. This partnership enables GHCCF to participate in initiatives offered to area community foundations by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation through oversight and due diligence provided by GNWKCF.



The foundation accepts applications from the **Community Grant Fund** twice a year: February 1-March 31 and August 1 - September 30. There are many wonderful community projects funded by GHCCF. One organization that has received several grants over the past few years is the **Graham County Auto and Art Museum**, which boasts a number of cars from the 20's through the 60's and prints and original artwork from local artists. In December 2020, it received **\$11,463** to install a **security system with monitoring** to protect the museum's assets; and in December 2021, an additional grant of **\$12,170** was awarded for **improvements to the ventilation and overhead door**.

Phillips County Community Foundation

Phillips County Community Foundation (PCCF) became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of the **Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Phillips County**, **Phillips County Unrestricted Endowment Fund (PCUEF)**, and the **Phillips County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund**. This partnership enables PCCF to participate in initiatives offered to area community foundations by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation through oversight and due diligence provided by GNWKCF.

PCCF accepts applications for grants monthly. In 2021, four organizations received **\$500** each to match donations raised through local fundraisers from the PCUEF. This is the fund which grows as a result of donations made during the annual **Match Your Money** campaign held in October. The application is simple; organizations must apply before the fundraiser is held and are required to include the foundation's logo when marketing the event. Fundraisers matched in 2021 include:

- **Phillips County Rural Fire 3A** pancake feed to purchase ice rescue equipment;
- **Pleasant Ridge Historical Society** farmer's market and bake sale in Alma for repairs of the organization's church location;
- **Phillipsburg Child Care Center, Inc.** "Village PieMaker Fundraiser" to raise money for playground renovations; and
- **City of Prairie View's** "Feed the Fire Fund" breakfast with Santa event.



Thomas County Community Foundation

Thomas County Community Foundation (TCCF) became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of the **Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Thomas County**, **Thomas County Hansen Endowment Fund**, and the **Thomas County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund**. This partnership enables TCCF to participate in initiatives offered to area community foundations by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation through oversight and due diligence provided by GNWKCF.



The TCCF grant committee reviews **Hansen Community Grant** applications on a monthly basis. In 2021, **Colby Community College (CCC)** was awarded two grants totaling **\$10,610**. The college supports the annual Art Walk / Art on the Oasis, and a grant was made to help fund the event. The second grant allowed CCC to incorporate **GrowSafe** at the college farm. This state-of-the art system allows students to monitor, control, and regulate feed for cattle. With this new system, students are able to measure notable gains on livestock in terms of weight and production and reduce feed costs. Graduates are provided a competitive advantage in the job market with the knowledge of how this system is utilized.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK), founded in 1967, has been a story about people: serving, advocating, supporting, educating, and simply helping people. In 1967, a group of spirited parents decided that their children who had intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) deserved normal lives. They banded together and started a movement. This action is still visible today because of one element: its mission. The mission that graced the movement back in the 60s has undergone changes through the years; however, the purpose has remained the same: "To advocate with persons with disabilities and those who care about them by planning and supporting a life of dignity, interdependence and personal satisfaction in the community."

DSNWK has been a partner organization to GNWKCF since 2014 with the establishment of the **Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Fund**. In 2017, to celebrate 50 years, DSNWK launched a fundraising campaign to build the **Jim and Rose Blume Endowment Fund** which was established in February 2018. Also in 2018, the **Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund** and the **Joey Weber Endowment Fund** were established. Each of these funds help support the continued DSNWK mission. The total assets for these funds managed by GNWKCF are currently **\$466,028**. For more information, visit the website: <https://dsnwk.giftlegacy.com>.

DSNWK offers support to meet the needs of individuals who experience lifelong mental or physical challenges that are diagnosed before the age of 22. Support includes instruction and help with self-care, skill building, communication, mobility, and employment so individuals can live and be active in their communities. DSNWK serves all age groups in the counties of: Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace. Visit its services website at: <https://www.mydsnwk.org> for more information.

Living with Purpose on the Patio

Several of GNWKCF's affiliated foundations funded projects for DSNWK in 2021 to assist with facility improvements. In Rawlins County, **ACE Foundation** granted **\$5,760** to install **windows** to brighten the living space in a residential home which serves six adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A **\$3,227** grant was awarded by the **Sheridan County Community Foundation** to help fund improvements of an outdoor living space by adding sturdy and stable **patio furniture at Hoxie Developmental Center**. A new gazebo and furniture, *pictured to the right*, provides another opportunity for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to enjoy being outside and add beautification to the corner lot building.



Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation

The Kansas Wildlife Federation (KWF) joined GNWKCF as a partner in 2013 when the Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation was established. This was created to accept planned gifts to ensure the future of the Kansas Wildlife Federation and its programs. The Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation raises funds to further the mission of the organization: conserving and protecting wildlife and habitat; advocating for wildlife, sportsmen, and outdoor enthusiasts; and informing and educating Kansans of all ages about nature and the outdoors.

KWF's mission is to support the sustainable use and management of fish and wildlife and their habitats through education, partnerships, outreach and policy oversight. The Kansas Wildlife Federation is an affiliate chapter of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). KWF consists of multiple board members and working staff who are currently collaborating to rebuild the organization. As an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, Kansas Wildlife Federation belongs to NWF's South Central Region.



Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc.

The mission of Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc. (Nex-Gen) is to educate Northwest and North Central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship and internship. These efforts foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper. Established in 2013, the organization's goal is to help youth maximize all available opportunities in the regional area we serve and help them discover a career they love while living where they love.

In 2019, Nex-Gen partnered with GNWKCF to create two funds. The **Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Endowment Fund** was established with a **\$10,000** gift, which grew to **\$13,951** in 2021, to create a lasting fund in which the annual net income may be used to benefit Nex-Gen projects and programs. The **Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Program Fund** was created with an initial gift of **\$15,000**. With several large donations in 2021, the fund grew to **\$477,719** by the end of the year, of which principal or income may be used as necessary to help further the organization's mission.

You can leave a legacy by helping support area youth for years to come. Your financial support will enable Northwest/North Central Kansas students with opportunities to engage in activities that will help them prepare for a future career - right here at home! For more information, go to www.nex-generation.org or call 1-877-567-7872.



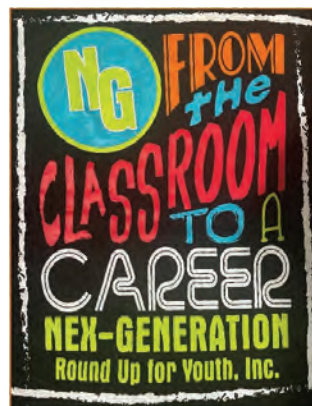
Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas Participation

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: 14 Schools, 513 Students

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: 19 Schools, 621 Students

Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas, in the former Lenora High School building, is a financial literacy / career development program for grades 4-8. Nex-Generation licenses the program through the Young Americans Center for Financial Education in Denver.

Since opening in spring 2019, Young AmeriTowne of Kansas has hosted over 1,570 students - along with scores of teachers and parent/community volunteers - from 27 northwest and north central Kansas schools. The curriculum includes lessons on basic economics, government, budgeting, check writing, interviewing, and career development, and culminates with a field trip to Lenora, where students run Towne for the day. They fill real-life roles as mayor, judge, managers, accountants, and other employees in ten different shops. Each student earns one paycheck for the day, which they use while on their breaks to purchase products at each "business." Students also learn about supply and demand, the importance of buying local, and the value of giving back to their community through donations and volunteerism.



Nex-Generation Summer Internships

2021: 97 interns; 75 businesses

By the end of this summer, nearly 400 northwest/north central Kansas college and high school students will have participated in this dynamic program which launched in 2011 with only six interns. Each participant receives hands-on work, training, and mentorship

in a variety of careers through local businesses and is paid an hourly wage. They also attend leadership workshops, community meetings, and present about their experiences. From 2011 through 2021, over \$1.4 million in payroll will have been reinvested into the region. Even better than the economic boom, we are educating youth about local career opportunities and encouraging them to remain or return home to prosper, and it's working!

In addition to the summer program, twenty-four students participated in Work Study during the 2021 spring and fall semesters, each earning \$500 scholarships.



Bird City, Antique Engine & Thresher Grounds, Courtesy of Teryn Carmichael



Cheyenne County, Isernhagen Barn, Courtesy of Ashley Buffington



Gove County, Lazy TK Ranch, Courtesy of Jaime Woods-Kinderknecht



Decatur County, Sunflower Ave. in Oberlin, Courtesy of Rachel Priest



Northern Rawlins County, Courtesy of Suzanna Koel



Sheridan County, Dresden, Courtesy of Leah Sewell

On the Cover, Rural Sherman County - North of Edson, Morningside Ranch, Courtesy of the late Marilyn Cooper

Barns are a historic reminder of the collective tools and resources required to support and maintain a farm. Similarly, a community foundation helps provide the collective tools and resources to help maintain our rural communities and way of life. We wish to recognize our seven Affiliate Community Foundations with a barn photograph for the respective county, taken by a local community member, as a way to celebrate the uniqueness of each county while striving to serve a common purpose.



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