

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
Phillips County Community Foundation
Thomas County Community Foundation*

2018 *Annual Report*



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Leadership Report



I'm not sure how 2018 went by so quickly; seems like every year goes by faster and faster! As I reflect back over the year, I am reminded how fortunate "we" truly are! "We" meaning Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation; "We" meaning the foundations we are part of and help represent; "We" meaning the communities and counties in rural Northwest Kansas; "We" meaning those of us community members who are lucky enough to live "here".

Living in rural northwest Kansas is not for everyone. It's normal to drive an hour to the closest Walmart, or even much further to the closest mall. Most often you plan ahead and make your lists to make these extended trips. Living out here and growing up here, most everyone finds it to be normal and adapts to such. Yes, it's nice to be able to make a trip to the bigger cities and leave for a weekend or week to 'get away' and experience the big city lights and tall buildings, have options to eat at a multitude of restaurants and do something out of the normal daily routine not available back home. But I think most will agree, it's always great to get back home to our Northwest Kansas communities; back where the traffic is slower paced and less congested; back where you can see miles and miles of open sky (many times the lights from other communities within a 60-mile radius); back where you know every one of your neighbors (and many who live in your community or county) by name; back where those same people would step up and come together in support if ever a tragedy occurred; back where crime is pretty minimal and communities are overall safe; back where people say hello and acknowledge you whether they know you or not; back where locals you meet on the highway still give a wave to oncoming traffic; back where community members become financial donors to help ensure their community will continue to grow and thrive for years and years and years to come.

We have experienced so many fortunate opportunities within our immediate 12-county region that we serve (and beyond) as we continue to partner with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and build on our 3-year relationship. The Hansen Foundation has opened many doors for the communities and counties that fall within their full 26-county territory, providing avenues for local foundations, community members, volunteers and donors to all come together for the benefit of their respective community or county.

Through a combination of community volunteers (with minimal to no staff) who provide unlimited hours through serving on their local foundation boards, and donors who help make financial contributions into funds set up under their local foundation, this consolidated effort is what has allowed our communities to see and experience success through awarded grant dollars. Financial gifts to the local foundations, whether direct gifts, through foundation sponsored matching events or through estate gifts, build grant funds that go back into the specified communities/counties to provide funding opportunities for sustainability and growth. The grant dollars help make Northwest Kansas the great place we love and cherish!

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation is blessed to have the opportunity to work with 13 foundations within our 12-county immediate-focused region. This year, we have added affiliated foundation relationships with Graham County, Phillips County and Thomas County, where we manage the direct oversight of all the Hansen funded Funds. We feel extremely fortunate to work with so many wonderful foundations who truly have a focus on bettering the future of their respective areas. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated individuals who have the same kind of passion and goals as we have within our regional foundation. Our vision is 'to bring rural communities together for growth and success'; our philanthropic focus will continue to be pursued along-side every one of our local affiliated foundations to help ensure and protect the future of rural Northwest Kansas!

THANK YOU to each and every one of you who live, work, volunteer and/or donate within one of our 12-counties. Whether you realize it or not, you are taking part in the future success of rural Kansas!

—*Darci*

Funds of the Foundation

Administrative and Operational Funds

- ACE Foundation Operating Fund (*ACEF*)
- BCCII Operating Fund (*BCCII*)
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Gove County Community Foundation Operating Fund (*GCCF*)
- Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Administrative and Operations Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Fund (*GDCF*)
- Norton County Community Foundation Operating Fund (*NCCF*)
- Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Foundation Operating Fund (*SHCCF*)

Designated Funds

- Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Cheyenne County Amusement Authority Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund (*CCKCF*)

Donor-Advised Funds

- Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Domsch Family Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Junior and Deloris Knorr Family Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Mitch and Carlene Gillespie Family Fund (*GCCF*)
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund (*BCCII*)
- Youth on the Move Fund (*SDCCF*)

Field of Interest Funds

- BCBSKS Pathways Administration Grant (*GNWKCF*)
- Bird City 150th Celebration Fund (*BCCII*)
- Bird City Century II Development Foundation Business Incubator Fund (*BCCII*)
- Bird City Century II Development Foundation Community Initiative Fund (*BCCII*)
- Bird City Real Estate Fund (*BCCII*)
- Cheyenne County Home for Aging Tax Credit Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Cheyenne County Impact Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheylin E-Community Fund (*BCCII*)
- Cultivate Sheridan County Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Funds (*12 Counties*)

Field of Interest Funds, *cont.*

- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Administrative Funds (*12 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Clean-up Fund
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Operating Endowment Funds (*12 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match Month Administrative Funds (*12 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Strategic Doing Administrative Funds (*12 Counties*)
- Fund for Grainfield (*GCCF*)
- Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (*GCCF*)
- Graham County Endowment Fund (*GHCCF*)
- Greeley - Wallace County Healthcare Foundation Endowment Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (*GCCF*)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (*GDCF*)
- Grow Gove County Fund (*GCCF*)
- Logan County Endowment Fund (*LCCF*)
- Norton County Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative Funds (*GNWKCF*)
- NWKS New Venture Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Phillips County Unrestricted Endowment Fund (*PCCF*)
- Rawlins County Future Fund (*ACEF*)
- SCCF Benefit Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Senior Living for Cheyenne County Fund (*CCKCF*)
- 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*)
- Tri-County Leadership Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund (*WCF*)

Organization Funds

- ACE Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*ACEF*)
- Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund (*DSNWK*)
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheyenne County Village Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (*BCCII*)
- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Fund (*DSNWK*)

Organization Funds, *cont.*

- Gove County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*GCCF*)
- Graham County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*GHCCF*)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*GDCF*)
- Jim and Rose Blume DSNWK Endowment Fund (*DSNWK*)
- Joey Weber Endowment Fund (*DSNWK*)
- Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund (*KWF*)
- Logan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*LCCF*)
- Norton County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
- Norton County Health Department Fund (*NCCF*)
- Phillips County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*PCCF*)
- Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Thomas County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*TCCF*)
- Thresher Association Endowment Fund (*BCCII*)
- Wallace County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*WCF*)

Scholarship Funds

- Bird City Century II Scholarship Income Fund (*BCCII*)
 - Bird City Business Development Scholarship
 - Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship
- Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Della Connell Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
- Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund (*GDCF*)
- Glenn and Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City (*GNWKCF*)
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie (*SDCCF*)
- Toothaker Scholarship Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Wingfield Scholarship Fund (*GNWKCF*)

GNWKCF Overview

Board of Directors

John Deeds, Chair
David Hendricks, Vice-Chair
Clint Bursch, Secretary
Lori Janicke, Treasurer
Rebecca Antholz
Cindy Burr
Wade Carmichael

Mitch Gillespie
Cora House
Thomas Keller
Harry Joe Pratt
Rodney Young
Scott Sproul, Associate

Staff

Darci Shields, Foundation Director / CEO
Carol Sloper, Grants Coordinator

The old saying 'may you live in interesting times' certainly applied to 2018. GNWKCF had another year of growth adding affiliations with Rawlins and Wallace counties and Graham, Phillips and Thomas as Agency Partners. With the help of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, our affiliated foundations are working their way toward sustainability through growth in endowment funds. In the short run, endowments aren't very exciting, but in the big picture, it is very important to have these permanent investment funds in place to earn income for operating budgets and projects.

This being my last year as board president, I am very thankful for the endless hours of work by Darci and Carol; they make GNWKCF run smoothly. Also thank you to all of our affiliated foundations' and partners' directors and staff for having the vision to improve their respective communities. The Hansen Foundation has become a large part of GNWKCF, and we thank the Trustees and staff for their tremendous support of Northwest Kansas.

~ John Deeds

Financial Statement Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2018*

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,944,589.43
Investments	\$12,557,168.66
Other Assets	\$4,086,377.20
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,588,135.29

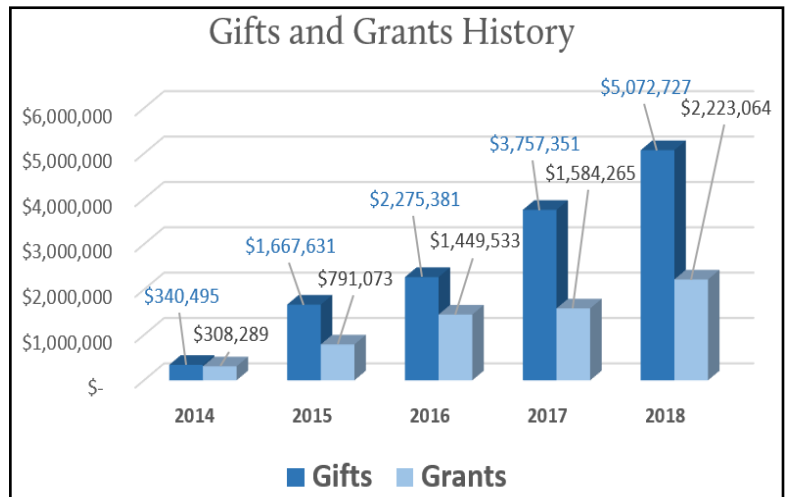
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$273,158.27

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$19,314,977.02

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:
\$19,588,135.29**

*Preliminary (unaudited) financials as of December 31, 2018

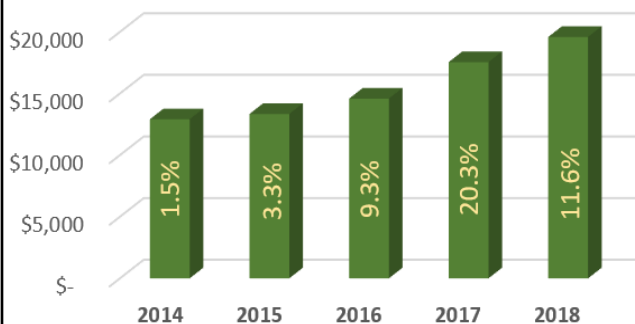
Gifts and Grants History



Year-Ending Asset Totals and Percent Growth

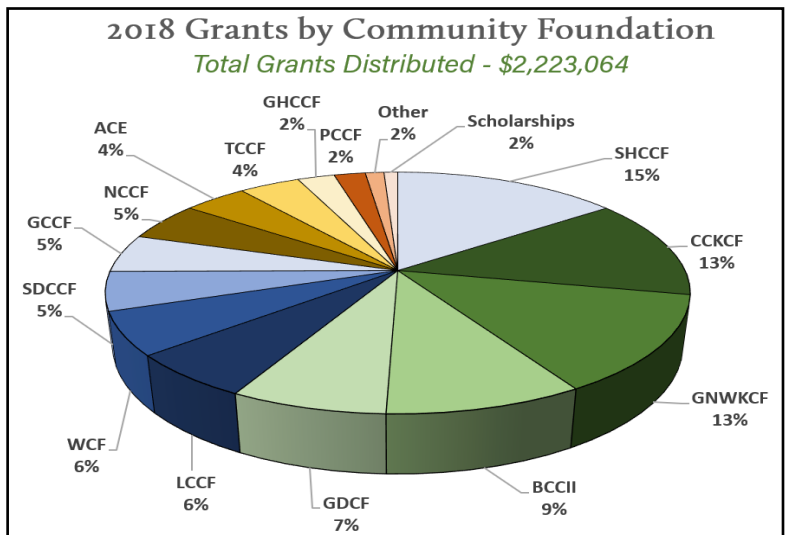
(in thousands)

Preliminary as of December 31, 2018



2018 Grants by Community Foundation

Total Grants Distributed - \$2,223,064



Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship

The Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Brianna Danae Linin. Brianna, the firstborn daughter of Brian and Janda Linin, died at the young age of 5 from a massive brain tumor. A local fundraising event, Goodland's Got Talent, had been an annual memorial to her and her legacy, with proceeds each year going into this scholarship fund. The first scholarships awarded from this Fund were to 2017 graduates of Goodland High School, Brianna's classmates. A perpetuating scholarship continues in years beyond.

2018 Awards—\$2,800

Sara Amend	\$700	Laura Estrada	\$700
Hannah Eslinger	\$700	Katie Purvis	\$700

Della Connell Scholarship Fund

The Della Connell Scholarship Fund assists Norton graduates with continuing their higher education. The scholarship is setup as a two-semester payout with the opportunity to apply for a second year renewal.

2018 Awards—\$13,000

Collyn Auker	\$1,000	Cale Patterson	\$1,000
Brian Clavijo	\$2,250	Tevin Petrie	\$1,000
Koby McEwen	\$2,250	Genna Randel	\$1,000
Layton Miller	\$2,250	Taylor Wahlmeier	\$2,250

Edgar & Mabel Robertson Scholarship Fund

The Robertson Scholarship is a memorial scholarship made available to Cheylin graduating seniors with primary emphasis being community service. This scholarship is paid to recipients over 2 years (4 semesters), providing a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained.

2018 Awards—\$8,750

Manuel Castillo	\$500	Rachel Keltz	\$2,000
Nicole Glass	\$1,000	Erik Perez	\$750
Alexandra Hazuka	\$1,750	Hailey Sharp	\$1,250
Jordan Janicke	\$1,500		

Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship

2018 was the first year the Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship was available to graduates of Decatur Community Schools in Oberlin. This permanent scholarship will continue to support Decatur Community Schools annually through the generous benefit and forward thinking efforts of Ms. Edwards. This scholarship is paid to recipients over two-semesters.

2018 Awards—\$3,000

Braden Beagley	\$300	Stacia Russ	\$300
Kole Breth	\$300	Celianna Shobe	\$300
Kel Grafel	\$300	Ravyn VanVleet	\$300
Emily Howland	\$300	Brittney Wesley	\$300
Ezekial Jimenez	\$300	Chloe Withington	\$300

Wingfield Scholarship Fund

The Wingfield Scholarship, established by Owen and Phyllis Wingfield, is a 4-year scholarship (paid over 8 semesters) made available to Cheylin graduating seniors to assist with their post-secondary education expenses. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

2018 Awards—\$8,000

Manuel Castillo	\$4,000
Erik Perez	\$4,000
Rachel Keltz	Alternate

Scholarship Highlight



Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Funds

The Harris Scholarship Funds for Hoxie (USD 412) and Hill City (USD 281), including home-schooled students that live within the Hill City or Hoxie School Districts, were established in 2015 to honor Opal and Adolph's commitment to these communities and the pursuit of higher education. Two scholarships are awarded in each school district area annually and paid over the course of two semesters.

Opal Margarette Harris was born January 11, 1916, to Rollie John and Della Elma (Grant) Fortune, in Gettysburg Township of Graham County, Kansas. She graduated from Lenora Rural High School on May 24, 1936. Adolph Elwood Harris was born June 23, 1917 to Arlie and Eva (Oakes) Harris of Hill City, Kansas. He was a World War II veteran, serving in many campaigns in the European theater.



Opal and Adolph Harris, photo and historical background information courtesy of the Sheridan County Historical Society.

Adolph and Opal married on December 18, 1946 in Hoxie. He ran a plumbing, heating and appliance store in Hoxie, and Opal taught school for 12 years. The couple moved to Evergreen, Colorado in 1954. They returned to Hoxie, Kansas in June 1988 where they remained until health reasons required a move to Hays in 1991. Adolph passed one day after the couple's 48th wedding anniversary on December 19, 1994. Opal passed away on April 26, 2014.

It was Opal's love of education that is the foundation for the Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship. At one point in her career, she was almost elected County Superintendent of Schools for Graham County, but lost the election by one vote. If Opal had voted for herself, there would have been a tie. She stated she did not vote as she did not want the position because it would have kept her from teaching which was what she really wanted to do. She loved her students and kept in touch with some her entire life.

Hill City USD 281

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City USD 281 benefits graduates of 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 of the district. This scholarship is paid over the course of two semesters.

2018 Awards—\$3,000

Garrett Handley.....\$1,500
Conner Keith.....\$1,500

Hoxie USD 412

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie USD 412 benefits graduates of USD 412 or students who are home-schooled and live within the Hoxie School District. This scholarship is paid over the course of two semesters.

2018 Awards—\$3,500

Taylor Burris\$1,750
Hannah Franklin\$1,750

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation has partnership relationships with several Kansas organizations. GNWKCF maintains organizational funds for two Kansas partners: **Kansas Wildlife Federation** and **Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas**. In the spirit of our vision to bring rural communities together for growth and success, GNWKCF is open to establishing partnerships with any organizations that wish to establish charitable endowed or non-endowed funds that have a positive impact on Northwest Kansas.

Kansas Wildlife Federation

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.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

Since 1967, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) has been a story about people: 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. The movement 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 Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation since 2014 with the establishment of the Development 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.

DSNWK Endowment Campaign

Stronger Forever Together

Campaign for Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) announced the launch for their Stronger Forever Together Campaign in October 2018 with an announcement celebration at each of their locations in: Atwood, Hays, Hill City, Hoxie,

Norton, Russell, and Stockton. *(The pictures below are from two of the campaign celebrations.)* The Stronger Forever Together Campaign, DSNWK's first-ever capital campaign, aims to raise \$5 million to address multiple needs throughout its 18-county spread with its major focus being on facility improvements, technology upgrades, and workforce development.

DSNWK's mission is about supporting individuals and their families to help guide a life of personal satisfaction, dignity and community integration. DSNWK accomplishes this through collaborating with other community programs, creating partnerships, and providing services that families depend on.

Throughout the 18 counties of Northwest Kansas, DSNWK provides an array of services including: case management services, employment support, adult day services and educational programs, residential and supportive living, health services, transportation, and children and youth services.

If you, like many others in our communities, wish to support the noble work of DSNWK staff in serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, please visit DSNWK's website:

<https://dsnwk.giftlegacy.com/>.



Former DSNWK President / CEO Jim Blume speaks at all seven campaign launches about love and the meaning of DSNWK's first ever capital campaign.



Dane G. Hansen Foundation

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation, established in 1965, has been a partner to GNWKCF since 2015. They have provided support through a number of grant opportunities for their 26-county territory to expand charitable activities in Northwest Kansas. GNWKCF works with 12 of the 26 counties, and Greater Salina Community Foundation works with the remaining 14 counties. The initiatives offered by the Hansen Foundation have been transformative for both GNWKCF and all of Northwest Kansas.

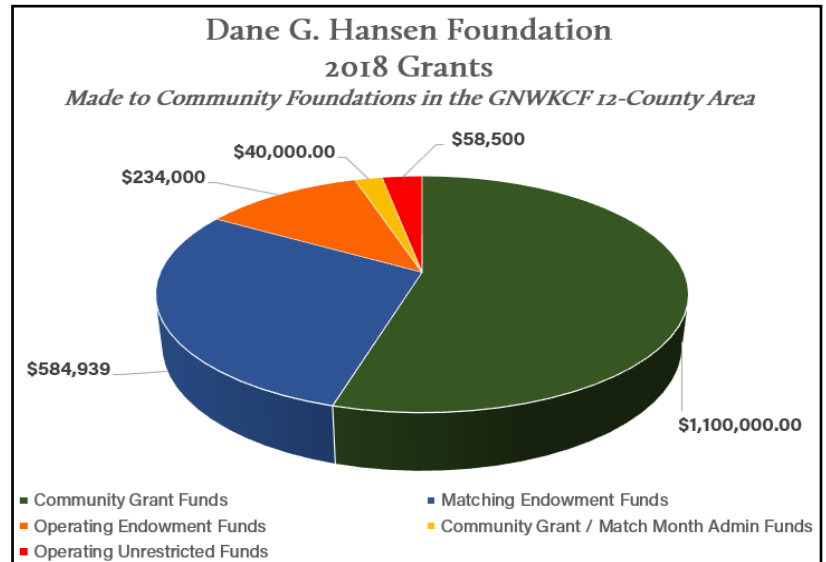
Since inception, the Hansen Foundation has continued to add opportunities to support Northwest Kansas improvements. The initiatives from the Trustees continue to demonstrate clearly that they want each of their 26 counties to be equipped for lasting philanthropic success. They offered the following grant opportunities for each of their 26 Northwest Kansas counties in 2018:

- **Community Grant Funds** of \$50,000 twice a year will continue to be offered to county-wide community foundations through 2021 provided the respective communities are actively participating in the Strategic Doing process. In addition, the Hansen Foundation awarded \$1,000 in administrative funds to each community foundation for administering the community grants each time they released the \$50,000.

- **Matching Endowment Funds** were offered for a third year in 2018. In this challenge grant, the

Hansen Foundation offered to match \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000 (\$5,000 maximum individual limit) during a community foundation declared "Match Month." Not only did the Hansen Foundation match dollars raised, they also offered a \$1,500 administrative grant per county foundation to help offset expenses incurred for the campaign. All 12 county-focused community foundations in our area committed to participate in the 2018 initiative by April 2019. Nine of the 12 counties completed match challenges by the end of 2018; Graham, Logan, and Thomas County Community Foundations opted to complete the challenge in the Spring of 2019. Four county foundations completed the 2017 initiative in the Spring of 2018: Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, and Thomas.

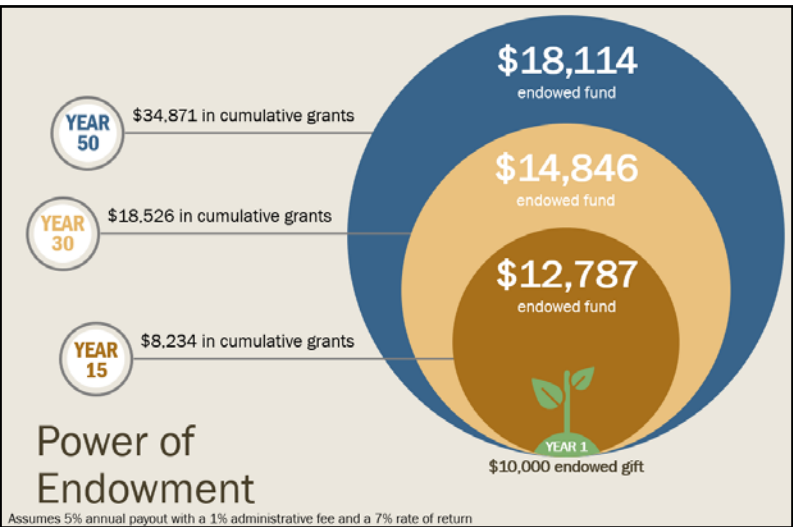
- **Operating Endowment Funds** were offered for the second year as an additional incentive to community foundations participating in the Matching Endowment Fund Grant challenge to help foundations build sustainability. Community foundations raising the full \$50,000 in local funds were rewarded with a \$20,000 grant to add to the operating endowment fund for the respective community foundation. Amounts were prorated if the full challenge was not met.
- **Operating Unrestricted Funds** were offered for the second year as another incentive from the Hansen Foundation. For those community foundations raising the full \$50,000 for the match month, they were also given \$5,000 in grant funds for unrestricted operating funds. Amounts were prorated if the full challenge was not met.
- **Community Foundation Scholarships to the Kansas Association of Community Foundation (KACF) Conference** were offered to the 26 Northwest Kansas area county-wide community foundations. The scholarship paid for up to two people (board or staff) to attend the conference; this included registration fees and hotel expenses.
- **KACF Membership and CF Express Training** fees were paid by the Hansen Foundation for all participating county-wide community foundations to ensure the volunteer board members had access to best practice information and networking tools.
- **The Annual Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Forum** continued in 2018 to provide a free regional interactive program for volunteers and staff of Northwest Kansas Community Foundations, nonprofit organization, and other charitable organizations to come together to learn and share about projects and initiatives impacting our rural area.



Building Endowment Funds

An endowment fund is the gift that keeps on giving. Donations are invested as principal and only a percentage of the income is used for charitable purposes annually. It is similar to creating a retirement account for your community in which the interest earned will be available for all future generations.

According to data shared with local community foundations by Betsy Wearing, Coordinator of Programs, Communication and New Initiatives for the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, between 2020 and 2064, nearly \$30 billion dollars will transfer from one generation to the next in the 26 counties of Northwest Kansas.



Graphic provided courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation

Match Month Endowment Campaign Results by Community Foundation

2017 Challenge Completed in Spring 2018:

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Logan	Mar-18	\$ 56,239.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 106,239.00
Rawlins	Apr-18	\$ 25,693.00	\$ 25,693.00	\$ 51,386.00
Sheridan	Mar-18	\$ 67,344.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 117,344.00
Thomas	Feb-18	\$ 30,489.00	\$ 30,489.00	\$ 60,978.00

2018 Challenge Completed in 2018:

County	Match Month	Local Donations	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Cheyenne	Dec-18	\$ 71,662.56	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 121,662.56
Decatur	Dec-18	\$ 64,737.83	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 114,737.83
Gove	Nov-18	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 106,000.00
Norton	Nov-18	\$ 50,005.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,005.00
Phillips	Oct-18	\$ 51,126.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 101,126.00
Rawlins	Dec-18	\$ 32,618.43	\$ 32,618.43	\$ 65,236.86
Sheridan	Nov-18	\$ 57,816.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 107,816.00
Sherman	Nov-18	\$ 46,138.87	\$ 46,138.87	\$ 92,277.74
Wallace	Dec-18	\$ 53,533.36	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 103,533.36

Note: Hansen Match Initiatives run from May to April each year. Counties not listed completed the 2018 challenge in Spring 2019.

The opportunity to capture a portion of that wealth, for the charitable benefit and future of Northwest Kansas, is a remarkable one, and the time is now.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is actively assisting each of the 26 county-wide community foundations in Northwest Kansas to establish and grow local endowment funds through the Match Month initiatives available through 2021.

The power of endowment funds is illustrated in the graphic to the left showing what is possible with just \$10,000 endowed. The Hansen Foundation is hopeful that Northwest Kansas community foundations will take full advantage of the match challenges and raise \$500,000 or more each for their local endowment funds by the end of 2021. With \$500,000 endowed, approximately \$25,000 PER YEAR can be granted back to assist with local community charitable needs. The larger the endowed fund grows, the more the community foundation can give back annually, **forever**.

All 12 county-wide foundations affiliated or partnered with GNWKCF are actively participating in the match challenge.

Incentive Grant Results by Community Foundation

2017 Challenge Completed in Spring 2018:

County	Operating Endowment	Operating Unrestricted	Total Hansen Donation
Logan	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Rawlins	\$10,400.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 13,000.00
Sheridan	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Thomas	\$12,200.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 15,250.00

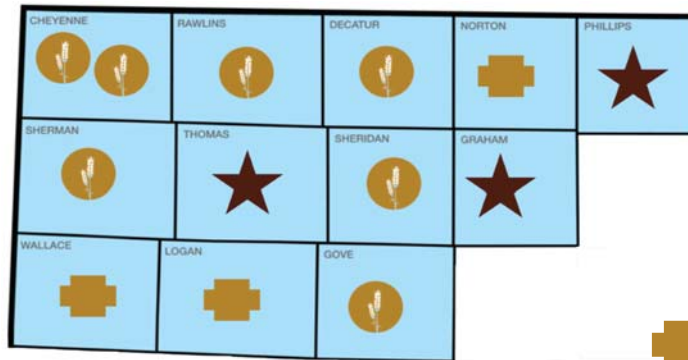
2018 Challenge Completed in 2018:

County	Operating Endowment	Operating Unrestricted	Total Hansen Donation
Cheyenne	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Decatur	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Gove	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Norton	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Phillips	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Rawlins	\$13,000.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 16,250.00
Sheridan	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Sherman	\$18,400.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 23,000.00
Wallace	\$20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Our History

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 (BCCII) 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 strengthen communities by building a strong regional community foundation to support its communities. Since 2012, twelve other community foundations have joined BCCII with affiliated relationships with GNWKCF and a number of organizations and individual donors have established funds bringing our total assets to more than \$19 million.

GNWKCF 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 (GKCCF).



 Affiliate Foundation

- ACE Foundation (Rawlins County)
- 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 Foundation

- Logan County Community Foundation
- Norton County Community Foundation
- Wallace County Foundation

 Partner Foundation

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

Fund Management and Services

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 and for public charitable purposes to benefit area residents. We offer three types of structured services for these 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 only a few of the organization's funds. Assets remain tied to their own 501(c)(3) and are filed on their own 990. They receive individual fund support services from GNWKCF.

ACE Foundation

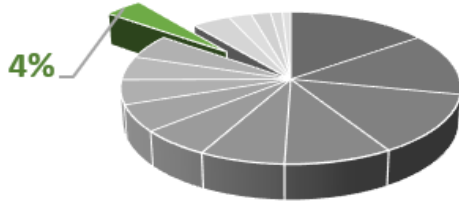
Fund Assets: \$239,115.32



**Affiliate
Foundations**

ACE Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$93,184.16



ACE Foundation became an affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation in August 2018. The Foundation gives residents of Rawlins County and the surrounding area an opportunity to invest in their communities through wills, trusts, life insurance and gifts. It is governed by a group of dedicated volunteer board members.

The Rawlins County Future Fund, formerly the ACE—2nd Century Fund established in 2017, is an endowment fund with the purpose of unrestricted grant making for the benefit of Rawlins County. This fund was established through utilizing a matching campaign initiative offered through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Incoming donations to this fund during a designated match month are matched \$1 to \$1 by the Hansen Foundation through 2021.

ACE Foundation awarded 12 organizations \$91,844.16 in grants from the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Rawlins County. Funds

were used for a variety of projects such as a plasma cutting table for USD 105 to power cots for local EMS.

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North Shore Fitness Path: A Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant

ACE Foundation awarded \$12,851 to Atwood Township in May 2018 for the North Shore Fitness Path project. The initiative began from Strategic Doing meetings where citizens of Rawlins County saw a need for more physical activity opportunities. After researching and touring other communities, the Strategic Doing Committee proposed placing nine pieces of outdoor exercise equipment along the walking path at Lake Atwood. With the grant funding secured, volunteers assembled the equipment, formed and poured concrete pads, and set up the equipment. The project was completed in September and is used by young and old alike. Photos below show volunteer efforts in installing the equipment.





**Affiliate
Foundations**

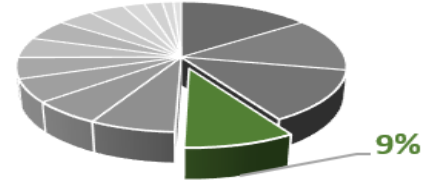
Bird City Century II Development Foundation

Fund Assets: \$12,121,287.18

Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII) was founded in December 1985 with the remaining funds from the Bird City centennial celebration. The Foundation was organized for the betterment and benefit of the Bird City community. In 2009, BCCII became the founding affiliate of GNWKCF.



**Bird City Century II
Development Foundation**
2018 Grants Distributed - \$205,920.47



The Foundation maintains their operating fund, a Business Incubator (loan) Fund, Scholarship Fund, Community Initiative Grant Fund, Real Estate Fund, Cheylin E-Community Fund, Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund, Bird City 150th Celebration Fund, Thresher Association Endowment Fund, and a family donor-advised fund.

BCCII held its annual Match Day on November 27, in conjunction with National Giving Day, which was deemed a huge success. Donations and the Foundation's matching funds from the Bird City Community Initiative Income Fund totaled \$99,666, an increase of more than \$38,000 over 2017 giving. Awards were distributed to 28 community organizations or projects during a home basketball game (photo below). Over the past six years, BCCII has given \$286,177 in contributions back to the Bird City and Cheylin community through Match Day.

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BCCII is proud to provide funding to so many worthy causes. It has funded community improvement projects such as the Bird City Library new lawn and landscaping and new banners for the walking path at Van Doren Park. The Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association obtained grants as well to further the education of the public in rural farming and local history. Highlights of the Thresher Association grants received in 2018 were the moving of two historic buildings to the Thresher Grounds for display. The first is a prominent barn, Leach / Hendrick's Barn, built in 1916 by Noah Leach to provide shelter to his draft horses. The other building, the Section House (pictured to the left) donated by Bethel Golt in honor of the late Don Bruder, is a piece of Bird City's railway history that has stood for more than 100 years.



Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

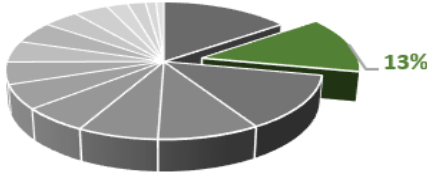
Fund Assets: \$1,234,847.28



**Affiliate
Foundations**

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$295,565.56



Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF) became an affiliate of GNWCF in December 2017. The Foundation's assets, comprised of 12 funds, grew to more than one million dollars in 2018 with more than two-thirds of those funds being endowed. CCKCF gave a record amount of grant awards totaling nearly \$300,000. The largest grant, \$100,000, was to Kansas Senior Living to support the operating startup of Cheyenne County Village taking over the skilled nursing home and managing the new assisted living facility in Cheyenne County.



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Thanks to donations from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for operating support, the Foundation also contracted its first part-time paid support member, Janet Jensen. Operating fund donations also made it possible to hire professional marketing services from a local vendor.

CCKCF successfully completed a third round of matching initiatives to grow the Cheyenne County Impact Fund, an endowment fund to benefit Cheyenne County communities. Individuals and businesses donated \$71,662.56 which was generously matched \$50,000 by the Hansen Foundation and \$20,000 on behalf of donations made by Stanion Wholesale Electric Company / Bill and Cindy Keller. To date, the fund has grown to more than \$300,000 with future matching initiatives planned through at least 2021.

CCKCF awarded 17 grants from the Hansen Community Grant Fund for Cheyenne County totaling \$103,791.64. One community project that rose to the top of the priority list in Strategic Doing (see meeting photo below) was making necessary improvements to the home-owned carnival. Due to regulatory changes, without significant volunteerism and financial investments, the carnival would have been closed. The community met the challenge head on with an army of volunteers (pictured below) and several large grants. After the carnival dust settled, the Cheyenne County Amusement Authority Fund was established and CCKCF offered a \$1 for \$1 match up to \$20,000 to grow the new fund to support future improvements.



Gove County Community Foundation

Fund Assets: \$244,877.25



Affiliate Foundations



Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF) affiliated with GNWKCF in November 2012 with the goal to increase economic and community development opportunities in Gove County. The Foundation currently maintains 10 active funds including two endowment funds and one donor-advised fund.

The popular Grow Gove County Dueling Pianos event was held for a second year as part of the \$1 for \$1 match month challenge grant from the Dane

G. Hansen Foundation. Donors generously contributed \$56,000 to the fund in 2018. As a result, the Grow Gove County Fund, an endowment fund in which the principal is invested and up to 5% of the 3-year average balance may be used for charitable grants to support Gove County, has grown well beyond \$270,000.

GCCF awarded 17 Hansen Community Grant Fund awards totaling \$112,757.37. Projects ranged from upgraded technology and curriculum at local public schools to updated technology at Gove County Medical Center. Grants were awarded to the Cities of Quinter and Grainfields' fire departments for a vehicle and protective gear respectively, Jay Johnson Public Library for updates, Castle Rock Health and Fitness, Inc. for new equipment, and the City of Gove for welcome signs and playground equipment. USD 293 received \$2,000 to make upgrades to the school's greenhouse which is used by students to produce vegetables for the school's salad bar as well as grow plants for sale to help the greenhouse to become self-sustaining (pictured to the left).



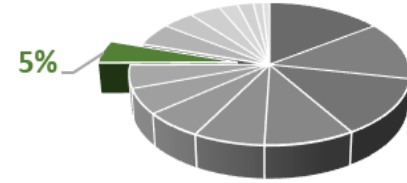
As a result of the Strategic Doing process, one of the largest grants awarded, \$25,000, helped the county purchase a building in Quinter identified for the Technical Education and Career Center to help facilitate economic development. The ultimate goal is to establish a facility for rural Northwest Kansas high school and non-traditional students to obtain certifications and training to become integrated directly into the local workforce.

Gove County Fair Board's 4-H Beef Barn update project was granted \$7,000. Gove County has experienced continued growth in its 4-H program over the past five years and had outgrown the existing facilities. The Fair Board secured funds to add another livestock facility to accommodate the 4-H youth and their livestock projects, but required funding to complete the electrical portion of the project prior to the 2018 Fair. The grant project helped provide a safer environment for 4-H youth to house animals during fair (pictured below).



Gove County Community Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$112,757.37



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GROW Decatur County Foundation

Fund Assets: \$930,828.84

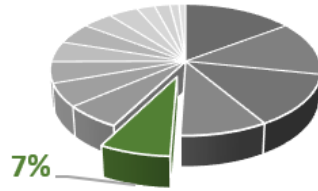


Affiliate
Foundations



GROW Decatur County Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$162,399.95



GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCF) joined GNWKCF as an affiliate in November 2016. The logo, "GROW," stands for Growing Rural Opportunities Within, a motto they feel very strongly about and have a passion to pursue for the betterment of Decatur County. The Foundation has 9 active funds including a scholarship fund.

The Foundation awarded \$145,957.42 in grants to 19 organizations from the Hansen Community Grant Fund for Decatur County. Some projects included were: Oberlin Christmas decorations, wreaths for the local cemeteries by Heritage Associates of Jennings / American Legion Auxiliary 351, plastic bottle recycling project at USD 294, beverage coolers for the community movie theater/bowling alley, and remodeling of the 4-H building for a climate controlled area for fair goers to relax during the county fair.

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In 2018, GDCF was not only able to award grants from the Hansen Community Grant Fund, but also the growing county-wide endowment fund: GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund. The goal is to spend the earnings at the rate of 5% of the 3-year average fund balance. As a result of the annual \$1 for \$1 matching campaign challenge initiated by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation which included more than \$114,000 raised in 2018, this endowment fund has grown beyond \$400,000. In 2018, the Foundation was able to gift back \$6,750 to charitable causes in the community.

Several special initiatives helped promote growing the local endowment fund during the 2018 Match Month campaign.

- **SHOP LOCAL - SHOP RAYE'S GROCERY:** The GROW Decatur County Foundation always encourages grant recipients to Shop Local. Kirk Brown with Raye's Grocery agreed to donate 5% of the total sales from December 12 to GROW Match Month. The GROW Board presented Kirk and Mory a thank you basket of home made items donated by members (pictured below).
- **GROW Ornaments Displayed at Ward Drug Store:** December Match Month 2018 also gave donors the option to purchase a beautiful hand scripted wooden ornament to honor their family, a loved one or business/organization. Three sizes of ornaments were available for different donation amounts. The 53 ornaments purchased raised \$3,840 for Match Month and were displayed on the GROW Decatur County Foundation tree at a downtown business (pictured to the right).





**Affiliate
Foundations**



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Sheridan County Community Foundation

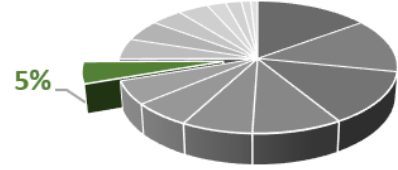
Fund Assets: \$786,592.82

The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SDCCF) joined GNWKCF in November 2012. The mission of the Foundation is to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future.

The Cultivate Sheridan County Fund balance exceeded \$350,000 as a result of generous donations from the community during the 2018 \$1 for \$1 matching funds initiative by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

SDCCF awarded \$76,069 to 15 organizations from the Hansen Community Grant Fund for Sheridan County for projects such as the Sheridan County Wellness Center, EMS education, ball park lights for the City of Seldon, and USD 412's tower gardens project.

Sheridan County Community Foundation
2018 Grants Distributed - \$116,309.00



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USD 412 Elementary School Playground

SDCCF was a proud funding partner to make a new elementary school playground a reality in Hoxie. Through a variety of fundraising activities enough funds were raised to bring the \$425,000 project to fruition, including: school-wide sales of trash bags; coin jars at area businesses; donations from countless community members, businesses and organizations; contributions from Hoxie alumni; \$30,000 from the Hoxie Masonic Lodge; \$50,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation; \$10,000 in grant support from the Sheridan County Community Foundation; and countless other donations.

The existing playground was completely removed, including the hard asphalt covering that has caused many a scratched and scraped knee or elbow, as well as the pebble covering below the equipment which filled many a child's shoes and socks. In their place were poured a new concrete covering roughly 2/3 of the area allowing for a smooth and clean

surface which features a full-sized basketball court, picnic tables and benches. Below the new pieces of equipment is a recycled rubber surface providing a comfortable bounce.

A volunteer crew composed primarily of young parents assembled the equipment over a three-day period, bringing the playground to usability by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony commemorated the official opening of the playground on August 10, 2018 (pictured to the left). It has been used constantly ever since (see photo above).
Photos courtesy of USD 412.



Sherman County Community Foundation

Fund Assets: \$561,715.89

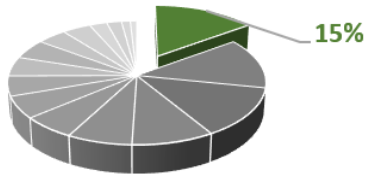


**Affiliate
Foundations**



Sherman County Community Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$331,188.48



The Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) became an affiliate of GNWCF in December 2012. The Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the community for present and future generations.

The Foundation held a match month campaign in November in which donations were matched \$1 to \$1 by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The community donated a total of \$46,138.87, and the Hansen Foundation matched those donations which increased the fund's assets to more than \$300,000. The Hansen Foundation also granted an additional \$18,400 towards the Foundation's operating endowment fund and \$4,600 to the general operating fund as a result of the match donations.

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In 2018, SHCCF granted \$88,800.32 to 24 organizations through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Sherman County. Grants awarded included funding for projects such as: installation of an updated kitchen stove hood and fire protection for the Kanorado Senior Center, assistance with a high school career fair for USD 352, funds for meals to serve 400+ motorcycle riders on their way to Washington D.C. to participate in Memorial Day activities, help with the annual community Art Walk event, installation costs for batting cages and accessories for Goodland Activities Center, assistance to acquire a new police canine to preserve the Goodland police K-9 program, decorations for Santa's Schoolhouse at the museum's historic schoolhouse, funds to establish "Little Free Libraries" in six Goodland parks, and so many more projects.

Match Day Success Results in Smiles and More than \$100,000 in Awards

Once again, SHCCF held an annual Match Day fundraising event in conjunction with National Giving Day on Nov. 27. The Foundation pledged to match up to \$20,000 (prorated if that goal was met) from the Sherman County Community

Initiative Fund for donations made to any of the 29 organizations included in the match initiative. More than \$80,000 was generously donated on that single day and as a result, \$104,341.68 in grants were distributed to the Match Day organizations. The grants were awarded at a local basketball game.





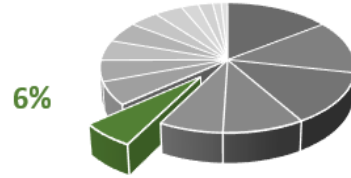
Logan County Community Foundation

Fund Assets: \$308,662.71

The Logan County Community Foundation (LCCF) joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in June 2017. Funds managed by GNWKCF include: Logan County Endowment Fund, Logan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund, and all Hansen-related initiatives funds.

Logan County Community Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$134,595.36



The Foundation participated in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation's 2017 match month challenge in March 2018 in which \$56,239.00 was raised locally. The Logan County Endowment Fund, for the charitable benefit of Logan County and all communities within, grew to more than \$200,000 as a result of this effort.

In 2018, LCCF awarded a total of \$114,595.36 to 25 organizations from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Logan County. There were so many great projects funded to benefit the community, below is a highlight of just a few of the grant awards.

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Logan County Health Services received a grant for \$7,489.05 to purchase much needed equipment for the Manor Nursing Home including three vital signs machines with stands and baskets, and an automated electronic defibrillator.

The Helping Hands of Oakley was awarded \$10,000 to help minimize the financial burden and stress of parents and teachers in Logan County. The grant dollars were used to purchase school supplies needed for students in Logan County which included Oakley Public School, St. Joseph Catholic School and Triplains School in Winona. After purchasing and sorting all the school supplies, volunteers took the supplies to each classroom.

The Wild West Historical Foundation was awarded a \$961 grant to create the "Tracks & Scat of Kansas Plains Animal" display (pictured below). The project was completed with funds from this grant and Mitten's Travel Plaza of Oakley.

USD 274 Oakley Public Schools received a \$10,000 grant from LCCF to help replace the bleachers in the gymnasium (originally from the 1950's). The funds were added to donations from individuals and organizations, the Oakley Recreation Commission, and the school district to update the gym with more comfortable and safer seating, including four new areas for handicapped accessibility.



Norton County Community Foundation

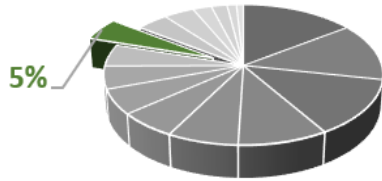
Fund Assets: \$1,068,003.94



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Norton County Community Foundation

2018 Grants Distributed - \$114,902.36



The Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) joined GNWKCF as an Affiliate in December 2013 and changed status to an Agency Foundation in 2018. There are a total of 14 funds managed by GNWKCF.

NCCF participated in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match Month initiative in conjunction with their **myfoundation** campaign. During November 2018, local donations were matched \$1 for \$1 through two challenge grants offered to the Foundation:

- \$50,005 in local donations made to the Norton County Endowment Fund were matched with the full \$50,000 by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation increasing the endowment fund beyond \$400,000.
- \$54,275 was donated to other NCCF funds and matched up to \$20,000 by an anonymous donor.

So many great grant applications were received in 2018. The NCCF grant committee awarded \$94,192.80 for 20 grants from the Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Norton County, several which are highlighted below.

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In these unfortunate times of increasing violence in schools, \$6,000 was granted to the Sunshine Learning Center to increase physical security for the children cared for by the Norton Area Child Care Association. In addition to safety for children, NCCF awarded \$2,000 to Norton Regional Health Foundation for the 2018 Kid's Café Summer Meal Program organized by a committee of volunteers. Children under age 18 are eligible to take part in the program supported by the

Kansas Food Bank to provide meals at no cost to children during the summer to provide adequate nutrition for every child who needs it.

Through the City of Lenora, Lenora PRIDE was granted \$5,000 to help purchase equipment for the Lenora (Nex-Tech) Gym to improve the health and quality of life of community residents. The City of Lenora, Lenora PRIDE and Nex-Tech work together to maintain the facility and provide updates to equipment for public use.





Wallace County Foundation

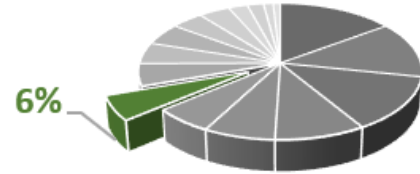
Fund Assets: \$439,549.94

The Wallace County Foundation (WCF) joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in September 2018. Funds managed by GNWKCF include: Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund, Wallace County Operating Fund, Wallace County Operating Endowment Fund, Wallace County Unrestricted Fund, Wallace County Foundation Grant Project Fund, Wallace County Foundation Amusement Association Fund, and all Hansen-related initiatives funds.

The Foundation participated in the match month challenge in December 2018. \$53,533.36 was raised locally and matched with \$50,000 by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund, for the charitable benefit of Wallace County and all communities within, grew to more than \$270,000 as a result of this effort.

WCF awarded \$108,293.51 in grants to 19 organizations from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Wallace County. Many great projects were funded, but one in particular stood out to the WCF board: the opening of the Wallace County Recreation Center (WCRC) in December 2018.

Wallace County Foundation 2018 Grants Distributed - \$128,136.19



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A New Source of Health and Exercise for Wallace County

WCRC opened its doors in Sharon Springs on December 1, 2018. It is part of the Wallace County Recreation Department and is funded by city and county contributions. In addition to the city and county support, fundraising events and grant funding from WCF made it possible to renovate the location and provide it with high-quality, commercial grade equipment.

Past donations, funds raised from the Mt. Sunflower 5K Run held annually during the Wallace County Fair, grant funding of \$5,000 secured from a Wallace County Hansen Community Grant, \$30,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation directly, and extensive volunteerism allowed major renovations to the fitness center space, including removing walls, installing new flooring throughout, and purchasing fitness equipment and educational materials to fill the renovated space.

WCRC consists of three rooms. The cardio equipment room contains two treadmills, two ellipticals, a step machine, a rowing machine, and a recumbent bike. The weight lifting room is fully loaded with kettlebells, dumbbells (2 lb. up to 75 lb.), cross-fit type equipment and weight machines. The classroom contains six spin bikes, exercise bands and balls, jump ropes, bosu balls and more. The classroom also contains a television and technology to broadcast on demand fitness classes, including spin classes.

The community has been excited, thankful, and supportive of the new fitness facility. This was a much needed resource for the county, as the only other location to exercise indoors was the school weight room. Membership numbers have far exceeded the Wallace County Recreation Board's expectation WCRC is consistently seeing 40-50 members daily. Future grant awards are anticipated to continue to support this center.



Agency Partner Foundations



Graham County Community Foundation

The Foundation 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 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. Year-end fund assets were \$110,005.49.

Since partnering with GNWKCF, the Foundation awarded \$54,449.70 in grants from the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Graham County to seven organizations. Projects funded ranged from safety and security equipment for charitable organizations to updates to a community center damaged by floods.

In addition, Graham County Community Foundation accepted the Dane G. Hansen \$1 for \$1 match initiative to grow the Graham County Endowment Fund and will hold their match month in Spring 2019. The endowment fund has more than \$44,000 from previous fundraising.

Phillips County Community Foundation

The Foundation 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 and Phillips County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund. This partnership enables PCCF to participate in initiatives offered to area community foundations by the Hansen Foundation through oversight and due diligence provided by GNWKCF. Year-end fund assets were \$542,528.39.

Since partnering with GNWKCF, the Foundation awarded \$45,963 in grants from the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Phillips County to eight organizations. PCCF raised \$51,126 in October for the Hansen \$1 for \$1 match initiative to grow the unrestricted endowment fund, bringing the total raised since inception to more than \$450,000.

Thomas County Community Foundation

The Foundation became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of the Thomas County Hansen Endowment Fund and Thomas County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund. This partnership enables TCCF to participate in initiatives offered to area community foundations by the Hansen Foundation through oversight and due diligence provided by GNWKCF. The Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Thomas County has been managed by GNWKCF as an individual fund since inception in 2015. Year-end fund assets were \$188,672.13.

In 2018, TCCF awarded \$67,927 in grants from the Hansen Community Grant Fund for Thomas County to nine organizations. The Foundation funded projects that focused on literacy for area children, a community bandshell construction for local events, water testing for safe drinking water in rural areas, the annual Kansas Ringneck Classic to promote economic development, arts and cultural events, healthy foods initiatives, and improvements to school security.

In addition, TCCF accepted the Dane G. Hansen \$1 for \$1 match initiative to grow the Thomas County Hansen Endowment Fund and will hold their match month in Spring 2019. In February 2018, TCCF completed the 2017 match initiative raising \$30,489. The endowment fund has more than \$175,000 from previous fundraising.

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To revitalize our communities and enhance the well-being of present and future generations.

Our Vision Statement:

Bringing rural communities together for growth and success.



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