

GREATER NORTHWEST KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Affiliate Foundations

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

Agency Foundations

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

Agency Partners

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

Supporting Organizations

Bird City Century II Development Foundation,
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch



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Greater Northwest Kansas COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

VISION

Bringing rural communities
together for growth and
success.

MISSION

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

What is a 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.

What is our Role?

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 three 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, these 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.

CHEYENNE 	RAWLINS 	DECATUR 	NORTON 	PHILLIPS 	Smith
SHERMAN 	THOMAS 	SHERIDAN 	GRAHAM 	Rooks	Osborne
WALLACE 	LOGAN 	GOVE 	Trego	Ellis	RUSSELL 



Affiliate Foundations

ACE Foundation

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation
Gove County Community Foundation
GROW Decatur County Foundation
Russell County Area Community Foundation
Sheridan County Community Foundation
Sherman County Community Foundation



Agency Foundations

Logan County Community Foundation
Norton County Community Foundation
Wallace County Foundation



Supporting Organizations

Bird City Century II Development Foundation
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch



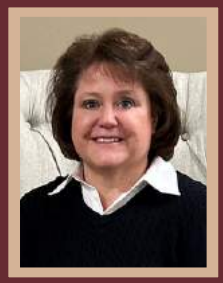
Agency Partners- Foundations

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

2022 GNWKCF STAFF



Darci Schields
*Executive
Director/CEO*



Carol Sloper
*Director of
Grants and
Scholarships*



**Gennifer
Golden House**
*Director of
Donor Services*



Andi Culwell
*Director of HR,
Marketing &
Affiliate Relations*



Makayla Norris
*Grants and
Scholarships
Coordinator*



Coleen Jensen
*Office Manager &
Executive Assistant*

2022 GNWKCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mike Posson
*Interim Board
Chair*



Cora House
*Board Chair
(Jan-Aug)
Sherman County
Community
Foundation*



Harry Joe Pratt
*Vice Chair
Sheridan County
Community
Foundation*



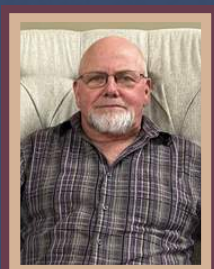
Rebecca Antholz
*Secretary
Bird City Century II
Development
Foundation*



Tom Keller
*Treasurer
Cheyenne County
Kansas Community
Foundation*



Clint Bursch



Mitch Gillespie
*Gove County
Community
Foundation*



Tony Haffner
*Friends of
Cottonwood Ranch*



Raelene Keller
*Logan County
Community
Foundation*



Joan McKenna
*Grow Decatur
County Foundation*



Travis Rickford
ACE Foundation

BOARD CHAIR CHATTER:

The year 2022 found Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation facing growth challenges which have since been converted to opportunities. Opportunities to grow our assets; Opportunities to improve our services; and Opportunities to better reach our vision of bringing Northwest Kansas rural communities together for growth and success. No part of our organization remained unchanged during the year! Our region of outreach has expanded, assets and funds have multiplied, charitable giving has increased, and the staff nearly doubled. By the end of 2022, we were bursting at the seams with seven employees sharing two offices in a leased building. And, amid all this growth, we learned the back-office accounting services we receive will sunset in 2023. Our team met every challenge in 2022 with an optimistic view of GNWKCF's future.



Team-building was core to our 2022 growth. In fact, a facilitated off-campus style staff retreat provided the platform to reassess our mission, goals, roles, and needs to meet the aggressive changes facing our organization. Our region increased as we welcomed Russell County Area Community Foundation as a new affiliate in January. Our founding Affiliate, Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII), changed its status to a Supporting Organization, and Friends of Cottonwood Ranch joined us as our second Supporting Organization during the year. Area Community Enrichment Foundation in Rawlins County moved its funds under our Affiliate ACE Foundation with the passing of a major donor, doubling its assets held under GNWKCF.

GNWKCF total assets increased 44% to nearly \$70 million and number of managed funds nearly doubled to 305. More than \$3 million in grants were awarded throughout the year by our affiliated foundations and other fund holders.

To manage the increased workload from growing funds, added affiliates and funds, and to prepare for bringing accounting services in-house, GNWKCF added three full-time positions: Director of Finance, Grants and Scholarships Coordinator and Office Manager / Executive Assistant. Thanks in part to the generous Dane G. Hansen Foundation staffing initiative, each affiliated foundation in the GNWKCF family now has support staff in the form of full-time, part-time, or contract staff. We are blessed to have passionate, talented, and committed staff members throughout our organization to navigate this exciting time in our history.

We are humbled that BCCII recognized our need to find a larger home for our office and donated the vacant building next door to the current office. The Hansen Foundation, which has already invested more than \$15 million in our affiliated foundation territory since 2015, generously provided a grant in 2022 to assist us in remodeling the building to create a lasting permanent home for GNWKCF.

All this growth occurred at a time when our long-time Foundation leader, Darci Schields, faced a personal challenge by fearlessly battling cancer. Our board members and the staff rallied around Darci and her family to ensure she put her health first. She stayed in step with all the changes at work while facing the big "C" and had a wonderful prognosis by the end of 2022.

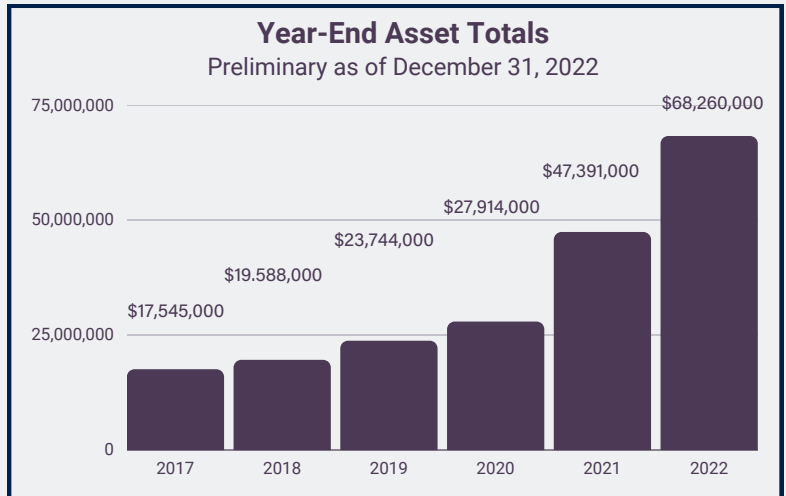
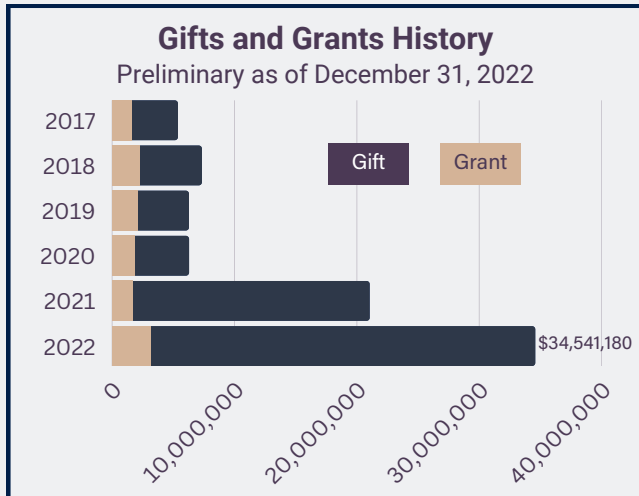
The magnitude of changes in 2022 was daunting, yet exciting. As we end 2022 and launch into 2023 facing even more exciting challenges, we carry forward our newly adopted motto: We Are Our Affiliates. We are so proud of our dedicated team who adopted this new mantra. It will be at the heart of our decisions and actions so that we always do our best to serve our Affiliates, Partners, Donors, and Communities.

Mike Posson
2022 Interim Board Chair, GNWKCF

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GNWKCF FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Financial Position

Year-Ending December 31, 2022

\$68,260,011.47

Total ASSETS

\$106,545.94

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$68,153,465.53

**TOTAL FUND
BALANCE**

\$68,260,011.47

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

\$8,389,136.41

Cash & Cash
Equivalents

\$41,697,062.68

Investments

\$18,173,812.38

Other Assets

*Preliminary (unaudited) financials as of December 31, 2022

Funds of the Foundation

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)
Bill Gilpin Fund for Russell County Youth Activities (RCACF)
Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (SHCCF)
Bronco Foundation Fund (RCACF)
Cheyenne County Village Fund (CCKCF)
Dane G. Hansen Fund for Logan - Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
Dane G. Hansen Fund for Logan - Grant Fund (GNWKCF)
David Goddard Fund for the Russell Boy Scouts (RCACF)
The David M. Shumaker Memorial Geology Fund (RCACF)
Dean C. Banker Fund for the Russell County Historical Society (RCACF)
Dick Phinney and Joy Phinney Jillson Russell Regional Hospital
Equipment Enhancement Fund (RCACF)
Ed and Lee Keirns Athletic Fund (ACE)
Ethel A. John Fund for Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, KS (RCACF)
Ethel A. John Fund for the Natoma Community Center (RCACF)
Friends of the Deines Cultural Center Emma M. Gaines
Memorial Fund (RCACF)
Girl Scouts of Russell, Kansas Fund (RCACF)
GNWKCF Land LLC Fund (GNWKCF)
GNWKCF Planned Giving Initiative Fund (GNWKCF)
Hazel A. Olson Trinity United Methodist Church Fund (RCACF)
Helen Polcyn St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gorham, Kansas, Cemetery Fund (RCACF)
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)
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)
USD 407 Schools Improvement Planning Fund (RCACF)
V. Frankie and Reba M. New Fund (RCACF)

Donor-Advised Funds -

Bainter Family Fund (SDCCF)
C.W. & Sandra Antholz Fund (BCCII)
Carol and Douglas Sloper Family Fund (GNWKCF)
Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (NCCF)
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 (SHCCF)
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 (SHCCF)
Goodland Kiwanis Fund (SHCCF)
Henry and Marjorie L. Pohlman Donor-Advised Fund (RCACF)
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)
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 and Angela Gfeller Family Foundation (RCACF)
Youth on the Move Fund (SDCCF)

Unrestricted Funds

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

Funds of the Foundation

Field of Interests Funds

Barbara Creighton Reading Fund (ACE)
BCBSKS Pathways Administration Grant Fund (GNWKCF)
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 County Kansas Community Foundation
Unrestricted Fund (CCKCF)
Cheylin E-Community Fund (BCCII)
Cultivate Sheridan County Fund (SDCCF)
Fund for a Better Russell County Area (RCACF)
Fund For Grainfield Fund (GCCF)
Gateway Friends Foundation Fund (GDCCF)
Gerald A. & Darlene R. Schaffer Fund (SDCCF)
GNWKCF B & L, LLC Fund (GNWKCF)
Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (GCCF)
Gove County Community Foundation Opportunity Fund (GCCF)
Graham County Endowment Fund (GRCCF)
Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation
Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
GROW Decatur County Community Initiative Fund (GDCCF)
GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (GDCCF)
Grow Gove County Fund (GCCF)
Grow Gove County Investments, L.L.C. (GCCF)
Hansen Community Clean-Up Fund (GNWKCF)
Hansen Community Grant Funds (13 counties)
Hansen Community Grant Admin Funds (13 counties)
Hansen Match Initiative Admin Fund (13 counties)
Hansen Strategic Doing Admin Fund (13 counties)
Harold and Eileen Frasier Memorial Fund (WCF)
Helen A Hampl Student Aid Fund (RCACF)
HomeTown Competitiveness Fund (ACE)
Hoxie Community Fund (SDCCF)
James and Barbara Johnson Family Fund (NCCF)
Kansas Health Foundation Fund For Russell County (RCACF)
Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund (NCCF)
Logan County Endowment Fund (LCCF)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund (GNWKCF)

Northwest Kansas Museum Coalition Fund (GNWKCF)
Norton County Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Oakley Parks Improvement Project Fund (LCCF)
Phillips County Unrestricted Endowment Fund (PCCF)
Rawlins County Future Fund (ACE)
Responding to Responders Fund (LCCF)
Russell Area Youth Activities Fund (RCACF)
Russell County Area Community Foundation 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 County Community Foundation
Endowment Fund (SHCCF)
Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (SHCCF)
St. Francis New Generation Fund (CCKCF)
Thomas County Hansen Matching Endowment Fund (TCCF)
Topside Trail Project Fund (SHCCF)
Tri-County Leadership Fund (GNWKCF)
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)

Foundation Operational Funds

ACE Foundation Operating Fund (ACE)
ACE Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (ACE)
BCCII Operating Fund (BCCII)
Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund (CCKCF)
Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund (CCKCF)
Gove County Community Foundation Operating Fund (GCCF)
Gove County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (GCCF)
Graham County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (GRCCF)
Greater NW Kansas Community Foundation Operating Fund (GNWKCF)
Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)
GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Fund (GDCCF)
GROW Decatur County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (GDCCF)
Logan County Community Foundation Operating Fund (LCCF)
Logan County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (LCCF)
Norton County Community Foundation Operating Fund (NCCF)
Norton County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (NCCF)

Phillips County Community Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund (PCCF)
Russell County Area Community Foundation Administrative Fund (RCACF)
Russell County Area Community Foundation Administrative
Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating Fund (SDCCF)
Sheridan County Community Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund (SDCCF)
Sherman County Community Foundation Operating Fund (SHCCF)
Sherman County Community Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund (SHCCF)
Thomas County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (TCCF)
Wallace County Foundation Operating Fund (WCF)
Wallace County Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (WCF)

Funds of the Foundation

Organizational Funds

202 On Washington Fund (CCKCF)	Norton County Community Service Association Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Andy Betzen Memorial Endowment Fund (DSNWK)	Norton County Health Department Fund (NCCF)
Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Russell Kansas Endowment Fund (RCACF)	Norton Theatre Association Endowment Fund (NCCF)
Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Russell Kansas Fund (RCACF)	Oakley Educational Foundation Fund (LCCF)
Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (BCCII)	Rawlins County 4-H Foundation Fund (ACE)
Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Fund (RCACF)	Russell Backpack Fund (RCACF)
Development Services of Northwest Kansas Fund (GNWKCF)	Russell County Historical Society Legacy Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Fort Wallace Memorial Association Fund (WCF)	Russell County Historical Society Legacy Fund (RCACF)
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Fund (FOCR)	Russell County Historical Society Legacy Restricted
Friends of Cottonwood Ranch Grant Fund (FOCR)	Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Frontline Workers Fund (GNWKCF)	Russell Public Library Endowment Fund (RCACF)
God's Little Saints Preschool Fund (ACE)	Russell Public Library Fund (RCACF)
Gove County Medical Center Education and Scholarship Fund (GCCF)	Russell Regional Hospital Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Grassroots Art Center Endowment Fund (RCACF)	Russell Regional Hospital Fund (RCACF)
Grassroots Art Center Fund (RCACF)	Saint John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Jim and Rose Blume DSNWK Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)	Saint John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas Fund (RCACF)
Joey Weber Endowment Fund (DSNWK)	Saint John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas Restricted
Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund (GNWKCF)	Endowment Fund (RCACF)
Legacy Track and Field Fund (GNWKCF)	Selden Community Fund (SDCCF)
McDonald Community Development Fund (GNWKCF)	Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (SDCCF)
Morland Community Foundation Fund (GNWKCF)	Sheridan County Historical Society Fund (SDCCF)
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Endowment Fund (GNWKCF)	Special Olympics Kansas Fund (GNWKCF)
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Program Fund (GNWKCF)	Thresher Association Endowment Fund (BCCII)
Northwest Kansas Conservation Fund (LCCF)	United Methodist Church Endowment Fund (ACE)
Norton Area Child Care Association Endowment Fund (NCCF)	Wild West Historical Foundation Fund (LCCF)
Norton County Arts Council Endowment Fund (NCCF)	

Scholarship Funds

Algoth O. and Elma Lee Erickson Scholarship Fund (ACE)	Norton Rotary Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
Andy Hanson Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)	Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for
Bird City Century II Scholarship Income Fund (BCCII)	Hill City USD 281 (GNWKCF)
Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCCF)	Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund
Charles Walker Scholarship Fund (ACE)	for Hoxie USD 412 (SDCCF)
Charley & Roberta Salmans - Roberta Salmans Christie Scholarship Fund (LCCF)	Paul E. Ruggels Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Della Connell Scholarship Fund (NCCF)	Pohlman Family Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Donald A. Crane Scholarship Fund (ACE)	Roland Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund for
Doran Bina Dole Scholarship Fund (RCACF)	Cheylin High School (BCCII)
Durham Family Scholarship Fund (NCCF)	Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)
Erma and Bob John Memorial Scholarship Fund (GNWKCF)	Ryan Bergling Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)
Farmers State Bank Junior Bank Board Scholarship Fund (LCCF)	The Boehler Student Aid Fund (RCACF)
Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund (GDCF)	The David Ochs Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Flora Elizabeth Boutz Edwards Scholarship Award Fund (GDCF)	The Elaine Hilger Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Fox Still Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)	The Ervin and Denzell Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Frankie and Theresa Chvatal Scholarship Fund (ACE)	The Gerald W. Stoppel Academic Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Gary Reinert RCHS Wrestler Scholarship Fund (ACE)	The Kenneth V. Dumler Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Glenn and Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship Fund (NCCF)	The Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Horton Family Scholarship Fund (ACE)	The Russell High School Class of 1952 Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Joshua Scholarship Fund (RCACF)	The Sean Paul Banks Memorial Scholarship Fund (RCACF)
Keith and Shannon Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund (ACE)	Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship Fund (LCCF)
Kurt Dillon Foundation of Ag Scholarship Fund (ACE)	Vic Oelke Memorial Scholarship Fund (CCKCF)
Lisa Scott Scholarship Fund (WCF)	W. Paul Kirkham Memorial Scholarship Fund (WCF)
Mac and Bill Jones Family Scholarship Fund (WCF)	Wingfield Scholarship Fund (GNWKCF)
NCHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (NCCF)	Youth on the Move Scholarship Fund (SDCCF)

2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

GNWKCF DIRECT:

ERMA AND BOB JOHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-JESUS MARTINEZ, \$250 -PAYTON WALK, \$250

ADOLPH AND OPAL HARRIS ESTATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR HILL CITY

-LEAH LINDENMAN, \$1,500 -AYDEN NICKELSON, \$1,500

WINGFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

-KAYLYNN HENDRICKS, \$2,000 -GRACE SABATKA, \$2,000

FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS:

-GRACE WRIGHT, \$2,000 -NELLIE HESPE, \$1,000

-BROOKE PORUBSKY, \$1,000

BIRD CITY CENTURY II DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION:

EDGAR AND MABEL ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP

-GRACE WRIGHT, \$2,000 -NELLIE HESPE, \$1,800

-SARAH MELLINGER, \$1,500 -BROOKE PORUBSKY, \$1,000

GROW DECATUR COUNTY FOUNDATION:

FLORA ELIZABETH BOUTZ EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

-ANGELA DAVIS, \$1,000 -SIERRA DAVIS, \$1,000

-JACIE FORTIN, \$1,000 -BRYNNA GILLUND, \$1,000

-REECE GRAFEL, \$1,000 -LOGAN HAYWARD, \$1,000

-BRECKYN JENSEN, \$1,000 -MORGAN KETTERL, \$1,000

-RILEY KETTERL, \$1,000 -JACQUELYN MARSHALL, \$1,000

-TOD MASTIN, \$1,000 -BRYCE PETER, \$1,000

-AVERY REYES, \$1,000 -BRECKIN SAUVAGE, \$1,000

-GAGE SCOTT, \$1,000

LOGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

CHARLEY AND ROBERTA SALMANS

ROBERTA SALMANS CHRISTIE SCHOLARSHIP

-LORA PETERSON, \$500 -DANIEL WILLIAMS, \$500

FARMERS STATE BANK OF OAKLEY JUNIOR BANK BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

-RILEY CHRISLER, \$1,000 -IAN FINK, \$1,000

-MAKENZIE MILDENBERGER, \$1,000

-JONATHAN TEMAAT, \$1,000

TIM KOWALSKI SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP

-CHRISTIAN KOCH, \$500

NORTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

DELLA CONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

-TESSA HAUSER, \$1,500 -COURTNEY JONES, \$1,500

-DRU KASSON, \$1,500 -KENNEDY YEAGER, \$1,500

FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS:

-LERON ATWELL, \$1,000 -LILLY BEIKMAN, \$1,000

-WESLEY BROOKS, \$1,000 -COLLIN COX, \$1,000

-ABIGAIL DAVIS, \$1,000 -MADISON DUBOIS, \$1,000

-CONNOR ENGELSMAN, \$1,000 -CATHERINE HALL, \$1,000

-NOLAN JUENEMANN, \$1,000 -ANNA LIVELY, \$1,000

-REILLY MANNING, \$1,000 -NATALEY SCHUMAKER, \$1,000

-JOSIE STOVER, \$1,000

DURHAM FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

-KOLTON FIELD, \$750

NORTON ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

-MADISON FICK, \$400

-NOLAN JUENEMANN, \$400

-REILLY MANNING, \$400

SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

ADOLPH AND OPAL HARRIS ESTATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR HOXIE

-DONOVAN BALLUCH, \$1,750 -HAYLEY JACOBS, \$1,750

YOUTH ON THE MOVE SCHOLARSHIP

-HALEY HESKETT, \$250 -HAYLEY JACOBS, \$250

SHERMAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

BRIANNA LININ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-CALEB DECHANT, \$2,500 -EMMI ENSIGN, \$1,700

WALLACE COUNTY FOUNDATION:

FOX STILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-MADELINE PEARCE, \$250

LISA SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP

-CALLEY STUBBS, \$500

MAC AND BILL JONES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

-BRYLEE ALDRIDGE, \$1,000

2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WALLACE COUNTY FOUNDATION (CONT.):

RUTH JACKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-ADRIENNE SELZER, \$250

W. PAUL KIRHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-ANDREW NOONE, \$1,000

RUSSELL COUNTY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

SEAN PAUL BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-EMERSON NICHOLS, \$475 -ANIYA STIERLEN, \$475

ADOLPH BOEHLER STUDENT AID FUND

-HARLEY HEADLEY, \$1,100 -JESSE WHITMER, \$1,100

DORAN AND BINA DOLE SCHOLARSHIP

-ISABELLE WALTON, \$2,500 -KIRSTEN KYGER, \$10,000

KENNETH V. DUMLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-LOGAN KELLER, \$700

ELAINE HILGER SCHOLARSHIP

-EMERSON NICHOLS, \$700 -KYLEE RICHARDSON, \$700

-JOSHUA SOHM, \$700

MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-HALEY FALLIS, \$350 -ZACHARY ROSE \$350

DAVID OCHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-ANDREW ROTH, \$2,785

POHLMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

-GRACYN COTTERILL, \$550 -LOGAN KELLER, \$550

PAUL E. RUGGELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-RYAN BIRKY, \$900 -TANDY COLEMAN, \$900

ERVIN AND DENZELL ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

-ABIGAIL MYERS, \$690

RUSSELL COUNTY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

JOSHUA SCHOLARSHIP -

-ALEXIA CHARBONNEAU, \$10,000 -MACI CLARK, \$10,000
-BRIANNA HAMMACK, \$10,000 -AUBREY LARSON, \$10,000
-EMERSON NICHOLS, \$10,000

-REGAN BETTS, \$7,500 -MATTHEW BUHRLE, \$7,500
-BAILEY DOLLISON, \$7,500 -KASSIDY HOBBS, \$7,500
-TYLER MORESCO, \$7,500 -RENEE NICHOL, \$7,500
-KAITLYN NICHOLS, \$7,500 -SAMANTHA PTACEK, \$7,500
-CHANDLER REICH-SELLENS, \$7,500
-KYLEE RICHARDSON, \$7,500

-RYAN BIRKY, \$5,000 -COLE BIRKY, \$5,000
-ISABELLA BOXBERGER, \$5,000 -LAUREN CHINSKI, \$5,000
-TANDY COLEMAN, \$5,000 -ABIGAIL CROSS, \$5,000
-CHESNEY CUNNINGHAM, \$5,000 -KOBY DECKER, \$5,000
-CAMILLE DORTLAND, \$5,000 -TIFFANY DORTLAND, \$5,000
-BRAYDEN DRAKE, \$5,000 -CALEIGH EVANS, \$5,000
-BRAYDEN FORD, \$5,000 -BRITTAN FRITSCHEN, \$5,000
-AVALON GARLAND, \$5,000 -ALAINA GFELLER, \$5,000
-JORDYN GUENOT, \$5,000 -HALLE HALL, \$5,000
-CAMERON HENDRYX, \$5,000 -KYLIE HOUCK, \$5,000
-KYLEIGH KASPER, \$5,000 -DARIAN KLEE, \$5,000
-KATHERINE KRAUSS, \$5,000 -KIRSTEN KYGER, \$5,000
-BREEANA LAMONTE, \$5,000 -KYLE LAMPERT, \$5,000
-PAYDEN LEIKER, \$5,000 -SAMANTHA LEIKER, \$5,000
-BROOKE LEIKER, \$5,000 -GRACE LUMPKINS, \$5,000
-GILLIAN LYNCH, \$5,000 -AMIAH MEIS, \$5,000
-RYLEE MILLER, \$5,000 -LAUREN MYERS, \$5,000
-ABIGAIL MYERS, \$5,000 -SHELBY NEY, \$5,000
-SHANNON NEY-SPENCER, \$5,000 -KAYLA NOLLER, \$5,000
-TRAYSON NORTHCUTT, \$5,000 -WHITNEY NUSS, \$5,000
-SAMUEL NUSS, \$5,000 -SAMUEL OCHS, \$5,000
-MEGAN PEELER, \$5,000 -KALLI PFEIFER, \$5,000
-CADEN PFEIFER, \$5,000 -DELAINEY POSPICHAL, \$5,000
-RHETT POSPICHAL, \$5,000 -LILLIAN RAGETH, \$5,000
-RYLAN REEVES, \$5,000 -EMILY RIDGLEY, \$5,000
-AIDAN ROHR, \$5,000 -EMICKA SCHOEMAKER, \$5,000
-JOSHUA SOHM, \$5,000 -JACOB SOHM, \$5,000
-SKYLAR STEINLE, \$5,000 -ANIYA STIERLEN, \$5,000
-MACKENZIE THOMAS, \$5,000 -ISABELLE WALTON, \$5,000
-JACOB WINDHOLZ, \$5,000 -LAARIES WINZERLING, \$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

TIM KOWALSKI

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, LEAVING A LEGACY



Pastor Timothy Kowalski worked with Oakley Schools and the Logan County Community Foundation in 2021 to establish the endowed fund named Tim Kowalski Second Chance Scholarship which provides a \$500 scholarship to students who desire to improve themselves and become a service to the public by obtaining a vocational trade education.

It was his belief that too many kids go to college because they have no idea what they want to do. He wanted to provide an opportunity to learn a trade and get right into the workforce. The first scholarship was awarded in 2021 to Aliya Holzmiester, followed by [Christian Koch in 2022](#).

Tim was born in Dodge City, KS on October 26, 1945, as the seventh of eight children. In the 50's, his family moved to Oakley, KS where they farmed wheat and dairy. Tim learned by "doing" while on the farm: welding, electrical, plumbing, and working with his hands and wits. This style of learning served him well and he was blessed beyond measure.

In his own words, he was not a particularly good student. He was bored and never studied, but he did graduate from high school with no intention of going to college. He did end up attending Garden City Community College on a scholarship to play football. He married his high school sweetheart in 1965 and four children were born from the union. His first marriage ended in 1980, but he moved on to develop a loving relationship with Beth, and they were married in 1982.

In 1985 he became involved with the First Christian Church and ultimately was ordained as a pastor for the First Christian Church in Sulphur Springs, OK. He worked as a salesman in the soft drink industry for many years. In 2002, he was named Volunteer of the Year for Coca-Cola USA Company for his work in the church, as a firefighter, and as a counselor.

Tim's personal belief was that with effort and determination, anyone can overcome challenges and be successful. Pastor Tim passed away on February 21, 2022.

PLANNED GIVING

NWKANSAS GIVES

The Transfer of Wealth (TOW) that will occur over the next several decades is huge



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

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

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is striving to assist NW Kansas communities in capturing a portion of this transfer to ensure its future vitality. To assist in this capture for the future of the county-wide community foundations and other nonprofits, their Foundation is providing technical assistance to local community foundations and other donors through an initiative called NW Kansas Gives.

NW Kansas Gives includes education for NW Kansas residents to encourage thoughtful, planned charitable gifts as a part of overall estate planning. The Hansen Foundation has made several resources available to help.

BOARD & COMMUNITY EDUCATION WITH BETTY JOHNSON

Betty Johnson, Certified Fundraising Executive, will work with Community Foundation Boards to educate and train, based on their experience and comfort level, about planned gifts and the board's role in the NW Kansas Gives initiative. These meetings should be scheduled directly with Betty and can include one or more sessions. Betty is also available to speak at local gatherings about Planned Giving, the Transfer of Wealth, and the process.

STEWARDSHIP COUNSELING WITH JOHN GRIFFIN, JD

Donors who wish to make a charitable gift in their estate can meet with estate planning attorney John Griffin to help design a plan that includes a charitable gift.

- Through a series of appointments, John assists NW Kansas residents by developing an outline for a new or revised estate plan that includes a charitable gift. There is no charge to the participant for this service.
- Once an outline is created, participants work with their existing attorney (or an attorney can be recommended) to complete the documents. Participants pay for document completion.
- John meets with participants to review the final documents before signing. He is available to meet with the participant's attorney if needed.
- Participants work with the local community foundation to complete the final paperwork on the charitable gift component.
- Stewardship Counseling scheduling is only available through the host foundations, but interested donors should begin by contacting their local community foundation to initiate this conversation.

For detailed information or questions about utilizing Stewardship Counseling's services, contact Gennifer Golden House at gennifer@gnwkcf.org.

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 13 of the 26 counties, and Greater Salina Community Foundation works with the remaining 13 counties.

2022 Community Foundation Initiatives:

Community Grant Funds: \$25,000 twice a year sunsets in September 2025; provided 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, sunsets in April 2026. Also as of May 2022, offers incentive grants of \$45,000 for the operational endowment fund and \$5,000 for the 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 sunseting in September 2025, DGH is offering an optional operational grant to the 26 county-wide community foundations. Foundations can 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 can leave a legacy that lasts forever by remembering your community foundation in your estate plan! Contact GNWKCF today to find out how. 785-734-2406.

Match Month Endowment Campaign Results by Community Foundation

2021 Challenge Completed in Spring 2022:

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Graham	Apr-22	\$61,775.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$111,775.00
Logan	Feb-22	\$68,215.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$118,215.00
Thomas	Apr-22	\$62,105.79	\$ 50,000.00	\$112,105.79

2022 Challenge Completed in 2022:

County	Match Month	Local	Hansen Match	Total Raised
Cheyenne	Dec-22	\$66,805.69	\$ 50,000.00	\$116,805.69
Decatur	Dec-22	\$93,986.98	\$ 50,000.00	\$143,986.98
Gove	Nov-22	\$89,591.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$139,591.00
Norton	Nov-22	\$64,440.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$114,440.00
Phillips	Oct-22	\$50,026.28	\$ 50,000.00	\$100,026.28
Rawlins	Dec-22	\$70,034.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$120,034.00
Russell	Nov-22	\$93,939.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$143,939.00
Sheridan	Nov-22	\$67,975.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$117,975.00
Sherman	Dec-22	\$53,380.22	\$ 50,000.00	\$103,380.22
Wallace	Dec-22	\$72,929.81	\$ 50,000.00	\$122,929.81

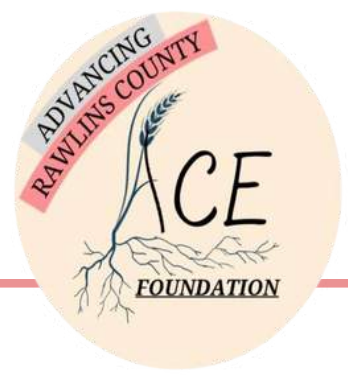
AFFILIATE FOUNDATION

35
FUNDS

Total
Donations
Received
\$888,972.48

Grants
Approved
\$89,978.67

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,529,451.89



ACE FOUNDATION CHANGING RAWLINS COUNTY GRANT BY GRANT

Grants Funded in 2022:

- KARL (Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, INC) Class XVI Seminar -Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant
- McDonald Greenhouse Phase One-Rawlins County Future Fund & Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant
- Main Street Summer Theater Festival- Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant
- Mainstreet Community Space-Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant
- Advanced Class IV Laser Therapy Treatment to the Rawlins County Community-Rawlins County Hansen Community Grant
- USD 105 Rawlins County was able to order new high jump pits. They were set up in March of 2022. The team had a jumper that qualified for state in 2022 that was very grateful for the new pits along with all the track teams. Rawlins County track and field facilities are some of the best in the tri-state area and the new pits helped complete the wonderful track and field facilities. With the partial funding from Rawlins County Future Fund in the amount of \$6,314.50 we were able to help our youth in the community.
- The Depot is an original 1892 BN Train Depot that originally served Atwood till the 1960s. It was moved in around the mid-1980's and converted into a cooperative craft outlet for Rawlins County crafters. Rawlins County crafters added other exhibitors who displayed antiques and collectibles throughout the years. They opened in 1988 and have continued to maintain and upgrade the 100-year-old plus building. The volunteers wanted to make the building more energy efficient. With the grant funds, The Depot was able to replace doors, repair insulation and prevent Bat entry. They were able to add a window AC unit to help maintain a comfortable temperature for the volunteers, community and visiting travelers. Rawlins County Future Fund gave \$3,618.75.



Grant Highlight

Stevens Chapel tells an amazing story of a rural church built in the poverty of the 1890s whose members made and sold cane sorghum syrup to raise money for building materials, and for the men who cut and laid the large stone blocks to build the church during hard economic times when crops were failing. Preserving and opening Stevens Chapel to visitors will honor these early settlers and teach current and future generations about the hard work and courage it took to settle and live in Northwest Kansas in the late 1800s. \$5,250.00 was awarded to help costs of preserving this beautiful church.

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**15
FUNDS**

**Total
Donations
Received
\$483,333.86**

**Grants
Approved
\$208,384.35**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$2,055,862.01**



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

- At CCKCF we are proud of our 2022 accomplishments including continuing to add donor-advised funds, collaborating with Bird City Century II- Youth Entrepreneur Challenge, working with county-wide community projects by awarding over \$100,000 in grants but also with our time and hard work, initiating and supporting childcare and summer programs, continuing to build initiatives, Planned Giving and Strategic Doing efforts.
- We are encouraged as our board is working with the board of educations, Bird City Century II, Cheyenne County Development Corporation, and other community leaders to build a bridge between two communities that create Cheyenne County: Bird City and St. Francis. Many efforts have been made including hosting events together and collaborating with Cheyenne County Development Corporation. Bringing everyone together has been the key factor in helping the community understand what the foundations do and how they are there to help Cheyenne County become stronger.
- We are excited about our grant-giving efforts with grants given to St. John Lutheran Church, in Bird City, for renovations for 3 office spaces to help with mental health services, St Francis United Methodist Church Thrift Store to help in purchasing the building next door and wall opening between buildings, Cheyenne County Food Pantry, Immanuel United Methodist Church Community Food Bank, 202- Connecting the future, phase 2, ADA Bathroom, SWITCH Youth Group, Van Doren Park tree trimming, EMS/AEMT training/meals for 9 months of training, and the St Francis Community High School new scoreboard purchase.

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Discovery Zone Summer Camp was created to help Cheyenne County with childcare attendance throughout the summers. This program was for kiddos ages 5-10. The idea was to give those kiddos a place to receive education, enrichment, and help support childcare providers who were already at capacity. This program was funded for the first year by CCKCF but after USD #297 saw the impact it had on the community they voted to continue the effort.



DONOR STORY

When Jeff Oelke received notice that his firm would make a generous contribution to an eligible recipient of his choice, he thought of his family and his roots. Jeff grew up in northwest Kansas and still has family and good friends in the area. Jeff, along with his wife Lisa, decided to give back to Cheyenne County and after advice from Darci Schields and Carol Sloper of GNWKCF he put a plan in motion. Jeff decided to support several established funds, St Francis New Generation Fund, St Francis Educational Foundation Fund and CCKCF Impact Fund, offer "seed money" to start endowed funds for the Cheyenne County Museum and CC4C, start a Donor Advised - LRO Family Fund and establish a scholarship fund to honor his father, Vic Oelke, a long-time educator.

Jeff and nephew Brett Lampe serve as advisors (although the whole family likes making recommendations) for the LRO Donor Advised Fund submitting grant requests to make a difference in the community. The family continues to grow the fund supporting projects to honor family members the fund is intended to remember.

The CCKCF Board wants to thank Jeff and Lisa Oelke for believing in the future of Cheyenne County KS and building the Foundation of our future.

OUTREACH

Cheyenne Center for Creativity (CC4C) began working on the 202 on Washington Project in 2019. The Dane G. Hansen Foundation in partnership with K-State provided an architectural intern to work on plans for the 202 Project from May 28, 2019 to August 2, 2019. CC4C helped with a grant to provide housing for the intern. In February of 2020, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation granted \$100,000 to purchase the building and vacant lot. The Community raised \$250,000 to match Hansen's grant through fundraisers, campaigns, grants, and donations. The building purchase was signed on April 17, 2020.

The renovation of the Hardt Gallery located inside the 202 Washington project was completed on June 17, 2022. In 2023, renovation of the small event space will be completed with a kitchenette and ADA family bathroom. The following step will be to work on men's and women's restrooms to accommodate the large future event space. A KDOC HEAL Grant, matched by community funding is helping pay for this construction.



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AFFILIATE FOUNDATION

13
FUNDS

Total
Donations
Received
\$356,778.92

Grants
Approved
\$131,112.85

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,228,859.01



GOVE COUNTY HAD A FANTASTIC 2022!! The Lil' Hawks Village Daycare officially opened its doors to little running feet on February 20, 2023. A long project this has been as the initial communication between Wheatland USD 292 (the Thunderhawks) and the Grainfield Community Development Committee (GCDC) was April 2021. Many volunteers, donations, and grants were collected to create this facility. And now the northwest corner of the Wheatland Elementary school grounds is full of life with colorful playground equipment and smiling children.

From the beginning, the vision was for GCDC to spearhead the project by securing funding and helping organize the development of the daycare; donate the house to USD 292; they would own the building and contents then rent it at no or little charge to a new daycare business (not affiliated with USD 292). As we began listing those who could help make this dream a reality it became apparent that what we were creating described the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" and so Lil' Hawks Village Daycare became the name.

While USD 292 had accepted the "hardware" portion of the project (house and content), the "software" (the daycare business) still needed to be created. GCDC firmly believes the future of a childcare project must begin with persons strongly committed to the start and continued success of the Lil' Hawks Village Daycare. As a result, our first step was to secure a board of directors who would be responsible for hiring and development issues. Additionally, a director was hired. Both volunteered endless hours to submit all necessary paperwork to become fully licensed as well as seeing this daycare through.

GCDC insists childcare workers must be the best possible. It is impossible to keep quality employees if they cannot support themselves. The goal was the only expenses the daycare would be responsible for would be groceries/supplies, employee salaries (& payroll liabilities), and liability insurance. In this scenario, the employees would be able to be compensated accordingly, as they are as important as a parent.

In addition to the extensive support mentioned above, GCDC sold their pride and joy we called 2nd Street Place. This was a large project our organization took on that changed a 1 business building and renovated it into 3 businesses that included a satellite clinic for Bluestem Medical Center. When we first purchased the run-down building in 2017 it was always our intention to sell it as we are a volunteer organization and do not have the manpower to manage it. We were able to sell the building to a local entrepreneur who also believes in our mission. Through this sale, we were able to pay off the loan and have \$60,000 to invest in the daycare. GCDC will now submit their pledged \$60,000 into an endowment account through the Gove County Community Foundation an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. The endowment fund will add sustainability for the project for years to come.

It would have been impossible to build this home and daycare environment without the grants and help and kindness of so many. I wish we knew the financial value of all the volunteer time and donations.

We have success in our small town because we have involved people; people who care; people who want to see a change and are willing to take that step forward. Our village is pretty amazing.

In the spring some Wheatland High School students had "work-study" time at the daycare and were therefore able to learn about childcare facilities. One of those students hopes to open a daycare in Gove County when she is finished with college. The work-study program will continue in the fall semester of 2023. .

Hi,
My name's
Lil' Hawk!



Kaley Tuttle

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**12
FUNDS**

**Total
Donations
Received
\$366,369.20**

**Grants
Approved
\$268,901.62**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,651,623.73**



DECATUR COUNTY GIVES BACK

Giving back to support the biggest, most well-loved, volunteer event in the county was an easy decision for the GROW Decatur County Foundation board. The Decatur County Amusement Authority is a volunteer-governed, volunteer-run organization that organizes and maintains all the rides, games and two of the concession stands for the home-owned, home-operated Decatur County Fair each year. In 2022, after many years of searching for rides and repairing rides that had met their useful life, the Amusement Authority looked for help in funding some new carnival rides they had spent years looking for by applying for a Decatur County Hansen Community Grant administered by the GROW Decatur County Foundation. The GROW Foundation funded their request for \$25,000 toward the purchase of the rides and then funded an additional \$25,000 from the newly established GROW Decatur County Community Initiative Fund. This enabled the Amusement Authority the opportunity to purchase all three rides they were wanting to purchase when adding this to their allotted budget for rides. They were able to purchase the Loop O Plane, Fun House & Rock O Plane. In August of 2023, the Amusement Authority will celebrate 50 years of the Decatur County Home-Owned, Home-Operated Carnival. 50 years of volunteers coming together!!

The Amusement Authority rides grant was the first grant from the GROW Decatur County Community Initiative Fund that was started in December of 2021 with a generous donation from an anonymous donor. This fund was established to benefit projects within Decatur County. The GROW Decatur County Foundation board is very appreciative of this



anonymous donor's vision and philanthropic actions that exemplify a passion to invest in Decatur County. This new fund can also accept gifts from other donors who have the same mission of giving back to improvements and enhancements in Decatur County and to assist qualifying grant applications through the GROW Foundation.



2022 GRANTS FUNDED THROUGH THE GDCF ENDOWMENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- USD #294 8th Grade Kansas History Topeka Field Trip (2020, 2021 & 2022 8th graders) \$4,000
- DCHS Post Prom venue/activities rental \$1,288
- Oberlin Kid's Wrestling Club for equipment \$4,000
- Community Vacation Bible School \$800
- St. Johns Evangelical UAC Missouri Synod cemetery fencing \$2,000
- City of Oberlin/Gateway Pickleball equipment \$1,000
- City of Oberlin Ball Field safety fence crown \$3,500
- Twin Creeks Extension District - Simply Produce \$2,000
- American Legion Aux. fireworks display \$2,550
- Pheasants Forever - tractor \$2,000
- Decatur Health - Emergency Entrance sign \$3,000
- City of Oberlin/Gateway - exercise equipment \$2,300
- USD #294 Community Daycare \$3,633.05



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The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) is excited to affiliate with Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation to serve our donors and preserve our rural way of life. We were founded in 2001 by leaders who were concerned that things were changing in Russell County and wanted to ensure a vibrant county existed for generations to come.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, grant-making this year helped our communities build new parks, provide free summer arts programs, support a local trap shooting team, replace an elevator in public housing, paint colorful murals and so much more. We are helping build a Maker Space, located in downtown Russell, which will provide technical training to entrepreneurs and youth, and give them an opportunity to test out their ideas on state-of-the-art equipment, such as plasma cutters, laser engravers and an incubator kitchen.

When you leave a gift to the community foundation, you help ensure that what matters most to you continues forever. As we embark on our next 20 years, we invite you to join friends and neighbors in leaving a gift to RCACF through your will, so your life's work and what you care about most will live on forever, creating a legacy. When you become a member of the Cornerstone Society, you leave the world a better place than you found it and inspire others to do the same.

Thank you for your continued support of the Russell County Area Community Foundation. To learn more about giving to causes you are passionate about, please call us at 785-445-3611. Our future is bright as we celebrate philanthropy and service in the places we call home.

#WeBelieveinHometowns

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AFFILIATE FOUNDATION

23
FUNDS

Total
Donations
Received
\$855,426.45

Grants
Approved
\$194,955.60

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,487,371.20



SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Beginning in 2022, my position with the Foundation was expanded to full-time and my title was changed to Executive Director. I am so grateful to the Board of Directors for their investment in not only the organization but also myself to lead the Foundation in this expanded role. It has been a pleasure helping grow the position from scratch over the past several years. I came into the field with limited knowledge and experience in the community foundation and economic development realms. Despite this, I dove in headfirst and have learned and grown so much over the years. I've forged some amazing relationships and partnerships for the betterment of Sheridan County that have led to several successes as we work to tackle some larger issues such as childcare. I thoroughly enjoy the work I do and the people I get to work with, whether they be my board members, community members and leaders, donors and funders - it is truly a joy to help make positive impacts now and into the future!

Karl Pratt, Executive Director

2022 Highlight

Amount: \$4,000
Awarded: May 2022

Hoxie Recreation was granted \$4,000 to assist in the purchase of equipment used by the Hoxie Swim Team. The equipment, which included lane ropes and reel, a storage shed, kickboards, pull buoys, and pace clocks, has allowed the Rec to host its own swim meets locally at the Hoxie City Pool and to make the local swimmers competitive within the league. The practice equipment purchased provides the swim team with the ability to improve their swimming skills and to mix up their practices all while working on improving technique, efficiency, and increasing swimming strength and speed. The purchase of the lane ropes has enabled the Rec to host three meets, one of them being the South Qualifying meet scheduled for the summer of 2023.



2022 Highlight

Amount: \$10,000
Awarded: March 2022

Hoxie Community Schools USD 412 was awarded a \$10,000 grant to assist with the procurement and furnishing of a 3-bedroom modular unit to house the school's new daycare business, Hoxie First Steps Daycare. The daycare, which is situated on school property directly to the north of the Hoxie Elementary School, officially opened in October 2022 with Kelsey Epp, Hoxie, serving as the interim provider. The full-time provider, Tanya Brooks, along with a part-time provider, Audrey Moss, have been providing care for the children/families enrolled since November. The daycare is currently at capacity, with priority for slots given to school personnel. Additional unoccupied childcare slots are then opened to the public as available. SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt along with a local childcare coalition consisting of area private childcare providers, educators, parents, teachers, and community members assisted the school with the development and fundraising efforts of the Hoxie First Steps Daycare as part of their work to address the immediate childcare needs in Sheridan County.



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AFFILIATE FOUNDATION

**14
FUNDS**

**Total
Donations
Received
\$410,057.82**

**Grants
Approved
\$252,691.16**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,137,930.25**



A NOTE FROM STEPHANIE

I didn't grow up here, but I have learned to love this northwest corner of Kansas over the past several years. I want to do all I can to give back to our wonderful, rural community to keep it thriving for our children. This year, I have enjoyed assisting the SCCF board of directors on efforts in sustainability and grant-making. The generosity of our donors is astounding, as we witnessed our Match Day and Match Month bring in \$317,745.51 to Sherman County. I want to thank our donors for their continuous support as well as our dedicated board members as we honor the past and build for the future!

Stephanie Kling, Administrative Assistant

Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) became an Affiliate of GNWKCF in December 2012. Its volunteer board members strive to meet the foundation's goal of "Honoring the Past and Building the Future" in all ventures undertaken by SHCCF. In 2022, generous supporters of the Sherman County community raised \$164,365.29 in a single day to support 24 local charitable projects. The foundation designated \$20,500 and corporate sponsors added an additional \$19,600 to provide \$40,000 in matching funds.

The check presentation to the 24 participating organizations was made at a home basketball game with representatives of the nonprofit organizations spread from end-to-end on the basketball court.

2022 Teacher Wish Lists

For the past several years, the Sherman County Community Foundation (SCCF) has provided funding to each USD 352 school building for "Teacher Wish Lists" as a way of saying "Thank you and Merry Christmas!" This year at a teacher in-service day in December, SCCF surprised teachers by bussing them from the high school auditorium to Walmart Supercenter in Goodland to spend \$50 for their classrooms. Walmart provided additional funds and dedicated cashiers to assist the teachers in completing their shopping spree. "So many times when we need something for our classroom, we have to find money in our own budget at home but this was a chance to dream a little

bigger," said Kara Smith, a first-grade teacher at West Elementary School. After the shopping spree, teachers were bussed back to the high school for cookies and hot chocolate courtesy of each school's site council. The school counselor, Tessa Taylor, said she "thought it was a great way for our county to give back to educators and show appreciation. It elevated everyone's mood and morale. It was the talk of the schools for the day, and we were all so appreciative of the planned thoughtfulness!" SCCF would like to extend its sincere thanks to USD 352 Superintendent, Bill Biermann, and Walmart Manager, Mike Barben, for helping make the faculty's wish list shopping spree a reality!

2022 Match Day

Board members take pride in helping nonprofit organizations in Sherman County through monthly grant awards and the annual "Match Day" event held at the Goodland Public Library on National Giving Day. Pre-event publicity through the local news media builds awareness along with opportunities to educate local civic clubs and other groups about giving. Each board member commits time, effort and cooperation to ensure Match Day is successful. Volunteers are on hand from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the library on Match Day to provide one-on-one help to people regarding the initiatives and the impact of giving!

Match Day 2022 corporate sponsors:

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AGENCY FOUNDATIONS

17
FUNDS

Donations
Received
\$701,987.23

Grants
Approved
\$412,646.19

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,755,049.50

LOGAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Logan County Community Foundation Highlight

The Logan County Community Foundation has proudly invested a combined \$15,815.24 in our 2 local public schools. These contributions have brought noticeable upgrades to the learning environments.

With their funds, Winona bought a new welder and improved their science lab facilities, offering better practical learning experiences. Due to growing student demand, Oakley extended its band program. They were awarded a grant that allowed them to purchase several new instruments. Finally, the Future Philanthropist Group was able to buy equipment that allowed them to create decals to decorate the halls of the high school.



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23
FUNDS

Donations
Received
\$390,205.97

Grants
Approved
\$216,917.00

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,969,189.32



nortoncountycommunityfoundation

Norton County Community Foundation Highlight

In June 2022, NCCF hosted its fifth annual Match Day. The twenty participating organizations set up booths in the Heaton Building, and donors were invited to give in-person or online from 7 AM – 7 PM. Generous individuals and businesses donated \$90,000, which leveraged the \$70,000 match from NCCF and the Jim & Lida Sharp Family.

In July, NCCF was proud to be involved in celebrating Norton's sesquicentennial by hosting "Nortonopoly" – a local take on the famous board game.

The foundation had a successful Match Month in November, raising \$62,440 for grants.

In 2022, NCCF's Hansen Community Grant Fund awarded \$3,500 to the Norton County Arts Council for the installation of a mural at Boho Dance Studio in downtown Norton. The Norton County Arts Council has been planning and working to install accessible art within the community over the last few years. The year prior, Norton County Arts Council applied for the Centennial Women's Suffrage Mural and was selected as the rural community of Kansas to have the mural installed. The vision of the mural project is to continue installing murals throughout the community over the next years to beautify the community, share our history and culture, and to make art easily accessible to all.



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AGENCY FOUNDATION

**18
Funds**

**Donations
Received
\$198,524.65**

**Grants
Approved
\$93,604.72**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$1,139,179.92**



Wallace County Foundation Highlight

Historical Wallace Awarded Grants to Revitalize Downtown: Fort Wallace was established in 1865 as a Butterfield Overland Dispatch station along the Smoky Hill Trail. The city of Wallace has been in need of upgrades for some time. Wallace County Foundation was proud to award a \$10,000 grant to help with the enhancements. The town now boasts new sidewalks and ramps, lampposts, building fronts, and updated parking spots.

Wallace County Towns Receive Funding for Mural Paintings. Murals have many benefits including beautifying a space and adding uniqueness to communities. They also tell a story and represent the life in that community—present or past. Wallace County Foundation awarded \$8,000 to the county mural project allowing Sharon Springs, Wallace, and Weskan to each install murals in their towns. The most impressive part of the new display of murals is that they were each painted by local artists. Thank you to the talents of Haylee Hennick, Lissa Sexson, and Raya Wagoner for helping to invigorate our communities.

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CHARITABLE GIVING - TYPES OF FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds: You 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. Food Bank. 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 a church, schools, senior center, museum, or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization.

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

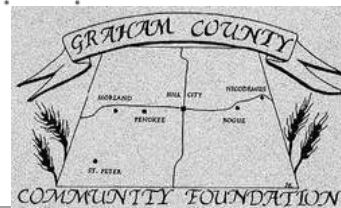
AGENCY PARTNERS

**6
FUNDS**

**Donations
Received
\$188,275.00**

**Grants
Approved
\$65,655.32**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$472,289.25**



Graham County Community Foundation Highlight

This year the Graham County Community Foundation had a very successful match month raising \$61,775.00 in funds to build our endowment fund.

2022 GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

- Carrie's Rehab Critters specializes in helping out wildlife in Northwest Kansas. Carrie's Rehab Critters benefits from receiving funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant for Graham County because being able to purchase the equipment necessary for taking care of wildlife is not cheap, especially when weather, wildfires, or other disasters strike. Being able to have funds available for nonprofits like Carrie's Rehab Critters is important for that very reason.
- Graham County Community Foundation award Goddard Place \$2,500 for Goddard Place Youth Camp, which allowed kids grades 7-12 to stay overnight to learn about building life skills they will need as they enter adulthood.

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**6
Funds**

**Donations
Received
\$194,963.18**

**Grants
Approved
\$89,678.97**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$962,245.85**



Phillips County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"looking forward by giving back"

Phillips County Community Foundation Highlight

PCCF awarded grants throughout the County in 2022 with projects ranging from matching nonprofit fundraisers to a security system for the Childcare Center. Other opportunities were beautification projects, a church sound system, and joint funding to purchase a brush truck for Rural Fire District #1. Our 10 Board members are deeply involved in the October "Match Your Money Month" events that include hosting a 'Wacky Golf' Tournament and a Foundation Fete. The generous donors in Phillips County have helped build PCCF to its current total asset level of \$2.2 Million level!

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AGENCY PARTNERS

6
Funds

Donations
Received
\$198,376.07

Grants
Approved
\$100,445.04

TOTAL
ASSETS
\$801,604.76



Thomas County Community Foundation Highlight

In November 2022, Thomas County Community Foundation welcomed new Executive Director, Jada Tubbs. Jada is a native of Colby. She served on the board years ago and has returned because she fully believes in the mission of the Foundation, which is to improve the quality of life for ALL citizens in Thomas County. The office has been in full activity this past year with donor relation events, a record number of grants being awarded, and new projects developed with multiple community partners. After a highly successful Match Month in April 2023, these combined efforts have proven to be pointing them in the right direction. TCCF has also seen growth in fund opportunities, donor gifts received and estate plans that will leave lasting impacts for generations to come. Taking their mission seriously, TCCF will continue to "Forever Better" Thomas County.



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Special Olympics Kansas

"For over 50 years, Special Olympics Kansas has centered around providing opportunities for Kansans with intellectual disabilities to participate on the playing field in 20 year round sports. From basketball to cheerleading, from bowling to track and field, over 5,400 athletes have won medals on the award stands. But Special Olympics Kansas is so much more...and doing more for our athletes in the future!

In addition to our traditional sports, Special Olympics Kansas is building our health and wellness activities. This educates Kansans in becoming physically fit, eating healthy, and being active members in their hometowns. Athlete Leadership classes are continually being offered to adults, building athletes to be advocates for themselves. The Unified Champion School movement is spreading through all levels of Kansas schools, pairing students together, and teaching acceptance and inclusion. This growth would not be possible without donors and supporters like you!"



1st Summer Games in 1970

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AGENCY PARTNERS

Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation



BEFORE



AFTER

The Wallace County Family Practice Clinic received funding from the Dane Hansen Foundation to build an addition and covered entrance at the Wallace County Family Practice Clinic. The grant was received by the Greeley-Wallace County Healthcare Foundation which owns the facility. Greeley County Health Services received a companion grant from the Community Care Network of Kansas for a Capital Improvement grant to provide funding for the remaining construction expenses for the same project. This project will allow for the ability to assist our elderly or disabled patients with a more comfortable entrance into the building during inclement weather and also provides a resource to care for infectious patients with clinical areas with separate sources of heating and air from the remaining portion of the clinic. We are very grateful for the support for this project.



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McDonald Community Development



BEFORE



AFTER

In 2021, a group of eight community-minded individuals decided to form a 501(c)(3) called McDonald Community Development, Inc. (McD). Our mission is to develop paths to a stronger community through creative thinking, focused development planning and implementation, and leveraged financial incentives. Our priorities are to improve housing, inspire healthy living, and increase educational opportunities. Also in 2021, McD created a community endowment fund to assist our community with long-term funding needs. The endowment is named McDonald Community Development Fund. Thus far, McD has been instrumental in transforming the front yard of the Cheylin Gymnasium in McDonald, complete with an underground sprinkler system, new landscaping and trees. We are presently constructing a geothermal greenhouse in McDonald, which will provide year-around fruits and vegetables for sale in the community. Other projects include painting building fronts of commercial buildings on Rawlins Avenue, and planning for a new playground and walking trail around the school building.



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AGENCY PARTNERS

Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Inc.

Since 2013, Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc., has been providing hands-on learning opportunities for youth throughout our region. Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper. Our core pillars are career development, entrepreneurship, and internship.



Highlights from 2022 include:

* **Nex-Generation Student Internship Program:** This program enables college and high school students with paid, hands-on summer internships in a variety of careers. Students aged 16 and up experience real jobs, receive mentoring and participate in leadership workshops. All positions are with local, area businesses. In 2022, the program increased by 41 interns, from 99 (2021) to 140 (2022).



* **Work Study Program:** In 2022, our Work Study Program grew by 8 students, from 24 (2021) TO 32 (2022). Participants receive \$500-per-semester scholarships, upon successful completion of the program. Like the summer program, students experience local, area careers in a hands-on learning environment.

* **Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas:** This financial literacy/career development program is based in the former Lenora High School building in Lenora. Since opening in the spring of 2019, Young AmeriTowne has hosted 2,248 students from 25 different northwest and north central Kansas grade, middle, and home schools. In 2022, 745 students filled different positions within the 10 shops of AmeriTowne. They learned check-writing, managing personal and business accounts, teamwork, and philanthropy.

* **Entrepreneurship:** We have continued to work with area schools as well as NetWork Kansas and are economic development professionals who host Youth Entrepreneurship Challenges. Nex-Generation sponsors a \$150 Best Marketing Award and provides judges upon request. In addition, we have presented our “Nex-Great Idea” Business Plan Workshops at area junior-senior high schools.

* **LifeSkills:** During 2022, we developed a new, high school budgeting and life preparation curriculum for a pilot launch during spring 2023 with Norton Community High School students. LifeSkills engages students in a hands-on learning environment at Nex-Generation’s Young AmeriTowne of Kansas location in Lenora. Students are given a role and a budget with which they make life choices.

* **Career Fairs:** Nex-Generation, in conjunction with the I-CAN Network (Interactive Consortium Academic Network), hosted a Middle School Career EXPLORation Day in January 2022 and a High School Virtual Career Fair in November 2022 using Zoom as the platform. Area business representatives served as speakers and shared information about their careers. Over 2,500 students participated in the two events, directly from their school classrooms.

Nex-Generation wishes to thank the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Nex-Tech, Nex-Tech Customer Billing Round Up Participants, Phillips County Economic Development, Midwest Energy, Inc., Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, Norton County Community Foundation, and many individuals and businesses for their generous grants and donations and ongoing support of Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth and our programs.

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Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK), founded in 1967, has been a story about people: serving, advocating, supporting, educating, and simply helping people. Beginning from the actions of a few pioneers who envisioned a fuller and more purposeful life for their children and for many others who had intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), DSNWK has grown from educational services in a few local communities to a charity that now supports over 550 people who have I/DD with multiple programs and services across 18 counties of northwest Kansas. We continue to cherish that community support from many who continue to stand with those who have I/DD.

Our mission is “To advocate with persons with disabilities and those who care about them by planning and supporting a life of dignity, interdependence, and personal satisfaction in the community.”

DSNWK has been a partner organization to GNWKCF since 2014 with the establishment of the 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 help support the continued DSNWK mission. The total assets for these funds managed by GNWKCF are currently \$524,091. For more information, visit the website: <https://dsnwk.giftlegacy.com>.

DSNWK offers support to meet the needs of individuals who experience lifelong mental 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. DSNWK serves all age groups in the counties of Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace.

ENHANCED SAFETY

DSNWK will be getting new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) thanks to a \$1,783 grant from the Sheridan County Community Foundation and a \$3,566 grant from the Norton County Community Foundation. The AEDs will be utilized in Hoxie at the Developmental Center, in Norton at the Frontier Developmental Center, and at two group homes on Norton where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive services.

The AEDs will allow DSNWK staff to be better equipped for cardiac arrest-type situations should they occur. Having AEDs in all DSNWK locations helps increase the ability to implement EMS advice on-site to save the life of someone as they wait for an emergency responder to arrive on scene. All DSNWK staff are trained to use the AED devices through its staff training program.

“DSNWK hopes never to be put into a situation where an AED is needed,” states Jerry Michaud, DSNWK President. “These grants help us to be better prepared for these time-sensitive situations with the right equipment to ensure the best care and response, especially as our population continues to age.”

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

**13
Funds**

**Donations
Received
\$1,328,148.10**

**Grants
Approved
\$1,340,012.88**

**TOTAL
ASSETS
\$12,449,839.81**



BIRD CITY CENTURY II

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



Bird City Century II Development Foundation

Bird City Century II Development Foundation is proud to be an active participant in the growth and prosperity of our community. In 2022, the foundation was able to make contributions to the Bird City Food Bank, the Bird City Area of Aging, the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association, the Cheylin Preschool, Cougar Cub Daycare and more!



In November 2022, the foundation had its 10th Annual Match Day. The community came out in force, donating \$82,806.98 to 31 organizations in our community. The foundation was able to match those donations to qualifying organizations \$1 for \$1 for a total of \$156,213.96 going out to our community to help in their projects.

On top of all of that exciting work, the foundation was able to approve a mural in Bird City which proudly displays our home to all who enter Bird City. The foundation was also able to kick off a housing effort. Construction of a brand new home started in October 2022 and is the first of 2 homes the foundation is building to help enable families to join our wonderful community.

We are so excited to see what 2023 brings!



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Friends of Cottonwood Ranch

In 2022 Friends of Cottonwood Ranch was able to continue with our goal of promoting the history of Cottonwood Ranch and Northwest Kansas by continuing a second season of Cottonwood Connections, a 12-part series about the history of Cottonwood Ranch and Northwest Kansas. The series has been shown on PBS channels in Bunker Hill and Topeka. In addition to Cottonwood Connections, we have helped fund the Northwest Kansas Museums Association project assisting museums with training on textile preservation, exhibit design, storage solutions, inventory management, and museum software.

Website for more info on the Friends and the Ranch:



NEX-GENERATION ROUND UP FOR YOUTH, INC. SUMMER INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc., is a charitable, non-profit organization designed to fund, promote, and support educational projects, career development, and community programs focused on youth. High school and college students are matched with local businesses throughout northwest and north central Kansas for both work-study opportunities during the school year and paid summer internships.

Students gain professional skills and broaden their perspectives on career options. Local businesses benefit by networking with youth, bringing fresh ideas to the workplace, and "interviewing" students for potential future jobs – all of which contribute to youth retention to our small, rural communities.

"We are grateful to the Nex-Generation program and its funders for allowing our foundation to once again be able to offer an internship position," said Sheridan County Community Foundation's Executive Director Karl Pratt. "We are excited to have Jenna help us with a number of projects this summer including the development of a social media calendar and content; photographing area events, businesses, and activities for use in web, print and social media promotions; website and database management; and designing travel and relocation resources, to name a few."

"This summer I'm excited to learn about the Sheridan County Community Foundation along with all the organizations that help local businesses, give grants and scholarships, and accept donations and then put back into their community," said Jenna Pierson intern for Sheridan County Community Foundation.

To learn more about the Nex-Generation Internship Program, visit nex-generation.org, call 877-567-7872, or email youth@nex-generation.org.



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The 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 with only their Hansen Established Funds managed by 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.

GNWKCF Announces Exciting Gift from BCCII: A New Home for Growth and Expansion

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that GNWKCF shares the exciting news of a monumental gift received from our founding affiliate, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation (BCCII). Since 2017, GNWKCF has been operating from a beautiful space with two offices rented from BCCII. However, as our organization has rapidly grown from two to six employees, it has become evident that we have outgrown our current office, and the need for a more spacious environment was imminent.

A Generous Gift

At the BCCII's board meeting in February 2022, the board members demonstrated their unwavering support for GNWKCF's growth and mission by voting to gift us their vacant gutted building, located next door to our existing office. This generous act has presented us with an incredible opportunity to further expand and evolve our operations. The new building is approximately three times larger than our current rented office, providing us with room to accommodate our expanding team and serve our affiliated foundations, partners, and donors more effectively.

Meeting Immediate and Future Needs

The newly gifted space is a true blessing for GNWKCF as it fulfills both our immediate and long-term needs for functional office space. With our team growing, having adequate office space is vital for smooth operations and enhanced productivity. The larger building not only allows us to comfortably house our existing staff but also provides room for future growth, ensuring that GNWKCF remains well-equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Gratitude and Anticipation

The GNWKCF staff and Board of Directors are immensely grateful for this extraordinary and generous gift bestowed upon us by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation.

As we eagerly await the move to our new location, we are filled with anticipation for the endless possibilities that this larger, purpose-built space will unlock for GNWKCF. We extend our appreciation to BCCII for their instrumental role in making this significant milestone a reality. We also extend our gratitude to all our valued donors and partners who have contributed to the growth and success of GNWKCF.





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