

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



GREATER NORTHWEST
KANSAS

COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

• WE ARE OUR AFFILIATES •



AFFILIATE FOUNDATIONS

ACE Foundation, Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation, Gove County Community Foundation, GROW Decatur County Foundation, Russell County Area Community Foundation, Osborne County Community Foundation, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Sherman County Community Foundation, Smoky Hills Community Foundation

AGENCY FOUNDATIONS

Logan County Community Foundation, Norton County Community Foundation, Thomas County Community Foundation, Wallace County Foundation

AGENCY PARTNERS

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Graham County Community Foundation, Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation, McDonald Community Development, Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc., Phillips County Community Foundation, Special Olympics Kansas

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Friends of Cottonwood Ranch

GREATER NORTHWEST KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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, designated, donor-advised, field of interest, organization, and scholarship.

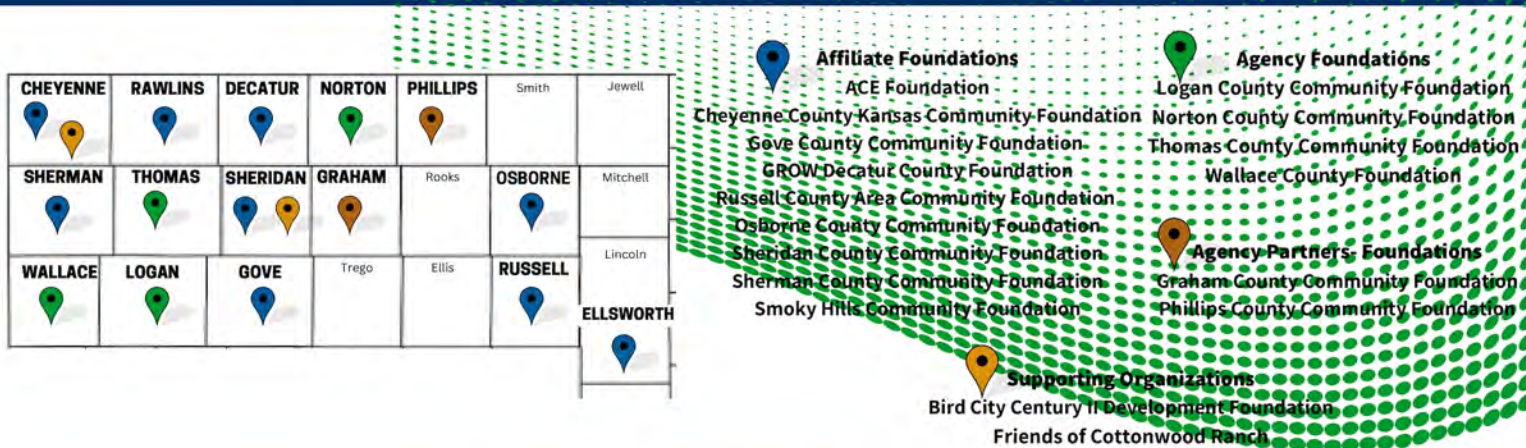
GNWKCF provides the following services:

Affiliate Foundations - GNWKCF provides the legal 501(c)(3) structure for all foundations with an affiliate status. These local foundations receive our full services and benefits, including administrative, accounting and investment services, donor relations and legal guidance, foundation staff and board training, and more.

Agency Foundations - GNWKCF provides accounting and investment administrative services for all or majority of the foundation's established funds. Our back-office support allows the local foundations to focus on their mission as they build donor relations to help donors achieve their philanthropic goals.

Supporting Organizations - GNWKCF provides guiding oversight for these organizations who are unable to meet the IRS public-support test for being an independent 501(c)(3); our supported relationship allows them to meet specific IRS requirements. Funds are managed by GNWKCF and their full assets are compiled and accounted for on our 990, but the supporting organization is responsible for filing their own independent 990 as well. Supporting organizations have their own governing board of directors and receive similar accounting and investment support and services from GNWKCF as an Agency Foundation.

Agency Partners - GNWKCF recognizes two foundations as partners. They are independent 501(c)(3) foundations, but the only funds we currently manage for them are their Hansen-initiated funds that these foundations oversee for their respective counties. We also recognize some organizations as Agency Partners, we reference those who have established at least one endowed organizational fund under GNWKCF directly (not under a county or community-specific foundation). GNWKCF provides accounting and investment administrative services on endowment funds of these organizations and foundations.



Community Foundation

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.

Vision

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

Mission

Bringing rural communities together for growth and success.

A Letter From the Director

DARCI SCHIELDS

Executive Director/CEO

Some 2023 Highlights:

- Establishing new affiliate relationships with Osborne County Community Foundation and Smoky Hills Community Foundation.
- Presenting several impactful grant opportunities aimed at addressing key issues facing our communities, such areas as education, childcare, healthcare, and economic development.
- Building new partnerships with area nonprofits and private foundations to leverage resources and maximize our impact.
- Expanding scholarship support to a larger region of students, investing in their educational aspirations and building brighter futures.
- Hosting community events that help foster culture of giving and collaboration.
- Moving into our new office location to allow for our growing needs.
- Developing an internal accounting team that allowed us to migrate full accounting services in-house.

None of those accomplishments would have been possible without the generosity and support of our local foundations and donors who believe in the power of philanthropy to transform lives and communities.

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Meet the Staff



Darci Schields
Executive Director/CEO

Carol Sloper
Director of Grants & Scholarships

Andi Culwell
Director of Human Resources, Marketing, Affiliate Relations

Jane Young
Director of Finance



Gennifer Golden House
Director of Donor Services

Makayla Norris
Grants & Scholarships Coordinator

Coleen Jensen
Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Jairo Rodriguez
Accounting Clerk

Meet the Board of Directors



Mike Posson
Board Chair Norton County

Harry Joe Pratt
Vice-Chair Sheridan County

Tom Keller
Treasurer Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

Joan McKenna
Secretary GROW Decatur County Foundation

Mitch Gillespie
Board Member Gove County Community Foundation



Tony Haffner
Board Member Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Sheridan County

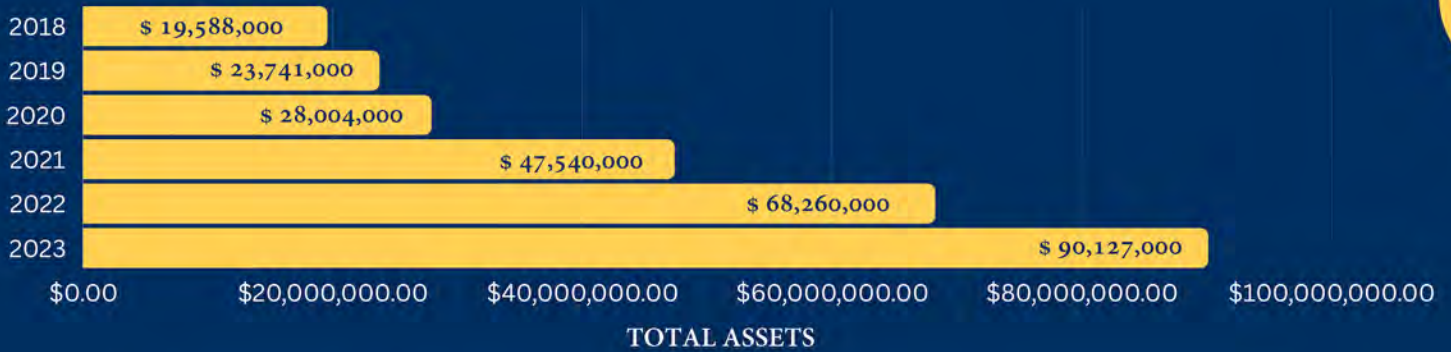
Cora House
Board Member Sherman County

Raelene Keller
Board Member Logan County Community Foundation

Travis Rickford
Board Member ACE Foundation Rawlins County

Year End Financials

Preliminary as of December 31, 2023



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Financial Position

Year-Ending December 31, 2023

\$ 90,127,242.32

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 7,325,065.76

Cash & Cash

Equivalents

\$ 298,867.73

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 64,195,092.34

Investments

\$ 89,828,374.59

TOTAL FUND

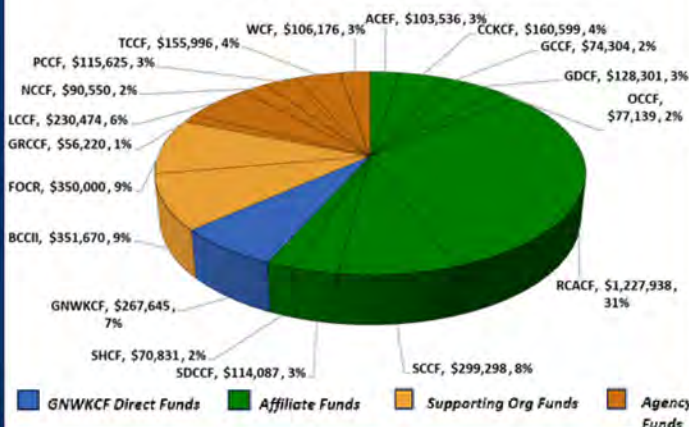
BALANCE

\$ 18,607,084.22

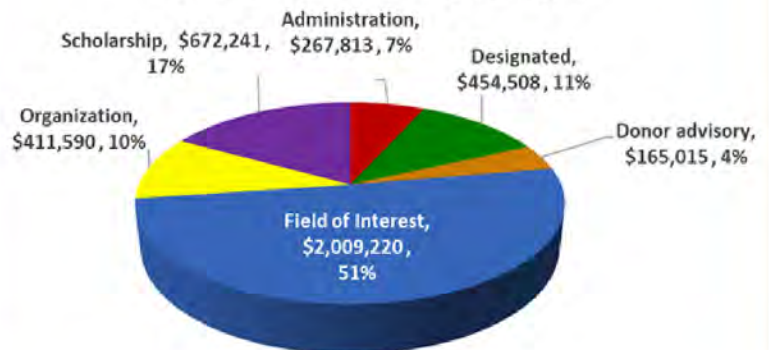
Other Assets

*Preliminary (unaudited) financials as of December 31, 2023

2023 - Total Amount of Grants Awarded by Community Foundation
\$3,309,147 Grants, \$671,241 Scholarships



2023 - Grants Awarded by Fund Type



History of GNWKCF

2009

Thanks to Bird City Century II Development Foundation for the vision to increase exposure and opportunities for philanthropy throughout northwest Kansas and the tri-state region, The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF) was formed.

Knowing the benefits and impact to regionalization, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation affiliated with GNWKCF.

2012

Gove County Community Foundation, Sheridan County Community Foundation and Sherman County Community Foundation joined as Affiliates.

2013

Norton County Community Foundation joined as an Affiliate.

2016

GROW Decatur County Foundation joined as an Affiliate.

2017

Logan County Community Foundation became an Agency Foundation.

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation joined as an Affiliate.

Norton County Community Foundation changed its status from an Affiliate to an Agency Foundation.

2018

ACE Foundation in Rawlins County became an Affiliate.

Wallace County Foundation joined as an Agency Foundation.

Graham County Community Foundation, Phillips County Community Foundation and Thomas County Community Foundation became Agency Partners, advisors to the county-wide Dane G. Hansen Foundation established funds under GNWKCF.

2022

Russell County Area Community Foundation became an Affiliate.

Bird City Century II Development Foundation changed its status from an Affiliate to a Supporting Organization.

Friends of Cottonwood Ranch became a Supporting Organization.

2023

Thomas County Community Foundation changed its status from an Agency Partner to an Agency Foundation.

Osborne County Community Foundation and Smoky Hills Community Foundation joined GNWKCF as Affiliates.



GNWKCF TRANSFORMS GENEROUS GIFT INTO STUNNING OFFICE SPACE

In 2022, GNWKCF received a remarkable gift—a building generously donated by Bird City Century II. With grant funding assistance from the Patterson Family Foundation and Dane G. Hansen Foundation, GNWKCF has successfully transformed this space into a beautiful office, poised to accommodate its growing team.

The renovation process was not merely about refurbishing a building; it was a testament to the collaborative spirit and unwavering dedication of all involved. Through meticulous planning and diligent effort, the interior of the building has been rejuvenated into a space that not only reflects the beauty of the Northwest Kansas area with photos throughout from local photographers but also fosters creativity, collaboration, and productivity among its team members. The new office space provides ample room for the growing staff, empowering them to work more efficiently and effectively.

In September 2023, GNWKCF proudly opened the doors of its newly renovated office to the community with an open house event. The response was overwhelming, with a diverse array of stakeholders, supporters, and community members gracing the occasion to witness the unveiling of this remarkable space. The event served not only as a showcase of the physical transformation but also as a celebration of the shared commitment to the betterment of the area.

While the interior renovation marks a significant milestone, the foundation's dedication to enhancing its facilities doesn't end there. Plans are underway for the completion of exterior renovations, set to elevate the building's aesthetic appeal and further integrate it into the surrounding community landscape, anticipated for the summer of 2024.



A special thank you to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Patterson Family Foundation, and Bird City Century II for your invaluable support of this project!

CHARITABLE GIVING - TYPES OF FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds: You, as the donor, can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift. You work with our professional program staff, identifying ways to use dollars from the Donor Advised Fund you establish to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted for approval; we then distribute grant dollars.

Unrestricted Funds: Your gift can address ever-changing community needs — including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being — arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Field of Interest Funds: You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life. Arts. Parks and Recreation. Youth Activities. Healthcare. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; a committee awards grants to charitable organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

Scholarships: You can invest your gift in your community's future and show students you care, all with the guidance and personal services of your community foundation. You determine the criteria students must meet to receive the Scholarship you establish. With your assistance, students achieve their academic and career-oriented goals — from preschool to postgraduate work.

Designated Funds: You can direct your gift to a specific charitable organization. Help provide ongoing funding for your family's church, local school, senior center, museum, or virtually any (IRS qualifying) nonprofit charitable organization.

Organization Funds: Qualifying organizations can establish an organization fund through the community foundation to help build their own endowment and enhance their ability to accept large and complex gifts.

Funds of the Foundation

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Bainter Family Fund (SDCCF)
Bob J. and Edith L. Clark Family Fund (LCCF)
C.W. & Sandra Antholz Fund (BCCII)
Carol and Douglas Sloper Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Coleen and Jay Jensen Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (NCCF)
Crnic Memorial Charity Fund (RCACF)
Derril and Marvel Castor Fund (RCACF)
Dolores Y. and Robert L. Earnest Fund (RCACF)
Domsch Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Don H. & Sandy Krug Fund (RCACF)
Douglas M. and Mary L. Albin Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Dr. Charles and Barbara Stinchcomb Fund (RCACF)
Edwin W. Olson Family Fund (RCACF)
Elizabeth Laing House Fund (SCCF)
Farmers State Bank Community Fund (LCCF)
Franc E. Wagner Fund (RCACF)
Fred and Joan Weigel Fund (RCACF)
Gail and Cindy Boller Fund (NCCF)
Gennifer Golden House Family Fund (SCCF)
Goodland Kiwanis Fund (SCCF)
Helen and Will Shanelec Fund (SHCF)
Henry and Marjorie L. Pohlman DAF (RCACF)
House-Chatfield Family Fund (SCCF)
Jim and Cindy Leach Family Fund (BCCII)
Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (NCCF)
John and Rhonda Goddard Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Junior and Deloris Knorr Family Fund (CCKCF)
Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (SDCCF)
Kevin and Kezia Uhrich Family Fund (LCCF)
Kim and Kevin Rasure Fund (SCCF)
Leon and Christina Huxman Fund (RCACF)
LRO Family Fund (CCKCF)
Mary's Kids Fund (RCACF)
Matt Driscoll Fund (RCACF)
Michael S. and Nancy G. Holland Fund (RCACF)
Mitch and Carlene Gillespie Family Fund (GCCF)
Murphy Family Donor-Advised Fund (RCACF)
Myers Family Memorial Fund (RCACF)
Patrick R. and Elaine M. Hilger HOPE Fund (RCACF)
Richard and Darlene Brubaker Fund (GNWKCF)
Robert Brubaker Family Fund (BCCII)
Rotary Club of Russell Fund (RCACF)
Ryan and Andrea Culwell Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Scott Chvatal Community Fund (ACE)
TMJ Family Fund (GDCF)
USD 407 Fund (RCACF)
Wallace N. Weber MD Donor Advised Fund (RCACF)
Warren & Angela Gfeller Family Foundation (RCACF)
Youth on the Move Fund (SDCCF)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Andy Hanson Memorial Fund (ACE)
Anthony and Rosanna Witt Fund (RCACF)
Atwood Jayhawk Theater Fund (ACE)
Atwood Swim Team Fund (ACE)
Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project Fund (ACE)
Atwood Township Fund (ACE)
Bill Gilpin Fund -Russell Co Youth Activities (RCACF)
Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (SCCF)
Bronco Foundation Fund (RCACF)
Cheyenne County Village Fund (CCKCF)
Dane G. Hansen Logan Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
Dane G. Hansen Grant Fund for Logan (GNWKCF)
David Goddard Fund for Russell Boy Scouts (RCACF)
David M. Shumaker Memorial Geology Fund (RCACF)

DESIGNATED FUNDS (CONT'D)

Dean C. Banker Fund for the Russell Co Historical Society (RCACF)
Dick Phinney and Joy Phinney Jillson Russell Regional Hospital Equipment Enhancement Fund (RCACF)
Ed and Lee Keirns Athletic Fund (ACE)
Ellsworth Childcare & Learning Center Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth County Cancer Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth County Historical Society Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth Senior Center Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Ethel A. John Fund for Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, KS (RCACF)
Ethel A. John Fund for the Natoma Community Center (RCACF)
Eugene Malir Designated Fund (SHCF)
Friends of the Deines Cultural Center Emma M. Gaines Memorial Fund (RCACF)
Geneseo Public Library Fund (SHCF)
George and Cooper Gier 4-H Memorial Fund (RCACF)
Girl Scouts of Russell, Kansas Fund (RCACF)
Gladys M. Wagner Memorial Fund (SHCF)
GNWKCF Affiliate Services Enhancement Fund (GNWKCF)
GNWKCF Land LLC Fund (GNWKCF)
GNWKCF Planned Giving Initiative Fund (GNWKCF)
Grainfield Daycare Fund (GCCF)
Hazel A. Olson Trinity United Methodist Church Fund (RCACF)
Helen Polcyn St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cemetery Fund (RCACF)
Hoxie Cemetery Fund (SDCCF)
J.H. Robbins Memorial Library Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Jay & Micki Sweeney Fund (RCACF)
Joel Stull Memorial Agricultural Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Kay Shank Fund (RCACF)
Keep the Dream Alive Fund (RCACF)
Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund (GNWKCF)
Lillie Solko Conservation Fund (ACE)
Marcie Adler Swimming Pool Memorial Fund (RCACF)
Max & Whilmetta Horn Fund (RCACF)
Megan Leitner AED Fund (ACE)
Michael S. Holland Fund for Russell Regional Hospital (RCACF)
Miss Czech Slovak Kansas Pageant Fund (SHCF)
Music Education Fund (ACE)
Natoma Heritage Seekers Pohlman Building Fund (RCACF)
Natoma Presbyterian Church Preservation Fund (RCACF)
Pay it Forward Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Rawlins County Amusement Fund (ACE)
Rawlins County Firemen's Fund (ACE)
Rawlins County Math and Science Education Fund (ACE)
Robert and Melinda Olson Fund (RCACF)
Russell City Cemetery Fund (RCACF)
St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund (CCKCF)
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gorham, Kansas, Building and Grounds Fund (RCACF)
St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Holyrood KS (SHCF)
USD 105 Buffalo Strong Fund (ACE)
USD 407 Schools Improvement Planning Fund (RCACF)
V. Frankie and Reba M. New Fund (RCACF)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Ambassadors of Kindness Fund (TCCF)
Barbara Creighton Reading Fund (ACE)
Bird City 150th Celebration Fund (BCCII)
Bird City Century II Business Incubator Fund (BCCII)
Bird City Century II Community Initiative Income Fund (BCCII)
Bird City Real Estate Fund LLC (BCCII)
Cheyenne County Impact Fund (CCKCF)
Cheyenne Co Kansas Community Foundation Unrestricted (CCKCF)
Cheylin E-Community Fund (BCCII)
Cultivate Sheridan County Fund (SDCCF)
Decatur Community Fund for Recruitment and Retention of Health Professionals (GDCF)
Fund for a Better Russell County Area (RCACF)
Fund For Grainfield Fund (GCCF)

Funds of the Foundation

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS (CONT'D)

Gateway Friends Foundation Fund (GDCF)
Gerald A. & Darlene R. Schaffer Fund (SDCCF)
GNWKCF B & L, LLC Fund (GNWKCF)
Gove Co Community & Economic Development Fund (GCCF)
Gove Co Community Foundation Opportunity Fund (GCCF)
Grafel Family Fund (GDCF)
Graham County Endowment Fund (GRCCF)
Greeley-Wallace Co Healthcare Foundation Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
GROW Decatur County Community Initiative Fund (GDCF)
GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (GDCF)
Grow Gove County Fund (GCCF)
Grow Gove County Investments, L.L.C. (GCCF)
Hansen Community Grant Funds (15 counties)
Hansen Initiatives - Administrative Funds (15 counties)
Harold and Eileen Frasier Memorial Fund (WCF)
Heinze Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Helen A Hampl Student Aid Fund (RCACF)
HomeTown Competitiveness Fund (ACE)
Hoxie Community Fund (SDCCF)
James and Barbara Johnson Family Fund (NCCF)
Joyce Nagel Health, Education and Recreation Fund (SHCF)
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Russell County (RCACF)
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smoky Hills (SHCF)
Knights of Columbus Council #3033 Fund (ACE)
Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund (NCCF)
Logan County Endowment Fund (LCCF)
Logan County Initiative Fund (LCCF)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund (GNWKCF)
Northwest Kansas Museum Coalition Fund (GNWKCF)
Norton County Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Oakley Parks Improvement Project Fund (LCCF)
Osborne County Community Fund (OCCF)
Phillips County Unrestricted Endowment Fund (PCCF)
Rawlins County Future Fund (ACE)
Responding to Responders Fund (LCCF)
Russell Area Youth Activities Fund (RCACF)
RCACF Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund (RCACF)
Russell County Area Pass Through Fund (RCACF)
Russell County Disaster Relief Fund (RCACF)
Russell Schools Apple Seed Fund (RCACF)
Ryan Bergling Memorial Fund (ACE)
SCCF Benefit Fund (SDCCF)
SCCF Properties, LLC (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Arts & Culture Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Health & Wellness Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Youth & Education Fund (SDCCF)
Sherman Co Community Foundation Endowment (SCCF)
Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (SCCF)
Smoky Hills Community Fund (SHCF)
Smoky Hills Healthy Living Fund (SHCF)
St. Francis New Generation Fund (CCKCF)
Stan Clark Family Memorial Education Fund (LCCF)
Thomas County Hansen Matching Endowment Fund (TCCF)
Topside Trail Project Fund (SCCF)
Tri-County Leadership Fund (GNWKCF)
USD 112 Central Plains Fund (SHCF)
USD 327 Student Benefit Fund (SHCF)
Wallace County Foundation Amusement Association Fund (WCF)
Wallace County Foundation Grant Project Fund (WCF)
Wallace County Foundation Unrestricted Fund (WCF)
Wallace County Hansen Endowment Fund (WCF)
Youth Skilled Therapy Assistance Fund (NCCF)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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Allen & Berna (Cox) Scott Endowment Fund (WCF)

FOUNDATION OPERATIONAL FUNDS

ACE Foundation Operating Fund (ACE)
ACE Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (ACE)
Bird City Century II Operating Fund (BCCII)
Cheyenne Co KS Community Foundation Operating (CCKCF)
Cheyenne Co KS CF Operating Endowment Fund (CCKCF)
Gove County Community Foundation Operating Fund (GCCF)
Gove Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (GCCF)
Graham Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (GRCCF)
Graham Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (GRCCF)
Greater NWKS Community Foundation Operating (GNWKCF)
GNWKCF Operating Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Fund (GDCF)
GROW Decatur Co Foundation Operating Endowment (GDCF)
Logan Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (LCCF)
Logan Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (LCCF)
Norton Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (NCCF)
Norton Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Osborne Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (OCCF)
Osborne Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (OCCF)
Phillips Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (PCCF)
Phillips Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (PCCF)
Russell Co Area Community Foundation Operating (RCACF)
Russell Co Area CF Operating Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Sheridan Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (SDCCF)
Sherman Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (SCCF)
Sherman Co CF Operating Endowment Fund (SCCF)
Smoky Hills Community Foundation Operating Fund (SHCF)
Smoky Hills CF Operating Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Thomas Co Community Foundation Operating Fund (TCCF)
Thomas County CF Operating Endowment Fund (TCCF)
Wallace County Foundation Operating Fund (WCF)
Wallace Co Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (WCF)

ORGANIZATION FUNDS

202 On Washington Fund (CCKCF)
Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund (DSNWK)
BCCII Development Foundation Unrestricted Fund (BCCII)
Catholic Church, St. Mary's, Russell KS Endowment (RCACF)
Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Russell Kansas Fund (RCACF)
Cheyenne County Hospital Enhancement Fund (CCKCF)
Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (BCCII)
Coronado Area Council Boy Scouts of America Fund (RCACF)
Development Services of Northwest Kansas Fund (GNWKCF)
Ellsworth Childcare & Learning Center Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth County Cancer Organization Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth County Historical Society Fund (SHCF)
Ellsworth Senior Center Fund (SHCF)
Fort Wallace Memorial Association Fund (WCF)
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Fund (FOCR)
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Grant Fund (FOCR)
Frontline Workers Fund (GNWKCF)
God's Little Saints Preschool Fund (ACE)
Gove Co Medical Center Education & Scholarship (GCCF)
Grassroots Art Center Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Grassroots Art Center Fund (RCACF)
Helen Brubaker Immanuel United Methodist Church Outreach Fund (BCCII)

Funds of the Foundation

ORGANIZATION FUNDS (CONT'D)

J.H. Robbins Memorial Library Fund (SHCF)
Jim and Rose Blume DSNWK Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
Joey Weber Endowment Fund (DSNWK)
Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund (GNWKCF)
Legacy Track and Field Fund for Wallace County (GNWKCF)
Main Street Arts Council Fund (SDCCF)
McDonald Community Development Fund (GNWKCF)
Morland Community Foundation Fund (GNWKCF)
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Endowment (GNWKCF)
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Program (GNWKCF)
Northwest Kansas Conservation Fund (LCCF)
Norton Area Child Care Association Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Norton County Arts Council Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Norton Co Community Service Assn Endowment (NCCF)
Norton County Health Department Fund (NCCF)
Norton County Historical Society Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Norton Theatre Association Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Oakley Educational Foundation Fund (LCCF)
Osborne County Ag and FFA Programs Fund (OCCF)
Osborne United Methodist Church Fund (OCCF)
Rawlins County 4-H Foundation Fund (ACE)
Russell Backpack Fund (RCACF)
Russell Co Historical Society Legacy Endowment (RCACF)
Russell County Historical Society Legacy Fund (RCACF)
Russell Co Historical Society Legacy Endowment (RCACF)
Russell Public Library Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Russell Public Library Fund (RCACF)
Russell Regional Hospital Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Russell Regional Hospital Fund (RCACF)
Saint John Lutheran Church, Russell, Endowment (RCACF)
Saint John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas Fund (RCACF)
Saint John Lutheran Church, Restricted Endowment (RCACF)
Selden Community Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Historical Society Fund (SDCCF)
Special Olympics Kansas Fund (GNWKCF)
St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Endowment Fund (SHCF)
Thresher Association Endowment Fund (BCCII)
United Methodist Church Endowment Fund (ACE)
Wild West Historical Foundation Fund (LCCF)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

15th Judicial District Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Algoth O. and Elma Lee Erickson Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Ambassadors of Kindness Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Andy Hanson Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Atwood Ambassadors Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Bird City Century II Scholarship Income Fund (BCCII)
Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (SCCF)
Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (SCCF)
Cale Evins Memorial Fund (LCCF)
Caryle Jean Bender Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
Charles and Velma Westerman Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
Charles Walker Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Charley & Roberta Salmans - Roberta Salmans Christie Scholarship Fund (LCCF)
Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship (TCCF)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Connie Argabright Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Cory R. Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Dawn L. Pruitt Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
Della Connell Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Delmar Kohls Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
Donald A. Crane Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Doran Bina Dole Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Durham Family Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Erma and Bob John Memorial Scholarship Fund (GNWKCF)
Farmers State Bank Junior Bank Board Scholarship (LCCF)
Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Scholarship (GDCCF)
Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Scholarship Award (GDCCF)
Fox Still Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)
Frankie and Theresa Chvatal Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Gary Reinert RCHS Wrestler Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Glenn and Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Gove County Fair Board Scholarship Fund (GDCCF)
Horton Family Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Joshua Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Joyce Gatlin Family Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Keith and Shannon Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Ken and Courtney McCarty Single Parent Assistance Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Kurt Dillon Foundation of Ag Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Lena J. Patterson CNA Nursing Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Lila Jean (Warta) Young Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
Lisa Scott Scholarship Fund (WCF)
Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship Fund (WCF)
NCHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Norton Rotary Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Opal and Adolph Harris for Hill City USD 281 (GNWKCF)
Opal and Adolph Harris for Hoxie USD 412 (SDCCF)
Paul E. Ruggels Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Phoebe Harkins Memorial Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Pohlman Family Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Roland Hoffman Memorial Fund Cheylin High School (BCCII)
Rothenberger Scholarship Fund (OCCF)
Rothenberger College Scholarship Fund (OCCF)
Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)
Ryan Bergling Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Teri L. Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship Fund (TCCF)
The Boehler Student Aid Fund (RCACF)
The David Ochs Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
The Elaine Hilger Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
The Eleanor Hunter Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
The Ervin and Denzell Zimmerman Memorial Fund (RCACF)
The Fonda Archer Moore & Alfred Moore Fund (TCCF)
The Fran Malir Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCF)
The Sean Paul Banks Memorial Scholarship (RCACF)
Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship Fund (LCCF)
Vic Oelke Memorial Scholarship Fund (CCKCF)
W. Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)
William H. Beck Outstanding Music Award Fund (TCCF)
Wingfield Scholarship Fund (GNWKCF)
Youth on the Move Scholarship Fund (SDCCF)

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

ACE Foundation		\$12,676
Algoth & Elma Lee (Bearley) Erickson Scholarship (USD 105)	Michaela Rippe	\$1,500
	Drew Withington	\$1,500
Algoth & Elma Lee (Bearley) Erickson Scholarship (USD 294)	Olivia Williby	\$1,500
	Ellison Anderson	\$1,500
Barney Horton Family Scholarship	Kaelyn Wells	\$1,000
Charles Walker Scholarship	Kenneth Micek	\$250
Donald A Crane Scholarship	Grady Lohofener	\$776
Frankie and Theresa Chvatal Scholarship	Alexander Fields	\$1,000
	Joshua Popp	\$500
Gary Reinert RCHS Wrestler Scholarship	Drew Withington	\$250
Keith and Shannon Ross Memorial Scholarship	Drew Withington	\$500
Kurt Dillon Foundation of Ag Scholarship	Kenneth Micek	\$500
Ryan Bergling Memorial Scholarship	Alexander Fields	\$500
	Jordyn Tiemeyer	\$300
	Joshua Popp	\$300
	Kaelyn Wells	\$500
	Kenneth Micek	\$300

Bird City Century II Development Foundation		\$8,850
Edgar & Mabel Robertson Scholarship	Judy Hawkins	\$2,500
	Rubie Yost	\$2,000
	Vivieith Espana	\$2,000
	Vivian Yanez	\$500
Roland Hoffman Memorial Scholarship	Rubie Yost	\$1,850

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation		\$1,000
Vic Oelke Memorial Scholarship	Jesslynn Houtman	\$1,000

Gove County Community Foundation		\$500
Gove County Fair Board Scholarship	Trevor Kaiser	\$500

GROW Decatur County Foundation		\$8,000
Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship	Avery Witt	\$1,000
	Breyana Gehring	\$1,000
	Bryant Gillund	\$1,000
	Ellison Anderson	\$1,000
	Emma Holloway	\$1,000
	Joshua Juenemann	\$1,000
	Olivia Williby	\$1,000
	Savannah Morris	\$1,000

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (Direct)		\$10,000
Adolph & Opal Harris Scholarship - Hill City	Conner Dinkel	\$1,500
	Matilda Keith	\$1,500
Erma and Bob John Memorial Scholarship	Taylor Lacher	\$250
	Titus Sherer	\$250
Wingfield Scholarship	Judy Hawkins	\$1,000
	Rubie Yost	\$1,000
	Vivieith Espana	\$2,000
Wingfield Scholarship (Renewal)	Alondra Perez	\$1,500
	Soledad Bermudez Sanchez	\$1,000

Logan County Community Foundation		\$5,000
Farmers State Bank Junior Bank Board Scholarship	Aniston Dunn	\$1,500
	Katelyn Wilson	\$1,500
	Noah Larshus	\$1,500
Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship	Kayle Bockwinkel	\$500

Norton County Community Foundation		\$22,950
Della Connell Scholarship	20 - \$1,000 Awardees \$20,000	
	Avery Stark	Olivia Miller
	Cara Cox	Rylan Wildeman
	Collin Brooks	Sean Ward-Anderson
	Cooper Bailey	Silas Jones
	Dylan Hawks	Wesley Brooks
	Elle Kats	Wyatt BHammond
	Erika Miller	Nolan Juenemann
Durham Family Scholarship	Jefferson Otter	\$750
Glenn & Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship 2023	Taylor Mapes	\$1,000
Norton Rotary Scholarship	Avery Porter	\$400
	Ella Carter	\$400
	Garrett Urban	\$400

Sheridan County Community Foundation		\$4,000
Adolph & Opal Harris Scholarship	Brady Jones	\$1,750
	Grayce Schieferecke	\$1,750
Youth on the Move Scholarship	Brady Jones	\$250
	Carter Beckman	\$250

Sherman County Community Foundation		\$4,000
Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship	Claire Elizabeth Scheopner	\$1,000
	Jason Thomas Colby	\$1,000
	Lindsey Lanae Cure	\$2,000

Thomas County Community Foundation		\$61,750
15th Judicial District Scholarship	Rubie Yost	\$2,000
Ambassadors of Kindness Scholarship	Brayden Imhof	\$250
	Emma Wright	\$250
	Gabriella Griffin	\$250
	Paige DeGood	\$500
Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship	Jayla Rush	\$500
Fonda Archer Moore & Alfred Moore Scholarship Winners	Brock Woolf	\$6,500
	Connor Purvis	\$5,500
	Elaina Clymer	\$6,250
	Jessica Platt	\$5,500
	Joseph Myers	\$6,500
	Lizabeth Felthoelter	\$6,250
	Malela Powell	\$5,500
	Mallory Jackson	\$8,000
Joyce Lauritsen Gatlin Scholarship	Alexander Fields	\$500
	Avery Moses	\$500
	Joshua Popp	\$500
	Kaelyn Wells	\$500
	Mallory Jackson	\$500
Lena J Patterson CNA Nursing Scholarship	Jayla Rush	\$1,000
Sacred Heart Church Scholarship	Samantha Diederich	\$500
Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship	Liv Tubbs	\$4,000

Wallace County Foundation		\$1,750
Lisa Scott Scholarship	Gabriel Johnson	\$500
Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship	Caleb Rother	\$250
W. Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship	Trevor Medina	\$1,000

Russell County Area Community Foundation		\$529,355
Adolph Boehler Student Aid Fund	Emily Cole	\$1,200
	Lauren Franks	\$1,200
David Ochs Memorial Scholarship	David Pummell	\$1,200
	Jacob Ney Sr.	\$1,200
	Mason Berens	\$1,200
Doran & Bina Dole Scholarship	Hannah Dapogny	\$10,000
	Jaelynn Seirer	\$2,500
Ervin & Denzell Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship	Gracie Gray	\$700
Elaine Hilger Scholarship	Sydney Kraus	\$1,000
Gerald W. Stoppel Academic Scholarship	Emily Cole	\$1,200
	Gracie Karst	\$1,200
	Kirsten Kyger	\$1,200
Kenneth Dumler Memorial Scholarship	Brayden Strobel	\$925
Murphy Memorial Scholarship	Raylyn Paget	\$365
	Taylor Fallis	\$365
Paul E. Ruggels Memorial Scholarship	Isabella Boxberger	\$900
	Jacob Sohm	\$900
Pohlman Family Scholarship	Macie Banks	\$600
	Raylyn Paget	\$600
Sean Paul Banks Memorial Scholarship	Jordayn Buhrie	\$450
	Lauren Franks	\$450

Joshua Scholarship			\$505,000
10 - \$10,000 Awardees	55 - \$5,000 Awardees		
Aniya Stierlen	Alayna Van Der Wege	Jaelynn Seirer	
Braydon Gibson	Amiah Meis	Janae Schulte	
Darian Klee	Andrew Roth	Jordayn Buhrie	
Delainey Pospichal	Aubrey Larson	Joshua Sohm	
Jace Peerman	Avalon Garland	Kalli Pfeifer	
Kirsten Kyger	Brayden Strobel	Katherine Krauss	
LaAries Winzerling	Brittan Fritschen	Kayla Farmer	
Maci Clark	Caden Pfeifer	Kayla Noller	
Mackenzie Zimmerman	Caleigh Evans	Kyle Lampert	
Matthew Buhrie	Cameron Farmer	Lacey Herndon	
15 - \$8,500 Awardees	Cameron Hendryx	Mackenzie Thomas	
Abigail Cross	Camille Dortmund	Mason Berens	
Abigail Myers	Charles Krug	Megan Peeler	
Aidan Rohr	Chase Prester	Mileah Backhus	
Alexia Charbonneau	Chesney Cunningham	Rhett Pospichal	
Bailey Dollison	Christopher Von Pummell	Ryan Birky	
Cheyenne Blundon	Cole Birky	Rylan Reeves	
Halle Hall	David Pummell	Rylee Miller	
Hunter Throop	Emerson Nichols	Samantha Ptacek	
Jesse Whitmer	Emily Cole	Shelby Ney	
Jordynn Guenot	Gillian Lynch	Skyler Steinle	
Kelly Lopez	Grace Lumpkins	Sydney Kraus	
Lauren Myers	Gracie Gray	Tiffany Dortmund	
Macie Banks	Hannah Dapogny	Trevor Steinle	
Nickolaus Miller	Isabella Boxberger	Tyler Lampert	
Renee Nichol	Jackson Cross	Whitney Nuss	
2 - \$1,250 Awardees	Jacob Ney Sr.	Wyatt Middleton	
Gracie Karst	Jacob Sohm		
Lauren Franks			

JOSHUA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Spotlight

RCACF Joshua Scholarship Fund

Russell County High School (USD 407) graduates have an incredible opportunity to receive a large scholarship for multiple years to assist with continuing education thanks to the Joshua Scholarship Fund established under the Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF). On average, around 75 current or former graduates of USD 407 are awarded between \$1,000 to \$15,000 (each) for college expenses from this fund. Scholars can reapply up to the age of 30.

In 2004, the Joshua Scholarship Fund was established at RCACF by Starr F. Schlobohm of Wolfeboro, NH who passed away on February 3, 2012. Although Dr. Schlobohm resided in New Hampshire, he spent quite a bit of time in Russell, KS, as he owned the Starr F. Schlobohm Oil Operations and was the principal owner of Royal Drilling Inc. of Russell. He was so moved by his friends and associates in Russell that he wanted to ensure he was able to share his success with this community for years to come. The endowed scholarship fund was created to inspire graduating high school seniors by showing them that if they played by the rules and received a high school education, they could go to college without the financial burden (no matter what that student's financial situation may look like).

The donor listed seven criteria. The first three are very important and must be followed closely. The following four criteria are subjective and are to be used at the discretion of the trustees in their best judgement.

Starr F. Schlobohm understood how important it is to be able to fund academics, as he spent a considerable time in school himself and later found himself working within the school system.

1. **A graduate (former or current) of a Russell County High School;**
2. **Enrolled full-time at a college, university, or vocational/technical school;**
3. **Be 30 years of age or younger;**
4. **Show academic achievement;**
5. **Involved in extracurricular activities or out of school employment.**
6. **Demonstrated good citizenship and character; and**
7. **A financial need shown by the student applying.**

The following is a list of employment and academic achievements Dr. Schlobohm received in his lifetime.

- Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University – 1950;
- Graduated from Harvard Business School with high distinction, ranking first in his class of 500 – 1952;
- Served in the United States Air Force, being discharged as a Lieutenant – 1952-1954;
- After working for Reader's Digest in New York City, returned to school and received his doctorate degree in Marketing and Economics from New York University – 1960-1978; and

Was a professor of Economics and Business Administration at the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School – 1978-1997

Dr. Schlobohm saw value in people who did not wear suits to work every day. Throughout his life, he helped people who could not obtain other financial assistance. When he loaned money though, he expected to be paid back. Similarly, the Joshua Scholarship Fund is not a free pass or a blank check; Dr. Schlobohm expects results.

The students who receive this scholarship hold up their end of that deal well. The recipients range widely in age, number of years in college, post-secondary education institution, and major. Some students are starting out as graduating high school seniors with plans to attend college or a vocational / technical school and others are in their mid to late 20's finishing an advanced degree. The flexibility this scholarship provides is outstanding and very promising to any determined scholar.

The RCACF Executive Director, Angela Muller, promotes this scholarship to eligible students. She said, "The Joshua Scholarship is helping area students transform their lives through the gift of education. Because of Dr. Schlobohm's generosity, more than \$500,000 in scholarships are awarded annually from this fund to help students up to age 30 attend university, graduate school or trade school. Students who never thought they could afford to go to college are now living that dream, and that gift will affect generations to come."

It is a privilege for GNWKCF to administer this opportunity made available to Russell County High School through Russell County Area Community Foundation. The vision and impact of Dr. Schlobohm's generous donation is inspirational.

Planned Giving

Inspiring others to give....

LEGACY
GIFT!



Helen Grace Brubaker had a remarkable journey that was shaped by her family, community and faith. She was born on March 5, 1924 in Lawrence, KS and rode the train to Goodland when she was 3 weeks old with a nurse from the adoption agency in Topeka. Maude and Seward Brubaker, her loving parents, picked her up to bring her home to Bird City, KS.

Helen realized how blessed she was with the parents that chose her. Despite facing challenges early in life with her diagnosis of spastic cerebral palsy, she found herself surrounded by love and support. Her involvement in the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) not only allowed her to overcome her fear of speaking in groups but also provided her with a sense of fulfillment and inspiration. Additionally, her experiences allowed her to travel and see many parts of the USA, Greece and Italy enriching her life with diverse experiences and perspectives. Overall, Helen's story highlights the power of love, faith, and community in overcoming obstacles and finding purpose and joy in life.

Helen's belief in the impartiality of God and the importance of personal response to life's challenges reflects a profound understanding of faith and resilience. Her perspective emphasizes the idea that adversity is an inevitable part of life, but it is our response to it that truly matters. By allowing God to work within us, she believed that we could find the strength, wisdom, and guidance to navigate through difficulties and emerge stronger. Furthermore, she recognized that by allowing God to work through us, we not only benefit ourselves but also have the potential to positively impact the lives of others.

Helen passed away October 18, 2006 comforted that her beloved family and city accepted, respected and valued her for her lifetime. Upon her passing, Helen bequeathed a significant donation, establishing a fund in collaboration with Bird City Century II Development Foundation and the Methodist Church. Refer to page 30 for further details regarding this new fund. Her gift will make an impact for generations to come.

Estate Planning Help for Charitable Gifts to your Community Foundation: Leave a Legacy

Looking to give back to your Northwest Kansas community through a charitable gift in your will?

This program offers no charge assistance to get started!

DEVELOP AN OUTLINE: Meet with estate planning attorney, John Griffin with Stewardship Counseling, to design a plan that includes your charitable wishes. He'll help you outline your overall estate plan, not just the charitable aspect.

COMPLETE THE DOCUMENTS: You will meet with your own attorney, to finalize the legal documents.

FINAL REVIEW: John reviews your final documents before signing and will connect with your chosen attorney, if needed. During this process, you will meet with your local community foundation to complete paperwork on the charitable gift component.

Ready to make a difference?

Contact your local community foundation to initiate the conversation about leaving a lasting impact.

Contact Gennifer Golden House at gennifer@gnwkcf.org for more detailed information on utilizing Stewardship Counseling's services.



Dane G. Hansen Foundation Partnership



Dane G. Hansen impacting change in 26 Counties

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation (DGH), established in 1965, has been a partner to GNWKCF since 2015. DGH has provided support through a number of initiatives for its 26-county territory to expand charitable activities in Northwest Kansas to: build a sustainable pool of dollars available to meet ongoing and future needs; empower community members to confidently plan for the future of their hometowns; and increase community knowledge and visibility of local community foundations. GNWKCF works with 15 of the 26 counties, and Greater Salina Community Foundation works with the remaining 11 counties.

2023 Community Foundation Initiatives:

Community Grant Funds: \$25,000 twice a year promised through September 2025; provides the respective communities actively participate in the Strategic Doing process.

Matching Endowment Funds: Matches \$1 for \$1 up to \$50,000 during a community foundation declared Match Month, promised through April 2026. Also as of May 2022, offers incentive grants of \$45,000 for the local foundation's operational endowment fund and \$5,000 for their general operating fund.

NWKansas Gives: This initiative was introduced in 2019 to offer technical assistance and education to area community foundations to capture the transfer of wealth occurring over the next few decades. Through this program, donors wishing to make a charitable gift that impacts Northwest Kansas have access to estate planning attorney, John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling, to help design a plan.

Staffing Grants: Beginning in April 2021 and promised through September 2025, DGH is offering an optional operational grant to the 26 county-wide community foundations. Foundations may apply for a \$10,000 grant per year (in years 2021-2025) to provide funding for a staff or consultant position to assist the foundation with general operations.



Dane G. Hansen, through his generous estate gift, has enabled the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to establish and maintain a huge footprint in the "Magic Corner" of Kansas.

You too can leave a legacy that lasts forever by remembering your community foundation in your estate plan! Contact GNWKCF today to find out how.

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ACE Foundation

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GRANT FUNDING IMPROVES DEPOT- The Depot, originally constructed in 1892 as a BN Train Depot and initially serving Atwood until the 1960s, underwent a transformation around the mid-1980s. It was relocated and repurposed into a cooperative craft outlet for local Rawlins County artisans. Over the years, Rawlins County crafters expanded its offerings to include antiques and collectibles from various exhibitors. Opening its doors in 1988, the Depot has diligently preserved and improved the historic structure, which is over a century old.

Volunteers at the Depot were keen on enhancing the building's energy efficiency. Thanks to grant funding, significant improvements were made. This included the replacement of doors, insulation repairs, and measures to prevent bat intrusion. Additionally, a window air conditioning unit was installed to ensure a comfortable environment for volunteers, community members, and visiting travelers. The Rawlins County Future Fund contributed \$3,618.75 towards these upgrades.



Grants Funded in 2023:

- Redeemer Lutheran Church AED \$1,907.15
- Youth Core Ministries \$2,500
- DSNWK-Balancing Scales \$1,528.99
- Parkinson's Families of NW KS \$2,489.31
- Atwood Township Golf Course Sprinkler Project \$10,000
- Town of Atwood Two Homes LLC Earth Moving \$15,000
- Rawlins County Dental Clinic Fund Purchase of TLC \$10,000
- Grass Roots Institute Of Kansas Demolition Of Derelict Properties \$10,000
- Rawlins County Tennis-Pickleball Project \$10,000
- Main Street Arts Council, Production of The Little Mermaid Jr Summer Theater \$1,000

BUFFALO STRONG FUND

The ACE Foundation, in response to the devastating loss of the Rawlins County USD 105 School to an unexpected fire last year, allocated \$40,000 of the Patterson Match funds to create the USD 105 Buffalo Strong Fund. This initiative provided a dollar-to-dollar match up to \$40,000 to jumpstart the rebuilding efforts and cover additional costs. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and surrounding areas, support has been overwhelming. In a significant development, John Deere and SurePoint had joined forces to further bolster the fund, with John Deere contributing an additional \$25,000. This collaboration has increased our matching funds to an impressive \$65,000. We are deeply grateful for this community-wide effort, which is instrumental in helping the Rawlins County USD 105 School rebuild and continue its vital role in the community for years to come.



Grass Roots New Building is going up after the demolition of Derelict Properties

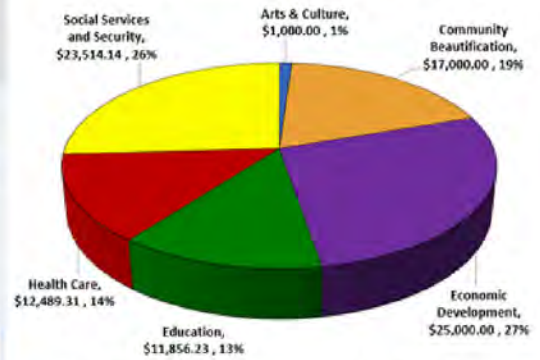


Purchase of TLC for new Rawlins County Dental Clinic

"Thank you to the ACE Foundation! The ACE Foundation offered to help USD 105 with organizing donations to the school district in wake of the fire at Rawlins County Junior-Senior High School," says Eric Stoddard, USD 105 Superintendent, "The Buffalo Strong Campaign was started this summer and donations to the school were matched by the ACE Foundation. On behalf of USD 105, thank you for supporting our school district in our time of need!"

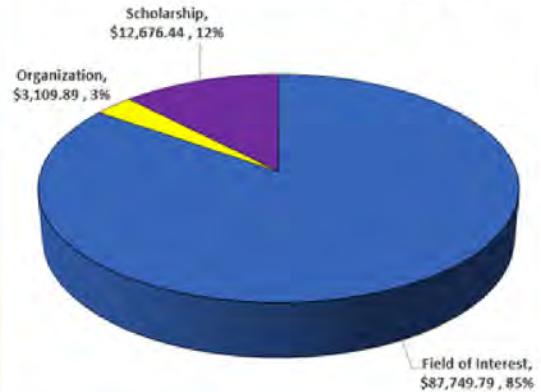


2023 - ACE Foundation Grants by Program Area



2023 - ACE Foundation Awards by Fund Type

Grants: \$90,859.68, Scholarships: \$12,676.44



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Funds

\$788,065.26
Total Donations Received

\$2,353,435.26
Total Assets

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Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation

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CHEYENNE COUNTY KANSAS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Building the Foundation of Tomorrow

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF) became an affiliate of GNWKCF in December of 2017. The foundation's assets have grown to over 2 million as a result of the annual match month challenge issued by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and generous donors who believe in helping Cheyenne County build the foundation of tomorrow.

A generous donation of \$100,000 came through the foundation in 2022. The generosity from this donation created the birth of 4 new funds including a \$10,000 start-up for 202 on Washington (Quasi-Endowed), and a \$10,000 start-up for Cheyenne County Historical Society (Quasi-Endowed). A scholarship fund was established for the Vic Oelke Memorial and a new donor-advised fund, the LRO Fund. Three current funds: the CC Impact Fund, St. Francis New Generation, and the St. Francis Educational Fund all received another \$10,000 each from this donor. The lives impacted by generosity are immeasurable.

Grants coming from the main funds established at CCKCF, Dane G Hansen Community Grant, CC Impact Fund, St. Francis New Generation Fund, and St. Francis Educational Fund have granted a total of \$1,021,221.40 from 2015-2023 distributed to Cheyenne County to make a difference in our future.

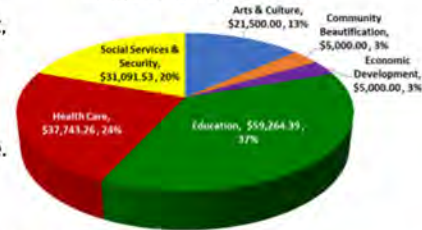
Dane G. Hansen Foundation began our journey of sustainability with their matching initiative. It is projected that if you reach your match every year it is offered you will have received \$500,000 + \$280,000+ \$45,000= \$825,000 by the end of April 2026.

In 2023, the Patterson Family Foundation came alongside the Hansen Foundation to help increase this matching amount. Patterson added \$70,000 to this match campaign. Every \$1 received would be matched \$3. Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation was able to reach our goal raising a total of \$82,559. This created a total impact amount of \$252,559 from community donors,

2023 - CCKCF Awards by Fund Type
Grants: \$159,599.18, Scholarships: \$1,000



2023 - CCKCF Grants by Program Area



13
Funds

\$300,780.77
Total
Donations
Received

\$2,395,464.79
Total
Assets

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NEW CCAA Building at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds- CCKCF alongside the Hansen Foundation funded a new building to be built. Ground broke in June of 2023 and the construction phase is currently underway. This building will house components for the rides, storage for the prize booth, and be equipped with a shop area for the maintenance crew to have an area to work on rides. This building brings great joy to the community as well as the community volunteers who help with the fair every year. This building will be called "The Hub". The community took part in the development of the project by funding another storage container as well as funding the donor sign that will be located outside the building.



Childcare in Cheyenne County- The efforts of the Cheyenne County Childcare Coalition, under the leadership of Jessica Matthies & Mackenzie Lampe, have been successful in the organization and development of a childcare facility located in St. Francis. The project began with research in November 2022, with the help of funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in January 2023, funding from Childcare Aware of Kansas in March 2023, and funding from the Patterson Family Foundation in May 2023. With the help of many volunteers, local community members, local contractors, and local businesses, the doors opened November 15, 2023. This location is registered as a group home for 12 children/ day. It is currently fully operational with one full-time director, Brianna Waters, as well as



two additional employees. The childcare location is owned by USD # 297/ St. Francis Jr./Sr. High School and overseen by a 7-member childcare committee. The members are Kayla Bosen, Erin Guthmiller, Mackenzie Lampe, Jessica Matthies, Danielle McAtee, Brianna Waters and Shay Zwegardt.

DONOR HIGHLIGHT- Kendall Day lived in St. Francis from 1977-1995, and his parents Mike and Brenda Day were citizens until moving to live near Kendall, his wife Danielle, and their children Gavin and Veronica in Washington, D.C. Kendall and Danielle have made annual contributions to CCKCF for more than 5 years. This is what Kendall had to say about why he donates:

I grew up in St. Francis, have the fondest memories of my childhood there, and still have good friends in the area. One of my favorite experiences as a parent has been to bring my kids back to enjoy the Cheyenne County Fair, swim in the community pool (which is much fancier than the one we had when I was young), and finish the day with sopapillas from Park Hill Restaurant. I am grateful to St. Francis and Cheyenne County for the opportunities I had when I was young. I hope that the annual contributions Danielle and I make to the CCKCF will plant seeds for the kids who came after me - Cheyenne County is a special place."





Gove County Community Foundation

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2023 Achievements Unveiled

Embarking on the "Road to a Million," the Gove County Community Foundation organized a successful November Match Month, featuring an evening with dueling pianos, a meal, and a silent auction. From the outset, our mission was clear: to attain a million-dollar in our endowment account in 2023, requiring a minimum total contribution of \$100,000. The community responded with remarkable generosity, contributing over \$117,000 in donations. This, along with matching funds, we now have an impressive \$1,000,000 endowment fund!!

A pivotal factor in our success was the integration of Bloomerang, a donor management software program that meticulously tracks profile information for each constituent, encompassing contact details, donations, phone calls, emails, meetings, and interactions with board members. In the summer of 2023, our Nex-Gen youth intern inputted all past contributors' donation and contact information, further streamlining our operations.

Celebrating our accomplishments, we showcased the grants we've funded over the years, revealing a staggering total of over \$834,000 reinvested in our county through the Gove County Community Foundation. Gratitude abounds for the support and funding received from the Dane C Hansen Foundation and, newly introduced this year, the Patterson Family Foundation. Securing \$70,000 in matching funds from the latter, a family-led foundation with a focus on rural communities in Kansas and Northwest Missouri, we allocated a portion to our Opportunity Fund. This allows us to channel resources into our communities in ways that foster prosperity for Gove County.

Our website govecountycommunityfoundation.org, went live in the summer of 2023. Each stride forward brings us closer to establishing an intimate connection with our audience and effectively advertising our foundation. The website provides a sneak peek into our identity, mission, and how others can contribute, presenting various fund options and visually showcasing the grants we've proudly awarded.



Match Month Grants Road to \$1,000,000 in 2023



2016 \$41,595 Local Donations
\$41,595 Hansen Match
\$83,191 Endowment Balance
No grants awarded in 2017

2017 \$36,696 Local Donations
\$36,696 Hansen Match
\$129,700 Endowment Balance
No grants awarded in 2018

2018 \$56,000 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match **\$210,057 Endowment Balance**
\$6355 granted in 2019 to:
Quinter Historical Society for Farmers Market Garden
Quinter Schools - USD 293 for Computer Numerical Control Machine

2019 \$55,039 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match **\$353,660 Endowment Balance**
\$11,557 granted in 2020 to:
Gove County Fair Board for shade structures for fair grounds
Quinter Schools - USD 293 for handicapped accessible playground equipment
City of Gove for new flooring and windows in community building
Grainfield Community Development Committee for city park concessions building

2020 \$66,233 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match **\$552,283 Endowment Balance**
\$11,600 granted in 2021 to:
Quinter Schools - USD 293 for food science room update
Gove County Medical Center for Fetal Monitor
Grainfield Community Development Committee for pickleball court

2021 \$85,472 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match **\$696,683 Endowment Balance**
\$26,700 granted in 2022 to:
City of Gove for community building roof
American Legion Post 301 for insulation and ceiling tile replacement
Grainfield Community Development Committee for Lil' Hawks Village Daycare appliance
Friends of Grinnell for city welcome sign

2022 \$89,591 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match **\$712,837 Endowment Balance**
\$23,500 granted in 2023 to:
Quinter Community Development for The Depot exterior renovations
American Legion Post 301 for winter topcoats
Gove County Historical Association for a new museum stairlift

2023 Goal \$100,000 Local Donations, \$50,000 Hansen Match
\$1,000,000 Endowment Balance
Approximately \$40,000 available to be granted in 2024

Youth Project

The Gove County Community Foundation is proud to introduce The Gove County Youth Project. Members are made up of students from both Wheatland High School and Quinter High School. Their mission is to fundraise and grant out money for projects that they find meaningful for their community. We look forward to see what these founding members do and the path they lay for future members.

12
Funds

\$361,113.91
Total Donations Received

\$1,616,167.78
Total Assets

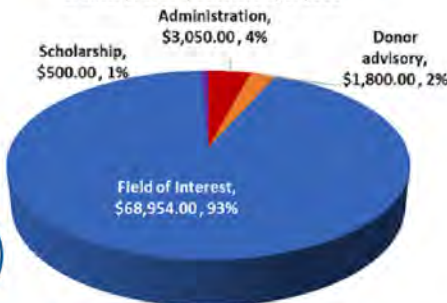
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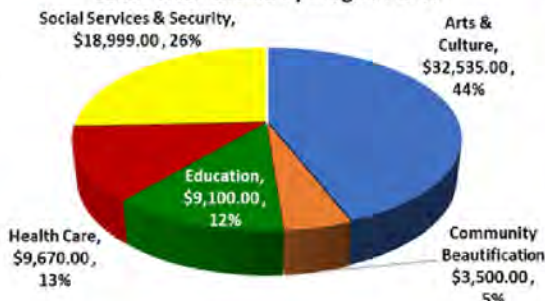
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GCCF Awards by Fund Type
Grants: \$73,804, Scholarships: \$500



2023 - GCCF Grants by Program Area



GROW Decatur County Foundation

AN AFFILIATE OF GNWKCF



Growing Rural Opportunities Within

GROW Decatur County Foundation is all about "Growing Rural Opportunities Within" and what better way to do that than to start with our youth.

The Home Educators of Northwest Kansas had the vision for bringing an educational experience to our area youth and made it happen with the Edgerton Explorit Center Education Day in the fall.



The GROW Decatur County Foundation funded the grant request of \$4,500 in



August for the two-day event that was held at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin in November. The first day over 200 home school students and parents attended, and the second day, Oberlin, Atwood and Golden Plains elementary schools brought over 350 students and educators enjoyed the numerous opportunities this experience offered. There were 31 volunteers



and countless hours of planning and preparation making the hands-on experiences for our area students a huge success. The GROW Decatur County Foundation was excited to see such an amazing opportunity for our area students and the wonderful foresight that the Home Educators of Northwest Kansas had in making this happen.

11
Funds

\$631,556.67
Total Donations Received

\$2,308,307.74
Total Assets

USD 294 in Decatur County introduced a project to familiarize students with the newest technologies and potential opportunities in their area; drones. The school was able to host a drone camp led by two college students majoring in mechanical and computer science engineering from the University of Colorado. Through this program,



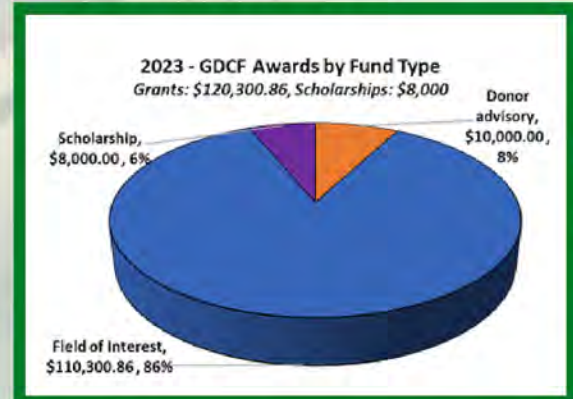
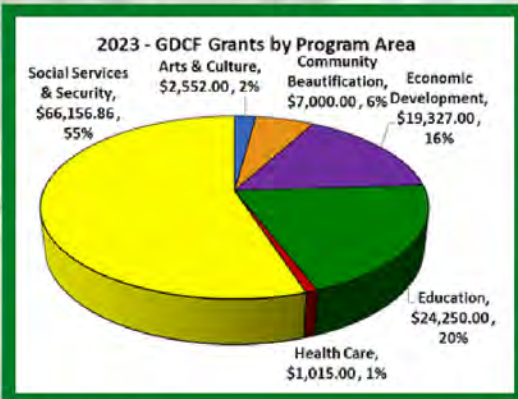
participating students learned about the construction and management of drones. There are multiple professions using drones, two examples being farming and real estate. There were 16 participants ranging from 4th-9th grade attended the camp. USD 294 is hoping for enough continued interest within the school and community to be able to create a more permanent drone club.



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2023 GRANTS FUNDED THROUGH THE GDCF ENDOWMENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING

Organization Name	Amount Awarded	Project Summary
City of Norcatour	\$3,000	Community Building Rehab
Decatur Area Development Fund	\$800	Post Prom
USD 294 Decatur County Schools	\$2,500	Drone Camp
Decatur County Economic Development Charitable Organization Inc.	\$1,000	Meeting Space (EDC Building)
City of Oberlin	\$4,000	Fire Station Update
Decatur Area Development Fund	\$2,000	2023 City Fireworks Display
City of Jennings	\$250	Jennings City Library's "Books & Treats"
Decatur County	\$4,000	Decatur County Daycare Fencing
Decatur County Museum, Inc	\$2,552	Historical Video Preservation of Decatur County
City of Oberlin	\$3,500	Cemetery Beautification Project



Osborne County Community Foundation

OSBORNE COUNTY Community Foundation AN AFFILIATE OF GNWKCF

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends & Donors:

This year has been a great year for OCCF with some big changes that are setting us up for success for generations to come. After a lot of research and thoughtful deliberation, the board voted to change our affiliation from the Greater Salina Community Foundation to the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. We've worked hard to make this a seamless transition. There were many reasons for making this change, but most importantly, we feel that it gives our foundation more local control to run our foundation the way our donors and residents desire.

In June we welcomed four new board members, and we are impressed with the ambition and new ideas they bring to our board. We are eternally grateful for the leadership of our retiring board members. Many of them were founding members who have served our foundation since its inception.

We were thrilled to receive a matching contribution of \$70,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation this spring. We qualified for this amazing grant because of you, our generous donors who helped us raise over \$90,000 last February. This money is already being put to good use in part through grants to our local communities to assist in housing development.

It has been an honor to serve on the board of OCCF, and as the chair for the last 18 months. I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish together in the years to come!

Cheryl Goheen, OCCF Chairperson

Osborne County Community Foundation Awards Grant to Portis Tiger Robotics

The Osborne County Community Foundation recently awarded a grant to Portis Pride for their Portis Tiger Robotics program. The grant will help the program purchase new equipment and supplies and expand its reach to more students in the community.



The Portis Tiger Robotics program is sponsored by Portis Pride, a local community organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Portis, Kansas. The program aims to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by engaging them in hands-on, project-based learning experiences. Rachel Ducote, Portis Pride President, states, "It is important that we support and invest in this program, as it is an investment in our local youth and their future." The new equipment and supplies will enable students to explore challenging projects, and the program will be able to accommodate more students who are interested in robotics.

OCCF supports non-profit initiatives in Osborne County, including education, healthcare, the arts, and community development. One of the foundation's goals is to improve the quality of life for residents of Osborne County, and this grant to Portis Pride is an excellent example of that commitment. The Portis Tiger Robotics Program is already having a positive impact on students in the community, and with the support of the Osborne County Community Foundation, it is poised to become an even more important resource for STEM education in Osborne County.



SHADY BEND TRAILS

OCCF awarded a grant to NCK Outdoors for improvements to The Shady Bend Trails on the west end of the City of Osborne. The Shady Bend trails are a wonderful area for riding bikes,

hiking, and exploring. The trails were put to good use during the NCK Outdoor Youth Fair which had an attendance of over 550 kids! OCCF is excited to have been a part of this project that improves quality of life, increases recreational opportunities, and promotes physical fitness.



8 Funds

\$1,700,126.95
Total Donations Received

\$1,637,654.67
Total Assets

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Administrative Assistant

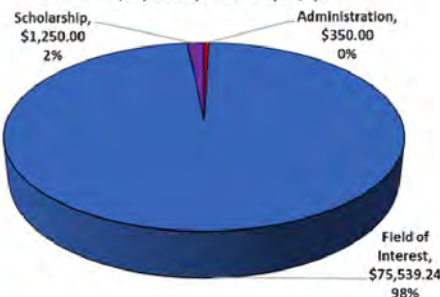
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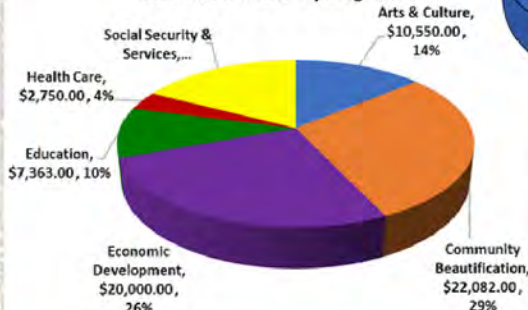
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2023 - OCCF Awards by Fund Type
Grants: \$75,899.24, Scholarships: \$1,250



2023 - OCCF Grants by Program Area



GIFT OF OIL AND GAS HELPS STUDENTS DREAM BIG

The Russell County Area Community Foundation awarded 103 scholarships totaling \$526,855 to area students to help them attend technical and trade schools, colleges and universities. The foundation manages 13 scholarship funds created by generous donors to encourage students to follow their dreams.

The largest scholarship, the Joshua Fund, is a permanent endowment of several million dollars helping students graduating from a high school in Russell County. The gift was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Starr F. Schlobohm, who desired to share his success in the oil and gas business with the Russell County area. Annual gifts from his education trust will help the fund grow to significant levels. Scholarships are awarded annually through a competitive grant process to students under age 30.

BREWING UP SUCCESS IN LUCAS

The Russell County Area Community Foundation awarded a grant to Switchgrass Art Cooperative Gallery in Lucas to construct a coffee stand to help generate additional revenue for building maintenance and provide a community space in the art gallery. The coffee stand will be colorfully decorated with stickers from area businesses and sites. Other RCACF grants given over the years helped fund a 14-week summer arts program and renovate the historical building.



Lucas is named one of the best small town arts scenes in the nation and is the Kansas Grassroots Art Capital, most of its art created by locals who are self-taught. The art gallery has more than a 2,000 pieces of original art. Lucas regularly attracts thousands of visitors each year to the Garden of Eden, Grassroots Art Center, Switchgrass and Bowl Plaza.

Lake Wilson, a 15-minute drive away, attracts an estimated 250,000 people a year.

RCACF is thrilled to be a part of keeping Lucas, KS GREAT!!!



88
Funds

\$1,507,742.41
Total
Donations
Received

\$24,231,922.37
Total
Assets

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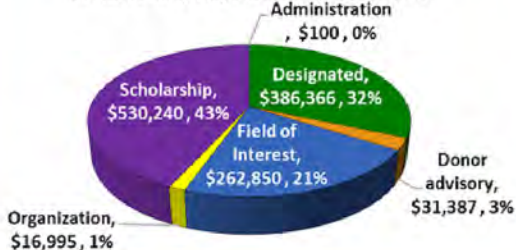
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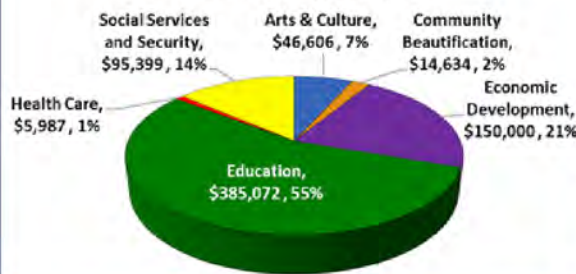
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2023 - Russell County Area Community Foundation Awards by Fund Type

Grants: \$697,698, Scholarships: \$530,240



2023 - Russell County Area Community Foundation Grants by Program Area





**SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
AN AFFILIATE OF GNWKCF**

NOVEMBER 2023 MATCH MONTH CAMPAIGN SETS A RECORD

The Sheridan County Community Foundation was pleased to report a final total of \$100,050 raised during the annual 2023 November Match Month campaign, setting a new record in their fundraising history to date!

“On behalf of the Foundation board and myself, we are so incredibly thankful and blessed by those individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who helped us reach and surpass our \$70,000 goal this year,” said SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt. “In fact, we didn’t just surpass our goal, we blew it out of the water!”

The Foundation received 115 donations during the annual campaign this year.

“We are especially excited by the increased number of donations, new donors, returning donors, and donors who increased their gifts this year,” stated Pratt. “I truly believe having the added bonus of not only the Dane G. Hansen Foundation’s \$50,000 match but also the \$70,000 matching opportunity provided by the Patterson Family Foundation really resonated with donors.”

Match Month campaign funds were added to SCCF’s large endowment fund, Cultivate Sheridan County, tipping it over the \$1 million threshold at the end of 2023, another exciting moment in the Foundation’s lifecycle.

With the additional \$50,000 in bonus operating support from the Hansen Foundation that SCCF received, the overall campaign total was \$270,050 which will benefit Sheridan County now and for years to come.

22
Funds

\$343,639.31
Total
Donations
Received

\$1,948,069.27
Total
Assets

GRANT FOR TRAFFIC RADAR SIGNS

The Foundation was pleased to award a \$3,560.00 grant in July 2023 to the Sheridan County Sheriff’s Department to assist in the purchase of three traffic radar signs.

Highway 23, which runs north and south, also serves as Hoxie’s Main Street. It is a well-traveled street/highway serving not only residents and local small businesses with their daily needs at such locations as the post office, pharmacy, bank, and restaurants, but it also serves area farmers and semi-trucks hauling livestock, equipment, and crops.

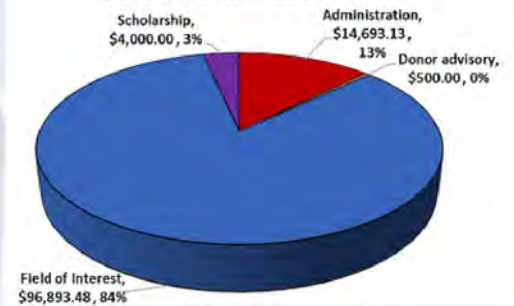
The new static speed signs caution travelers to slow down to 20 miles per hour while traversing through the city limits of Hoxie.



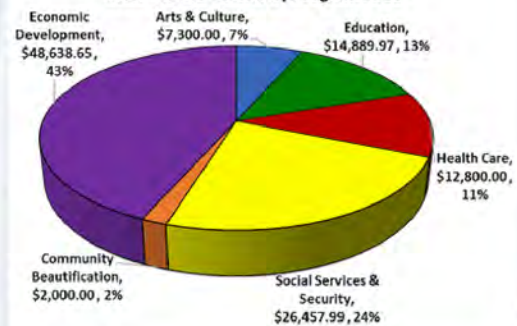
“The funding has been instrumental in enhancing the safety and well-being of our community in Hoxie,” noted Sheriff Brandon Carver in the grant report. “One radar sign has been strategically placed at the south end of Main Street, and another at the north end, contributing to safer and slower traffic conditions along the vital thoroughfare. A third the mobile radar sign, known as the ‘rover sign’ will allow us to address specific areas where speeding violations have also been reported.

The radar signs are serving as highly visible reminders for people to “slow down” while traveling along Hoxie’s Main Street, increasing driver awareness, and instilling a sense of responsibility among drivers to adhere to speed limits and prioritize safety. Data from the signs has already demonstrated that the radar signs have had a positive impact by helping reduce the number of speeders and by enhancing overall road safety.

2023 - SDCCF Awards by Fund Type
Grants: \$112,086.61, Scholarships: \$4,000



2023 - SDCCF Grants by Program Area



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High School Members**

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Charlie Foote

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

“HONORING THE PAST --- BUILDING THE FUTURE” is the mission of Sherman County Community Foundation. Our philanthropic efforts are on behalf of Sherman County.

Examples of grants awarded in 2023 include new equipment for a neighborhood community playground, livestock holding pens at the fairgrounds, football helmets for the youth football club, a trailer for the Sherman County Shooting Sports teams, t-shirts for all youth league baseball and softball team members, equipment for the High Plains Museum, outdoor benches and picnic tables for the NW Kansas Technical College, free admission to swimmers of all ages on opening day of the Goodland Water Park and most recently approved is the playground shade covers at Steever Park.

In December we celebrated Sherman County Shares month, a special giving opportunity that is intended to help build Sherman County Community Foundation’s Endowment Fund. During Sherman County Shares in 2023, a total of \$135,342.94 was raised through donations and a 200% matching grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

In 2023, the Patterson Family Foundation of Kansas City, Mo., agreed to match \$70,000 for Sherman County Shares Month. Between the Hansen Foundation, Patterson Foundation as well as gifts from donors, a total of \$400,949.91 was raised for projects in Sherman County.

These donations and match continue to make a real difference for “The Topside of Kansas.”

Ron Schilling, Board Chair
Sherman County Community Foundation



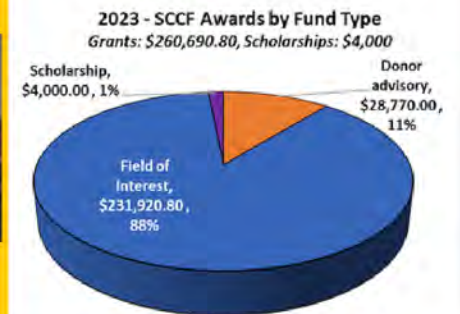
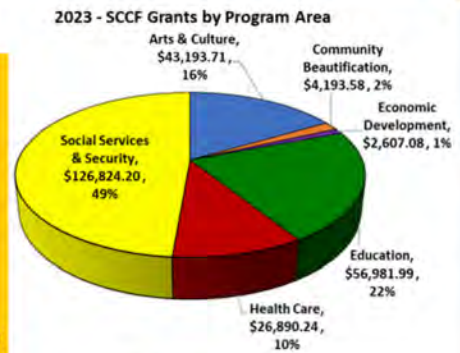
COMMUNITY PLAYGROUNDS, COOPERATIVE PROJECTS

This year, SCCF has approved grants to improve two community parks. The park maintained by The Goodland Church of Christ is visited by many community members and needs to be updated. SCCF approved a grant for \$15,000 to help renovate this park.

Later in 2023, SCCF was contacted by a community member about the potential of us funding an improvement to another park in Goodland. The community member has a son who is sensitive to the sun and thought a shade structure would be a wonderful addition - SCCF agreed! We encouraged her to talk to the city manager and they too loved the idea! SCCF approved a grant for \$20,000 to add a shade structure over a large portion of playground equipment. The yellow tape is up now and we can't wait to see the finished product!



YOUTH GIVE BACK
SCCF approved a grant for over \$6,000 to the Goodland Youth Football Team for them to purchase new helmets. In return, we asked if they could help our Main Street Beautification group pull out the flowers and clean them up on Main Street. They were eager to give back!



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11
Funds

\$447,653.85
Total
Donations
Received

\$1,386,911.77
Total
Assets



Smoky Hills Community Foundation

AN AFFILIATE OF GNWKCF

A LITTLE ABOUT SMOKY HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our Mission is to build permanent endowment funds and meet charitable community needs.

Our tagline: "Your Community, Your Legacy, Our Home"

The Smoky Hills Community Foundation was founded in 2000 to benefit the communities of Ellsworth County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet the current and future needs of our county.

In 2023, SHCF affiliated with GNWKCF - "BETTER TOGETHER"

SHCF Service Area: Ellsworth County (Holyrood, Lorraine, Kanopolis, Wilson, Ellsworth)

Match Month Success-Through a month-long gift matching initiative in October, SHCF raised over \$245,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Month, donors make gifts to our foundation to support community grants. These gifts are matched at 200% by the Dane G Hansen Foundation and 100% by The Patterson Family Foundation.

Holiday Matching Grant- New in 2023, the SHCF Board of Directors decided to give \$10,000 in matching funds to non-profit organizations who conducted their own fundraising event between July and November 2023.

Nine Ellsworth County non-profit organizations received a total of \$8,500. Funds were distributed to supplement these nine organizations' fund-raising efforts which consisted of Fort Harker Days Hamburger Feed conducted by the Ellsworth County Historical Society, Heartland Harvest Wine Tasking Festival conducted by Ellsworth County Medical Center, Free Will Donation Hog Roast, Silent Auction and Raffle conducted by the Frances Claussen Charitable Foundation and many more. Organizations appointed these funds to provide safety equipment, repairs to structures, financial aid for families in need, and a variety of other improvements/help throughout Ellsworth County.

The affiliation with GNWKCF has allowed Smoky Hills Community Foundation more freedom to offer funding outside normal grant cycles. SHCF Board of Directors are excited for the opportunity to be more involved and creative in helping fund the needs of Ellsworth County.

DEEP ROOTS- In September 2023, Smoky Hills Community Foundation received a request to set up a new fund. The donor wanted to help individuals who suffer from debilitating illnesses and need financial aid to help with treatment costs, lodging, transportation, etc. Throughout conversations with the donor, SHCF board members, staff, and GNWKCF staff, brainstorming efforts outlined a plan and timeline for building cooperative partnerships with organizations sharing this mission.

After a face-to-face meeting with this donor, the donor sent the following message:

"Thank you for taking the time to walk me through the Foundation. I sincerely appreciate the education and your time. I am very pleased and excited about this new adventure for me and a way to give to the community... our roots have grown deep in wanting to share the mission of giving."

GROWTH ON THE HORIZON-In 2023, SHCF identified the need for a full-time employee to fill a pivotal role in providing support and leadership to further build the Smoky Hills Community Foundation. Through partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the board developed a plan to hire a full-time director in 2024. It is with great excitement that we announce Colby Richard, our selected applicant, will be transitioning from board member to director in mid-2024.

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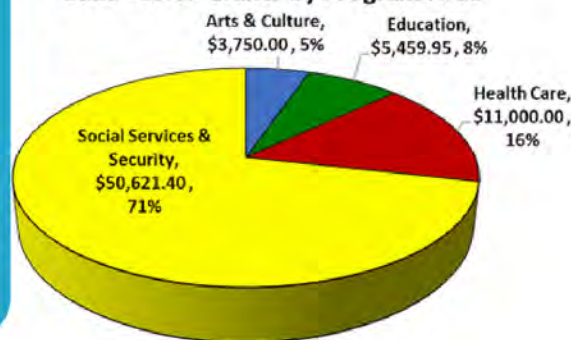
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35
Funds

\$4,618,153.22
Total
Donations
Received

\$4,629,669.77
Total
Assets

2023 - SHCF Grants by Program Area



2023 - SHCF Awards by Fund Type
Grants: \$70,831.35



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LOGAN COUNTY

18
Funds

\$353,297.27
Total
Donations
Received

\$2,088,134.78
Total
Assets

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AN AGENCY FOUNDATION OF GNWKCF

In 2023, we proudly granted our largest donation to date: \$60,000 plus another \$40,000 pledged over the next 4 years to support the construction of the Western Vista Building Complex. This building will serve as the new 4-H building, add gym space, a wrestling room, and commons area, contributing to our community's growth and recreation.



Logan County Senior Living received a \$10,000 grant from LCCF to remodel their Bathing Suite.



After three years, LCCF successfully opened 1886 in September of 2023. This building had bricks falling in the street for 2 years. By saving this main street building it now serves as a hub for office space, pop-up food vendors, community events and an Airbnb loft, all funded by grants and private donations.



LCCF proudly granted \$13,770 to help the Future Philanthropist Program start a Military Banner project that is displayed throughout town during Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



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23
Funds

\$258,045.47
Total
Donations
Received

\$2,377,341.95
Total
Assets

COZY COWORKING SPACE

In September 2023, NCCF opened The Cozy Coworking in the historic Heaton Building, which is owned and operated by the Foundation. The space offers entrepreneurs and remote workers a vibrant, modern office environment without the commitment of a long-term lease. Day passes and monthly memberships are available.

Visit our website to learn more (www.nortonccf.org/thecozy) and please stop to see us the next time you're passing through!



NCCF INVESTS IN GIRL SCOUTS

In April, NCCF's Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund awarded \$4,000 to the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Inc. to help with the costs of flights, lodging, and registration fees for seven local girls who attended the National Girl Scout Convention in Orlando. The girls participated in activities such as an educational day with Disney cast members, a collaborative art mural, and a mentoring zone where they met with industry leaders and learned how to transform their passions into careers. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the girls, some of whom had never flown on an airplane! We look forward to watching these young leaders grow and impact our community.



MATCH MONTH WAS A SUCCESS IN 2023
The foundation had a successful Match Month in November, raising \$79,350 from local donors, allowing us to leverage matching gifts from Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation.

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20
Funds

\$451,191.23
Total
Donations
Received

\$1,385,587.20
Total
Assets



The Thomas County Community Foundation was pleased to be able to grant to several great organizations and projects in 2023. Colby Public Schools has a new agriculture building they will be adding to their campus. Pictured are (L to R) School Clerk, Kaylin Weins and Superintendent Katina Brenn. This was the largest contribution written by TCCF in 2023 with the help of two funds, the Patricia K. Embree Fund and the Thomas County Hansen Matching Endowment Fund.



Pictured on left is just one side of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Painting the Potties" project. This project is in the heart of Colby's downtown, Fike Park. Talented local artists were hired to help highlight the history of Colby in mural form. It's a must-see!

TCCF hit a huge milestone in October, grant awards given surpassed the \$2 million mark! We are thrilled with this accomplishment and look forward to continuing to work with our community. At the end of 2023, TCCF had 49 in-house funds with assets totaling \$2.9 million.

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17
Funds

\$232,832.49
Total
Donations
Received

\$1,377,970.05
Total
Assets

AN AGENCY FOUNDATION OF GNWKCF

In 2023 WCF proudly invested a combined \$20,000 in two county-wide incentives with Wallace County Community Development to help beautify the community and support businesses within the county.

Storefront & Signage Incentive: This program was created to enhance promotion of businesses and physical design of businesses in Wallace County. To date, 16 businesses have utilized the Storefront & Signage Incentive.

Housing Incentives: These incentives help to address the aged housing stock in Wallace County and how to most efficiently utilize the existing housing. They include: **Demolition Assistance Incentive** to remove dangerous and dilapidated structures, **Vacant Home Sale Incentive** to encourage the listing and sale of long-term vacant houses, **Empty Nester Incentive** to increase available housing stock while maximizing the efficiency of the current homes, and **Paint the County Incentive** to upgrade curb appeal of residential properties. There have also been 16 Housing Incentive projects completed.

Wallace County Foundation is honored to help fund ongoing projects like these along with others to enhance the way of life for our residents and preserve the history in Wallace County.

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GRAHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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GCCF has worked hard in 2023 to grow our donor base, awareness of our community foundation, and held our first ever match event. The event benefited 5 local non-profit projects, including our new daycare and Graham County Hospital's initiative to provide bags of necessities to people and their families who are being emergently transferred out of their facility. Through our grant-making we were able to assist the USD 281 accessible playground project reach the next phase and contributed to the Ringneck Roost Food Pantry located in our high school. We were also able to continue supporting DSNWK, PBS, and Carrie's Rehab Critters with various projects.

We are excited to see what 2024 brings for our county!



Books given to children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start in Graham County during winter, spring, and fall 2023.



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Funds

\$208,682.50

Total
Donations
Received

\$681,335.91

Total
Assets

DEDICATED TO SERVING:

Those who Give
Those who receive
"To help make our community a better place in which to live."



Phillips County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"looking forward by giving back"

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Funds

\$202,029.42

Total
Donations
Received

\$1,081,226.57

Total
Assets

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The Phillips County Horizons Leadership group, sponsored by a grant from NW KS Leads, completed their two-year mission of mentoring young leaders in the community. What began as a curriculum exploring what Phillips County has to offer ended with the groups' major project - a Community Connections Block Party providing information about our community to new and current residents in a fun environment. Their very successful event on a very hot Saturday in August was well-received and well-attended, achieving their goal of welcoming residents of all ages and providing a format for promoting Phillips County.

Phillips County Community Foundation exceeded meeting their annual Match Your Money Month goal of raising \$50,000 by an extra \$20,000 available through Patterson Family Foundation. October was a busy month with three major fundraising efforts: Wacky Golf, Egg Roll sales at the Farmer's Market and a Game Day Watch party!



HEALTH ENHANCING GRANTS

Two health enhancing PCCF grants that stood out during 2023 were funds provided to help establish a local community garden and the addition of a Stair Climber at the Phillipsburg Wellness Center. Home grown food and opportunities to exercise help Phillips County residents stay fit and healthy!



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Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) has been a story about people: serving, advocating, supporting, educating, and simply helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). DSNWK supports over 550 people who have I/DD with multiple programs and services available across 18 counties of northwest Kansas.

Two of the grants DSNWK received in 2023 were from the Russell County Area Community Foundation and the ACE Foundation in Rawlins County to be used to purchase specialized wheelchair drum weight-scales to benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Prairie Developmental Center in Atwood and Pioneer Developmental Center in Russell. By allowing individuals to remain in their wheelchairs or stand with the support of their walkers while being weighed, the wheelchair drum scale eliminates the need for potentially risky transfers to standard scales. This significantly reduces the risk of falls or injuries during the weighing process, ensuring a greater level of safety for individuals with mobility challenges.



DSNWK has been a partner organization to GNWKCF since 2014 with the establishment of the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Fund. In 2017, to celebrate 50 years, DSNWK launched a fundraising campaign to build the Jim and Rose Blume Endowment Fund which was established in February 2018. Also in 2018, the Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund and the Joey Weber Endowment Fund were established. Each of these funds will help support the continuance of DSNWK's mission. On June 30, 2023, the total assets for these funds managed by GNWKCF were in excess of \$540,000.

DSNWK serves the 18 counties of northwest Kansas and offers support to meet the needs of individuals who experience lifelong cognitive or physical challenges that are diagnosed before the age of 22. Support includes instruction and help with self-care, skill building, communication, mobility, and employment so individuals can live and be active in their communities to the greatest extent possible.

For more information, visit us at www.mydsnwk.org and dsnwk.giftlegacy.com



Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation

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We would like to express our opportunity to participate in two efforts. The Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation was the grateful recipient of the Patterson Foundation Matching Grants campaign in the summer of 2023. We were able to work with local donors to obtain the full amount of donations which was a welcomed addition to our endowed fund.

Additionally, through the generous gift of a local family, we established the Frontline Workers Fund with GNWKCF. This fund will provide assistance to prospective and existing employees associated with Greeley County Health Services. Our first two gifts assisted existing employees who were finishing nursing degrees.

The fund was established in memory of Charles and Verna Harris, steadfast supporters of our local health system. We look forward to continued opportunities to celebrate and support local health career opportunities.





McDonald Community Development

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McDonald Community Development, Inc. (McD) had another good year in 2023. Much of our focus was overseeing the construction of a 17' x 120' geothermal greenhouse inside the city limits! This project has been two years in the making, and we fully expect to begin planting fruits and vegetables in the spring of 2024. McD was also responsible for facade improvements to two main street buildings. Going forward, McD will focus its efforts on the start-up of the greenhouse, encourage more facade improvements for main street buildings, form a steering committee to plan for McDonald's new playground and walking trail, and develop a web site.

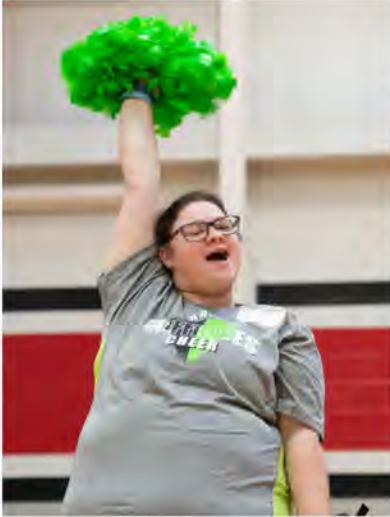


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Special Olympics Kansas



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In 2023, Special Olympics Kansas continued to expand our programming and opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Western Kansas. Those opportunities include our traditional sports events, health and wellness activities, and athlete leadership training.



Not only have we expanded the number and quality of opportunities but we are also continuing to seek new ways to get more people involved. We have specifically targeted our athletes in smaller communities across the region through our new individual athlete participation policy for non-team sports. This means our athletes in those communities can now participate without an affiliation to a team.

These experiences are valuable and increase the quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities across the region and it's all made possible by donors and supporters like you.



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NEX-GENERATION Round Up for Youth, Inc.

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Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc. wrapped up 2023 as a year of celebration.

In October, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary of serving youth and communities in northwest and north central Kansas. At our fall Gala event, we honored Robert Muirhead for his recent retirement after serving 10 years on our Board of Directors. We recognized him with a new Founders Legacy Fund we plan to start through the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation in 2024.

Our Nex-Generation Student Internship Program (for college and high school students) has grown from 6 interns in the first year to 164 in 2023. In all, more than 700 students have received hands-on experience in a variety of technical and non-technical careers and mentorship from local business professionals, and have developed personal and lasting relationships within their rural communities. These paid internships have also resulted in an economic reinvestment of over \$2.7 million. In the spring, we launched Life\$kills, a hands-on financial literacy workshop for high school students, which we host at our Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas facility in Lenora. Norton Community High School piloted the program with 53 students. Each received a role (position, salary, dependents) and used a monthly budget sheet to evaluate income vs. expenses and needs vs. wants. They paid for daycare, groceries, student loans, utilities, and more. Just when they thought they had enough left over for a new pair of shoes, they spun the “Life Happen\$” wheel and had to adjust their budget to replace a tire or cover an unexpected medical bill. The program includes real-world scenarios and data that help students prepare for adulthood.

During the summer, we also added an entrepreneurship lesson to the Young AmeriTowne® curriculum and created a Nex-Great Idea Shop within Towne. (Young AmeriTowne is a financial literacy and career development program for 4th-8th grade students, which we license through the Young Americans Center in Denver, Co.) Lakeside/Tipton middle school students were the first to use the new curriculum. While onsite in Lenora, they assembled bracelets and keychains, and designed fabric pencil bags for sale in the shop.

Thanks to the support of donors throughout the region, these programs are possible. To date, over 13,000 students have now experienced Nex-Generation’s career development, entrepreneurship, and internship programs. Across our 28 counties, we are reaching a broad audience of youth and are encouraging them to remain here or return home to prosper. As we reflect on the past 10 years, we feel truly humbled and look forward to many more years of celebration.

2011-2023 Participation by Program

Career Fairs:	7,753
AmeriTowne:	2,242
Entrepreneurship:	1,624
Internships:	709
Work Study:	147
Life\$kills:	53
Interviewing/Resume Writing	1,163
Total Participation	13,691

Meet our Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc. Summer Interns



Ashlyn Schields

Greater Northwest
Kansas Community
Foundation
Summer Intern



Hadleigh Hilt

Cheyenne County
Kansas Community
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Summer Intern



Kierra Penka

Cheyenne County
Kansas Community
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Summer Intern



Evangeline Godek

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Summer Intern

2023 Bird City Match Day
We're thrilled to announce the resounding success of the 2023 Bird City Match Day.

Thanks to the incredible support from our community members, alumni, businesses, and friends, we exceeded our matching goal of \$50,000, raising a total of \$144,703.08 for for 26 community organizations and projects.

Since its inception in 2013, Bird City Match Day has been a cornerstone of unity and generosity, contributing over \$1,036,394.90 to various organizations and projects in our community.

In addition to our match day efforts, Bird City Century II extended a \$25,000 matching grant to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association throughout 2023. This initiative resulted in a remarkable \$50,206.00 raised for the association, highlighting the community's commitment to supporting local endeavors.



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Helen Brubaker Memorial Fund

A significant partnership with Immanuel United Methodist Church led to the creation of a new fund "The IUMC Helen Brubaker Memorial Fund". This fund, initiated with a generous \$2,000,000 gift from Helen Brubaker's estate, is dedicated to honoring her memory and supporting initiatives aligned with her vision for our community.

Immanuel United Methodist Church's decision to entrust the Bird City Century II Development Foundation with this fund speaks volumes about their commitment to sustainability and church/community well-being. Together, we are poised to make a lasting impact in Bird City.

We are deeply grateful to Immanuel United Methodist Church for entrusting us with this important responsibility and for their commitment to ensuring that Helen's legacy endures for generations to come.

Bird City Housing Initiative -Bird City Century II Development Foundation's Housing Initiative continues to gain momentum. After two years of planning and researching, the foundation broke ground on a new home in October of 2022. The house, completed in May of 2023, sold in December of that same year. The group broke ground on a second house in the summer of 2023, which is now complete, and under contract as of April 2024.

Housing remains a significant concern in our community, so the foundation continues to pursue opportunities to improve current housing options and develop other properties for building sites.



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Funds

\$3,125,081.34
Total
Donations
Received

\$15,688,844.60
Total
Assets



Friends of Cottonwood Ranch

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In 2023 the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch continued with our goal of promoting the history of Cottonwood Ranch and NW Kansas by providing funding to County Historical Societies and other historic organizations in NW Kansas. We continued with another season of Cottonwood Connections which was available for viewing on PBS. The 1-hour documentary about Cottonwood Ranch and seasons 1, 2, and 3, of Cottonwood Connections are available for viewing on our You Tube Channel "Cottonwood Ranch Media"

Website for more info about the Ranch is located at www.cottonwoodranchks.com.





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