



Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

Affiliates and Organizational Funds:

Bird City Century II Development Foundation

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

GROW Decatur County Foundation

Gove County Community Foundation

Logan 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

2017
Annual Report



GNWKCF

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Our Vision Statement:

Bringing rural communities
together for growth and success.



Our Mission Statement:

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

Leadership Report



This was quite a year for our regional foundation; I am excited to present the 2017 Annual Report that gives a nice snapshot that sums up the activity and growth. For GNWKCF's overall growth this year, we saw almost a \$3 million increase in assets, increased our fund growth from 68 funds in 2016 to 105 funds in December 2017 and welcomed two new affiliates: Logan County Community Foundation and Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation.

Rather than my letter focusing on the numbers, I want to focus on what goes on behind the scenes. We are fortunate to have great working relationships with several local community foundations and agency partners who are the backbone of our regional foundation and make us who we are. In this report, we are only able to capture a sliver of the work that comes from each of these foundations, mostly driven by volunteer boards and/or minimal staff. The number of hats these board members and staff wear, the number of volunteer hours or staff given hours (including overtime), the projects they support financially or give their own time to – these things cannot be accurately displayed in a report. Our local foundations are made up of individuals who have a love for their community/county; and are driven to go above and beyond to make sustainable, welcoming communities. We are all very fond of Northwest Kansas, so I find it very rewarding to work with so many people who have this same type of passion!

To highlight our staff - we made some staffing changes and additions that have proved to be very beneficial for us and our affiliates. In June, I, personally, transitioned my focus full-time to the development and oversight of GNWKCF, where for the past 3 years I had shared responsibilities as Foundation Director of our affiliate, Bird City Century II (BCCII), as well. With this transition, BCCII hired their own Foundation Director, Teryn Carmichael, a 2011 Cheylin Graduate, to take on this role and help focus on the local community needs. This has allowed me to expand my availability to our affiliated foundations and donors.

With our staffing transitions, our previous (shared) Administrative Assistant, Coleen Jensen, remained within the BCCII office to continue building their mission “for the betterment of the Bird City community.” In the midst of these internal adjustments, we were very fortunate to add a new position within GNWKCF. Carol Sloper was hired on in May as our full-time Grants Coordinator, bringing great knowledge and experience from the non-profit sector. With this new position, the board decided to utilize her grant writer skills and allot a portion of her time for grant writing services to help bring financial benefit to the communities/counties within northwest Kansas. I truly appreciate each one of these women and the positive attributes they bring to our foundations!

And lastly (and most importantly) – I can't thank our donors enough for the financial support and backing that builds our assets that in turn goes back into improving northwest Kansas!! Our foundation provides the fiscal vehicle for the projects and scholarships we manage, but that's only made possible because of the donors who choose to invest back in their communities, their schools, their students' futures, etc. Whatever the need or focus, the foundation can be a tool to help make the impossible, possible!

~ Darci

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 (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 build strong communities by building a strong regional community foundation to support its communities. In 2012, Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF), Sheridan County Community Foundation (SDCCF) and Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) joined as affiliates, followed by Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) in 2013. GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCCF) affiliated in 2016. Two community foundations joined in 2017: Logan County Community Foundation (LCCF) and Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF).

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). The board of directors took these steps to ensure the future of the Foundation as a community foundation.

Administrative and Operational Funds

- BCCII Operating Fund (*BCCII*)
- Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Administrative and Operations Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- NCCF Operating Fund (*NCCF*)

Designated Funds

- Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (*BCCII*)
- 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*)
- Gail and Cindy Boller Fund (*NCCF*)
- Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund (*BCCII*)
- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund (*BCCII*)
- Youth on the Move Fund (*SDCCF*)

Field of Interest and Unrestricted Funds

- ACE - 2nd Century Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- 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 CLEAN-UP Grant Funds (*10 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Funds (*10 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match Initiative Admin Fund (*10 Counties*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Strategic Doing Fund (*10 Counties*)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (*GDCCF*)
- Grow Gove County Fund (*GCCF*)
- Hansen Community Grant County Operating Fund (*10 Counties*)
- Fund for Grainfield (*GCCF*)
- Greeley - Wallace County Healthcare Foundation Endowment Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (*GCCF*)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (*GDCCF*)
- Grow Gove County Fund (*GCCF*)
- Logan County Endowment Fund (*LCCF*)
- Norton County Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative II Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- NWKS New Venture Fund—Shell (*GNWKCF*)
- Senior Living for Cheyenne County Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund (*SHCCF*)
- St. Francis New Generation Fund (*CCKCF*)

Organization Funds

- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund (*DSNWK*)
- Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund (*KWF*)
- Norton County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
- Norton County Health Department Fund (*NCCF*)
- Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Thresher Association Endowment Fund (*BCCII*)

Scholarship Funds

- Bird City Century II Scholarship Income Fund (*BCCII*)
 - Business Development Scholarship
 - Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship
- Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Della Connell Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
- 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*)
- Willis and Imogene Toothaker Scholarship Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Wingfield Scholarship Fund (*GNWKCF*)

GNWKCF Services

GNWKCF offers two types of affiliate relationships for community foundations. We also have working relationships with several Partner Organizations to help manage funds benefiting northwest Kansas.

- An **Affiliate 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. Affiliate Community Foundation funds operate under GNWKCF's tax exempt umbrella, allowing donors to take the maximum allowable tax deduction available.
- A **Partner Community 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.

GNWKCF Finance Statement

Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2017*

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,282,479.85
Investments	\$10,999,281.69
Other Assets	\$4,263,778.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,545,539.93

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$102,419.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$102,419.99
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$17,443,119.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	\$17,545,539.93

*Preliminary (unaudited) financials

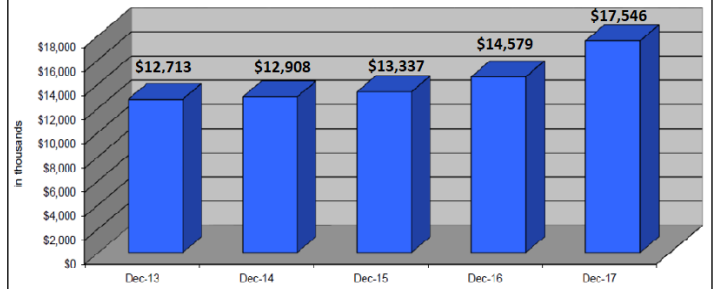
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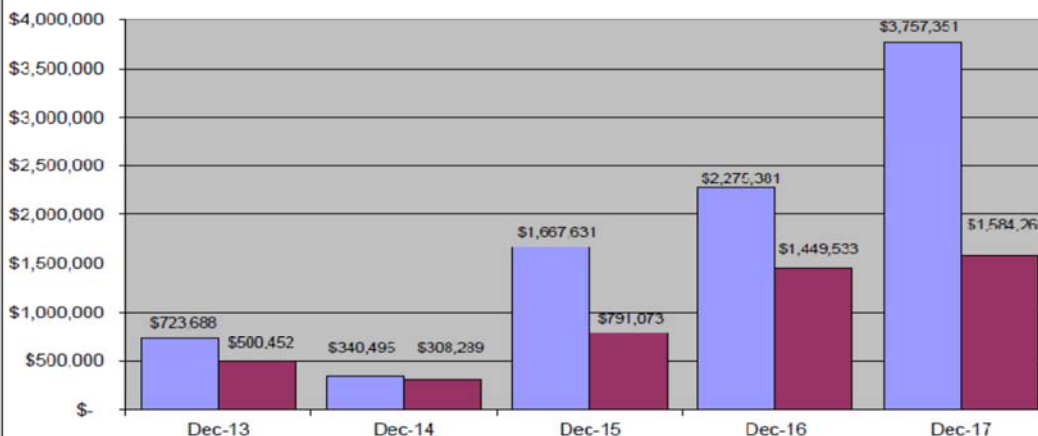
Darci Schields, Foundation Director
Carol Sloper, Grants Coordinator (partial year)
Coleen Jensen, Administrative Assistant (partial year)

Asset Value - Past 5 Years



5 Year Comparison

■ Gifts ■ Grants



GNWKCF

2017 Growth

Wow! Being involved in GNWKCF and looking back at 2017, it has certainly been a very exciting time, especially meeting like-minded people interested in growing and funding their local foundations.

Welcome to our new affiliates, Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation and Logan County Community Foundation. These new affiliates have enabled GNWKCF to diversify the Board of Directors to include members from several counties. As we move forward, I see more representation from across the Northwest Kansas region.

Our growth has made possible the opportunity to offer more services to our members. In 2017, our Foundation Director, Darci Schields moved to full-time dedicated director of the Foundation and is no longer shared with Bird City Century II Development Foundation. She has been instrumental in helping our new affiliates establish funds under GNWKCF and is looking for other ways to grow our Foundation. We also welcomed Carol Sloper to the GNWKCF as an experienced grant professional to offer grant writing as a service to our affiliates' community organizations.

Looking forward, there will be challenges, especially with the stagnant farm economy, but also opportunities will be there to pursue. Wishing everyone a prosperous and generous 2018!

*Money's merits are measured by its use,
not amount.* —*Malcom Forbes*

John Deeds
President, GNWKCF Board

- ★ Affiliate Community Foundation
- ✚ Hansen Community Funds Only



GNWKCF Affiliates

1. Bird City Century II Development Foundation, *Founding Affiliate in 2009*
2. Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2017*
3. GROW Decatur County Foundation, *Affiliated in 2016*
4. Gove County Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2012*
5. Logan County Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2017*
6. Norton County Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2013*
7. Sheridan County Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2012*
8. Sherman County Community Foundation, *Affiliated in 2012*

Hansen Community Funds Managed by GNWKCF

1. Rawlins County
2. Thomas County
3. Wallace County

Bird City Century II Development Foundation



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	Rod Young

Staff Members

Darci Schields, *Director* (January - May)
 Teryn Carmichael, *Director* (June - December)
 Coleen Jensen, *Administrative Assistant*

Program Highlight

Cheylin Preschool Program

BCCII has funded and supported the Cheylin Preschool program since 2007. Having a preschool program that operates within the school is essential to economic development, McDonald and Bird City communities, and the school itself. Preschool children must be 4 years in

age and developmentally ready for group experiences. The program is designed to adopt individuality, independence, creative thinking and expression through arts, problem solving and decision making skills.



With this opportunity kids have time to adjust to being in a school setting that has them surrounded by other students and school schedules. Having this experience will, in return, prepare the preschool students for the next step, kindergarten.

“I think it’s a great program that highlights our amazing school district and community. I know our kids enjoy it, parents appreciate it and the BCCII foundation sees it as an essential program to our school system. It’s great to keep the future generation engaged and learning right here in Bird City,” said Teryn Carmichael, director of Bird City Century II.

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Inc. (BCCII) was founded on December 17, 1985 with remaining funds from the Bird City centennial celebration earlier that year. The Foundation was organized for the betterment and benefit of the Bird City community, and continues to function as such. In 2009, BCCII became an affiliate of GNWKCF. The board of directors took these steps to ensure the future of the Foundation as a community foundation.

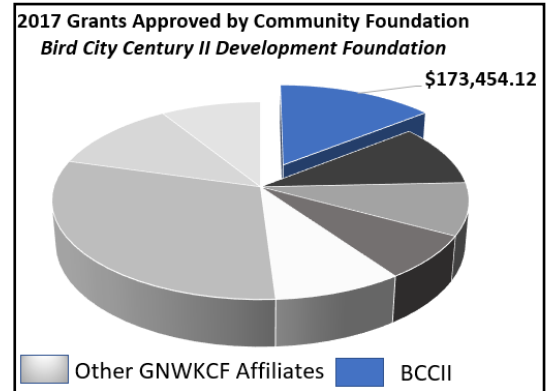
After 9 years working for the Foundation, in 2017 Darci Schields, turned over the Foundation Director role to Teryn Carmichael, a 2011 Cheylin graduate.

2017 Match Day

BCCII held its 5th annual Match Day fundraiser on November 28, 2017. This year’s matches of \$61,307.08 nearly doubled the 2016 match of \$36,750.96. There were 106 individual donors that contributed to 27 eligible organizations plus six organizations outside the match list. Grant award checks were presented at the January 12, 2018 home varsity basketball game.



Organizations which received matching funds include: Bird City Community Club (\$3,200) Bird City/McDonald 4th of July (\$4,025), Safe Routes to School Project (\$75), Bird City Historical Association (\$475), Bird City Area on Aging (\$1,150), Tri-State Antique Thresher Show (\$20,766.08), Bird City Ministerial Alliance (\$700), Cougar Cub Daycare (\$1,260), Bird City Library (\$1,535), Bird City EMS (\$400), Bird City Fire Department (\$1,550), Bird City Housing Authority (\$400), Bird City Swimming Pool (\$1,190), Bird City VanDoren Park (\$260), Bird City Recycle Center (\$330), Cheylin Recreation (\$500), Bird City Girl Scouts (\$400), Go-Getters 4-H Club (\$450), Community Youth Group (\$10,615), St. Joseph Catholic Youth (\$2,200), St. John Catholic Youth - McDonald (\$2,200), AWANA (\$3,380), United Methodist Youth Council (\$500), Thresher Association Endowment (\$2,686), Cheylin Wellness Center (\$1,940), Cheylin Pre-school (\$50), and Just Among Moms - JAMS (\$350).



Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2017. Formerly the St. Francis Community Foundation formed in 2007, the board voted to make a name change in 2017 prior to affiliation with GNWKCF to better reflect the mission of the foundation to support all of Cheyenne County rather than just the city of St. Francis. The Foundation serves as a ‘savings account’ for the good of Cheyenne County; “building the foundation of tomorrow” through financial gifts today;” and provides an avenue for donors to give to county-wide or community specific needs.

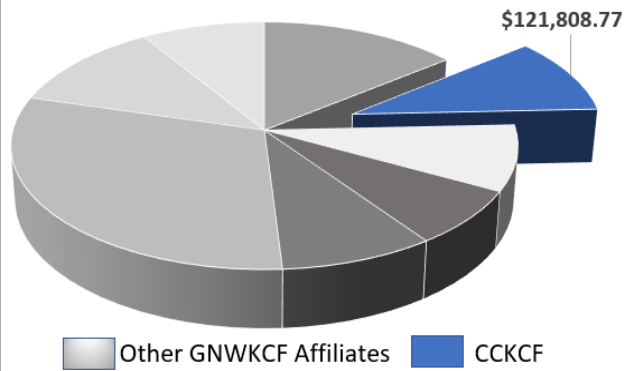


**CHEYENNE COUNTY KANSAS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**
Building the Foundation of Tomorrow

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Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation



Foundation Funds

- **Cheyenne County Impact Fund:** Established in 2016 through a matching initiative provided by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, incoming donations were eligible for a \$1 to \$1 match up to \$50,000 during the month of December 2016. In 2017, incoming donations were once again matched \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000 by the Hansen Foundation, and an additional match of \$1 to \$1 up to \$45,000 by Stanion Wholesale Electric Company / the Bill and Cindy Keller Family. A total of \$161,078.09, including both matches, was raised in 2017.
- **Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund:** This Fund supports any charitable cause to benefit residents in Cheyenne County, Kansas and/or the communities within.
- **Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Cheyenne County:** Cheyenne County is one of 26 counties in northwest Kansas that has been awarded six rounds of \$50,000 grants as of December of 2017 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.
- **St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund:** This Fund was established for the benefit of the USD 297 school district. The annual net income from the Fund will be distributed to St. Francis USD 297. Such net income may be distributed in May or June each year, that is, toward the end of the school district’s Fiscal Year (which ends on June 30 each year). If any portion of the net income is not distributed in a particular Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30), the undistributed net income for such year shall be added to principal. \$2,500 was paid out for three grants in 2017.
- **Senior Living Fund for Cheyenne County:** The principal and income from this Fund will be utilized for charitable purposes that provide or support senior living and/or long-term care in Cheyenne County, both for the aged and those in need.
- **St. Francis New Generation Endowment Fund:** This fund allows for income to be spent for charitable purposes for the betterment of St. Francis and Cheyenne County. A portion of the earnings may be utilized for necessary expenses to educate and promote the work of the Fund. In 2017, \$13,230 was awarded to Cheyenne County organizations through a competitive grant process in the Spring. The results are in the table to the right.

Organization	Amount	Description
ABC Preschool	\$1,275.00	Playhouse / slides; puzzles; storage shed; toys
Cheyenne Center for Creativity	\$1,050.00	Summer Drama Camp
Cheyenne County Development	\$1,912.00	Travel Brochures (Breaks / Cherry Creek Encampment)
Cheyenne Co Emergency Management	\$ 900.00	Rescue Auguer Chuck for grain entrapment rescue
Cheyenne Co EMS (Ambulance)	\$2,010.00	Vaccine refrigerator with lock, alarm and temp display
Cheyenne Co Historical Society	\$2,930.00	Insulation for front office and front display area
Cheyenne County Hospital	\$1,153.00	Matching funds for a panic button system in hospital
City of St. Francis	\$ 500.00	Two sidewalk entrances for St. Francis safe room shelter
St. Francis City Library	\$ 500.00	Audiobooks for visually and physically impaired readers
St. Francis Senior Center	\$1,000.00	Repair broken windows; office chair and filing cabinet

GROW Decatur County Foundation

GROW Decatur County Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in November 2016 upon establishing their newly formed community foundation. Its 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. GROW Decatur County Foundation gives residents an opportunity to invest in their community through wills, trusts, life insurance and gifts. It benefits the giver, the gift is forever and every dollar is used to benefit Decatur County.

“GROW”ing Decatur County

In November 2016, the GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund was established through a matching campaign initiative offered through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Incoming donations to this endowment fund were matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$50,000. The Decatur County communities, alumni and friends stepped up to the challenge and exceeded their portion of the incoming contributions by more than double.

In 2017, local support came through once again by raising more than \$61,000, increasing the fund passed the \$280,000 mark! As this endowment fund continues to grow, a percentage of the fund balance will be made available annually to benefit Decatur County through grants dollars to help support projects throughout the county and communities within.

Board of Directors

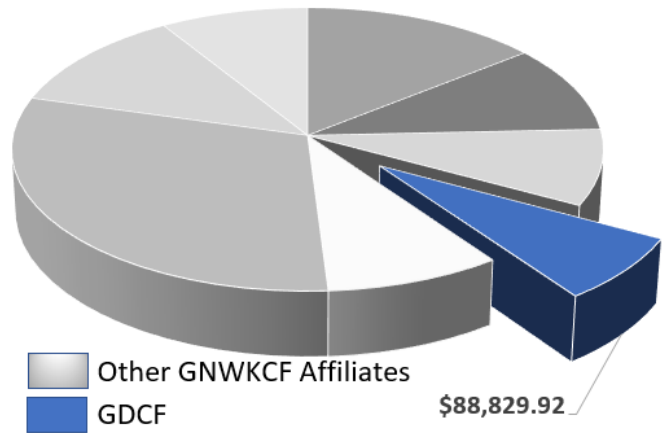
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 GROW Decatur County Foundation



Grant Highlight

In 2017, Mike and Jackie Neff chose the GROW Decatur County Foundation to be the recipient of America's Farmers Monsanto Fund award they received. They felt the GROW Decatur County Foundation would benefit all of the organizations in Decatur County and the \$2,500 endowed funds would continue to help others into the future. Mike and Jackie also wanted people to know you can give to GROW at any time during the year, not just during Match Month.



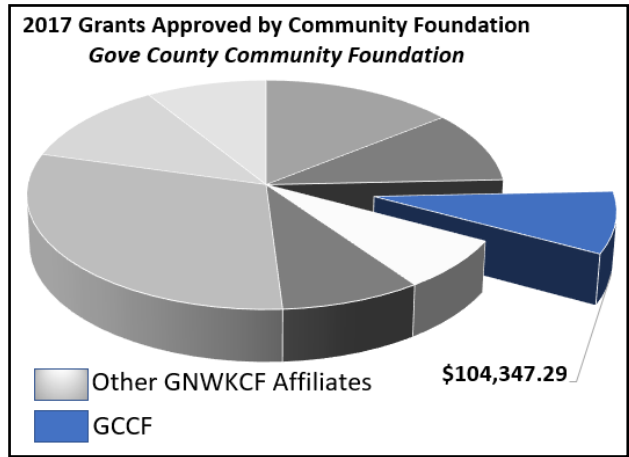
Gove County Community Foundation

Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2012. The goal of GCCF is to increase economic and community development opportunities in Gove County. In addition to the local funds established through Hansen grants, the foundation has three other main funds:

Fund for Grainfield: This fund was created to support community and economic development projects in Grainfield, Kansas. The Grainfield Community Development Committee worked with the City of Grainfield to purchase five lots on Main Street for the new location of the learning center. The funding came through generous private donations to the Grainfield Community Development Fund.

Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund: This fund was created to support community and economic development projects and programs in all of Gove County.

Grow Gove County: In 2016, GCCF participated in a \$1 for \$1 matching initiative provided on behalf of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. This challenged allowed Gove County residents and friends an opportunity to contribute to this newly established endowment fund and have dollars matched by the Hansen's (up to a total of \$50,000). The Grow Gove County Fund is available for continual donations. Building this endowment will allow local grant dollars to be utilized for projects and needs of Gove County and the communities within for years to come. In 2017, the Hansen Foundation once again challenged the foundation with a \$1 for \$1 match initiative and the community response raised \$36,696.14 in locally donated funds resulting in more than \$73,000 in total donations for 2017.



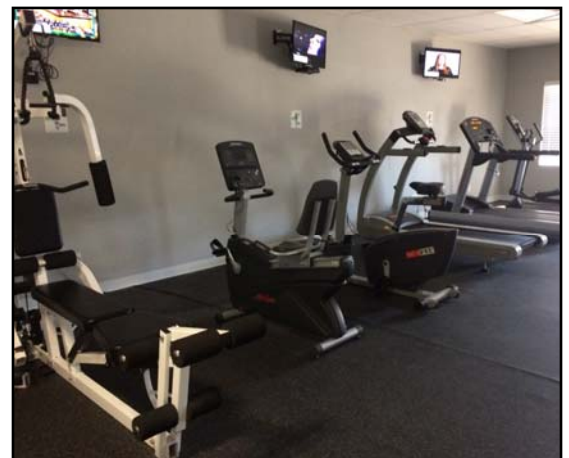
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Grant Highlight

Grainfield Satellite Fitness Center

In December 2016, GCCF approved a Hansen Community Pass-through Grant of \$14,906.74 to be used for the new fitness center and meeting room. In 2017, a group of dedicated volunteers completed the project ensuring residents in the western portions of Gove County have a place to exercise and do physical therapy. In addition to the fitness center, this community building also is equipped as a meeting room which can be used by local groups.



Logan County Community Foundation

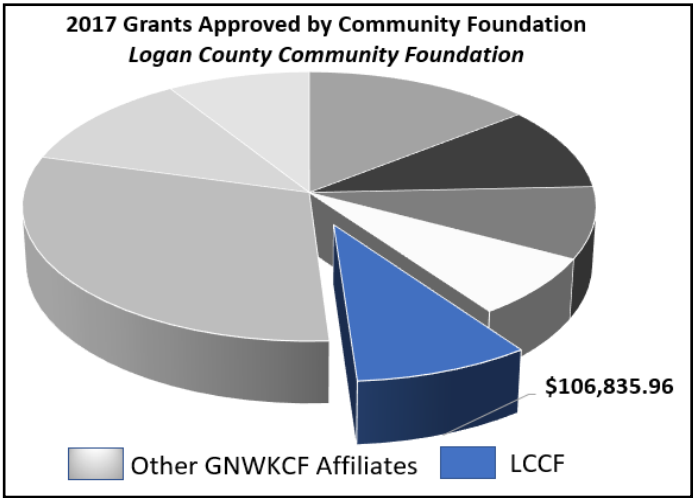
Logan County Community Foundation (LCCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in May 2017. The foundation serves as a ‘savings account’ for the good of Logan County, paving the way for legacies to be made through financial gifts. LCCF provides an avenue for donors to give for projects, county-wide or community needs, and personalized giving to suit the donor’s wishes.

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Logan County Endowment Fund: In 2016, this fund was established through a matching campaign initiative offered through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The first match month held in April 2017 resulted in a total of \$101,648 to jump start this new fund. The Hansen Foundation extended this challenge again in 2017. LCCF made plans to hold its second match day in March 2018.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Logan County: Logan County is one of 26 counties in northwest Kansas that has been awarded six rounds of \$50,000 grants as of December of 2017 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, providing a financial avenue to help fund local projects. In 2017, the review committee had awarded \$95,155 to applications submitted for community projects throughout Logan County.



Grant Highlight

9/11 Never Forget Memorial Exhibit

In January 2017, LCCF approved a \$7,000 grant to bring the traveling “Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget” exhibit from New York City to Oakley. During the four days it was open, more than 2,800 visitors, including students from 16 different school districts, toured the exhibit. Law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services crews from northwest Kansas also made the trek to see the exhibit. The local VFW Color Guard presented the flags for the opening ceremony. Visitors expressed this was a humbling experience.



Norton County Community Foundation

Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2013. The foundation gives residents an opportunity to invest in their community through wills, trusts, life insurance and gifts. It benefits the giver as the gift is forever and every dollar is used to benefit Norton county. NCCF manages a number of funds including grant and scholarship funds.

myfoundation Match Month and Day is an annual campaign started in 2016 which encourages giving for local charitable programs, projects and endowments.

July 20, 2017 was designated Norton County Match Day; 16 charitable organizations received a \$1 to \$1 match by NCCF up to \$10,000 combined total. Supporters came out in droves to donate \$30,000 to local charities in one day!

In November 2017, NCCF held a match month with two matching incentives: \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000 from the Hansen Foundation and \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000 from the NCCF Legacy Society. \$150,180 was added to the Norton County Endowment Fund from this initiative.

2017 Highlight

Second Annual Norton County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

NCCF awarded grant funds from the Dane G. Hansen Community Pass-through Fund to Norton City/County Economic Development to host the second annual economic development competition for students in Norton County. The challenge was for students to develop a business plan executive summary, elevator speech, and trade show booth. This year, 48 students participated creating plans for 34 businesses to win a total of \$3,500 in cash prizes. The business ideas the students came up with were very creative and varied, including pet services, event planners, home decorator, painter, food products, a hatchery, boxing lessons, tutoring service, photography, lawn care, dove camp, truck wash, and fabric arts.



Above, the top three winners in the Junior High category pose after awards were announced. Left, the High School category top winners receive their awards.

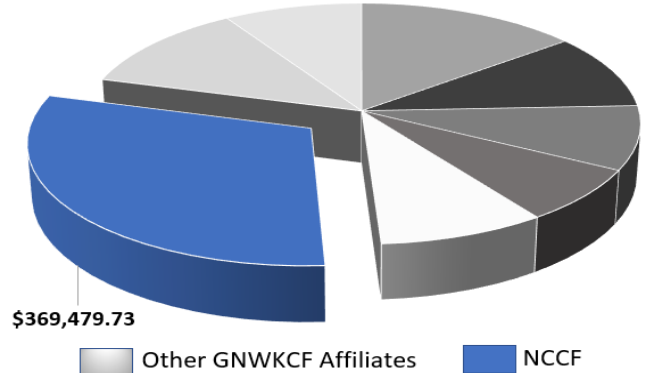
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2017 Grants Approved by Community Foundation
Norton County Community Foundation



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Sheridan County Community Foundation

Sheridan County Community Foundation became an affiliate of GNWKCF in 2012. Both endowed and non-endowed funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying non-profit organizations and for charitable purposes to benefit area residents. Its mission is to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future.

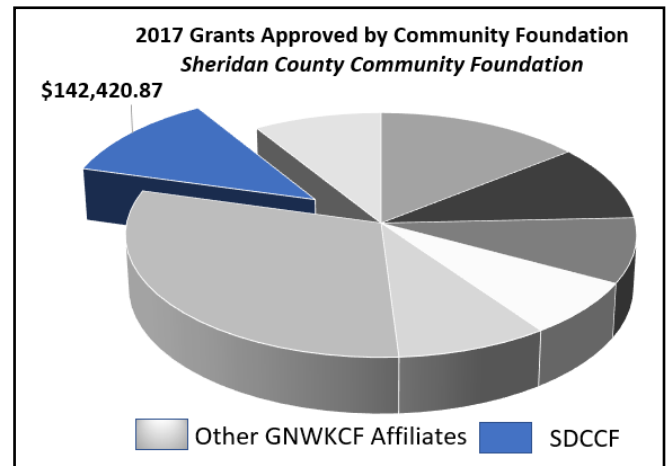
In addition to administering the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Sheridan County, the foundation has a number of funds established all in the support of Sheridan County:

- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund,
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie,
- Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund,
- Sheridan County Health Complex Fund,
- Willis and Imogene Toothaker Scholarship Fund, and
- Youth on the Move.

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Give & Grow Sheridan County Day

On November 14, a total of \$69,232 in donations and raffle proceeds was raised for to support local charities and field of interest endowment funds to benefit Sheridan County. This amount was added to the \$75,190 raised in 2016 and \$48,770 donated in 2015, the first year the match day event was held.

Board member Jodi Rogers stated that the highlight of the event was the response from the crowd when the very last check was announced: Hoxie Grade School Playground. She said there was a loud roar/cheer from the crowd and it was really awesome to hear the support that the community obviously has for this project.



Sherman County Community Foundation

Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) joined GNWKCF as an affiliate in 2012. It is a collection of community funds to increase philanthropic giving in a geographic area. SHCCF is dedicated to strengthening the community for present and future generations.



The foundation has a number of funds established for the betterment of Sherman County including:

- Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund,
- Sherman County Community Initiative Fund,
- Black and Gold Booster Club Fund,
- Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund, and
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Sherman County.

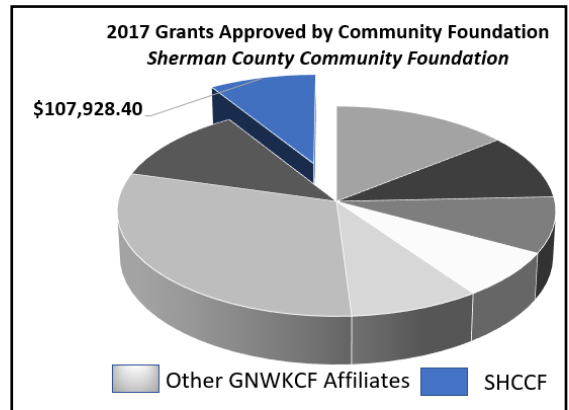
Highlights from the Board

The Board gratefully acknowledged the outstanding support of local businesses and citizens for its second annual “Match Day & Match Month” resulting in total donations of approximately \$139,000 from the two events held during the Month of November.

A total of \$78,977.18 was donated by Sherman County businesses and residents on behalf of Match Day 2017, in support of 31 local non-profit organizations. Due to the volume of Match Day giving, the Sherman County Community Foundation increased its planned pro-rated giving from \$30,000 to \$45,000. Thus, donations to involved non-profits totaled \$123,977.18 this year as compared to \$98,150.24 in 2016.

Match Day checks were distributed to the local non-profits at halftime of the Goodland-Colby boys basketball game on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Max Jones Fieldhouse (group picture below).

Sherman County businesses and individuals also gave just over \$60,000 in gifts during Match Month to the community foundation. Because the response was so generous, the Sherman County Community Foundation qualified for a match of \$50,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.



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Partner Organizations

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation has partnership relationships with several Kansas organizations. 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. The creation of this endowment fund is to accept planned gifts to ensure the future of the Kansas Wildlife Federation and its programs. Income from the Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation is used to further 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. In December, 2017, they announced they will be going through a restructuring process in 2018. With over 60 years of history, reputation, and accomplishments, they feel it is time to plan for the future. The restructuring will be facilitated by the National Wildlife Federation.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation

In 2015, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation initiated a community pass-through grant opportunity for 26 Kansas counties as an avenue to financially help support charitable activities in Northwest Kansas. The Hansen Foundation partnered with Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation to administer ten of these funds and Greater Salina Community Foundation for the remaining 16 funds. This initiative has been a transformative tool for both GNWKCF and all of Northwest Kansas.



Since inception, the Hansen Foundation has continued to add opportunities to support northwest Kansas improvements. They offered the following grant opportunities for 26 Northwest Kansas counties in 2017:

- **Community Pass-Through Grants** of \$50,000 twice a year will continue to be offered to county-wide community foundations until 2021 provided the respective communities are actively participating in the **Strategic Doing** process. March 2017, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation challenged the counties to become more strategic in how the community pass-through grant dollars were allocated by funding a “Strategic Doing” initiative. The process is to encourage people to focus on community engagement, economic development and to break down barriers that keep local projects from moving forward. At the end of 2017, all ten counties with Hansen Community Pass-Through Grant funds being managed by GNWKCF were active in the Strategic Doing process.
- **Matching Endowment Fund Grants** were offered for a second year in 2017. 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.” All ten county community foundations in our area committed to participate in this initiative. Not only did Hansen Foundation match dollars raised, they also offered a \$1,500 operating grant to help offset expenses incurred advertising and holding the match month events in each county.
- **Operating Endowment Fund Grants** were offered as an additional incentive to community foundations participating in the Matching Endowment Fund Grant challenge. Community foundations raising the full \$50,000 in local funds were rewarded with a \$25,000 grant to establish an operating endowment fund for the respective community foundation. Amounts were prorated if the full challenge was not met. This incentive required community foundations to be an affiliate of GNWKCF or Greater Salina Community Foundation by October 1, 2018.
- **Operating Fund Grants** were 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. The affiliation requirement for the operating endowment applied to this grant as well.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation, *continued*

Hansen Community Pass-Through Grants Summary

Each of the ten counties participating in the Hansen Community Pass-Through Grant initiative awarded between \$70,000 and \$130,000 in grants respectively in 2017. Unused grant funds from the previous year were rolled forward and made available to organizations which allowed some counties to award more than the \$100,000 donated by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in 2017. Any unused funds at the end of 2017 will be moved forward to 2018. Overall, \$982,642 in grants was awarded in the ten-county area administered by Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation.

County	Total 2015	Total 2016	Total 2017	3 year total
Cheyenne	\$ 71,606	\$ 67,724	\$ 126,029	\$ 265,360
Decatur	\$ 57,425	\$ 106,853	\$ 80,672	\$ 244,950
Gove	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,935	\$ 85,123	\$ 286,058
Logan	\$ 49,666	\$ 79,018	\$ 95,155	\$ 223,838
Norton	\$ 66,500	\$ 127,232	\$ 85,032	\$ 278,764
Rawlins	\$ 85,860	\$ 86,213	\$ 114,524	\$ 286,596
Sheridan	\$ 63,045	\$ 106,183	\$ 92,568	\$ 261,796
Sherman	\$ 51,010	\$ 125,927	\$ 71,848	\$ 248,785
Thomas	\$ 84,775	\$ 64,268	\$ 129,263	\$ 278,306
Wallace	\$ 57,050	\$ 56,165	\$ 102,430	\$ 215,644
All County Total	\$ 686,936	\$ 920,518	\$ 982,642	\$ 2,590,097

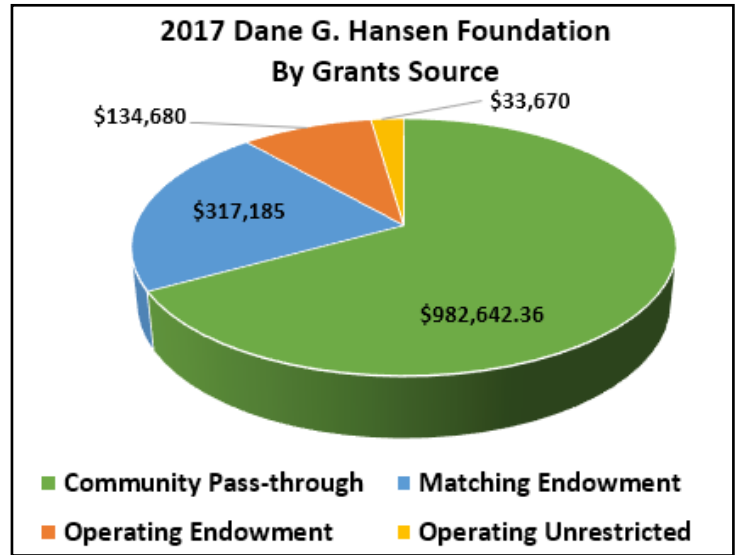
Impacting the Local Level

The **Wallace County Foundation** board approved a \$10,899.50 Hansen community pass-through grant in May 2017 for the Sharon Springs Public Library to improve technology in the relocated library building. The request included purchasing computers and tablets for the library's study areas, and a projector, blu-ray player and sound system for a meeting room.

The new library building opened on August 2, 2017. They have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from community members on the amenities that are now offered as a result of this community grant. Just one month after the grand re-opening, patron library use doubled.



Young people are using the computers after school to study and do research. They are excited to offer the public a "state-of-the-art" conference room.



Matching Endowment Fund Summary

Including the Hansen's match, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars was raised for Northwest Kansas endowment funds based on the Hansen Foundation's 2017 match challenge. Participating community foundations had from May 2017 until April 2018 to complete the match-month challenge. Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan and Thomas counties opted to hold events in 2018.

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen	Total
Cheyenne	Dec-17	\$ 111,078	\$ 50,000	\$ 161,078
Decatur	Dec-17	\$ 61,499	\$ 50,000	\$ 111,499
Gove	Nov-17	\$ 36,696	\$ 36,696	\$ 73,392
Logan*	Mar-18	\$ 56,239	\$ 50,000	\$ 106,239
Norton	Nov-17	\$ 100,180	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,180
Rawlins*	Apr-18	\$ 25,693	\$ 25,693	\$ 51,387
Sheridan*	Mar-18	\$ 67,344	\$ 50,000	\$ 117,344
Sherman	Nov-17	\$ 60,169	\$ 50,000	\$ 110,169
Wallace	Dec-17	\$ 53,588	\$ 50,000	\$ 103,588
All County Total		\$ 572,487	\$ 412,390	\$ 984,876

Operating Fund Summary

Community Foundations affiliated with GNWKCF were eligible for bonus funding of up to \$25,000 for meeting the matching endowment challenge. The three foundations not yet affiliated with GNWKCF - Rawlins, Thomas and Wallace - are eligible to receive the bonus funding in 2018 for 2017 efforts if they affiliate by Oct. 1, 2018.

County	Endowment	Unrestricted	Total
Cheyenne	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Decatur	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Gove	\$ 14,680	\$ 3,670	\$ 18,350
Logan	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Norton	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Sheridan	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Sherman	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
All County Total	\$ 134,680	\$ 33,670	\$ 168,350

Correction 5/15/19: Thomas County was removed from the 2017 Matching Endowment Summary. The event was mistakenly reported as February 2017; however, it was held February 2018.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas



DSNWK Celebrates 50 Years!

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. A movement that 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."*

On September 29, 2017, DSNWK celebrated with 350 staff, parents and individuals served. The event featured live music and a balloon launch. Following the celebration, the public was invited to an open house, which included a walking timeline tour of DSNWK's 50-year history and a ribbon cutting by the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce. DSNWK thanks all those who have made these services possible and those who continue to support DSNWK through their generous giving.

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 the past and look towards the future, DSNWK announced a fundraising campaign to help launch the Jim and Rose Blume Endowment Fund. Through the campaign to establish the new endowed fund, it was emphasized that donations live perpetually and continuously by generating a source of income each year that will go back to serve those with developmental and intellectual disabilities.





Scholarship Funds

Della Connell Scholarship Fund

The Della Connell Scholarship Fund assists Norton graduates with continuing their higher education.

2017 Awards—\$6,000

Jacob Green.....	\$1,000	Lexi Voss.....	\$1,000
Miah Melvin	\$1,000	Taylor Wahlmeier.....	\$1,000
Kade Unterseher	\$1,000	Carson Wallace	\$1,000

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.

2017 Awards—\$11,000

Bergen Bock	\$2,000	Arais Castillo.....	\$1,000
Thomas Frisbie	\$2,000	Haleigh Rucker	\$1,000
Christopher Antholtz	\$1,700	Stephanie Alvarado	\$800
Carter Porubsky	\$1,700	Eliza Gomez.....	\$800

Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund

Hill City USD 281

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City USD 281 benefits graduates of Hill City 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.

2017 Awards—\$3,000

Autumn Cox.....	\$1,500
Tucker Eckols	\$1,500

Hoxie USD 412

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie USD 412 benefits graduates of Hoxie 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.

2017 Awards—\$3,500

Amber Erwin.....	\$1,750
Katelyn Reitcheck.....	\$1,750

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 who wish to continue their education, but need some financial assistance in doing so. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

2017 Awards—\$8,000

Christopher Antholz	\$4,000
Arais Castillo	\$4,000

Scholarship Fund Highlight

Brianna Linin Scholarship Memorial Fund

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.

She was a beautiful little girl with curly brown hair and big, bright, blue eyes who loved to play, dance and be with her family. In every way, she was normal and extraordinary. She quietly and bravely battled brain cancer for 9 months. She endured surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation and lots of therapy to recover normal movements damaged by treatments. She never complained and taught her parents and her extended family a lot about what grace, courage and love is.

With this scholarship, her family hopes to reward those students who have demonstrated these same kinds of qualities in their lives through school and community. A local fundraising event, Goodland's Got Talent, has been an annual memorial to her and her legacy, with proceeds each year going into this scholarship fund.

2017 was a special year for this memorial scholarship as the first scholarships awarded from this Fund were to Brianna's classmates: graduates of Goodland High School Class of 2017. A perpetuating scholarship will continue in years beyond.



Brianna Danae Linin



2017 Awards—\$12,000

Kaitlyn Daise.....	\$2,500
Jamie Nemechek.....	\$2,500
Erin Floyd	\$1,000
Elizabeth Fulcher	\$1,000
Cade Mayer.....	\$1,000
Sianna Miller	\$1,000
Abigail Neal	\$1,000
Norelia Ordonez-Castillo.....	\$1,000
Tayler Thorson	\$1,000

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