

# Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

# 2014 Annual Report

## Affiliates and Organizational Funds of the Foundation:

*Bird City Century II Development Foundation*

*Gove County Community Foundation*

*Norton County Community Foundation*

*Sheridan County Community Foundation*

*Sherman County Community Foundation*

*Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund*

*Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund*



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## Our Vision Statement:

Bringing rural communities together  
for growth and success.



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**Statement of Financial Position**  
Year Ended December 31, 2014

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 704,299.92
Investments	\$ 7,823,499.86
Other Assets	\$ 4,380,385.81
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,908,185.59</b>

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$ 293,462.93
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 293,462.93</b>
Fund Balance	\$ 12,614,722.66
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 12,614,722.66</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 12,908,185.59</b>

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

**2015 GNWKCF**  
**Board of Directors & Staff**

John Deeds, Chair	Gary Brubaker
David Hendricks, Vice-Chair	Sherry Carmichael
Clint Bursch, Secretary	Jill Paugh
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	Rod Young

Catherine A. Domsch, Executive Director  
Darci Schields, Administrative

# phi·lan·thro·py

*Noun*

**1. Giving from a generous spirit 2. Results when people feel strongly about a mission or project 3. Often driven by a sense of gratitude from within**

*Synonyms*

**Generosity, Public-Spiritedness, Charitableness, Humanity, Kindness, Unselfishness, Compassion, Gifting, Volunteering, Support, Understanding, Believing, Awareness, Action.....**

## 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.

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.

## 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
- Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

You can direct your gift to a nonprofit or organization that supports projects in an area of interest (ie history, arts, health, etc.)

- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative Fund
- NWKS Healthy Community Initiative II 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

### ORGANIZATION FUNDS

You can direct your gift directly to a nonprofit organization to assist that organization with whatever needs arise.

- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund
- Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund

## Current Affiliate Community Foundations



## Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund

*Please help us create a legacy of support for those we serve with intellectual and Developmental disabilities. Join our DSNWK Legacy Society today...*

Home Services Supports What's New Career Opportunities eNewsletter

Planned Giving

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- Create Your Plan
- Reasons to Give
- Bequest Language
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Plan Your Will

Wills Guide

E-newsletter

**Planned Giving**

Welcome!

### **Who we are:**

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc. (DSNWK) is a private, not-for-profit organization serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in northwest Kansas communities for over 47 years. Our philosophy and our mission follow the core principle that all people have the right to live and work as independently as possible, regardless of their disability.

### **Reasons to Give:**

- ◆ Your support changes lives;
- ◆ Your gift will be felt for generations;
- ◆ When you support us, you also support our rural communities;
- ◆ People with intellectual and developmental disabilities count on you;

### **Description of our website:**

Please check out our powerful website at <http://dsnwk.giftlegacy.com> and take a look at the features and tools we have provided for individuals and financial advisors. The information and tools are there for all to use and require no pledge or gift.

If you wish to become a member of our **DSNWK Legacy Society** by supporting our worthy cause, please send an email to [Allen\\_Schmidt@dsnwk.org](mailto:Allen_Schmidt@dsnwk.org) or call **785-621-5327**.



Protecting the Land...  
Passing on Our Traditions



### **Kansas Wildlife Federation Receives Memorials**

During 2014, the Kansas Wildlife Federation was the recipient of five memorials. Donations in memory of Ralph Cramm of Wichita, Andrew Hawks of El Dorado, Henry Karl, Jr. of Winchester, Gary Rambo of Mulvane and Scott Shook of Hutchinson totaling \$7,490 were received.

The Federation is working with the families to conduct activities in memory of their loved ones. Family fishing days, shotgun shooting events and other events will be held for the public. One family has decided to sponsor scholarships for 10-12 year-old kids to attend KWF's Outdoor Adventure Camp in June.

At its 2015 Annual Meeting in Hays February 21, KWF honored 7 Kansans for their work in various fields of conservation during 2014 through its Conservation Achievement Program (CAP). Those honored included: Joe Kramer of Pratt, Conservationist of the Year; Michael Pearce of Newton, Conservation Communicator; Theresa Berger of Sylvan Grove, Outdoor Skills Instructor; Jim Mason of Wichita, Conservation Educator; David Royer of Holton, Forest Conservationist; Stacy Hoeme of Scott City, Farmer/Rancher Wildlife Conservationist; and Harper County Youth/David Berry Memorial Hunt of Anthony, Conservation Organization.

Several organizations sponsored the trophies awarded to the winners: the Flint Hills Chapter of the Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation sponsored the Conservation Communicator trophy; Geary County Fish and Game Association of Junction City sponsored the Outdoor Skills Instructor trophy; Westar, Inc. of Topeka sponsored the Conservation Educator trophy; the Kansas State Chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation sponsored the Forest Conservationist trophy; and the Kansas Farmers Union of McPherson sponsored the Farmer/Rancher Wildlife Conservationist trophy. We appreciate the support of these organizations.

### **The Kansas Wildlife Federation is Working to Preserve a Way of Life for Kansas!**

#### *Conservation of the state's natural resources means . . .*

- ◆ Public awareness of our state's wonderfully diverse advantages and a determination to keep and improve them for wise use now and in future years.
- ◆ Proper safeguards—within the bounds of wise use—for the state's soil, water, forests and wildlife, to assure proper balance, use and advancement of our state's entire economy!

*For more information about KWF, go to [www.kswildlife.org](http://www.kswildlife.org)*

### **Wingfield Scholarship Fund**

Owen and Phyllis Wingfield have long term business and farming operations in the McDonald area, and have been very active in community affairs in northwest Kansas.

Owen and Phyllis Wingfield established the Wingfield Scholarship Fund in 2012 for Cheylin High School Seniors.

A 2013 recipient wrote *"I thank you for awarding me with this scholarship and I can't wait to be able to come back to my home community and share my successes of college life. Without the rewards of this scholarship, I know I would be having a very difficult time paying for college on my own, and many debts to pay off."*

In the three years of offering their support, the Wingfield Scholarship Fund has financially assisted a total of seven Cheylin graduates to go on to further their education.



*Pictured are Owen and Phyllis Wingfield with Shayla Hubbard and Ellie Pochop, 2014 Wingfield Scholarship Recipients*

### **Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund**



Lillian G. Lawson taught third grade in the Atwood Grade School for 28 years and "loved every minute of it" and she "never had a bad student or a bad parent."

When she passed away in September 2014, at the age of 96, her family contacted The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation for help to establish the *Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund* as a lasting legacy. The fund, along with continuing contributions, will be used to enhance educational experiences for students at Rawlins County/Atwood Grade School.

## Bird City Century II Development Foundation

In 1985, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Inc. was established; organized for the betterment and benefit of the Bird City community. In 2009, Bird City Century II became an affiliate of GNWKCF, and continues to serve Bird City through local grantmaking, scholarships and community development projects.

The legacies left by the Robertson's and Rosemary Griffin with their multi-million dollar bequests have made the 'impossible' possible in our community!

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

The *Bird City Century II Community Initiative Fund* is an unrestricted endowment fund from which the Foundation Board of Directors makes its general and strategic grants each year.

The *Bird City Century II Business Incubator Program Fund* makes low-interest loans to small businesses in Bird City, either start-up or expansion, through a revolving loan fund.

The *Bird City Century II Scholarship Fund* houses the *Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship* for Cheylin High School seniors, and the *Business Development Scholarship* offered to individuals wishing to expand their education, and live and work in Bird City upon completion of their degree or certification.

The *Bird City E-Community Fund* was established to support youth and adult education and business development efforts in Bird City with entrepreneurial focus.

The *Bird City 150th Celebration Fund* was setup to support the public and charitable entities in Bird City to host a 150th birthday celebration in 2035.

The *Bird City Rural High School / Bird City Historic Preservation Fund* was established with the goal of rescuing and relocating the pictorial and artifact history of Bird City Rural High School (BCRHS), along with preserving and protecting the history and origins of Bird City.

The *Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund* was created to support projects within, and assist Cheylin Schools as State funding cuts continue to affect schools across Kansas.

The *Thresher Association Endowment Fund* was formed to benefit and sustain the future of the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

The *Robert Brubaker Family Fund* is a donor-advised Fund. Robert Brubaker, one of the original founders of the Foundation, retired from the Board of Directors in 2009. The Fund was setup to honor Robert for his years of service and commitment to the community. The Fund allows Robert to support charitable organizations and projects that he cares about most.

The *GNWKS Real Estate Fund, LLC* was formed to house the real estate properties owned by Bird City Century II Development Foundation, including costs to maintain and/or renovate these properties for business development.

## Sherman County Community Foundation

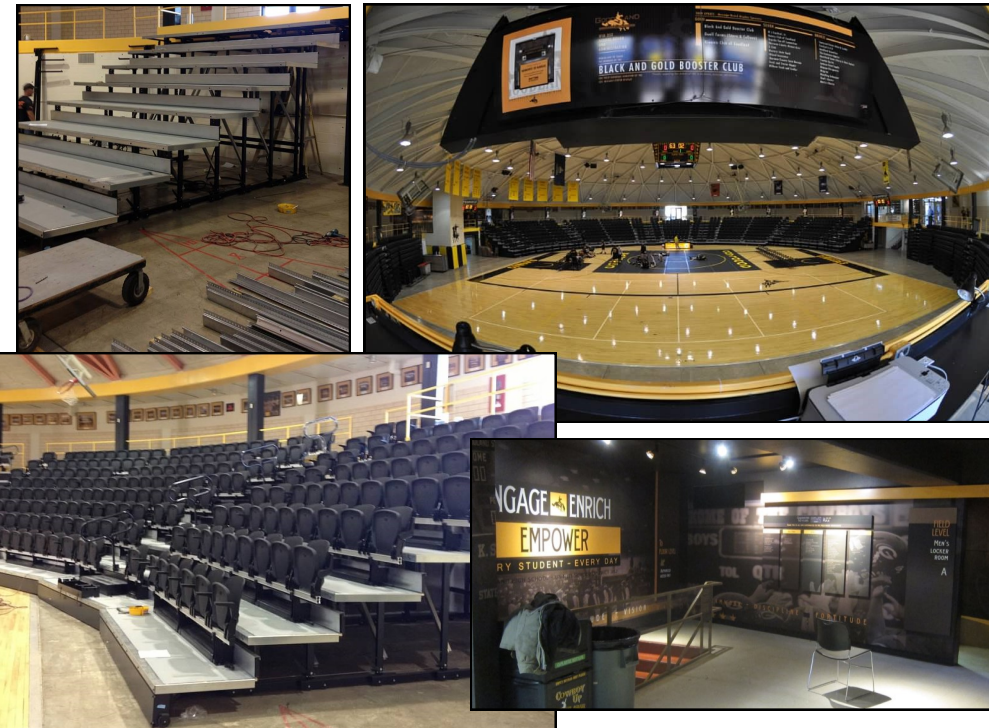
### Black and Gold Booster Club Fund

#### **Max Jones Field House: "Bushels and Bucks for Bleachers"**



Through successful fundraising efforts throughout the past couple of years, the Max Jones Field House renovations were pretty much completed in 2014, just in time for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Field House (originally built in 1965).

In 2013, The Black & Gold Booster Club Fund granted \$213,529 to Goodland Schools for the north section of the bleacher project. In 2014, they granted \$171,719 for the installation of the south section of bleachers.





## Sherman County Community Foundation

The Sherman County Community Foundation was incorporated in 2002, and in 2012, became an affiliate of GNWKCF, who assists the Foundation with back-office support.

Sherman County Community Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening the community for present and future generations. It is the goal of the Foundation to provide leadership and act as a catalyst in identifying and addressing evolving community needs.

### **Funds of Sherman County Community Foundation**

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

In February 2013, the *Black and Gold Booster Club Fund* was established to provide operational support for the Black and Gold Booster Club and support for any USD 352 activities.

The *Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund* was established in memory of Brianna Danae Linin, daughter of Brian and Janda Linin of Goodland, 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, is an annual memorial to her and her legacy. [www.goodlandsgottalent.org](http://www.goodlandsgottalent.org)



The first scholarship from this Fund will be awarded initially to a 2017 graduate(s) of Goodland High School, Brianna's classmates. A perpetuating scholarship will continue in years beyond.

The *High Plains Museum Fund* was created for the High Plains Museum for funds to be used as deemed appropriate by their board of directors.

The *High Plains Museum Memorial Fund* was created through memorial donations for funds to be used as deemed appropriate by the High Plains Museum board of directors.

## Sherman County Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

Adam Dees, Chair  
Kris Yost, Secretary

April Hall  
Sherida Shoff  
Ron Schilling  
Megan Thomas

## Bird City Century II Development Foundation

### **2014 Grants:**

#### Bird City Century II Community Initiative Fund

American Legion Post #352	Assist-Operations/Community Projects	\$ 1,000
Bird City Area on Aging	Alzheimer's Awareness Mtgs (Matching)	\$ 1,100
Bird City Community Club	Outdoor Theater System (Matching)	\$ 1,500
Bird City Historical Assn	Hwy 161 "Indian Trail" Signage (Matching)	\$ 1,500
Bird City MATCH DAY	Matched Community Contributions	\$ 15,000
Cheyenne County EMS	Stryker Power Load (Matching)	\$ 2,500
Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair	Top 3 Award Winners	\$ 1,000
Cheylin USD 103	Teacher Mini Grant (2013-14)	\$ 2,112
Cheylin USD 103	Preschool Program	\$ 9,500
St. John Lutheran Church	Church Project (50% Match)	\$ 1,000
St. Joseph Catholic Church	Church Project (50% Match)	\$ 1,000
Tri-State Antique Threshers	Bounce House	\$ 600
Tri-State Antique Threshers	Wright Bldg (50% Match)	\$ 48,301
Tri-State Antique Threshers	Steam Engine (50% Match)	\$ 16,000
United Methodist Church	Church Project (50% Match)	\$ 1,000
Wesleyan Community Church	Church Project (50% Match)	\$ 1,000

#### Bird City Century II Business Incubator Fund

Kansas Small Business Development Center Outreach Office	\$ 15,000
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**Total Grants Paid in 2014: \$ 119,113**

### **2014 Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship Recipients**



Blaine Burns \$500    Ty Carmichael \$2,000    Connor Hazuka \$1,000    Shayla Hubbard \$1,400    Walker Janicke \$1,400    Ellie Pochop \$1,400    Casey Vandike \$1,600

**Total Awarded: \$ 9,300**

## Bird City Century II Development Foundation

### Board of Directors

David Hendricks, Chair  
Gary Brubaker, Vice-Chair  
Clint Bursch, Secretary  
Lori Janicke, Treasurer

Sherry Carmichael  
Jill Paugh  
C. Ned Smith  
Rod Young

**Bird City Match Day**

Bird City Century II Development Foundation held their second Bird City Match Day event on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, raising awareness and support for our local non-profits in the Cheylin community.



Bird City Century II committed to match \$15,000 in contributions to the eligible organizations. The Foundation extended their office hours from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm to accept donations throughout the day. Donations came in the form of cash, checks and grain.

The organizations that were eligible to have contributions matched included: Bird City Community Club, Bird City Historical Association, Bird City Area on Aging, Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association, Bird City Food Bank, Bird City Ministerial Alliance, Bird City Girl Scouts, Bird City Go-Getters 4H Club, Community Youth Group, Awanas, St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization, St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization, United Methodist Youth Council, Bird City Library, Bird City Swimming Pool, Bird City EMS, Bird City Fire Department, Cheylin Recreation Commission, Bird City Housing Authority, Thresher Association Endowment Fund, Cheylin Wellness Center and Cheylin Preschool Program.

Tax deductible donations elsewhere were available to be made if the donor chose to; however, the Foundation did not match contributions outside of the organizations listed above.

The total contributed from the community on Bird City Match Day was \$22,773.44. Adding the \$150 in door prize drawings, where winners received an additional \$25 to give to the organization of their choice in their name, and the \$15,000 match from the Foundation, the grand total amount going back to the organizations is \$37,923.44. That is almost \$13,000 more than last year’s event!

**A special thank you to our 2014 Match Day Donors!**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2nd Beginnings-Cindy Burr | Federated Church of McDonald | Ted & Carol Partch    |
| Tom & Debby Bailey        | Dave & Deb Flemming          | Drew & Jill Paugh     |
| Ken Beougher              | Doug & Karen Flemming        | Pleasant View Farm    |
| Gary Brubaker             | David & Sandy Frisbie        | Levi & Bridget Pochop |
| Jane Brubaker             | Helen Frisbie                | Portraits by Darci    |
| Robert Brubaker           | Grant & Tish Havel           | Jolene Reeh           |
| Charlene Byrd             | Dale & Stacey Hazuka         | RJ & Susie Sabatka    |
| Sherry Carmichael         | John & Sharon Hendricks      | Judy Sager            |
| Wade & Tammi Carmichael   | Marshall & Kendra Hespe      | Kale & Darci Schields |
| Ed & Phyllis Carson       | Dan & Margie Hubbard         | Karol & Garry Seymour |
| CPS-Rod Young             | Clayton & Lori Janicke       | Ned & Deb Smith       |
| Duane Dapron              | Ernie Ketzner                | Joan Tongish          |
| Adam & Alisa Deeds        | Rod & Beth Klepper           | Stanley Wamhoff       |
| John & Darla Deeds        | Merle & Laurie Leonard       | Brad & Barbara Waters |
| Designs by Dawn           | George & Dixie Louderbaugh   | Don & Donna Wright    |
| Kirk & Cathy Domsch       | Ray & Norma Martinez         | Radean & Velda Wright |
| Hulda Dorsch              |                              | Rod & Jane Young      |
| Stan & Dee Dorsch         |                              |                       |

**Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund**



Kathleen Ann Bergin was born on Sept. 9, 1958 in Great Bend, KS. She was the fourth child of Ed and JoAnn, she had nine brothers and sisters. Her family relocated to Holyrood, KS when she was two. In high school she played on the first ever girls basketball and volleyball teams. She attended Marymount College in Salina on a basketball scholarship. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Kathy had always wanted to be a teacher, and she definitely chose the right profession. Her first teaching position was at Cuba-Hillcrest, Cuba, KS. Then in 1982 she moved to Hoxie, KS. Kathy started off teaching biology and physical science to freshmen and sophomores. After teaching cutbacks took place, she was left teaching all the sciences: Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Physical Science. Kathy loved teaching, but her true passion was coaching.

In her time at Hoxie High, she was the head volleyball coach from 1983-2000, the head basketball coach in 1984 and was the assistant basketball coach under Shelly Hoyt from 2002-2009. She also coached at the junior high level. She was a very fair and consistent coach. Kathy became the Athletic Director in 1996 and held that position until 2009. Kathy married Kevin Schiltz on June 16, 2007. She was diagnosed with cancer on Sept. 8, 2009, one day before her 51st birthday. She passed away on June 29, 2010 in her home with her family and friends. She was such a great person: funny, witty, smart, happy, talented, caring and loving.

The Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund was established to honor Kathy; supporting programs and causes that would have been important to her.





## Sheridan County Community Foundation

In 2012, Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) became an affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. These past couple of years, SCCF has seen some great project opportunities unfold with the establishment of these Funds.

### **Funds of Sheridan County Community Foundation**

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

The *Sheridan County Health Complex Fund* was established for the benefit of the Sheridan County Hospital, aka Sheridan County Health Complex.

The *Mainstreet Beautification Fund* was created for beautification projects and programs in downtown Hoxie, KS.

In March 2013, the *Willis and Imogene Toothaker Scholarship Fund* was established; the annual net income from the Fund will provide annual scholarships to Hoxie USD 412 graduates, beginning in May 2020.

The *Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund* was established in June 2013; distributions from this Fund will help benefit Hoxie Schools and graduates of Hoxie Schools.

The *Youth on the Move Fund* was created with the focus on opportunities for youth in Sheridan County.

The *BBBS of Sheridan County Scholarship Fund* was established with funds left from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sheridan County program. Scholarships will be awarded to Hoxie USD 412 and Golden Plains USD 316 graduating seniors who reside in Sheridan County that have been involved with youth activities in the Sheridan County community in a volunteer capacity.

*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.*

## Sheridan County Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

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

### **Funds of Gove County Community Foundation**

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

The *Fund for Grainfield* was created to support community and economic development projects in Grainfield, KS.



## Gove County Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

Adrian Coberly (Gove), Chair	Ron Powers (Quinter)
Erica Gillespie (Quinter), Secretary	Roger Ringer (Quinter)
Mitch Gillespie (Grainfield)	Colleen Tummons (Quinter)
Terry Ostmeyer (Grinnell)	Duane Vollbracht (Grinnell)

## Norton County Community Foundation

The Norton County Community Foundation was established in 1994 for the purpose of supporting local charitable activities in Norton County through endowments made to the foundation. In 2013, Norton County Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWCCF to assist with back-office support and administrations.

### **Funds of Norton County Community Foundation**

The **NCCF Operating Fund** was established to support the Norton County Community Foundation thru funding for operations, administration and general grantmaking.

The **Norton County Endowment Fund** was created with intentions to use the annual net income from the Fund for operations, administration and general grantmaking of the Norton County Community Foundation.

The **Norton Trails Fund** has been established to develop and support walking and biking trails in Norton County.

The **Lenora Jubilee Endowment Fund** is an organizational fund established to support Lenora Jubilee.

The **Bowling Alley Fund** was created for the benefit of the Norton County Community Bowling Center.

The **Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund** is a Donor Advised Fund set up by the Millers, which allows them to make charitable contributions from their fund as they choose to.

## Norton County Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

Norman Nelson, Chair  
Doug Sebelius, Vice-Chair  
Scott Sproul, Secretary  
Christine Wayland, Treasurer

Tara Vance, Executive Director

Carolyn Applegate  
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Aaron Herman  
Elaine Johnson  
Nancy Kent  
John Mapes  
John McClymont  
Colette Miller  
Gloria Nelson

## Norton County Community Foundation

**"Dedicated to serving today for tomorrow,  
to make our community a better place in which to live."**

*Mission Statement  
of the Norton County Community Foundation*



### **Norton County Community Foundation Hires Executive Director**

The Norton County Community Foundation saw a significant change in 2014 by hiring a full-time Executive Director. Tara Vance transitioned from the Chamber Director to the Foundation Director in Norton County in September. With her previous position, Tara had been working with the community foundation, serving as a part-time director and helping to grow the organization. The Board of Directors and local investors made the decision to enhance the position and make a more permanent presence in the community.

Tara and her husband, Steve, moved to Norton in 2009. She has a daughter, Evie, who is a first grader at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton. Tara grew up in Northwest Kansas, in Stockton, and is a graduate of Fort Hays State University. "I have a passion and desire to sustain and grow Northwest Kansas. Community Foundations are critical to ensure that this happens. Norton is a giving, caring, and growing community, and working for the Norton County Community Foundation is a dream come true," Vance said of her new role in the community. "Community development is a grassroots effort, and Norton has always done it well. I am lucky to work with a great group of people who support one another and the county."

The Norton County Community Foundation is embarking on a capital campaign, with a goal of growing endowments in the county. Supporting local non-profit and civic organizations is a continued mission of the community foundation as it grows and evolves.



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