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ANNUAL REPORT 2022
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHWEST KANSAS



“The measure of an idea was how relative it was not only to its time but beyond.” --- Unknown

The Original Incorporators

**The original nine incorporators of the
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of* SOUTHWEST KANSAS**

Jay F. Bezdek

Joseph J. Bogner

Gary R. Chaffin

Tom Harkness

Larry R. Heyka

Duane Ross

Thomas P. Shirley

Kathryn E. Sughrue

Ben F. Zimmerman III

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Jay & Sharon Bezdek

Landmark National Bank

Gary & Charlotte Chaffin

Sunflower Bank N.A.

Bank of America – Dodge City

Bill and Nona Chaffin

Chaffin, Inc.

James E. Blakely

Ralph & Kenneth Monger

Southwest Distributing, Inc.

Jim & Tonya Lewis

Robert & June Coffin

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Southwestern Bell Telephone

W.E. Ripple & E.A. Liebl, Partners

High Plains Publishers, Inc.

United Wireless Communications, Inc.

Credit Union of Dodge City

Gertrude Goddard & James E. Goddard

Tom & Roberta Harkness

Tom & Donna Shirley

Mrs. Arthur J. Ebener

Dave & Carol Wagner

Fidelity State Bank & Trust Co.

Western Beverage, Inc.

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Feist Publications, Inc.

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Dr. Luther & Ardis Fry

Dodge City Daily Globe

Western Plains Medical Complex

Timothy E. & Alice Schoonover

Joseph G. & Jacqueline C. Trindle

Vernon R. Zollars

Duane & Mary Jo Tasset

THE TORCH FUND

Mike & Mindy Burkhart

Maurice & Judy Bleumer

Margaret Hamilton

Val & Norma Henton

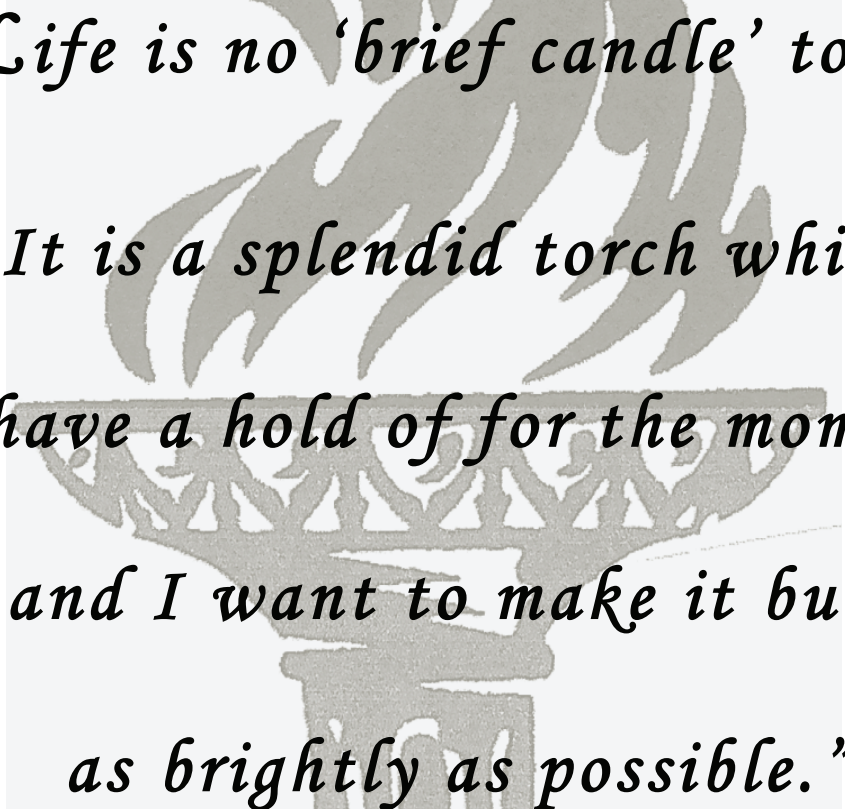
Marvin & Floris Jean Hampton

John & Phyllis Indiek

THE TORCH FUND SUPPORTS THE FOUNDATION

In order to continue the concept and practical application of the Founders Fund, the Torch Fund that mirrors the mechanics of the Founders Fund was established several years ago. Just like the Founders Fund, the Torch Fund is permanently endowed, open to 40 donors who contribute \$10,000, and used to defray the Foundation's administration cost. At the donor's discretion, the \$10,000 gift can be paid in four annual payments. The "Torch Fund" name is reflective of the Foundation logo and complementary of the motto, "Lighting the way for future generations." For more details, please call the Community Foundation office at 620-225-0959.

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*"Life is no 'brief candle' to me.
It is a splendid torch which
I have a hold of for the moment,
and I want to make it burn
as brightly as possible."*

--George Bernard Shaw

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Calling them "community foundations" is far from accidental since foundations exist to benefit local communities they serve. All community foundations are nonprofit organizations that exist for and from the general population they serve. Earnings from endowed funds established by various individuals, organizations, corporations and even casual groups of friends with a common charitable vision allow a community to serve itself through the community foundation, lessening the dependence on tax dollar or other government support.

All community foundations have two constituents: the donor and the grantee. Naturally, grants cannot be made without a donor; therefore, the wishes of donors become a top priority. Donors who desire to establish an endowed fund or give to an existing fund may wish to have their generosity recognized or choose to remain anonymous. It is quite common for an endowed fund to be established to memorialize or honor a loved one.

Community foundations are a conduit for charitable giving. A donor does not actually give to the community foundation. Rather, the gift travels through the community foundation. Most community foundations are structured to handle gifts of all sizes. By accepting gifts, both large and small, the community foundation makes it possible for everyone to be a philanthropist.

For more information about the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas or to learn more about establishing a fund, call the Foundation office at 620-225-0959.



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

- * Each year an independent CPA firm performs an audit of the Community Foundation financial records. A complete copy of our audit is available upon request.
- * Each year a detailed report is filed with the Internal Revenue Service. A copy of Form 990 is available upon request. Form 990T is available, for the years in which it is filed, upon request.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas began as a dream of nine residents of Southwest Kansas in 1991. These individuals, referred to as the original nine incorporators, had a vision of the positive possibilities that would result in the creation of a community foundation in the Dodge City area.

The Foundation received its initial tax-exempt status notification from the IRS in September 1992. Other significant milestones include successfully recruiting founders to fund the "Founders Endowment" to cover operating expenses and receiving a significant endowment from St. Mary of the Plains that funded the Scholarship Fund.

In September of 1999, the foundation changed its name from the Dodge City Area Community Foundation. The change was made to better reflect the geographic area the Community Foundation serves. Since that time, ten area towns have established funds for the benefit of their respective communities.

The organization was born by individual acts of philanthropy to insure the future educational, health, leadership and quality of life needs in southwest Kansas. Since inception the Foundation has awarded over 5,176 scholarships totaling \$4,604,153. From 1996 to 2022 a total of 2,513 grants have been funded for a total of 11.8 million.

A truly amazing fact; the Foundation experienced phenomenal growth with only a part-time director. At midyear 2001, the Foundation hired its first full-time director.

The Community Foundation began fiscal year 2001 with 25 named funds and ended fiscal 2022 with 153 named funds. This growth can be directly attributed to the Foundation involvement with the Kansas Health Foundation and the successful completion of several campaigns that involved matching funds. The title program, "Grow Healthy Kansas" continues to bring substantial benefits and growth to our Foundation and the communities we serve.

To the Community Foundation partners, which include donors, volunteers and the Kansas Health Foundation, we thank you for your commitment to the success of the Community Foundation.

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MISSION STATEMENT

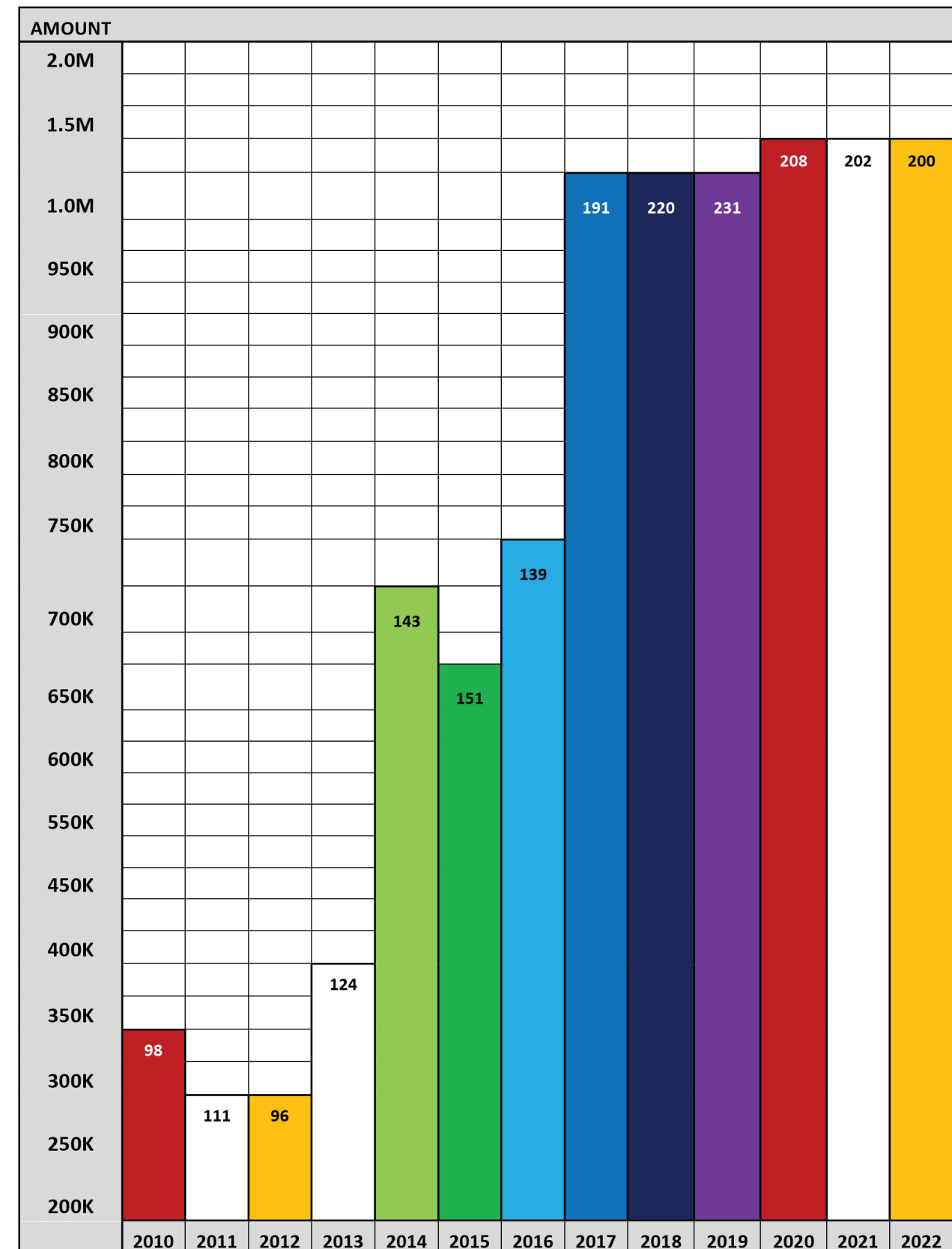
The Mission of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is to improve the quality of life in the Southwest Kansas area by providing ongoing philanthropic leadership and maintaining and enhancing the educational, social, cultural, health and civic resources of the community.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

- We do so by receiving and managing funds to build a permanent endowment that addresses the unmet needs of our community.
- We grant funds to support worthy projects in the areas of social and human services, arts and culture, education, and quality of life.
- We provide a flexible way for donors, with varied philanthropic desires, to affect positive changes in their particular areas of interest.
- We act as a leader in the local community by identifying and exploring important issues and concerns, and shaping effective responses.
- We help people strengthen our communities by thoughtfully changing lives and inspiring community commitment.
- We help donors target their giving by pointing out the difference between making a donation and making a difference.
- We make grants to community nonprofits.
- We help professional advisors serve their clients better.
- We serve as a leader, a catalyst for change, and a resource for philanthropy.
- We work to build and hold a permanent and growing endowment for the community's changing needs and opportunities.
- We strive for excellence in strategic grant making that benefits all citizens of our community in fields such as social services, education, health, the environment, and the arts.
- Our goal is to provide a flexible and cost-effective way for civic-minded individuals, families, and companies to contribute to their community - now and for all time.

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12 YEAR GRANT HISTORY



Advised, Unrestricted, Designated, Community and Agency Funds continued.....

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	SOURCE	COMMENTS
Minneola Community Foundation	30,000.00	Minneola Special Projects Fund	Community Economic Development Plan --- LIFT program
Perfect Fit Foundation	1,932.00	Tim and Alice Schoonover Endowment	Unrestricted organizational support
Ford County 4-H Council	300.00	Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Endowment	Support for 4-H Camp
First United Methodist Church	240.00	Carol Wagner Memorial Endowment	Providing for the hungry
Emberhope	14,150.00	R.D. Croll Endowment	Support for juvenile welfare
USD-449 DC Public Schools	290.00	Marilyn Shipley Children's Fund	Supporting Title-1 reading program
USD-381 Spearville High School	1,800.00	Leidigh Family Fund	Supporting business classes at SHS
Hospice of the Prairie	1,200.00	Robert & Rowena Coy Family Fund	Unrestricted organizational support
Jerry Slaton Scholarship	500.00	Jerry Slaton Memorial Fund	Scholarships for Hanston area students
Ashland 2020 Inc.	3,000.00	Fund for Dodge City (unrestricted)	Green Jay Day
Hospice of the Prairie, Inc.	25,000.00	M Robb Fund (unrestricted)	Remote patient health monitoring
Fowler Legacy Foundation	200.00	W & M Schraeder Fund (unrestricted)	Media upgrade



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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ 2022

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Dan Harris
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STANDING COMMITTEES ~ 2022

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Dana Waters, Dan Love, Dan Harris,

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Jacque Kemmerer Robert Neidhart
Dan Harris

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Love, Robert Neidhart, Dan Harris

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The following grants were awarded from the
Advised, Unrestricted, Designated and Agency Funds:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	SOURCE	COMMENTS
Salvation Army of Dodge City	200.00	Mariana's Cookies for Good	Organizational Support
Depot Theater Company	200.00	Mariana's Cookies for Good	Organizational Support
USD-443 Sunnyside School	1,000.00	POP Fund for Sunnyside School	Programs and projects at Sunnyside School
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April Rhodes Fund	2,170.00	April Rhodes Memorial Fund	Multiple charities
Southwestern College, Winfield	7,200.00	Marvin & Barbara Odgers Endowment	Scholarship
Circle of Hope	20,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Survivors Fund	Assist & comfort for cancer patients
Circle of Hope	15,000.00	Circle of Hope Cancer Survivors Fund	Support for cancer patients
Depot Theater Company	900.00	Todd M. Cutcliffe Memorial Endowment	Audio/visual equipment for the theater
Sedalia Community Church	2,000.00	William & Imogene Henton Memorial Fund	Support for the church
Dodge City Area Chamber of Commence	7,110.00	Leadership Dodge Fund	Support for the "Leadership Dodge" program
City of Dodge City	23,000.00	St. Mary of the Plains Memorial Trust	Upkeep and maintenance of Hennessey Hall
Newman University, Dodge City Campus	23,000.00	St. Mary of the Plains Memorial Trust	Upkeep and maintenance of Hennessey Hall
Church of Christ --- Mullenville, Ks	3,150.00	Marvin Price Memorial Endowment	Unrestricted organizational support
Herald of Truth --- Abilene, TX	17,850.00	Marvin Price Memorial Endowment	Unrestricted organizational support
Boy Scout Troop 162	850.00	Ray Black SPSR Memorial Endowment	Sending Scouts to Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch
Boy Scout Troop 168	850.00	Ray Black SPSR Memorial Endowment	Sending Scouts to Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch

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LOCAL RESOURCES
FOR
LOCAL PROJECTS
FOR
LOCAL PEOPLE

The following grants were awarded from the **Community Foundation Operating Fund, Kansas Health Foundation's operating Endowment or CFSK's Random Grants Fund:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Depot Theater Company	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Kinsley Community Foundation	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Hodgeman Community Foundations	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Dodge City Community Concert Association	325.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Ford County Historical Society	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Bucklin Better Life Community Foundation	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Fowler Legacy Community Foundation	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Mariana's Cookies for Good Endowment	237.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Plains Community Foundation	100.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	1,000.00	"Giving of the Green" matching funds challenge
Heartland Community Foundation, Hays, Ks	1,000.00	Prairie fire relief
Dodge City Rotary Club	300.00	Dictionaries for 3rd graders
City of Dodge City	2,500.00	Supporting "Old Dodge City 4th of July
Kansas Association of Community Foundations	2,000.00	2022 Annual Meeting and Education Sessions
Dodge City International Festival	3,000.00	Multicultural event
Fowler Legacy Comm, Foundation/Meade Co Eco Devo	12,500.00	Splash pad for Fowler's city park

The following grants were awarded from the **Beals Fund:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Ford County Historical Society	20,000.00	Dennis Hopper Statute & Electrical



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2021

ASSETS

Cash	\$	279,843.00
Receivable		1,500,000.00
Investment Securities		45,668,333.00
Farmland		3,641,240.00
Fixed Assets		1,598.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>51,091,014.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	0.00
Scholarships Payable		234,575.00
Payroll Taxes Payable		9,494.00
Agency Liabilities		598,132.00
SUBTOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>842,201.00</u>

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	\$	3,322,088.00
With donor restrictions		46,926,725.00

SUBTOTAL NET ASSETS **\$** 50,248,813.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS **\$** **51,091,014.00**

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The following grants were awarded from the
Mary Joyce Davis Endowment:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Audubon of Kansas, Inc.	2,560.00	Support for Kansas projects
Southwest Association of Indian Arts	2,800.00	Support for Southwestern art
The Ranches	2,800.00	Support for children
NatureServe	2,800.00	Support for conservation projects
Dodge City Area Arts Council	2,800.00	Supporting restoration projects

The following grants were awarded from the
Tom and Roberta Harkness Endowment:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Compass Behavioral Health	14,625.00	Supporting children's health programs in DCKs
Women Crisis Center, DCK	7,850.00	Unrestricted organizational support
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	5,300.00	Growing the CPRF endowment
Dodge City Arts Council	6,000.00	Fix moisture problem in stairwell
Dodge City Senior Center	10,000.00	Replace chairs

The following grants were awarded from the
H & E Young Fund:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Saint Francis Ministries	5,000.00	Keep families together
Rural Education & Workforce Alliance (REWA)	10,000.00	Operating expenses
SKACD 613	1,450.00	AAC devices



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The following grants were awarded from the
Irene Thompson Memorial Endowment:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1st United Methodist Church, Kismet, KS	1,400.00	Unrestricted use for the church's programs
1st United Methodist Church, DCKs	1,400.00	Unrestricted use for the church's programs
Manor of the Plains, DCKS	1,400.00	Good Samaritan Fund
Salvation Army, DCKS	560.00	Care for those in need
Arrowhead West, DCKS	560.00	Unrestricted use for the Dodge City Campus
New Chance of Dodge City	560.00	Unrestricted use for the Dodge City Campus
1st United Methodist Church, DCKs	1,120.00	For educational initiatives or programs

The following grants were awarded from the **James E. Blakely Memorial Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Santa Fe Trail Council - BSA	18,625.00	Support for programs and projects
First United Methodist Church, DCK	18,625.00	Support for the scholarship program
Arrowhead West, Inc.	18,625.00	Organizational support
New Chance, Inc.	18,625.00	Organizational support

The following grants were awarded from the
Jean Koelling Endowment:

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Sunporch of Dodge City	8,260.00	Operating and project support
Bethel Home, Montezuma	8,260.00	Operating and project support
Manor of the Plains --- Dodge City	13,485.00	Good Samaritan Fund
Salvation Army --- Dodge City	5,350.00	Support for new building
Shriner's Hospital for Children	5,350.00	Support for the children's burn center
Friend of the Zoo --- Dodge City	5,350.00	Support for programs and projects

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 63,765.00
Receivable	1,250,000.00
Investment Securities	39,188,368.00
Farmland	3,641,240.00
Fixed Assets	627.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 44,144,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Scholarships Payable	262,700.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,843.00
Agency Liabilities	503,641.00
SUBTOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 768,184.00</u>

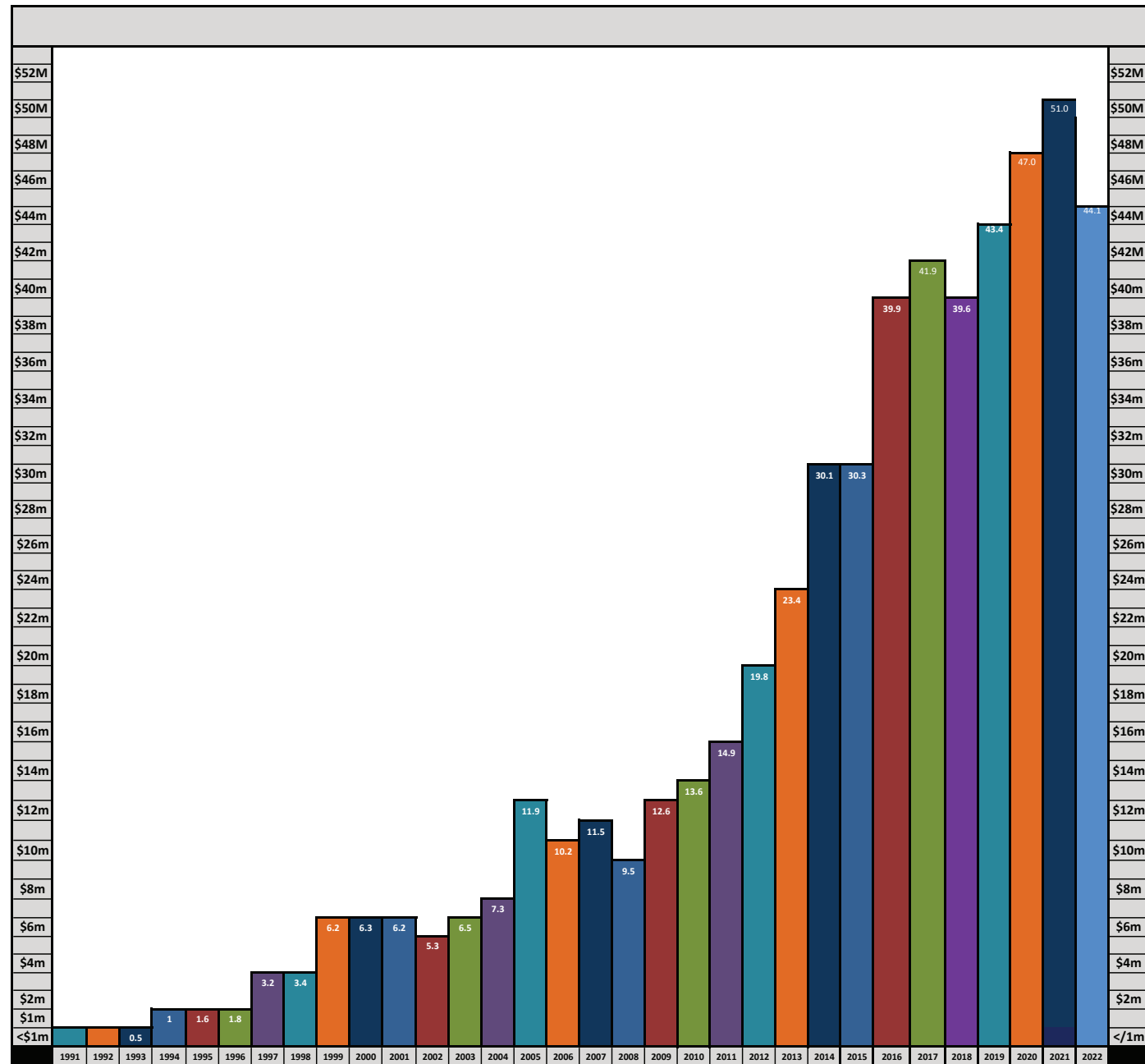
NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	\$ 2,246,712.00
With donor restrictions	41,129,104.00
SUBTOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 43,375,816.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS **\$ 44,144,000.00**

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ASSET GROWTH



The following grants were awarded from the **Donald L. and Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Dodge City Community College	42,000.00	Improve, repair, or maintain Student Activity Center
American Red Cross	7,500.00	Organizational support
Arrowhead West, Inc. --- Dodge City	7,500.00	Organizational support
Shrine Hospital for Children	7,500.00	Organizational support
Salvation Army --- Dodge City	7,500.00	Support for new building
Depot Theater Company	7,500.00	Organizational support
VFW of Dodge City	7,500.00	Organizational support

The following grants were awarded from the **Kathy Feist Family Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Lancer Center, Inc.	11,500.00	ADA compliant bathrooms
Lancer Center, Inc.	5,200.00	Wheelchair lift
Lift Minneola, Inc.	40,000.00	Childcare building renovation

The following grants were awarded from the **Tom Feist Fund:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Kinsley-Offerle USD 347	3,600.00	Rachel's Challenge program & materials
Lift Minneola, Inc.	10,000.00	Childcare building renovation
Paige Estes Memorial Foundation	5,000.00	Bucklin Legion auditorium window replacement
USD 381 - Spearville Libraries	1,200.00	Update books

The following grants were awarded from the **Clifford & Evelyn Wilson Family Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Fowler Nursing Home	1,050.00	Support for organizational expenses
Hospice of the Prairie	1,050.00	Support for organizational expenses

The following grants were awarded from the **Ned and Dorothy Lowry Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
First United Methodist Church, DCK	12,625.00	Unrestricted use for the church
CASA-Children Worth Saving, Inc.	2,525.00	Organizational support
Depot Theater Company	1,262.00	Organizational support
KIOGA Scholarship Foundation	1,262.00	Support for scholarship program
Baker Arts Center	1,010.00	Support for programs and projects
Dodge City Young Life	1,010.00	Support for programs and projects
Kansas Oil & Gas Hall of Fame	1,010.00	Organizational support
Dodge City Community Concert Association	757.00	Support for programs and projects
Community Concert Foundation of Liberal	757.00	Support for programs and projects
Dodge City Senior Center	757.00	Organizational support
Salvation Army	757.00	Organizational support
United Way of Dodge City	757.00	Support for programs and projects
Friendship Feast Association	757.00	Organizational support

The following grants were awarded from the **Val and Norma Henton:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Dodge City YMCA	2,000.00	Support for youth swimming lessons

The following grants were awarded from the **Dr. Glen Mitchell Memorial Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
First Missionary Church	7,770.00	Unrestricted operational support
Salvation Army --- Dodge City	7,770.00	Unrestricted operational support
Special Olympics --- Dodge City	5,460.00	Unrestricted operational support

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Dodge City is one of the most diverse communities in Kansas. It is home to people from literally all over the world. Individuals and families have traveled from all parts of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and countless other countries to make this their home. Not to mention, Dodge City Public Schools serves students from forty-five different countries and over twenty different languages.

Therefore, when the Foundation was approached about possibly awarding a grant to the Dodge City International Festival, the Community Foundation saw it as an opportunity for the community to not just celebrate our diversity, but to also celebrate unity.

The International Festival featured arts, dance, exhibits, music, car show, and foods from countries such as Mexico, Laos, Somalia, Congo, Ukraine, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Venezuela, El Salvador, Cuba, Honduras, Vietnam, Puerto Rico, Pakistan and Nicaragua.

The International Festival was a wonderful way to recognize our diversity while also coming together as a community.

Ernestor De La Rosa said, “Dodge City’s International Festival is a time where all of Dodge City comes together to celebrate the cultures and diversity that make up our community. We are very pleased the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas has chosen to be a part of this successful event.”



Celebrating diversity in downtown Dodge City

LIFT MINNEOLA CHILDCARE PROJECT

Southwest Kansas is filled with opportunity, and it is a wonderful place to have a family and raise children. However, living in Southwest Kansas can also come with its share of challenges. One of the major challenges presently facing families in Southwest Kansas is accessible and affordable childcare. Therefore, the community of Minneola decided to take a proactive approach on this issue and begin work on the Leading Into the Future Together (LIFT) Minneola Childcare Project. LIFT Minneola is a volunteer grassroots organization which was born out of a desire to grow their community.

In 2019, starting with casual conversations on sidewalks and amongst businesses, several individuals collectively agreed to purposely identify needs and projects to enhance the quality of life in Minneola. Based on those conversations with community members and businesses it didn't take long for the LIFT members to realize that the number one issue facing Minneola was accessible and affordable childcare.

As with many smaller rural communities in Southwest Kansas, Minneola has a couple of in-home childcare providers, but no childcare centers. Consequently, with a number of children being under 6 years of age, parents are struggling to find childcare for their children. Moreover, due to a lack of access to childcare and combined with the high costs of childcare, many parents have chosen to forgo outside employment and stay home to care for their children, which has had a negative economic development impact upon the family and the community.

With a lack of accessible and affordable childcare being identified as the number one issue facing the community, the next step was to find a solution to the problem. Recognizing that low profit margins, and lack of suitable structures made it difficult for individuals to start and operate a childcare facility, members of LIFT came to realize that this was where the solution to Minneola's childcare issues had to start, with the infrastructure.

Therefore, the priority for the LIFT team became finding a place suitable to meet their childcare needs. A building which previously housed a church congregation, became available. The layout of the church building allows for conversion into two separate business spaces which, can be renovated to support two off-site residentially licensed childcare operations.

With a building now secured the next step is to renovate the church building into an updated structure for use as a safe and affordable childcare option for Minneola families. LIFT Minneola stated, "We are grateful to the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas for their generous donation, which will be used for renovations of the structure. We thank them for walking this walk with us."

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The following grants were awarded from the **James E. Goddard IV Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas	3,000.00	Non-food pantry
Crisis Center of Dodge City, Inc.	4,600.00	Family First Center and supplies
Depot Theater Company	2,300.00	Technology upgrade
Dodge City Community Concert Assoc	5,000.00	2024-2025 season
Dodge City Veterans Council-Avenue of Flags	3,000.00	Flags & Equipment
Satanta Area Arts Council	1,000.00	Children's Theater
Satanta High School	450.00	SPIAA Big Read Awards

The following grants were awarded from the **Tom & Donna Shirley Designated /Donor Advised Endowments:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1st United Methodist Church, DCK	20,500.00	Programs & projects at the church
Ford County Humane Society	20,500.00	Care and humane treatment for dogs & cats



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Arthur and Cornelia Scroggins Foundation Endowment continued

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
SKACD 613	10,000.00	Equine Horse Therapy
Smoky Hills Public Television	3,600.00	Books for children
Southwest KS Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	1,500.00	Update conference room
Special Olympics Kansas, Inc.	3,600.00	Staff training clinic
Sunnyside POP	2,000.00	POP program expansion
WEPAC Alliance	2,000.00	Mammograms
Youth Core Ministries - Meade County	10,000.00	Core Community (antipoverty)
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	3,000.00	Supporting CPRF projects
City of Dodge City	12,400.00	Support & Up-keep of the City's Mausoleum

The following grants were awarded from the **Dr. Alice White Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Pets Miracle Network	2,250.00	Care and humane treatment for dogs & cats
Ford County Humane Society	4,250.00	Care and humane treatment for dogs & cats

The following grants were awarded from the **Gertrude Goddard Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Edwards County Historical Society	3,000.00	Paint Historic Church
Ford County RSVP	4,000.00	Transportation
Fowler Arts Council, Inc.	3,000.00	Senior painting
Friendship Feast Association	4,000.00	ice maker
Meadowclark House Child Advocacy Ctr	2,500.00	Support and maintain services
Montezuma Township Library	2,500.00	Summer library program

THE LANCER CENTER

Kevin & Shelley Kolbeck of Spearville, had a vision of opening a facility that would provide a safe, wholesome, and entertaining place for the teenagers of Spearville to gather. As lifetime residents of Ford County, and teachers within the Spearville school system, they saw a need for young people to have a place where they could just hang out, play games, recharge, and step away from their everyday stresses and circumstances. Their idea was to find a place where special events & activities could be planned specifically for young people to engage, learn a new skill, or simply unwind from their busy schedules and rejuvenate their souls.

From that vision, the Lancer Center was formed. The Spearville community saw the Lancer Center as a means of coming together and showing their young people that they valued them and were willing to invest their time and resources into their lives and well-being. Therefore, in September of 2022, the Lancer Center obtained possession of the former First National Bank building for the purpose of turning a concept into a reality. The first order of business was to renovate the former bank building and to create a space that would fit the needs of Spearville’s youth.

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas has a long history of supporting youth programs and youth initiatives. Therefore, when the Foundation received a grant request to help provide support to renovate the former bank building. The request aligned directly with the Community Foundation’s mission of providing educational and social opportunities for communities.

Today, the Lancer Center is home to an air hockey table, a Skeet-Ball alley game, table tennis, and a 9 square game. The Center also contains four couches, two recliners, tables & chairs for games or eating, and a big screen TV.

On any given Friday or Saturday night, you can find 35-40 students at the Center participating in everything from a game of air hockey to learning how to two step, swing, polka or line dance. What started as a vision has become a reality, where young people can gather in a safe place, have a good time, participate in special events, and learn life skills along the way.



CORE COMMUNITY/MEADE COUNTY

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas strives to bring positive change to people's lives and communities. Core Community of Meade County shares in that endeavor.

What if there was a safe place/group where you could meet once a week, share a meal, share your struggles, plan for a future, set goals, gain knowledge, and receive support from others with the same intent? That is what Core Community is.

Core Community was designed to heal lives, solve generational poverty, which in turn empowers individuals and communities for greatness. Often, poverty is defined as a financial deficit. However, Core Community takes a wholistic approach to the issue of poverty. One can have money and property and still live in poverty. Therefore, poverty is defined as a lack of *resources* not just a lack of finances.

Core Community has identified 11 different areas where a person might be impoverished. Poverty can be financial, but equally, it can be emotional, mental, spiritual, physical, language, social capital, integrity & trust, relationships/role models, knowledge of middle-class rules, and motivation & persistence.

By focusing on those 11 key areas of poverty, and giving people the proper encouragement, love, and skills that they need to overcome, Core Community participants have been able to achieve some amazing things. Here are just a handful of examples of how Core Community is not just changing the lives of the individual, but the life of a community.

#1 Purchased a home.

#2 Paid off a Pay Day Loan, while also spending more time with their kids, and became a Core Community Advisory Board Member.

#3 Directing the Meade County Food Bank, while also starting a support group for women, as well as helping others with rides to appointments.

#4 Went from no job to a full-time job. Now has full coverage health insurance and is getting new glasses. Also, is involved at church playing the piano and is working on becoming less co-dependent.

#5 Got a part time job. Has joined a support group, a Bible Study and is developing more wholesome friendships in the community. Also, helping to assist others in the group with transportation and friendship.

Core Community participant said; "We are learning self-improvement and avenues on how to deal with difficult issues. I like input from others who have better or different ideas that are outside the group".

Core Community offers a long-term solution to help individuals and families break the generational poverty cycle. Core Community changes lives and helps communities thrive.

Lighting the way for future generations

The following grants were awarded from the **Arthur and Cornelia Scroggins Foundation Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
American Legion Auxiliary	2,500.00	Art therapy program
American Legion Post #290	2,000.00	Building guttering
Boot Hill Museum, Inc.	40,000.00	Sound & Lighting
City of Jetmore	5,000.00	Kenyon Nature Park
Community Housing Assoc of Dodge City, Inc.	15,000.00	Paint Dodge
Compass Behavioral Health	6,000.00	Addiction Conference expenses
Dechant Foundation	5,000.00	Dodge City Landmarks book
Dodge City Athletics Baseball Assoc	4,000.00	Travel costs
Dodge City Ford County Development Corp.	10,000.00	Apprenticeship Program
Dodge City Pregnancy Support, Inc.	15,000.00	Client Advocate Services
Dodge City Roundup, Inc.	10,000.00	South Grandstands repair/update
Ford County Fair Association	10,000.00	Floor removal & replacement
Ford County Humane Association	12,000.00	Animal transport expenses
Gray County EMS	2,000.00	AEDs for rural schools
Gray County Over 50's Center	1,000.00	Printer & craft supplies
Manna House	20,000.00	Supplies & Repairs
Meade County Economic Development	5,000.00	Community Renovation
Meade County Historical Society	5,000.00	Carpet for museum
Perfect Fit Foundation	30,000.00	Building project and expansion
Project Teen Safe, Inc	5,000.00	Equipment & Repairs
Salvation Army	10,000.00	Thrift store relocation
Santa Fe Trail Council -- BSA	3,000.00	Spanish Peaks water system
Santa Fe Trail Council -- BSA	3,500.00	Mandan Lodge AC/Heating

GRANTS --- 2022

The following grants were awarded from the **Kansas Health Foundation Children's Endowment:**

GRANTED TO	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Arrowhead West, DCKS	5,000.00	Greenhouse
Artesian Valley Health System	7,000.00	Vision Screeners
Boy Scout Troop 162	1,800.00	Equipment/Trailer improvements
Bright Beginnings/SKACD #613	2,000.00	Playground improvements
Bucklin Elementary	700.00	Books for ELA
Bucklin High School English Department	200.00	Big Read Project
Bucklin High School FACS	800.00	Sewing materials in FACS
Bucklin Preschool Program	1,000.00	Playground upgrade
Dodge City Family YMCA	30,000.00	Childcare program (after school)
Dodge City Special Olympics	10,000.00	Trip expenses to Special Olympics
Edwards County Community Devo Foundation	5,000.00	Kitchen & Daycare supplies
Friends of the Ashland Library	800.00	Books for Kids
Friends of the Cimarron City Library	1,000.00	Reading for Pizza
Hodgeman Community Foundation	1,300.00	Books for Kids
Hodgeman County Health Department	2,200.00	Car seats and pack-n-plays
JOY! Child Development	1,300.00	Freezer
Kansas Food Bank Warehouse	1,000.00	Food 4 Kids Backpack Program
Spearville Township Library	2,800.00	Youth Reading Project

FORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas and the Historical Society have a storied relationship of preserving Ford County's history and legacy. From that storied relationship the Foundation and the Historical Society have been able to preserve and honor some of the most important historical sites and people in the history of Dodge City and Ford County.

Such projects included the renovation of the Mueller-Schmidt House (aka Home of Stone), which is Dodge City's oldest home. Built to be one of the most splendid homes in Dodge City, Ford County's "Home of Stone" lives up to this, even today. It remains the lone limestone house in Dodge City, elegant in its simplicity of line. It can also claim the distinction of being the oldest building in Dodge City that is still on its original site. You can still see the parlor, kitchen, bedrooms, and the exterior of the Mueller-Schmidt House as it was in 1881.

Recently, in June of 2022 a 6-foot bronze statue was dedicated in honor of Dodge City lawman Bat Masterson. Bat was famous for his exploits as an Army scout, lawman, professional gambler, and journalist. The Bat Masterson statue can be found in the front of the Home of Stone.

Future projects will include a statue that will pay homage to one of Ford County's most famous residents, Dennis Hopper. Mr. Hopper was an American actor, filmmaker, and photographer. His most famous role was in the iconic movie Easy Rider, which also served as Hopper's directing debut.

The crowning achievement includes the formation of the Ford County Legacy Center. The Legacy Center is 22,000 sq. ft. facility located on Gunsmoke Street. The Legacy Center will allow Ford County and Dodge City's twentieth century history to be documented and open to both the local and visiting public.

Studying and preserving history helps us to understand how events in the past impacted what we see today. With lessons from the past, we not only learn about ourselves and how we came to be, but also develop the ability to avoid mistakes and create better paths for our societies.

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is committed to improving the quality of life in Dodge City and Southwest Kansas. Supporting projects that preserve our past facilitates the fulfilling of that mission.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHWEST KANSAS

SUNNYSIDE POP

The Sunnyside POP Fund was started by a retired teacher over 12 years ago. The “Pass-through” fund is designed to benefit Sunnyside Elementary School.

The “POP” part of Sunnyside POP stands for Private Opportunity Program. The special after school programs are not funded with public money. Fund raisers, grants and donations are used to fund these projects and programs. Over the past 12 years over 650 students have participated in POP activities.

The first program offered to the Sunnyside students was the after-school art program. To qualify for the art program students had to be on their best behavior. In other words, students were required to be well behaved in order to stay after school.

The art program consisted of more than just drawing pictures. Students are introduced to the “Masters.” The art teacher fastened the canvas to the bottom of the student’s desk so they would have to work laying down, painting overhead. This allowed the future artist to relate to, if not appreciate, Renaissance Master Michelangelo’s challenges in painting the Sistine Chapel.

Every school year, since 2011, ends with the Sunnyside School art show. The art show is hosted by the students themselves. You are escorted through the hallways by one of the student/artists who will interpret some of the more abstract works on display. Over the years, one particular piece of art has had a lasting effect. A young man’s impression of post-impressionist Vincent van Gogh’s masterpiece: “Starry Night.” Yes, he nailed van Gogh’s work but in the fore ground was a Walmart store. The impressionist must have made an impression because all these years later “Starry Night” is vividly remembered.

Fast forward several years and the Sunnyside POP program has expanded to include a variety of different activities. Students now have the opportunity to participate in art, music, crafts, Lego Club, sports programs, and museum visits.

The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas motto is **“Lighting the way for future generations”**. Through POP programs and activities students are able to cultivate their ability to think critically, work as a team, set goals, improve upon academic success, and to have their hearts and minds touched in ways we may never know. Plus, POP is simply just a lot of fun.



Fund Directory

Fowler United Methodist Church Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Copeland Community Foundation Endowment Unrestricted use for Copeland
Tanner Dee Miller Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Better Spearville Fund Pass Through Fund
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation Endowment Designated Fund	



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Fund Directory

Kansas Health Foundation Endowment Field of Interest Fund	Torch Fund Operating Fund
Val and Norma Henton Purple Pride Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	The Henton Donor Advised Fund Donor Advised Fund
Val and Norma Henton Swim Team Endowment Designated Fund	Tom Feist Memorial Endowment Designated Fund
Lyndsie Baird Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Donna M. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Marianna's Cookies for Good Endowment Donor Advised	Soroptimist International of Dodge City Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Jay D. Gerber Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Dr. Alice White Endowment for Dogs and Cats Field of Interest Fund
The Leis Family Fund Designated Fund	Marion Schinstock Scholarship for the Arts Field of Interest Fund
The Scroggins Foundation Mausoleum Fund Designated Fund	Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins Foundation Fund Unrestricted Fund
Kinsley Community Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Kinsley, KS	Positives Pursuits for Meade County Fund Pass Through Fund
Robert and Rowena Coy Family Endowment Designated Fund	The Dr. Glen Mitchell Endowment Designated Fund
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund Designated Fund	The Harkness Family Fund Donor Advised
Eleanor Fry Family Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Mildred and Carl Schaffer Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Ford Community Foundation Fund Unrestricted for the City of Ford, KS	April Rhodes Memorial Fund Pass Through Fund
Ford County Historical Society Endowment Agency Fund	Donald L. and Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment Designated Fund
Jean Koelling Memorial Endowment Designated Fund	Dr. Carl Vierthaler Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Ned and Dorothy Lowry Endowment Designated Fund	Minneola Community Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Minneola, KS
Jay and Jacqueline Trindle Endowment Designated Fund	Minneola Wellness Center Pass Through Fund
The Marvin Price Endowment Designed Fund	Minneola Special Projects Fund Pass through fund
Thomas & Roberta Harkness Endowment Designated Fund	James E. Blakely Endowed Fund Designated Fund
Robert and Shirley Beals Endowment Field of Interest Fund	Clifford and Evelyn Wilson Family Fund Designated Fund
Mary "Joyce" Davis Endowment Designated Fund	Patricia "Pat" Klassen Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Butch Cassidy Riegel Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Kathy Sowers Memorial Endowment Designated Fund	Friends of Wright Park Zoo Designated Fund

IN MEMORY OF NED LOWRY

Ned Lowry was born May 26, 1933, in Northern Kansas on the family farm and ranch. Mr. Lowry worked in the oil and gas industry for nearly 50 years. At the age of 19, he began his career working on a pulling unit south of Logan, Kansas, moving a year later to Norton, Kansas pumping wells. In 1955, Ned heard of an oil boom in Kimball, Nebraska, so he took a risk and pulled up stakes, moving his family there, where he found employment with Petroleum, Inc. Over the next 19 years he worked his way up the ranks with the company, moving to Norman, Oklahoma in 1958, then to Liberal, Kansas in 1966 as the district superintendent. Ned recognized a need in the oil and gas industry and seized the opportunity. In 1974, he started Lowry's Lease Management, Inc., a lease management service, managing properties for small oil and gas companies not located in the mid-west. He and Dorothy worked very hard building the business, many times making deals with a gentleman's handshake, until retiring in 2002. In addition to Ned's business savvy, he was also very philanthropic. In 2017, Ned and his wife Dorothy established the Ned & Dorothy Lowry Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. Their endowment fund has help support a number of area non-profits with project and operational support.



Ned Lowry

IN MEMORY OF ROLLAND WERNER

Rolland E. Werner was born May 3, 1933, in Scott City, Kansas. Rolland graduated from Dodge City High School in 1951. Mr. Werner proudly served 11 years in the United States Army and Army Reserve, achieving the rank of Sergeant Major. He earned an accounting degree from Ft. Hays State University in 1964. His work centered in the agri-business field, with most of his career spent as general manager of the Ford County Feed Yard. Rolland was proud to be from western Kansas. He served as city councilman and mayor of Dodge City from 2002-2004. Mr. Werner served as a board member for the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas; and in 2005, Roland opened the Betty J. & Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund. Their scholarship fund helps support the education of aspiring nurses. Rolland was also an active member of Sacred Heart Cathedral and Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, serving as an usher, Eucharistic Minister and on the finance council. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He served on the Board of Directors for the Farmers State Bank of Bucklin, KS for 31 years. Mr. Werner also served as a Hospice volunteer for 11 years. The Hospice organization was dear to Rolland's heart.



Rolland Werner

Fund Directory

IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY (TIM) SCHOONOVER

Timothy (Tim) Schoonover, artist, and lover of life was born on January 3, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri. Tim spent his childhood and youth on the family farm in rural Ulysses, Kansas where his early childhood education was at a one room schoolhouse. Tim would go on to attend schools in Ulysses and graduate from Ulysses High School in 1966.

Upon graduation from high school, Tim would continue his art education at Dodge City Community College and then later in New Mexico, where he would earn a degree in Art and Art Education. Mr. Schoonover returned to Dodge City in 1970, beginning his career as an Art teacher at Dodge City Junior High School. Tim loved his students and teaching. In 1991 he received the Kansas Art Educator Award.

Tim was also part of a group of western Kansas art teachers that spearheaded the founding of the Western Kansas Scholastic Art Awards, which are a part of the National Scholastic Art Awards. Many of Tim's students would go on to win both State and National Scholastic Art Awards in Photography.

In addition to his art, Tim was also an active member of the community. Tim and his wife Alice were founding members of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas, and Tim enjoyed working as a member of the Foundation's scholarship committee. In 2008, Tim and Alice additionally started the Tim & Alice Endowed Fund. Through the years their fund has helped support several important projects and services in the area. Furthermore, Tim also served on the board of directors for the Depot Theater Company.



Tim Schoonover



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Tim and Alice Schoonover Endowment Donor Advised	James E. Goddard VI Endowment Unrestricted Fund
Leidigh Family Endowment Designed Fund	Gertrude Goddard Endowment Unrestricted Fund
Richard and Phyllis Johnson Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Ginny Ziegler Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Carolyn Seidl Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Margaret Robb Fund Unrestricted Fund
Dodge City Area Community Concert Fund Agency Fund	Marvin Z. and Floris J. Hampton Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Robert and Maida Waldman Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Leonard Maxwell Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Danny and Janis Reichenborn Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	The Good Shepherd Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Janis and Danny Reichenborn Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Edward Schinstock Family Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
Mary Lupton Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Ethel Stein Memorial Nursing Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
The Earnest Foote Farm Fund Holding Fund	Howard and Elsie Young Endowment Unrestricted Fund
Vernon and Mickey Schraeder Memorial Fund Unrestricted Fund	The Honnold Family Endowment Unrestricted Fund
Hodgeman Community Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Hodgeman County	The McWirt Family Scholarship Unrestricted Fund
Charles and Alison Guthrie Endowment Donor Advised Fund	Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Unrestricted Fund
Dylan Rhoten #14 Memorial Scholarship Unrestricted Fund	Todd Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Unrestricted Fund
Women of Inspiration Endowment Field of Interest	Circle of Hope Fund Pass Through Fund
Women of Inspiration Grant Fund Field of Interest	Sunnyside POP Fund Pass Through Fund
Earnest Foote Scholarship Fund Field of Interest	Friends of Meade State Park & Lake Pass Through Fund
Ray Black Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch Endowment Designated Fund	Kansas Health Foundation Operating Endowment Operating Fund
Depot Theater Company Endowment Agency Fund	Margaret M. Lampe Endowment Designated Fund
Dodge City Area Arts Council Endowment Agency Fund	Jaris Slaton Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest
Tom & Donna Shirley Designated Endowment Designated Fund	Tom & Donna Shirley Donor Advised Endowment Donor Advised Fund

The question is not what you look at, but what you see.
 --- Henry David Thoreau

Fund Directory

The Fund for Dodge City Unrestricted	The Founders Fund Operating Fund
Dodge City Piano Teachers Fund Designated	Earl and Luther Fry Family Fund Donor Advised
Carol Wagner Memorial Fund Designated	St. Mary of the Plains Memorial Trust Designated
Charles and Doris Landers Endowment Field of Interest	Karl Seith Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest
United Way Emergency Fund Agency Fund	Plains Area Community Fund Unrestricted for Plains, KS
Plains Area Community Building Fund Designated	Boot Hill Museum Endowment Agency Fund
Leadership Dodge Fund Designated Fund	KHF Administration Fund Operating Fund
F.O. and M.A. Black Fund Designated	Fowler Legacy Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Fowler, KS
Meade Community Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Meade, KS	William and Imogene Henton Endowment Designated Fund
Robert Croll Endowment Designated	Crisis Center of Dodge City Agency Fund Endowment
Bill and Nona Chaffin Endowment Donor Advised	Crisis Center of Dodge City Agency Fund
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund Field of Interest Fund	Todd Mathes Cutcliffe Memorial Endowment Designated Fund
Dr. Richard and Patricia Dryden Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	USD-443 Marilyn Shipley Children's Literacy Fund Designated Fund
Ed Jackson Memorial Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Marvin and Barbara Odgers Endowment Designated Fund
Minneola Community Foundation Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Kathy Feist Fund Unrestricted for Spearville, KS
Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Fund Designated Fund	Betty J. Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Field of Interest Fund
The Jerry Slaton Memorials Fund Field of Interest Fund	Vernon R. Zollars Endowment Designated Fund
Special Projects Fund Various Pass-Through Funds	Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Fund Field of Interest Fund
Harvest Fund Various Pass-Through Funds	Irene Thompson Endowment Designated Fund
Bucklin Better Life Foundation Fund Unrestricted for Bucklin, KS	Gail and Ora Mae Schraeder Endowment Unrestricted Fund
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Field of Interest Fund	Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund for Spearville, Kansas Field of Interest Fund

PATTY TRONSGARD JOINS CFSK

Patty Tronsgard joined the staff of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas in January of 2022. Prior to coming to the Community Foundation, Patty was employed by Fairpoint Communications/Consolidated Communications in Dodge City working in the accounts payable and cash management department. Patty was born and raised in Wichita, KS where she graduated high school. Following high school she attended and graduated from St. John's College in Winfield, KS. Patty has been a resident of Dodge City since 1992. Patty and her husband Steve have two children and four grandchildren. In their spare time they enjoy traveling, going to the lake, and spending as much time as they can with their children and grandchildren. Welcome to the team.



Patty Tronsgard

LASTING LEGACY GIFT – LASTING IMPACT

Margaret Hamilton, Development Director

It is impossible to realize the magnitude of the impact a lasting Legacy Gift can provide to multitudes of people through numerous generations. Taking into consideration the early Legacies of the Rockefeller family, Henry Ford and hundreds of other people made and still make for the benefit to hundreds of people, one must start with the first step. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas took its first step in 1991 when nine local individuals realized the possibilities of a foundation in Dodge City, and far-reaching to surrounding communities, when those individuals created the Foundation. From that date, numerous Legacy Endowment Funds have been brought to the Community Foundation from many various people and various amounts. These Donors understand the impact of Endowment Funds, allowing Donors to designate the Charities important to their passion and desire to “make a difference” in the lives of many people. When all is said and done, not only will you be remembered for the money you shared, but mostly, you will be remembered for your values you passed on in perpetuity, which is a very long time. You have seen and read in the most recent 30th Anniversary Report of the Community Foundation, the marvelous list of Donor names, Endowment Funds, and the Individuals and Organizations who have received this benefit and blessing to impact their future throughout their lifetime. The opportunities in selection of assets to fund an Endowment Fund is encompassing, ranging from Cash, Capital Gains, Stocks, Bonds, IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts), 401k Plans, Real Estate, and other assets. For information concerning Endowment Funds and Legacy/Charitable Gifts contact the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas (Telephone: 620.225.0959) 208 West Wyatt Earp Boulevard, Dodge City, Ks. 67801. The Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas is forever grateful to all Donors who so generously have understood the power of their involvement to “Lighting the Way for Future Generations.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2022 – 2023

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
---- William Butler Yeats

The Board of Directors and staff of the Community Foundation wishes to express appreciation to the Scholarship Committee for the time and effort dedicated to awarding the scholarships listed below.

Scholarship Name	Student	City
Lyndsie Baird Memorial Nursing Scholarship	Veronica Tapia Miranda	Dodge City
Ralph Weaver Behan	Abigayl Conard	Wichita
J. Floyd & Seville Breeding	Anahi Rodriguez	Dodge City
Ray & Lois Bryson	Leslie Rodela	Manhattan
O’Herin Buddy	Sarah Estes	Turpin
Fremont & Beatrice Buehne	Grace Woydziak	Dodge City
James & Fayette Casey	Sarah Estes	Turpin
DCHS - Class of 1953	Alexa Gerdes	Dodge City
Jess & Juliet Denious	Caleb Howard	Meade
Jess & Juliet Denious	Marco Villela	Johnson
F. X. & Louise Doll	Pearl Pike	Mescalero
Bess Dowdy	Joel Soto	Dodge City
Dr. Richard B. and Patricia Dryden Education Scholarship Fund	Jennifer Rico-Esquivel	Dodge City
Emilio S & Margaret Blanco Duran	Pearl Pike	Mescalero
Finnup Foundation	Lane Durst	Garden City
Finnup Foundation	Ashtyn Oyler	Cimarron
Finnup Foundation	Joselyn Hoff	Garden City
Todd Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Fund	Caitlynn Froese	Dodge City
Ernest L. Foote Perpetual	Easton Irsik	Ingalls
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Ryleigh Dyke	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Ethan Salmans	Montezuma
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Courtney Clinesmith	Manhattan
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Michael Feltman III	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Braydon Irsik	Ingalls
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Ambrose Shaughnessy	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Kiley Whipple	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Hailey Minet	Ingalls
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Alexia Watson	Ingalls
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Clara Bartlett	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Lesley Ballesteros	Ensign
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Nayely Urrutia	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Justin Burman	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Taylor Axtell	Montezuma
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	August Kugler	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Colton Bartlett	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	McKenzie Mashak	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Jonathan Renova	Dodge City
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Allie Vanderree	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Attison Clark	Fowler

Scholarship Name	Student	City
Marsha M Trent Scholarship (KR)	Sage Waggoner	Ashland
Donald D. Trent Scholarship Fund (KR)	Dawson Taylor	Dodge City
Donald D. Trent Scholarship Fund (KR)	Kassidy McGranahan	Ness City
Donald D. Trent Scholarship Fund (KR)	Jasmin Alvarado-Martinez	Hays
Donald D. Trent Scholarship Fund (KR)	Kyle Hartman	Lakin
Dr. Carl A. Vierthaler Memorial Scholarship	Melina Pena	Bucklin
Beth Vierthaler	Maci Kirk	Bucklin
Robert and Maida Waldman Scholarship Fund	Molly McClure	Hugoton
Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund	Amanda Powers	Garden City
Betty J. and Rolland E. Werner Scholarship Fund	Megan Powers	Garden City
Wright Centennial	MacKenzie Swan	Wright

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ---- HISTORICAL		
ACADEMIC YEAR	AMOUNT AWARDED	NUMBER SCHOLARSHIP
1993-1994	25,500	105
1994-1995	27,500	130
1995-1996	30,000	120
1996-1997	48,000	148
1997-1998	61,200	170
1998-1999	95,000	167
1999-2000	145,000	260
2000-2001	174,800	256
2001-2002	182,000	263
2002-2003	142,000	223
2003-2004	70,700	166
2004-2005	81,000	195
2005-2006	81,000	183
2006-2007	58,500	135
2007-2008	112,065	150
2008-2009	103,320	151
2009-2010	120,200	142
2010-2011	145,900	134
2011-2012	152,535	149
2012-2013	157,310	152
2013-2014	192,090	167
2014-2015	162,500	134
2015-2016	140,716	117
2016-2017	176,562	151
2017-2018	196,180	175
2018-2019	248,150	182
2019-2020	293,600	196
2020-2021	344,825	202
2021-2022	385,050	224
2022-2023	450,950	229
TOTAL	4,604,153	5,176

Scholarship Name	Student	City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Regan Wetzel	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Elle Weber	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Trace Tasset	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Lesley Rangel	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Jessica Ramos	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Jasmine Ramos	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Owen McGee	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Easton Shenk	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Cole Schulte	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Kaley Pedigo	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Cameron Schulte	Wright
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Taelor Rucker	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Corbin Ricke	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Reneau Ratzlaff	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Anna Stein	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Austin Moyer	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Logan Hubbell	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Madison Maud	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	James Lutz	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Zamantha Cruz	Offerle
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Kolten Bennett	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Ayden Baugh	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Tess Ackerman	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Joshua Cox	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Naleya Poteet	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Karsen Halling	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Addia Nau	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Tanner Miller	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Stephanie Miller	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Isaac Melendez	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Aiden Lehr	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Jacob Kolbeck	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Jacob Schellhamer	Kinsley
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Gabe Johnson	Dodge City
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Michael Theis	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Candace Fry	Ford
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Colton Ede	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Mason Dean	Mullinville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Jakob Benjamin	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Destiny Freel	Wright
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Alissa Heskamp	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Shyanne Theis	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Bethanie Wells	Spearville
Marsha M Trent (VT)	Brandalyn Thyfault	Dorrance
Marsha M Trent Scholarship (KR)	Slater Heglin	Ulysses

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Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Odalys Escobedo-Hernandez	Hays
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Courtney Bailey	Ingalls
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Cody Frink	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Alexa Lightner	Garden City
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Elizabeth Goetz	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Nellie Goertzen	Copeland
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Cassidy Schmidt	Cimarron
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Ander Briscoe	Montezuma
Ernest Foote Scholarship Fund	Emily Acton	Cimarron
Fowler United Methodist Church Scholarship	Elijah Zortman	Fowler
Eleanor Fry Family Scholarship	Kolby Stein	Spearville
Eleanor Fry Family Scholarship	Logan Cox	Dodge City
Agnes Fry	Grace Woydziak	Dodge City
Jeannette Gabel	Lyric Marquez	Bucklin
The Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund	Makenzie Flax	Ness City
E. T. "Ned" Guymon, Jr.	Sarah Estes	Turpin
Marvin Z. and Floris J. Hampton Family Fund	Kya Edwards	Dodge City
Marvin Z. and Floris J. Hampton Family Fund	Adriana Salcedo-Hernandez	Moscow
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Makenzie Flax	Ness City
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Caitlin Smee	Ness City
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Taylor Starr	McPherson
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Amy Foos	Ness City
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Ashley Foos	Ness City
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Alysson Foos	Ness City
Thomas H. and Roberta B. Harkness Endowed Account	Ethan Schlegel	Ness City
Val & Norma Henton Purple Pride Scholarship	Samantha Woods	Cimarron
Val & Norma Henton Purple Pride Scholarship	Mackenzie Birney	Bucklin
Hoffman-Dewell Memorial	Lyric Marquez	Bucklin
Terina Irsik Memorial	Tyson Bleumer	Ingalls
Ed Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund	Morgan Mink	Dodge City
Patricia "Pat" Klassen Memorial Scholarship	Veronica Tapia Miranda	Dodge City
Joseph & Anna Kliesen	Austin Jantz	Fowler
Joseph & Anna Kliesen	Trace Hegwood	Meade
Leo Konda	Raleigh Holcomb	Ford
Gilbert Konrade	Molly McClure	Hugoton
Charles E. and Doris M. Landers Endowment Fund	Anahi Rodriguez	Dodge City
Tom Lowery Memorial	Reanna Bartlett-Konrade	Dodge City
Nell Lyons	Brandalyn Thyfault	Dorrance
Leonard Maxwell Memorial Scholarship Fund	Makenzie Flax	Ness City
McWhirt Family Scholarship Fund	MacKenzie Swan	Wright
McWhirt Family Scholarship Fund	Nicole Nuss	Jetmore
Sgt. Ben & Elaina Morton	MacKenzie Swan	Wright
James Nufer	Sean Slattery	Dodge City
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Karina Estrada	Dodge City
Brian Pfannenstiel	Allison Haselhorst	Dodge City

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Enrique Montoya and Viviana Duran Prelo	Kameryn Chino	Mescalero
Marcelino & Josephine Montoya Prelo	Kameryn Chino	Mescalero
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Fund	Austin Baker	Ashland
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Fund	Trevor Minor	Minneola
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Fund	Andrew Endicott	Ashland
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Fund	Caitlin Holt	Bloom
Juanita Abell Pyle Scholarship Fund	Addyson Hamilton	Ashland
Red Demon Booster Club	Sean Slattery	Dodge City
Danny and Janis Reichenborn Scholarship Fund	Felicity Campfield	Ness City
Danny and Janis Reichenborn Scholarship Fund	Karina Estrada	Dodge City
Danny and Janis Reichenborn Scholarship Fund	Eduardo Orona Villanueva	Dodge City
Dylan Rhoten #14 Memorial Scholarship Fund	Austin Goodnight	Englewood
Donna M. Richardson Memorial Scholarship	Taylor Murray	Ness City
FF & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger	Rylee Gleason	Offerle
FF & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger	Julian Chavez	Dodge City
FF & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger	Gunnar Hearne	Bucklin
FF & Rosa Spahn Riedlinger	Cole Lehman	Garden City
"Butch" Cassidy Riegel Memorial Scholarship	Clay Frink	Cimarron
Margaret Robb Fund	Kassidy McGranahan	Ness City
Margaret Robb Fund	Brandalyn Thyfault	Dorrance
Margaret Robb Fund	Jennifer Rico-Esquivel	Dodge City
Margaret Robb Fund	Taylor Murray	Ness City
Mildred & Carl Schaffer Scholarship	Veronica Tapia Miranda	Dodge City
Edward Schinstock Family Scholarship Fund	Clay Frink	Cimarron
Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins	Valeria Aranda	Dodge City
Arthur & Cornelia Scroggins	Zachary Hawley	Meade
Carolyn Seidl Memorial Scholarship Fund	Shayla Tieben	Dodge City
Karl Seith Memorial Scholarship Fund	Cole Gleason	Offerle
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Lydia Brown	Ames
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Ryan Brown	Gothenburg
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Rylee Hayek	Wilber
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Cooper Koch	York
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Louis Lostroh	Winterset
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Christina Manna	Elkhorn
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Leland Olkjer	Elbert
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Carson Schaneman	Denton
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Kailee Miller	Lebanon
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Abby Sebetka	Ely
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Parker Bittfield	Kenesaw
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Paul Leonardo	Laramie
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Spencer Pribyl	Milligan
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Preston Sueper	Lindsay
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Hayden Bahler	Lincoln
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Cecilia Lucero	Haxtun
Servi-Tech Scholarship Fund	Tara Allen	Lincoln

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Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Kaitlin Brock	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Alyssa Christopher	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Clifton Miller	Montezuma
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Andrew Finley	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Guadalupe Hipolito-Medina	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Edgar Garcia Sepulveda	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Austin Jacobs	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Autumn Klein	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Lauren Gleason	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Tucker Smith	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Rocelyn Miller	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Cierra Bookless	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Mariah Dechant	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Beau Foster	Alva
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Jordyn Trombley	Dodge City
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Emalea Warden	Bucklin
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Nathanael Bowman	Bucklin
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Maritza Jauregui-Perez	Ford
Tom and Donna Shirley Family Scholarship Fund	Nathan Renner	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Brendan Stejskal	Ulysses
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Mia Rock-Wendt	Ulysses
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Lenna Conard	Wichita
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Reese Bell	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Gustavo Romo-Esparza	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Ava Reis	Bazine
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Perla Batres	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Taylor Koehn	Montezuma
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Abbigail Frazier	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Marki Hudgins	Ulysses
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Scott Price	Bucklin
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Ty Bacon	Dodge City
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Daniel Martinez	Manhattan
Donald L. & Shirley J. Skinner Family Endowment	Citali Real	Dodge City
Fred & Mary Ann Sproat	Brittney Romero	Kinsley
Fred & Mary Ann Sproat	Cameron Bartlett	Cimarron
St. Mary - Alumni 'Academic'	Elena Kuckelman	Lewis
Gregg Steimel	Cooper Scheck	Dodge City
Rollan Stukenholtz Memorial Crop Quest Scholarship Fund	Jenna Seabolt	Cimarron
Sunflower Select Fund	Melina Pena	Bucklin
Tanner Dee Miller Memorial Scholarship	Molly McClure	Hugoton
Agnes Wherle Todd	Zachary Hawley	Meade
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Autumn Wadley	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Summer Kuker	Spearville
Tom Feist Foundation Scholarship	Kenneth Zimmerman	Spearville