

# Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

## 2019 Annual Report



GNWKCF

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

### Agency Foundations:

*Logan County Community Foundation  
Norton County Community Foundation  
Wallace County Foundation*

### Agency Partners:

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



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Thank you to Rita Fuller Stephens of Cheyenne County for the use of her sunflower photos in our 2019 Annual Report.

## Live, Laugh, Love... and Leave a Legacy

Have you heard the saying, "A legacy can be measured by how many hearts it touches"? At some point in our lives, most of us have probably pondered the question as to what kind of mark we will make during our lifetime and how we will be remembered.



This past year we were fortunate to hire our newest employee, Gennifer Golden House, whose primary focus is Estate Planned Giving. Gennifer brings many skillsets with her from her employment history in banking and finance security. As we've progressively developed our planned giving sector the past several months, we have been able to provide more opportunities to help connect our donors with the causes they care about through their estate gifts by creating a giving plan for the future based around their current needs today. With every gift, our foundation ensures that their legacies are honored and stewarded with best practices.

We extend our thanks to the vision and desires of our donors, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation's support and guidance, the dedication and local commitment of our affiliated foundations and organizations, and the work ethic and perseverance of our GNWKCF staff & board!! It is through our consolidated and unified efforts that we have accomplished an overall growth of almost \$11 million in five years, starting with \$12.9 million in January 2015 and growing to \$23.7 million as of December 2019.

The progress and success stories that you read throughout this report are happening in each of our rural communities because of individuals who are willing to commit their time and resources. Each one of these grants, scholarships and donations represent a heart touched, a legacy left, a lasting mark made.

So... how do you want to be remembered? What mark will you make? What hearts will you touch? We would enjoy visiting with you more to see how our foundation can assist you with your legacy of giving!

*—Darci Schields*  
Foundation Director / CEO



**Gennifer Golden House**  
Planned Giving Coordinator



*I love meeting people in our area and seeing the amount of generosity in Northwest Kansas.*

*The vision to invest in our future is infinite.*

**Carol Sloper**  
Grants Coordinator



*The best part of my job is reading all of the grant reports to see what great things are being accomplished on a local level.*

*The amount of creativity and energy in Northwest Kansas is amazing!*



# Funds of the Foundation

## Foundation Operational Funds

- ACE Foundation Operating Fund
- ACE Foundation Operating Endow Fund
- Bird City Century II Operating Fund
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Gove Co Community Foundation Operating Fund
- Gove County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Graham County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- GNWKCF Operating Fund
- GNWKCF Operating Endowment Fund
- GROW Decatur Co Foundation Operating Fund
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Logan Co Community Foundation Operating Fund
- Logan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Norton Co Community Foundation Operating Fund
- Norton County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Phillips County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Sheridan Co Community Foundation Op Fund
- Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Sherman Co Community Foundation Op Fund
- Sherman County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Thomas County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Wallace County Foundation Operating Fund
- Wallace County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund

## Designated Funds

- Cheyenne Co Amusement Authority Fund (*CCKCF*)
- GNWKCF Planned Giving Initiative Fund
- Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund
- St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Wallace County Amusement Assoc Fund (*WCF*)

## Donor-Advised Funds

- Bainter Family Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Domsch Family Fund
- Gennifer Golden House Family Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Harold and Eileen Frasier Memorial Fund (*WCF*)
- Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Junior and Deloris Knorr Family Fund
- Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund
- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (*SDCCF*)

## Donor-Advised Funds, cont.

- Mitch and Carlene Gillespie Family Fund (*GCCF*)
- Richard and Darlene Brubaker Fund
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund (*BCCII*)
- Youth on the Move Fund (*SDCCF*)

## Organization Funds

- Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund-*DSNWK*
- Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Cheyenne County Village Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (*BCCII*)
- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Fund
- Jim and Rose Blume DSNWK Endow Fund
- Joey Weber Endowment Fund-*DSNWK*
- Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund
- Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Endow Fund
- Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Program Fund
- Norton Area Child Care Associ Endow Fund (*NCCF*)
- Norton County Health Department Fund (*NCCF*)
- Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Thresher Association Endowment Fund (*BCCII*)
- Wallace Co Foundation Unrestricted Fund (*WCF*)

## Field of Interest Funds

- BCBSKS Pathways Administration Fund
- Big Kansas Road Trip Project Fund
- 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 Co Home for Aging Tax Credit Fund
- Cheyenne County Impact Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Cheylin E-Community Fund (*BCCII*)
- Cultivate Sheridan County Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Fund for Grainfield (*GCCF*)
- Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (*GCCF*)
- Graham County Endowment Fund (*GHCCF*)
- Greeley -Wallace County Healthcare Foundation Endowment Fund
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (*GDCF*)
- Grow Gove County Fund (*GCCF*)
- Grow Gove County Investments Fund (*GCCF*)
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Cheyenne Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Decatur Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Gove Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Graham Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Logan Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Norton Co

## Field of Interest Funds, cont.

- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Phillips Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Rawlins Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Sheridan Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Sherman Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Thomas Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund - Wallace Co
- Hansen Community Grant Fund for CF Operations (*12 Counties*)
- Hansen Community Clean-up Fund
- Logan County Endowment Fund (*LCCF*)
- Match Month - CF Operations (*12 counties*)
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
- Norton County Endowment Fund (*NCCF*)
- Phillips Co Unrestricted Endow Fund (*PCCF*)
- Rawlins County Future Fund (*ACEF*)
- SCCF Benefit Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund (*SDCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (*SHCCF*)
- St. Francis New Generation Fund (*CCKCF*)
- Strategic Doing - CF Operations (*12 Counties*)
- Thomas County Hansen Matching Endowment Fund (*TCCF*)
- Topside Trail Project Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Tri-County Leadership Fund
- Wallace Co Foundation Project Fund (*WCF*)
- Wallace Co Hansen Endowment Fund (*WCF*)
- Youth Skilled Therapy Assistance Fund (*NCCF*)

## Scholarship Funds

- Bird City Century II Development Foundation Scholarship Fund (*BCCII*)
- Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (*SHCCF*)
- Della Connell Scholarship Fund (*NCCF*)
- Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Fund (*GDCF*)
- Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Scholarship Award Fund (*GDCF*)
- Fox Still Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
- Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie (*SDCCF*)
- Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
- Toothaker Scholarship Fund (*SDCCF*)
- W. Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship Fund (*WCF*)
- Wingfield Scholarship Fund

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Active Funds During Calendar Year 2019



2019 was a great milestone for GNWKCF as we hit our 10-year anniversary for the foundation. It has been an exciting and worthwhile journey to watch and be part of as the foundation really finds its foothold in the area. If some of our communities in Northwest Kansas had not heard of GNWKCF in the past, I do believe they know us now.

Through partnerships with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and each of our local community foundations, many individuals, families and organizations have had the opportunity to benefit from specialized programs, enhanced scholarship opportunities, and an increased number of grant resources that in the past have not been available.

During the growth and trying times, the Director and staff of our foundation have come together better than I could have imagined, becoming a truly wonderful team. I am very excited to see what new opportunities will transpire in the following years.



~ Clint Bursch  
2019 GNWKCF Board Chair

## Financial Statement Statement of Financial Position Year-Ending December 31, 2019\*

### Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,997,245.14
Investments	\$16,489,728.84
Other Assets	\$4,256,787.59
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$23,743,761.57</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$47,122.76

**TOTAL FUND BALANCE** \$23,696,638.81

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:**  
**\$23,743,761.57**

\*Preliminary (unaudited) financials as of December 31, 2019



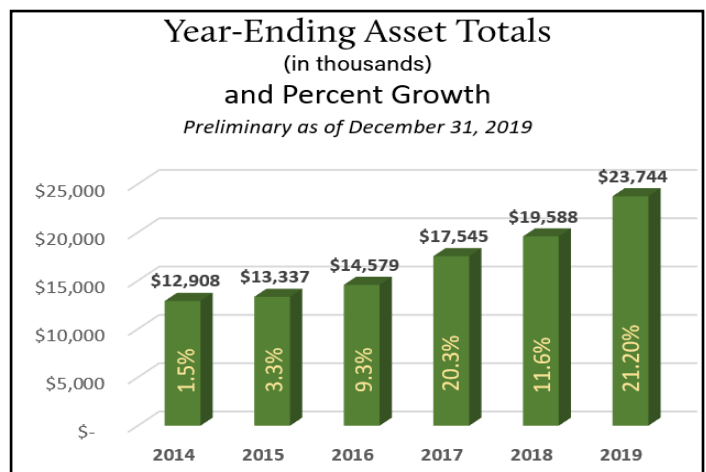
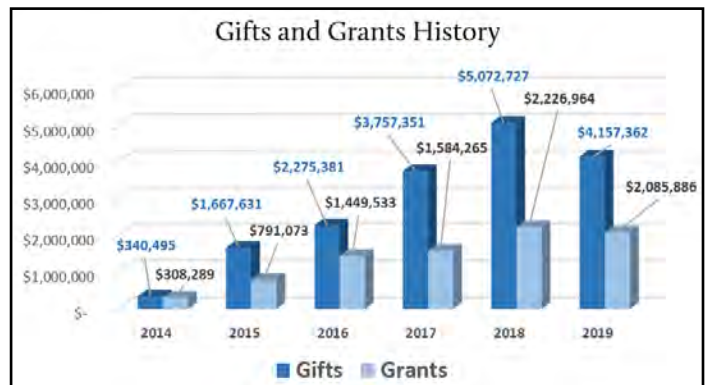
**Greater Northwest Kansas**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### 2019 Board of Directors

Clint Bursch, <i>Chair</i>	Wade Carmichael
Harry Joe Pratt, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Deeds
Cora House, <i>Secretary</i>	Mitch Gillespie
Thomas Keller, <i>Treasurer</i>	David Hendricks
Rebecca Antholz	Joan McKenna
Cindy Burr	Scott Sproul, <i>Associate</i>

### Staff

Darci Schields, *Foundation Director / CEO*  
Carol Sloper, *Grants Coordinator*  
Gennifer Golden House, *Planned Giving Coordinator*



~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.

**\$4,157,362**  
Donations  
Received

**\$2,085,886**  
Grants~  
Distributed

**511**  
Grants~  
Distributed

**153**  
Funds

**\$23,743,762**  
Total Assets

# Partnership with Dane G. Hansen Foundation

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation, established in 1965, has been a partner to GNWKCF since 2015. It has provided support through a number of grant opportunities for its 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 Hansen Trustees and staff have been inventive in establishing opportunities which are designed to help local community foundations in each of its area counties with tools and resources for lasting philanthropic success.

These opportunities include the following:

- **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 actively participate in the Strategic Doing process. In addition, the Hansen Foundation awards \$1,000 in administrative funds to each community foundation for administering the community grants each time they release the \$50,000.
- **Matching Endowment Funds**, offered for a fourth year in 2019, will continue through 2021. The Hansen Foundation offers to match \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000 during a community foundation declared "Match Month." Not only does the Hansen Foundation match dollars raised, it provides a \$1,500 administrative grant per county foundation to help offset expenses incurred for the campaign.
- **Operating Endowment Funds** were available for a third year as an additional incentive to community foundations participating in the Match Month challenge to help foundations build sustainability. Community foundations raising the full \$50,000 in local funds are rewarded with a \$20,000 grant for an operating endowment fund. Amounts are prorated if the full challenge is not met.
- **Operating Unrestricted Funds** were presented for a third year as another incentive from the Hansen Foundation. For those community foundations raising the full \$50,000 for the Match Month, they are also given \$5,000 in grant funds for unrestricted operating funds. Amounts are prorated if the full challenge is not met.
- **Community Foundation Scholarships to the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF) Conference** were available 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 2019 to provide a free regional interactive program for board and staff of area community foundations to come together to learn and share about projects and initiatives impacting our rural area.
- **NW Kansas Gives** was introduced in 2019 to offer technical assistance and education to area community foundations to capture the transfer of wealth occurring over the next few decades.

## Match Month Endowment Campaign Results By Community Foundation

### 2018 Challenge Completed in Spring 2019

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Graham	Apr-19	\$ 26,034.30	\$ 26,034.30	\$ 52,068.60
Logan	Mar-19	\$ 63,576.41	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 113,576.41
Thomas	Apr-19	\$ 49,196.89	\$ 49,196.89	\$ 98,393.78

### 2019 Challenge Completed in Fall 2019

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Cheyenne	Dec-19	\$ 81,220.28	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 131,220.28
Decatur	Dec-19	\$ 61,499.03	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 111,499.03
Gove	Nov-19	\$ 55,039.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 105,039.00
Norton	Nov-19	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Phillips	Oct-19	\$ 51,060.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 101,060.00
Rawlins	Dec-19	\$ 56,324.08	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 106,324.08
Sheridan	Nov-19	\$ 55,625.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 105,625.00
Sherman	Dec-19	\$ 52,046.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 102,046.00
Wallace	Dec-19	\$ 54,989.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 104,989.00

## Incentive Grant Results By Community Foundation

### 2018 Challenge Completed in Spring 2019

County	Operating Endowment	Operating Unrestricted	Total Hansen Donation
Graham	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 13,200.00
Logan	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Thomas	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 24,500.00

### 2019 Challenge Completed in Fall 2019

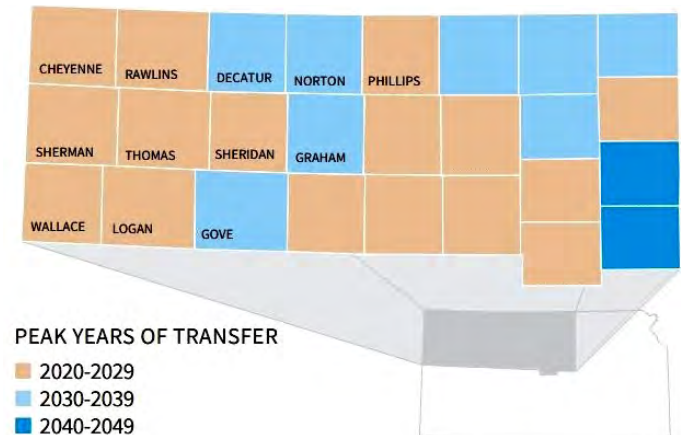
County	Operating Endowment	Operating Unrestricted	Total Hansen Donation
Cheyenne	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Decatur	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Gove	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Norton	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Phillips	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Rawlins	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Sheridan	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Sherman	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Wallace	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Note: Hansen Match Initiatives run from May to April each year. Counties not listed for the 2019 challenge completed efforts in Spring 2020.

**The Transfer of Wealth (TOW)** that will occur over the next several decades is huge. The **Dane G. Hansen Foundation** is striving to assist Northwest Kansas communities in capturing a portion of this transfer to ensure the future vitality of Northwest Kansas. To assist in this capture for the future of the county-wide community foundations and other nonprofits, the Hansen Foundation is providing technical assistance to local community foundations and other donors through an initiative called **NW Kansas Gives**.

Between 2020 and 2064, nearly \$30 billion dollars will transfer from one generation to the next in the 26 counties of NW Kansas. The opportunity to capture a portion of that wealth is a remarkable one, and the time is now.

Most intergenerational wealth transfer will go to heirs, many or most of whom will take their inheritance with them to a home outside of NW Kansas. If, as a generation, 95% of Baby Boomer estates in NW Kansas went to children or family, heirs would be well cared for. If the remaining 5% went to our local communities, the future for NW Kansas would be forever changed.



“The Hansen trustees believe that educating communities and individuals about the power of giving through their estates and offering assistance to get estate plans in place is one of the most important things the Foundation can do to secure a positive future for Northwest Kansas.” “A Plan for Planned Giving,” Winter edition of **Northwest Kansas Today** magazine. (Photo of Gennifer House and John Griffin, below, and Transfer of Wealth graphic, above, courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.)

**NW Kansas Gives** includes education for NW Kansas residents to encourage thoughtful, planned charitable gifts as a part of overall estate planning. Our partners in this effort are the local county-wide community foundations in the 26 counties in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation service area. The Hansen Foundation has made resources available to help.

**Betty Johnson, Certified Fundraising Executive**, is contracted by the Hansen Foundation to work with community foundation boards to educate and train, based on their experience and comfort level, about planned gifts and the board’s role in the NW Kansas Gives initiative. These meetings are scheduled directly with Betty and include one or more sessions. She is also available to speak at local gatherings about Planned Giving, the Transfer of Wealth, and the process.



Donors who wish to make a charitable gift in their estate can meet with estate planning attorney **John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling** to help design a plan. Through a series of appointments, John will assist NW Kansas residents by developing an outline for a new or revised estate plan that includes a charitable gift. There is no charge to the participant to utilize John’s service. Once an outline is created, participants will work with their existing attorney (or an attorney can be recommended) to complete their estate documents. Participants will have the expense of document completion. John will meet with participants to review their final documents before signing and will be available to meet with the participant’s attorney as needed during the process.

Participants who include a charitable gift will complete their fund paperwork with the local community foundation. Stewardship Counseling scheduling is only available through the host community foundations. Interested donors should begin by contacting their local community foundation or by contacting Gennifer Golden House at [gennifer@gnwkcfc.org](mailto:gennifer@gnwkcfc.org) or by phone at 785-734-2406 for additional information.



# GNWKCF Affiliations

**Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF)** was formed to increase exposure and opportunities for philanthropy throughout Northwest Kansas and the tri-state region. In 2009, realizing the benefits to regionalization, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII) created and affiliated with GNWKCF. The vision of the regional structure is to help build strong, sustainable local community foundations that can provide financial support for their respective communities; together building rural resilience in Northwest Kansas. Since 2012, twelve additional community foundations have formed affiliated relationships with GNWKCF and a number of organizations and donors have established individualized funds, bringing our total assets to more than \$23 million.

GNWKCF is a public charity; a non-profit organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

GNWKCF manages a variety of fund types for individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and community foundations. Fund types include: administrative / operational, designated, donor-advised, field of interest, organization and scholarship.

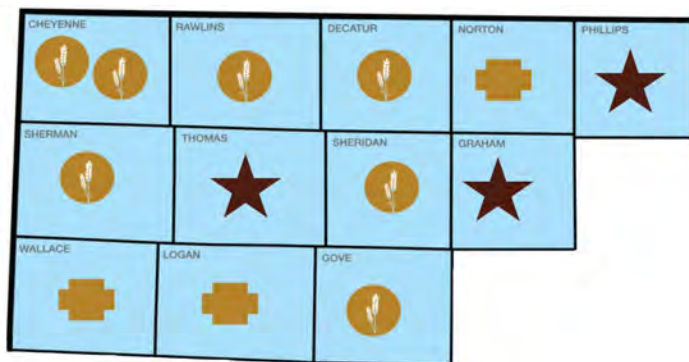
A community foundation provides a philanthropic vehicle to receive donations and bequests for their local geographic area. Both endowed and non-endowed funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable non-profit organizations including government, education, and religious entities.

GNWKCF offers three types of structured services for our foundations:

**An Affiliate Foundation** operates under GNWKCF's tax-exempt umbrella, allowing donors to take the maximum allowable tax deduction available. They receive full back-office support from GNWKCF.

**An Agency Foundation** is for community foundations who already have their own 501(c)(3) status. Their collection of funds are managed by GNWKCF but their assets remain tied to their own 501(c)(3) and are filed on their own 990. They receive back-office support from GNWKCF.

**An Agency Partner Foundation** is for community foundations who already have their own 501(c)(3) status. GNWKCF manages their Hansen-initiated funds only. They receive individual fund support services from GNWKCF.



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



Agency Partner  
Foundation

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



## GNWKCF

**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 other gifts. It is governed by a group of dedicated volunteer board members. In 2019, the board voted to increase its membership from five board members to nine for inclusive representation from smaller towns in Rawlins County including Herndon, Ludell and McDonald.

The first round of funds ever granted from the **Rawlins County Future Fund**, formerly ACE—2nd Century Fund established in 2017, were distributed in 2019. This fund is an endowment fund with the purpose of funding projects which benefit Rawlins county. More than \$9,000 in grants were awarded from this fund in 2019 including the following awards:

- **City of Atwood**, \$1,150 for the dog agility course;
- **Main Street Foundation**, \$5,000 for 5ten Youth Center outdoor area improvements (*photo to the right of the back-to-school party in the improved area*);
- **Rawlins County Health Department**, \$2,954 for a lead analyzer machine; and
- **Rawlins County Fair Board**, \$890 for a new timer for livestock events.



During the Dane G. Hansen Foundation matching funds campaign in December, the Rawlins County Future Fund grew to \$286,362.15 by the end of 2019, thanks to generous donations from individuals and businesses that care about Rawlins County. As this fund grows, the amount of grant awards to distribute will also increase.



The Foundation also awarded 13 grants totaling \$103,558.31 from the **Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Rawlins County** in 2019. Funded projects include: improvements to the Herndon library building; beautification of the roadside park at McDonald; ADA doors and electronic health records system funding at Rawlins County Dental Clinic; a summer youth theater program; teacher training materials and gymnasium pads at USD 105; travel reimbursement for the Atwood Poverty Project's trip to view a Core Circles initiative; and projects at Rawlins County Health Clinic.

One funded project for the City of Atwood can be seen by anyone visiting Atwood Lake (*see pictures to the left and below*). A grant of \$7,000 from the Hansen Community Grant Fund for Rawlins County was combined with funds received from the Scott Chvatal Family, Midwest Energy Inc., Rawlins Co. Sportsman Association, Atwood Lions and the Atwood Rotary to complete a new dock at the lake and is a popular addition.



## 2019 Board of Directors

**Scott Chvatal**, *Chair*  
**Kevin Holle**, *Vice-Chair*  
**Rhonda Argabright**, *Secretary*  
**Stephanie Goodwin**, *Treasurer*

**Melody Bearley**  
**Lori Marintzer**  
**Gary Nemeth**  
**Eileen Porubsky**  
**Travis Rickford**

**\$211,920**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

**\$114,065**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**18**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**7**  
**Funds**

**\$348,163**  
**Total Assets**

# Bird City Century II Development Foundation

Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII) has a long-standing tradition of supporting Cheylin youth through the **Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)**. This program, made possible by NetWork Kansas since 2013, begins at the local level with the opportunity to compete at a state level.

In 2019, brothers **Brady and Dylan Ketzner** presented their business, Ketzner Feed Roasted Gold. They won the local Cheylin YEC event earning \$500 and the opportunity to attend the State YEC at Kansas State University. The two young men took their business on the road to State YEC in Manhattan, KS on April 29, 2019 where they joined over 860 Kansas youth to pitch their business. The Ketzner brothers' animal feed business won Grand Prize (\$4,000) in the High School Agriculture Division. They also won the Spotlight Award (\$500) for the Elevator Pitch portion of the competition. (*Brady and Dylan are pictured on the right receiving the award.*)



**"Traveling Kansas"** from Smoky Hills Public Television received grant funding from, and partnered with, BCCII to create a television segment featuring Bird City. Recording crews visited Bird City four different times throughout the 2018-2019 year to capture footage of the town and events in different seasons. The show highlights many of the BCCII grant-funded projects including the Bird City/McDonald 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Match Day, Santa Day and the Bird City community and its members. The board felt making the video was a great decision, and there has been a lot of positive feedback from the community and Bird City / Cheylin alumni. The video can be found on YouTube by searching Traveling Kansas – Bird City or at the following link <https://youtu.be/xETH0-zSAow>.

**Match Day** in Bird City continues to bring much needed public support to projects within Bird City and the Cheylin school district. In 2019, Match Day was held on December 3 in conjunction with National Giving Day. The Bird City / Cheylin community once again rose to the occasion and exceeded donations from previous years with a grand total of \$130,160.46 going back into the Cheylin and Bird City community to organizations and projects. Donations were made by young and old alike, including children raiding their piggy banks to donate to the swimming pool. BCCII is extremely grateful to be able to offer an opportunity like this to its community's organizations and projects. Below are the totals granted to each organization.



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**Rebecca Antholz**, *Vice-Chair*  
**Lori Janicke**, *Secretary*  
**Clint Bursch**, *Treasurer*

**Gary Brubaker**  
**Wade Carmichael**  
**David Hendricks**  
**Ned Smith**  
**Rodney Young**

## Staff

**Teryn Carmichael**, *Foundation Director*  
**Coleen Jensen**, *Administrative Assistant*

Awana, \$4,685	Cheylin Wellness Center, \$1,350
Bird City Area on Aging, \$1,775	Community Youth Group, \$3,710
Bird City Cemetery Board, \$1,790	Cougar Cub Daycare, \$1,950
Bird City Community Club, \$3,390	Go-Getters 4H Club, \$900
Bird City EMS, \$980	JAMS (Just Among Moms), \$1,150
Bird City Fire Department, \$1,375	Ministerial Alliance, \$550
Bird City Historical Assn, \$395	St. John Catholic Youth Council (Bird City), \$550
Bird City Housing Authority, \$550	St. John Catholic Youth Council (McDonald), \$5,170
Bird City Library, \$3,130	St. John Lutheran Church, \$125
Bird City Swimming Pool, \$3,895	Thresher Association Endowment Fund, \$4,170
Bird City VanDoren Park, \$500	Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Assn, \$70,390
Bird City/McDonald 4th of July Celebration, \$5,650	United Methodist Church, \$200
Cheylin Playground Project, \$10,110	United Methodist Youth Council, \$100
Cheylin Preschool, \$990	
Cheylin Rec Commission, \$630	

*~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.*

**\$13,210,653**  
**Total Assets**

**10**  
**Funds**

**59**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$272,304**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$91,545**  
**Donations**  
**Received**



# Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2017. The Foundation's assets grew from just over \$1 million to more than \$1.5 million in 2019 due primarily to two matching fund initiatives that took place in 2019.

The **Cheyenne County Village (CCV) Fund** was established as an endowment fund in late 2018 to provide ongoing operational support for both the assisted-living and skilled-nursing portions of the Cheyenne County senior living campus. In 2019, the CCV board was challenged by CCKCF to raise up to \$20,000 to be matched by the Foundation's unrestricted fund. A total of \$17,897.17 was raised which was matched dollar for dollar by the Foundation.

The **Dane G. Hansen Foundation** once again challenged CCKCF to raise up to \$50,000 to be matched dollar for dollar to grow the **Cheyenne County Impact Fund**, an endowment fund to provide grants to eligible charitable organizations in Cheyenne County. A total of \$56,220.28 was raised locally. **Bill and Cindy Keller of Stanion Wholesale Electric Company** donated an additional \$25,000 bringing the total funds raised, including the Hansen match, to \$131,220.28.

The board awarded \$6,362.19 to eight organizations from the **Cheyenne County Impact Fund**. Grants included funding for **Cheyenne Center for Creativity's** summer drama camp, *Free to Be Me*. Thirty-six campers engaged in many aspects of theater arts to establish a foundation and appreciation for the challenges and joys that creative activities inspire. (See photo to the right.)



CCKCF awarded \$23,435 in grants to eight projects from the **St. Francis New Generation Endowment Fund** which grew to a balance of \$548,407.16. The **St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund** grew to \$141,695.72 and gave \$6,000 to USD 297 to be used for scholarships in 2019.

With the generous ongoing support of the Hansen Foundation, CCKCF awarded 23 grants totaling \$92,821 in 2019 from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Cheyenne County**. The **Cheyenne County Village (CCV) Landscaping** project received \$10,000 from the Community Grant Fund and was also funded by both the Cheyenne County Impact Fund and St. Francis New Generation Fund. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the new addition of the assisted living facility to the CCV campus lacked the funds to complete the landscaping after the new facility was finished in 2018. The area was all dirt which would soon turn to mud if landscaping was not added. CCKCF provided a total of \$13,750 from three funds for the project. With an additional grant of \$50,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation directly, the project was completed protecting the area around the new facility with beautiful landscaping (pictured below).



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**\$366,324**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

**\$156,624**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**46**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**12**  
**Funds**

**\$1,576,912**  
**Total Assets**

# Gove County Community Foundation

Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF) affiliated with GNWCKF in November 2012 with the goal to increase economic and community development opportunities in Gove County. Since that time, with the generous support of local businesses and individuals, GCCF has grown to well over the half million dollar mark in assets. For the first year since the inception of the **Grow Gove County Fund**, GCCF awarded two grants from the county-wide endowment fund. Quinter Historical Society received \$3,005.61 for a community garden; USD 293 received \$3,350 to purchase a Lone Star Computer Numerical Control Machine / plasma cutter.

In 2019, GCCF awarded 16 grants totaling \$104,190.85 from the **Hansen Community Grants for Gove County Fund**. The board gave \$7,000 to the **Main Street Arts Council** to provide a summer theater experience to Gove County youth. Working in conjunction with Quinter music teacher Julinne Samuelson, 38 local students took part in presenting *"Willy Wonka's Kids"* (pictured to the right, courtesy of Bow Creek Photography).



One of the largest and most impactful grant funded projects for Gove County was completed in 2019. The **Gove County Technical Education and Career Center in Quinter**, with an estimated budget of \$600,860, received a total of \$58,226.20 via three **Hansen Community Grants for Gove County** since 2018. The project sprung to life out of the Strategic Doing process with the ultimate goal of establishing a technical education / "career ready" facility for rural Northwest Kansas high schools and nontraditional students through a partnership with Northwest Kansas Technical College of Goodland.

Too often when youth move from the local area to seek training, they never return home to work. This project targets high school juniors and seniors who are not receiving vocational training that used to be offered in rural schools with the hopes of retaining youth in Gove County after high school. Skills, such as welding, auto mechanics, masonry, plumbing and heating, and auto body repair, will be offered through this new complex. In 2019, the welding program was the only course offered. When students graduate high school, they can receive a diploma and a certificate for a vocational trade which allows them to immediately seek employment after high school.

**Gove County Office of Economic Development** also made provisions to house classroom space for allied health teachings for nontraditional students interested in taking Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Certified Med Aide, Commercial Driver License, and Emergency Medical Technician courses. In 2019, the first CNA course was completed partnering with Gove County Medical Center as the clinical rotation site. (Inside the new campus facility is pictured to the right.)



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**\$633,556**  
**Total Assets**

**11**  
**Funds**

**18**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**\$110,301**  
**Grants**  
**Distributed**

**\$441,956**  
**Donations**  
**Received**



# GROW Decatur County Foundation

GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCF) joined GNWKCF as an affiliate in November 2016. The acronym "GROW" in the Foundation's name stands for **Growing Rural Opportunities Within** which is a mission Foundation board members take to heart.

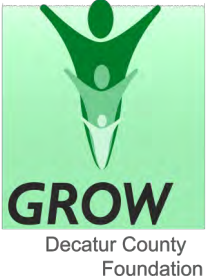
Decatur area citizens and businesses have generously donated over the past four years during of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match Month challenge. As a result of exceeding the \$50,000 goal each year, the **GROW Decatur County Foundation** endowment fund has grown to nearly half a million dollars. This has afforded GDCF to give back over \$14,000 as "**GROW Grants**" to Decatur County organizations since the endowment fund was created. In 2019, \$7,640.20 was granted to ten projects.



The **Decatur County Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** was awarded a \$1,000 GROW Grant in 2019. This grant helped EMS purchase an American Heart Association Instructor Package, which allowed certified EMS staff to teach CPR classes; the Friends and Family package for community members to learn CPR; and the HeartSaver CPR package to teach CPR for employment required groups. With this GROW Grant, local EMTs were able to give back to their community with their ultimate goal: to save lives. *(Photos to the left are EMS staff members teaching CPR using the newly purchased materials and equipment.)*



The CPR training materials included mannequins with feedback devices to let students know if they are performing CPR properly. The mannequins, training videos and written materials were put to work at the Farmer's Market, Summer Lunch Bunch, a babysitting class, NW Kansas Gymnastics coaches, USD 294 bus drivers/staff, and training employees of a trucking company. Local EMTs were also recertified and some were trained to teach the CPR classes. There are plans to offer these life saving skills to the local police department, city crews and other groups in 2020.



GDCF awarded \$59,673.95 to seven organizations from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Decatur County**. The City of Oberlin received \$10,000 from the Community Grant fund and \$500 as a GROW Grant to create a dog park which is anticipated to be completed in early 2020. Local fundraising efforts contributed an additional \$14,871 toward this endeavor. This project originated from the **Strategic Doing process**.

Decatur county residents have been very active in the Strategic Doing process. GDCF has offered several workshops, which have been well attended. Each project committee met with facilitator Betty Johnson and GNWKCF grant writer Carol Sloper for one-on-one guidance through the process. The Foundation is committed to ensuring Strategic Doing initiatives are successful.

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*~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.*

**\$248,305**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

**\$70,905**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**29**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**9**  
**Funds**

**\$1,224,573**  
**Total Assets**



# Sheridan County Community Foundation

Sheridan County Community Foundation (SDCCF) joined GNWKCF as an affiliate in November 2012. Since that time, its total assets have grown to nearly \$700,000. A large part of the success has been thanks to generous community members and businesses that have faithfully donated to the Sheridan County Match Month initiative. The Hansen challenge match of \$50,000 has been exceeded every year since inception, and 2019 was no different. The **Cultivate Sheridan County Fund** received \$55,625 from 58 local donors in 2019 bringing the fund total to \$450,665.85.



With the growth, the board recognized the benefit in hiring a **dedicated staff member** to help the foundation's mission: to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County citizens. Late in 2018, **Karl Pratt**, *pictured to the left*, was hired as the **Board Liaison**. He is a native of Hoxie and graduated from Fort Hays State University (FHSU). After college, Karl worked for the FHSU Alumni Association until the fall of 2018 when he decided to relocate back home and serve his community. Karl is well known in Sheridan County and is now the face of SDCCF when presenting grant checks to organizations, planning Strategic Doing meetings, and leading other initiatives. *(Photo courtesy of FHSU Alumni Association.)*

Not only did SDCCF have a successful Match Month in 2019, but it also continued the annual **"Give & Grow Sheridan County Match Day"** initiative which raised \$37,945. On November 20, donors could swing by a local restaurant, Oscar's, to make donations to any of the 24 Sheridan County charitable organizations through the **Sheridan County Initiative Fund**. A pledge of \$10,000 from the Cultivate Sheridan County Fund was made to match donations with an additional \$5,000 added later. The matching funds were split 50/50 (prorated based on available matching funds) with the first half of funds distributed to the qualifying organizations. The first half of the grant funds were released when the organizations confirmed the funded project was underway or complete. The remaining half of the donated funds are held in an endowed field of interest fund that best suits the needs of the entity to which donations are received.



In 2019, SDCCF awarded 17 grants from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Sheridan County** totaling \$107,515.44. Among the many worthy projects, **Main Street Arts Council** was awarded \$4,902 for the Main Street Summer Theater Festival's production of **"Madagascar Jr."** in Hoxie. The program was developed to provide performance opportunities, free of charge for youth in the area, to be part of a one-of-a-kind learning experience and high-quality musical theater production. The Sheridan County cast was comprised of 30 local youth. A host of parents and other volunteers helped with building the set and props, helping backstage with makeup and costume changes, running lights, moving props, and selling tickets. The program helped students build confidence, improve memory function, enhance communication skills, instill a sense of responsibility, develop empathy, and grow regional relationships. *(Photo of the cast after a performance is to the right, courtesy of Bow Creek Photography.)*



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~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.

**\$696,055**  
**Total Assets**

**15**  
**Funds**

**66**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$398,804**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$241,529**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

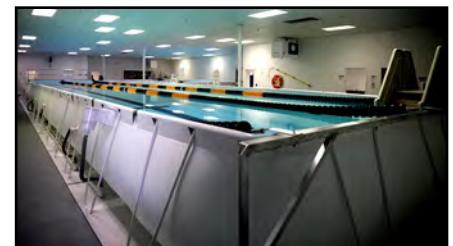
# Sherman County Community Foundation

Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2012. The volunteer board members constantly strive to meet the foundation's goal of "Honoring the Past and Building the Future." After a very successful Match Month with donations totaling \$52,046 in December, the **Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund** grew to \$424,094.47.

SHCCF also had the most successful Match Day campaign to date. On December 3, in conjunction with National Giving Day, the community rose to the occasion by donating \$107,436.40 to the **Sherman County Community Initiative Fund** in support of 31 organizations. These generous donations were matched by an additional \$40,000 (prorated) by SHCCF and presented at a local high school basketball game.

More than \$141,000 was granted to 33 organizations from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Sherman County** in 2019. Highlighting the list were grants totaling \$13,000 to Topside Aquatics and \$6,500 for an Eagle Scout project at Soldiers Memorial Park south of Goodland.

**Topside Aquatics** resulted from the Sherman County **Strategic Doing** process and was a downsized version of a recreational wellness center. An initial grant of \$10,000 was provided to help remodel and re-fit a two-lane 25-meter training pool (*photo to the right*) into its new location in Goodland. A second Hansen Community Grant for \$3,000 provided funding for exterior signage for Topside Aquatics that officially opened to the public in November of 2019. In addition to the training pool



for swimmers, Topside Aquatics also features a smaller pool for aqua therapy, yoga, and aerobics.



The **Soldiers Memorial Park** recreation area, also known as Smoky Gardens, south of Goodland is home to a truly outstanding veterans memorial. The six-sided black stone memorial (*pictured to the left*) is dedicated to those from Sherman County who served in the military. SHCCF awarded \$6,500 for the **Eagle Scout project of Levi Stasser** to create a partially enclosed structure to house it at Soldiers Memorial Park. The Veterans Memorial was a central part of the general upgrades and restoration of Smoky Gardens in 2019 to provide enhanced fishing and camping activities in Sherman County.



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~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.

**\$354,120**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

**\$290,864**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**79**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**12**  
**Funds**

**\$652,348**  
**Total Assets**



# Logan County Community Foundation

Logan County Community Foundation (LCCF) joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in June 2017. A total of seven funds were managed by GNWKCF in 2019 including the **Logan County Endowment Fund** which grew to \$369,258.52 by the end of 2019 thanks to generous donations during the foundation's Match Month campaign in March.

LCCF awarded \$79,485.95 in grant funds from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Logan County** to 16 charitable organizations. One project, **Future Philanthropist Program (FPP)** of Oakley, KS, received \$10,410 to support the newly formed initiative. FPP was created to teach teens the business of philanthropy and to provide hands-on experience working with three pillars of philanthropy: learning to give responsibly to charitable efforts, raising money for community betterment, and volunteering time and talents. This was the second year for the program, and plans to continue this initiative in the future by establishing an endowment fund to support it long-term have been discussed.

The FPP board, comprised of teens, worked together under the advisement of a sponsor from **Oakley High School (OHS)** and **LCCF** to promote the welfare of others in the act of generosity by putting goodwill into action. Up to \$10,000 of the LCCF award was given out as grants by FPP to community organizations that support youth in Oakley. The board awarded 13 projects in all including the following:



- *Logan County 4-H Ambassador's*: activities for Russell Springs youth day camp - \$298.54.
- *Logan County Manor*: "Enhance the Experience" (*speaker to amplify for those with hearing loss*) - \$685.
- *Logan County Hospital*: Charging stations for 2 lobbies - \$600.
- *Oakley Elementary School (OES)*: Preschool classroom play items (*see students enjoying the new toys and sand in their play area pictured to the left*) - \$157.40.
- *Oakley Christian Church*: "The Cave" (*youth room*) - \$1,626.47.
- *OES*: Career tubs for the kindergarten class - \$186.25.
- *OES*: First grade classroom solar system unit - \$103.78.
- *OES*: Kindergarten sensory activities - \$509.55.
- *OES*: Kindergarten STEM (*science, technology, engineering and math*) learning tools and flexible seating - \$1,092.92.
- *OES*: "HELLO Preschool" (*diverse race dolls*) - \$323.95.
- *OHS*: Band instrument tuners - \$116.14.
- *OHS*: Strength equipment for physical education class - \$2,000.
- *Oakley Senior Center*: ADA-compliant door - \$2,300.



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Positive feedback has been received from college admissions officers regarding the leadership skills students develop from participating in this unique service learning project.

**\$516,461**  
Total Assets

**7**  
Funds

**17**  
Grants  
Distributed

**\$81,286**  
Grants  
Distributed

**\$246,076**  
Donations  
Received



After joining GNWKCF as an Affiliate in December 2013, Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) changed its IRS status and become an Agency Foundation in 2018. A total of 13 funds were managed by GNWKCF in 2019. NCCF participated in the Hansen Match Month in November, branding it "myfoundation" campaign which raised \$75,000 from 76 generous donors. This increased the **Norton County Endowment Fund** to \$514,722.49 by the end of 2019.

The foundation granted \$90,946.98 from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Norton County** to 20 worthy projects. In June 2019, NCCF awarded a \$15,000 grant to **Norton City/County Economic Development** from this fund to support the **2019 Storefront Renewal Project**. This program offers matching grants to businesses in Norton County to beautify and upgrade storefronts, signage, and sidewalk approaches. With the help of Hansen's Community Design intern, Casey Ambrosier, businesses developed design plans to submit with their application for funding.

There were 12 recipients of the 2019 Storefront Renewal Grant Program, including:

- 110 Bar & Grill: limestone veneer façade, awning, and signage.
- Guardian Home Health: awning, siding, and signage.
- Norton County Health Department: signage.
- Shirk Family Dentistry: sidewalks.
- Engel's Sales and Service: awning, signage, windows, and door.
- Thistle Inc.: green metal siding, signage, and awnings. *(Example of before and after design rendering to the store front pictured to the right.)*
- Thread Junkies Boutique: awning.
- The Razor's Edge: commercial door and awning.
- H&R Block: landscaping.
- Kowpoke Supply & Lumber: awning with an updated logo and signage.
- Bullseye Event Center: new window and door.
- Office Space owned by Shannon Esslinger: awning.



Through the Storefront Renewal Project (completed in 2009, 2010, 2016 and 2019), \$62,000 in matching funds have leveraged a total of \$170,000 in investments to Norton County storefronts. *Pictured below are the 2019 Storefront Renewal Grant Program recipients: Back Row, L-R: Tim Miller, Guardian Home Health; Leslie Pfannenstiel, Norton County Health Department; Karen Carter, The Razor's Edge; Mike Posson, Norton City/County Economic Development; Lamont Shirk, Shirk Family Dentistry; and Casey Ambrosier - Hansen Community Design Intern. Front Row, L-R: Shannon Esslinger, Thread Junkies/Office Space; Tosha Kats, Kowpoke Supply & Lumber; Deb Canaday, Thistle Inc; and Kayla Prester - 110 Bar & Grill.*



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**Bethany Shirk, Director of Operations & Communications**

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**\$283,950**  
**Donations**  
**Received**

**\$128,833**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**44**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**13**  
**Funds**

**\$1,312,394**  
**Total Assets**

# Wallace County Foundation

Wallace County Foundation (WCF) joined GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation in September 2018. GNWKCF managed 15 funds for the organization in 2019. The foundation raised \$54,989 through generous local donations for the December Match Month initiative bringing the **Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund** to \$341,090.98.

WCF awarded \$129,806.48 in grants from the **Hansen Community Grant Fund for Wallace County** to 19 charitable organizations in 2019. There were many great projects benefiting communities throughout Wallace County, but one in particular made a big impact on the community of Weskan.

For the second year in a row, a \$10,000 grant was made from the Community Grant Fund to be used for constructing a **new community center** for the **City of Weskan**. The facility addresses the lack of community gathering space to accommodate many different uses. Located next to the existing community fire station, the building plan was done in several phases starting in 2018 with clearing and preparing the property, and progressing in 2019 with the construction of a new building (*pictured to the right*) on a concrete slab and electrical work. There are still additional phases to complete the project. Volunteers are still fundraising to complete the inside of the building including restrooms and a kitchen.



Wallace County also had the honor of being part of the **2019 Big Kansas Road Trip**. The **Fort Wallace Memorial Association** received a \$2,300 grant from the Community Grant Fund to help pay for events to promote the Fort Wallace Museum during the regional event. Historian Marla Matkin portrayed Julia German, the mother of the massacred German Family, as part of tours to the Fort Wallace Cemetery. Tea was served at the 1879 Kansas Pacific Railroad House. A re-enactor encampment was setup adjacent to the museum grounds as well as a campsite to serve cowboy cobbler and beverages in the evening.

The environment served as a backdrop for singer and songwriter **Michael Martin Murphey** (*pictured below at the event*) who shared his music in the evenings. A multiple Grammy nominee, Murphey has six gold albums, including "Cowboy Songs," the first album of cowboy music to achieve gold status since "Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs" by Marty Robbins in 1959. Murphey has become a prominent musical voice for the Western horseman, rancher, and cowboy and is the author of the New Mexico state ballad, "The Land of Enchantment."



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## Staff

**Natalie Cox / Sarah King, Program Coordinator**



~Grants Distributed include grants and scholarships.

**\$666,353**  
**Total Assets**

**15**  
**Funds**

**27**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$149,331**  
**Grants~**  
**Distributed**

**\$281,433**  
**Donations**  
**Received**



## Graham County Community Foundation

Graham County Community Foundation (GHCCF) became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of three funds: 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. Total year-end fund assets for GHCCF were \$102,208.77.

In 2019, GHCCF awarded \$104,268.30 in grants from the Community Grant Fund to 19 charitable organizations working to improve the quality of life in Graham County. The Foundation completed the 2018 Match Month challenge in April 2019 raising \$26,034.30 through local donations. With the Hansen Foundation match, the Graham County Endowment Fund balance grew to \$76,482.31.



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## Phillips County Community Foundation

Phillips County Community Foundation (PCCF) became an Agency Partner to GNWKCF in August 2018 with the establishment of three funds: 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. Total year-end managed fund assets for PCCF were \$680,838.38.

PCCF awarded \$79,207 in grants from the Community Grant Fund to 13 organizations for projects to improve life in Phillips County. The Foundation also awarded \$9,017.11 from the Unrestricted Endowment Fund: six \$500 grants to match local fundraising efforts and four grants with the remaining balance to support local projects.

Phillips County Match Month was held in October 2019 raising \$51,060 through generous donations. With the Hansen match, the year-end balance for its Unrestricted Endowment Fund reached \$586,859.84.



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## Thomas County Community Foundation

Thomas County Community Foundation (TCCF) 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. Total year-end managed fund assets for TCCF were \$414,415.90.

In 2019, a total of \$109,015.28 in grants were awarded to 14 organizations for the betterment of Thomas County from the Community Grant Fund. The Foundation also awarded \$7,337 in grants from the Thomas County Hansen Endowment Fund benefiting projects including: photo journalism, revival night, fireworks display and downtown audio equipment.

TCCF participated in the 2018 Match Month initiative in April 2019 raising \$49,196.89 with local support. With the generous matching donation from the Hansen Foundation, the 2019 ending balance for the Thomas County Hansen Endowment Fund was \$304,297.58.



### 2019 Board of Directors

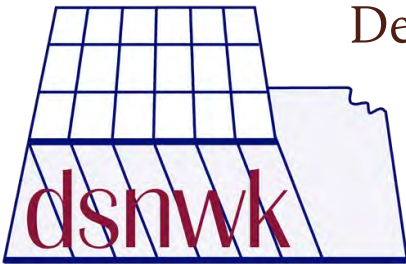
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# Agency Partner Organizations



## Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK), founded in 1967, 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 GNWKCF 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. Each of these funds help support the continued DSNWK mission.

DSNWK was the recipient of local grants in 2019. Sheridan County Community Foundation awarded \$2,888 for Hoxie accessibility improvement. DSNWK installed a concrete pad located at the front entrance of Hoxie Developmental Center. This pad allows individuals served, specifically those using wheelchairs and walkers, smoother access to the building. Norton County Community Foundation awarded \$2,558.25 for accessibility improvements at Frontier Developmental Center in Norton. The money from this grant purchased a new shower chair and a portable body lift (*pictured being used to the right*). Both of these items provide a safer and more pleasant bathing experience for individuals served as well as decrease mobility concerns, improve quality of care, and minimize injuries.



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

## Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation

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

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

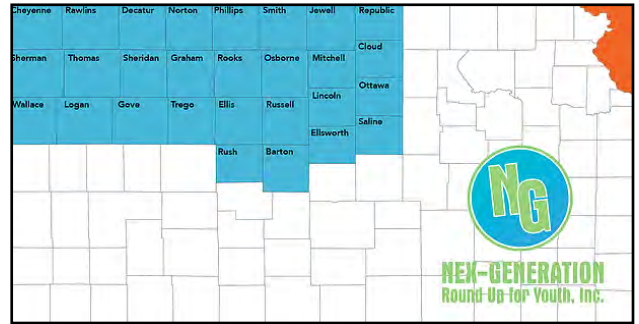


## Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc.

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

Nex-Gen offers four main program areas for 28 counties in Kansas:

1. **Career Development:** Educate students about the variety of local career opportunities through career fairs and workshops on interviewing and resume writing.
2. **Entrepreneurship:** Educate rural youth about starting their own business through hosting hands-on business plan workshops and other opportunities.
3. **Internships:** Match high school and college students with local businesses throughout northwest and north central Kansas for both work study opportunities during the school year and paid summer internships.
4. **Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas:** Partner with area rural schools through a four-to-six-week financial literacy curriculum, designed for 5th to 8th grades, that teaches basic economics, banking, money management, government, communications, entrepreneurship, philanthropy and employment.



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

Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas received Hansen Community Grant funds from some of GNWKCF's affiliated foundations including Gove County Community Foundation, Norton County Community Foundation and Wallace County Foundation. (Pictured below are students from Phillipsburg and Northern Valley Schools who attended AmeriTowne® in April 2019.) The program, which couples classroom exercises with hands-on skill development, enables students to immediately put processes and concepts to work. This curriculum is designed to show students many of the opportunities available to them in their hometown. The program culminates with a field trip to Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas in Lenora, KS where students-turned-citizens fill real-world roles as mayor, judge, police officers, mail carriers, managers, accountants, key employees, and volunteer fire fighters.

Contact Nex-Gen or GNWKCF staff to see how you can help make an impact on area youth through a financial gift.





# Scholarship Funds

## Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship

The Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Brianna Danae Linin who passed away at the young age of 5 from a massive brain tumor. The first scholarships awarded from this Fund were to 2017 graduates of Goodland High School, Brianna's classmates. The award details and number of recipients are determined annually.



2019 Awards—\$3,000

**Christopher Berls.....\$1,500**  
**Josue Renteria .....\$1,500**

## Della Connell Scholarship Fund



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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.

2019 Awards—\$12,500

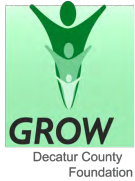
**Leah David.....\$1,250**  
**Allison Engelbert .....\$1,000**  
**Austin Koerperich .....\$1,250**  
**Lena Shelton.....\$1,000**  
**Raelynn Slipke.....\$1,000**  
**James Sturgill.....\$1,000**

*Second Year Student Awards:*  
**Dallas Gosselin .....\$1,500**  
**Ryan Johnson.....\$1,500**  
**Cale Patterson.....\$1,500**  
**Emily Riley.....\$1,500**

## Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship

The Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship is a permanent scholarship to support graduates of Decatur Community

Schools in Oberlin through the generous donation and forward thinking efforts of Ms. Edwards. This scholarship is paid to recipients over two-semester provided a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is maintained.



2019 Awards—\$5,850

**Kaylen Ashley .....\$450**  
**Clayton Carter .....\$450**  
**Zac Corbett .....\$450**  
**Kensey Garrett .....\$450**  
**Isabel Grafel.....\$450**  
**Alexander Hayward .....\$450**  
**Madelaine Johnson.....\$450**

**Andrew Juenemann .....\$450**  
**Faith Meitl.....\$450**  
**Kaden O'Hare.....\$450**  
**Danielle Rouse.....\$450**  
**Cindy Sheaffer .....\$450**  
**Reegon Witt.....\$450**

## Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Funds

### 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. This scholarship is paid over the course of two semesters.

2019 Awards—\$3,000

**Conner Born.....\$1,500**  
**Coleman Jones .....\$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.

2019 Awards—\$3,500

**Chloe Johnson .....\$1,750**  
**Logan Weimer.....\$1,750**



## Wingfield Scholarship Fund



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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.

2019 Awards—\$8,000

**Granite Bock.....\$4,000**  
**Emily Engebretsen.....\$4,000**



## Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship Fund



Edgar Robertson

The Robertson Scholarship, in memory of Edgar and Mabel Robertson of Bird City, is made available to Cheylin graduating seniors with primary emphasis being community service. The first scholarships were given in 2003. Since that time, **\$238,000** in scholarships have been awarded to **141 students**. This scholarship is paid to recipients over 2 years (4 semesters), providing a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained.



**2019 Awards—\$7,000**

- Granite Bock..... \$2,000**
- Mary-Hannah Frisbie.....\$1,800**
- Rosa-Lena Frisbie.....\$1,800**
- Emily Engebretsen .....\$800**
- Jacob Serrano.....\$600**

Edgar Robertson began working at the Security State Bank in Bird City on the bank’s opening day, November 1, 1929. He worked for E.L. Bacon, the bank president and Edgar’s cousin. Through his many years of banking he saw many changes in the industry, especially through technology, laws and regulations. Eventually, he became bank president. Edgar married Mabel Wright in June 1934.

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII) was founded in 1985 with Edgar being one of the “founding fathers”. Mabel Robertson died in December 1980, and Edgar Robertson died in July 2001, leaving a large bequest to BCCII for the betterment of the Bird City community. The Foundation board of directors established the Robertson Scholarship for graduating Cheylin students, to honor Edgar and Mabel Robertson.

## Scholarship Funds, cont.



**2019 Award**

**Josie Purvis .....\$250**

### Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship

The Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship was established to assist Wallace County High School or Weskan High School graduating seniors continue their higher education at a college or technical school. One scholarship of \$250 is awarded annually. Applications are reviewed on character and preparation of the application, potential of the applicant, financial need, and cumulative GPA of a 2.0 with no Fs on the transcript.

### Additional Wallace County Foundation Scholarships

The three scholarship funds below are also managed by GNWKCF; however, there were no applications for these scholarship funds in 2019.

#### Fox Still Memorial Scholarship

The Fox Still Memorial Scholarship was established to assist Wallace County High School graduating seniors continue their higher education at a Kansas College with a major in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice. One scholarship is made available to award annually.

#### Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship

The Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship was established to assist Wallace County High School or Weskan High School former students continue their higher education working towards a bachelor, master, or doctorate degree in nursing. Applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university to apply. One scholarship is made available to award annually.

#### W Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship

The W Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship was established to assist Wallace County High School or Weskan High School former students continue their higher education at a post-secondary educational institution. Applicant must have accumulated a minimum of 30 required credit hours to apply. One scholarship is made available to award annually.



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