



# There's no place like Home



— 2020 Annual Report to the Community —



Washington  
County  
Community  
Foundation

An affiliate of the  
Greater Salina Community Foundation



# Our Mission

is to help people invest in meaningful ways to make a difference in the community by building permanent endowment funds and meeting charitable community needs.

## DIRECTOR'S LETTER

As I sit down to write this letter for our community foundation's annual report, the thought that pops into my mind is that it is not unusual at all for a person to hear the phrase, "what a difference a year can make," regarding changed circumstances. But how unusual and historical it feels to be saying, "What a difference a year with a pandemic can make!" In the fall of 2019, we had no idea that in the upcoming spring our lives would be upended by social distancing rules and quarantines.

Through all this, the Washington County Community Foundation has continued on, doing its best to fulfill our mission to build permanent endowment funds and meet charitable community needs. Like everyone else in Washington County, we have had to adapt to new ways of doing things. We held board meetings by "Zoom" to avoid meeting in person. We made the decision to continue to hold our annual Match Madness Day fundraising event since it could be accomplished with no "in-person contact" and we raised \$2,500 in that one day. We were able to educate and inform our county about the foundation at the Washington County Fair, seated at a table where we wore our masks and kept hand sanitizer available as we handed out informational brochures and annual reports.

Our efforts to educate the public about the foundation are paying off as is evidenced by the jump in numbers of 2020 spring grant cycle applications. We had 22 grant applications this year totaling over \$60,000 (compared to 13 in 2019) and only around \$12,000 available to award. This is clear evidence that we now need to focus our efforts on more fundraising!

I want to thank the individuals who have agreed to serve on our board of directors in the past fiscal year and going forward, volunteering their time because they care about this county and their own communities. I also want to thank all the faithful donors who continue to donate each year to the funds held within our foundation. Without your generosity, none of the work that the foundation does would be possible.

And equally important, I would like to say how much we appreciate all the grant applicants who have a personal passion about their unique projects and devote their time to making an impact for positive change and improvement in the lives of all of our county citizens and communities. You are what makes Washington County such a wonderful place to live.

Clarice Ohlde  
WCCF Chairperson





## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Washington County Community Foundation was founded in 2009 to benefit the communities of Washington County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both the current and future needs of our county.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clarice Ohlde, Chair-person  
Chad Hiltgen, Vice-Chairperson  
Stephen Hendrickson, Treasurer  
Mary Spence, Secretary  
Donna Frye  
Debra J. Hatesohl  
Doris Nanninga  
Mike Peters  
Bill Slater  
Debra Tillinghast  
Tina Uhlik  
Steven Wieters

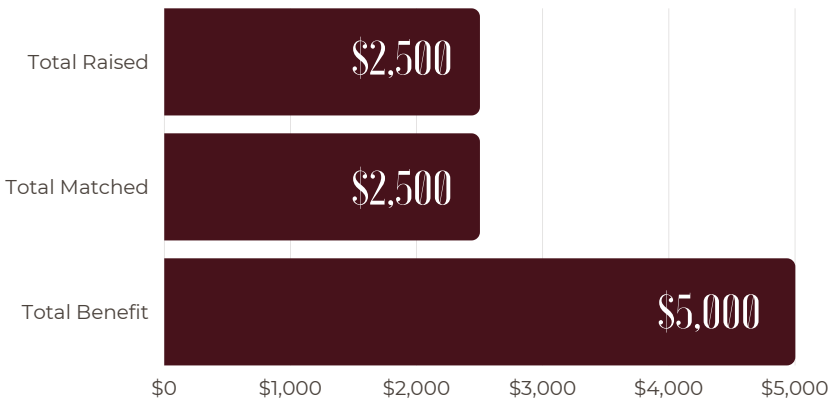
### BOARD ALUMNI

Janet Elliott  
Adam Goeckel  
Jennifer Hiltgen  
Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen  
Lori Huber  
Steve Joonas  
Deb Kruse  
Steve Pierson  
Merry Roop  
Jim Scheetz  
Karen Stewart  
Mary Tate  
Janell Wohler  
Randy Wyatt



## 2020 MATCH MADNESS SUCCESS

Through a virtual gift matching initiative in May, the community foundation raised \$5,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Madness, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched dollar for dollar by the foundation.





# FOUNDING DONORS

Our founders inspired the creation and growth of the foundation. We are forever grateful for the support of these generous donors!

## Individuals & Families

Dr. Roger & Diane Baskerville  
Russell & Diane Behrends  
Valeria Mueller Converse  
& LTC (R) M. Wayne Converse  
Norman & Janet L. Elliott  
Chad Hiltgen & Elizabeth  
Baskerville Hiltgen  
Charles, Lori, Jesse & Orin Huber  
Dale & Lila Keesecker  
Brice E. Leonard  
Tim & Jan Matlack  
Charles & Grace Mueller  
Steve & Denise Pierson  
Calvin & Merry Roop  
Jim Scheetz  
James H. Smart, DVM  
& Billie Jo Smart  
Mary Tate- TATE, LLC  
Dennis & Sally von Waaden  
In Memory of Harold  
& Shirley Wiemers

## Business Entities

Bruna Implement Company  
First National Bank of Washington  
J & N Elliott Construction, Inc.  
Landoll Corporation  
United Bank & Trust  
Linn & Washington

## SUSTAINING DONORS

Sustainers made a significant financial commitment to the operations of the community foundation.

## Individuals & Families

Norman & Janet Elliott

# OUR AFFILIATION

We are a member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate network in north central Kansas.

This network helps us effectively pool resources with other foundations for community growth. We benefit from experienced investment and administration services, marketing support, ongoing training and technical assistance from GSCF staff. Our local advisory board provides leadership on decisions that directly impact our community!



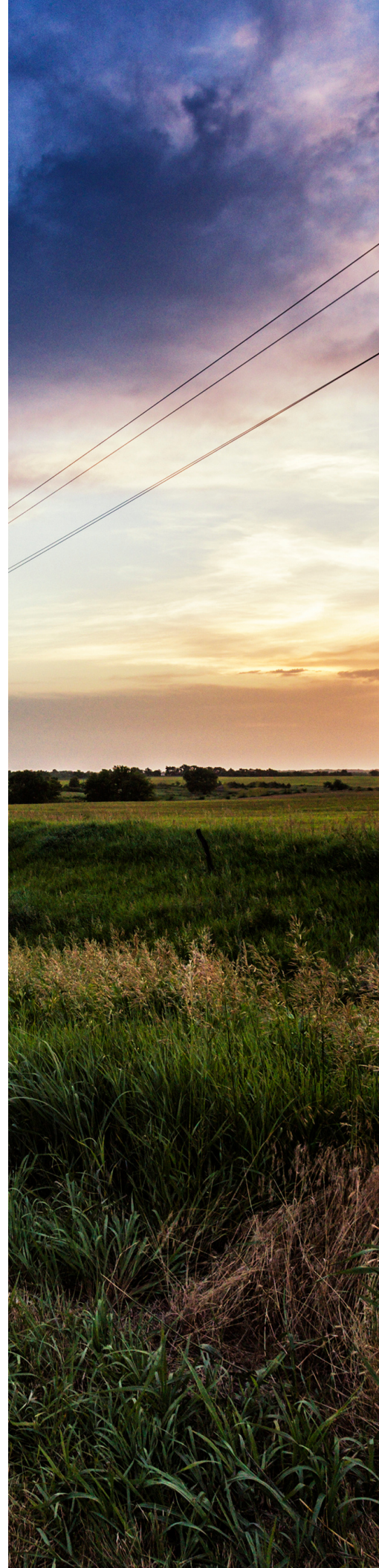
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*Home Is...*

WHERE PEOPLE SHARE  
THEIR GIFTS



**"Every good story starts with 'In the beginning' and this one is no different, we started with a Park that was tired and needed some love along with a community with some love and needed a place to express it."**

STEVE TALKINGTON

## CITY OF MORROWVILLE CUMMINGS PARK UPDATES

Cummings Park in the City of Morrowville is a full block long and half a block wide, this is one of the most important gathering locations in town. It is large enough to accommodate about any size gathering. The park houses a full basketball court, a fenced area, a ten picnic table pavilion with a kitchen, a two restroom building, and a large grassy play area with swings, slides and other playground equipment. With unforeseen financial burdens, the city was unable to keep up with the yearly wear and tear on their own. The Washington County Community Foundation awarded a grant to the city to purchase materials and play equipment to update the park.

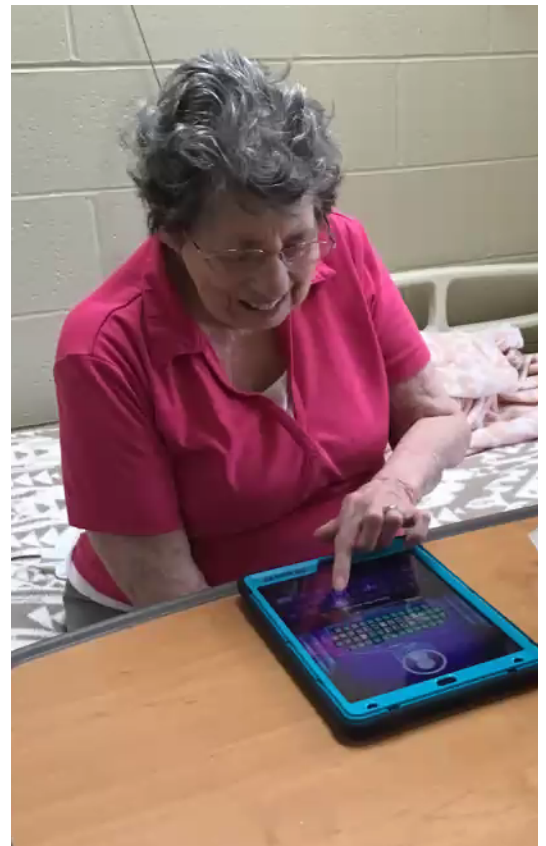
With the support from community volunteers as well as outside donations this project was able to become a reality. "Every good story starts with 'In the beginning' and this one is no different, we started with a Park that was tired and needed some love along with a community with some love and needed a place to express it," said grantee Steve Talkington. "The generosity of your grant not only gave us a great kick start but it really helped to build a lot of interest in our little community. Your gift was so much more than we anticipated."



## SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

Social connectivity, now more than ever, is so important. With the upticks in COVID-19, long-term residents at Hanover Hospital are allowed no visitors, group activities, or group meals and are completely limited on social interactions. This has had an effect on residents' mental health and overall well-being.

With the support from a community foundation grant, the hospital was able to purchase a TV, two iPads and two cases. These provide a visual communication tool for residents to Skype, Zoom or FaceTime with family members. "This has brought them so much joy in a time where they do not always understand what is occurring in the world around them," said grantee Brittini Oehmke. "Being able to 'see' their family has helped boost their mood resulting in positive behavior and attitude changes."



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DANIELLE DETRIXHE

## CITY HALL DIGITAL SIGN

Landscaping and work to the City Hall building in Clifton have been a start to improving the downtown area. However, the large fiberglass sign previously there was an eyesore that took away from the improvements. The community foundation awarded the city funding to purchase a new digital display.

"This is just the next step in improving our downtown area," said grantee Danielle Detrixhe. The new sign also helps to make the citizens and public more aware of what is happening in the community. "The digital sign has been an asset to the community, allowing multiple events and activities to be displayed at the same time," said Detrixhe.







## KSDS, INC., FACILITY DOG FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY USD #108

To support the KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc, the Washington County Community Foundation awarded the organization funding for utilities for the facility as well as veterinary care, including vaccines, UA and medications.

Funding was used towards the team placement of facility dog, Harley, with Tammy Gano, who is a special Education Para-Professional at USD #108, Washington, KS. Harley, a two year old golden/lab mix, was placed this fall and has been a great asset at school. His puppy raisers were Lisa and Clint Hamilton, of Cimarron, KS. "Harley came in for a little training, and he picked us. He decided this was his home and where he needs to be. There is not a day that goes by that he doesn't give you a high five or hand shake. HE is an excellent line leader. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us."- Tammy Gano

**"Placing a Facility Dog at Washington County School is an honor for those of us at KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. Harley is a true representative of our mission to enrich the professional career responsibilities of USD 108 staff."**

LETHA NELSON, KSDS FACILITY DOG TRAINER



## BARNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Barnes community development corporation was in need of a fire suppression system upgrade. The community foundation awarded them funds to upgrade the Fire Suppression System above the grill at the cafe.

Thanks to the community foundation, the Cafe was able to meet requirements from the fire marshal for safety measures in using their grill. Since the cafe is the gathering place for our small town it was much needed and appreciated by residents and visitors alike.



# ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR VET'S PARK

Last year the foundation awarded the City of Hanover funding for the Hanover Park Project, however this did not include any kind of access way to the park via a walkway. This year the community foundation awarded the city funding to add a handicap accessible sidewalk at Vet's Park playground. "Adding the component of a handicap accessible sidewalk to the north side of the playground is what has changed as a result of our project," Said grantee Kylie Fritschi. A group of twelve volunteers framed the sidewalk and poured concrete. The project was able to be completed with the collaboration of funding and volunteers from the community.



**"This completed project will serve many of the growing families we have in our small town of Hanover. We are very grateful to have this grant money available to us to better our community."**

KYLIE FRITSCHI

## 2019-2020 DONORS



Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.

Anonymous Donor  
B & W Electric, Inc.  
Bank of Palmer  
Steve & Pat Bloomfield  
Citizens State Bank  
Norman & Janet Elliott  
J. D. & Donna Frye  
Jay Frye  
Paulette Hatesohl  
Stephen & Brenda Hendrickson  
Jack's Food Market  
Matthew Koch  
Brice Leonard

Limestone Valley Stock Farm, Inc.  
Everett & Margaret Lutjemeier  
Midwest Products  
Pat Mueller  
Ryan Mueller  
Doris & Rustin Nanninga  
Adriane Ohlde  
Aubrie Ohlde  
Jessica Ohlde  
Royce & Clarice Ohlde  
Mike Peters  
Steve & Denise Pierson

Brian & Ginger Schwartz  
Justin Slater  
William & Vicki Slater  
Leslie & Mary Slater  
The Law Office of Elizabeth  
Baskerville Hiltgen, P.A.  
Debra Tillinghast  
Wanda Uffman  
Steven & Connie Wieters  
Janell Wohler  
Randy & Tiffany Wyatt

**MEMORIALS**  
Helen Frye



## GIVE. GROW. GRANT.

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree! Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide "fruit" for the community through grants and scholarships.



**Today...**  
You decide to make a permanent gift of **\$10,000.**



**After 15 years...**  
Your gift has grown to **\$15,000** and given **\$10,000** to charity.



**After 25 years...**  
Your gift has grown to **\$18,600** and given **\$19,000** to charity.



**After 50 years...**  
Your gift has grown to **\$51,000** and given **\$35,000** to charity.



# FOUNDATION FUNDS

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Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**Enable donors to recommend grants to the charitable organizations or programs of their choice.**

Buckshot & Christine Buchanan Fund  
Larry R. Mueller Memorial Fund

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.**

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for  
Washington County  
Keenan Jellison-Knock Fine Arts Scholarship Fund

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

**Supports foundation operations.**

Washington County Administrative Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.**

Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

**Enable donors to support a designated cause or geographic area. (e.g. the arts, a specific community, etc.)**

Clifton Community Fund  
Hanover Community Fund  
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Washington  
County  
Washington County Healthy Living Fund

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.**

Friends of Hollenberg Station Fund  
KSDS Assistance Dogs Fund  
Washington County Hospital Foundation Fund  
Washington Library Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Supports foundations community grantmaking.**  
Washington County Opportunity Fund



# PLAN TODAY TO GIVE TOMORROW

## CREATE YOUR LEGACY THROUGH YOUR WILL!

Including the community foundation in your will or trust is a simple, significant way to support one or many causes close to your heart, forever.

When you make a planned gift to the community foundation, you plant an investment that will continue to grow over time and benefit your community, far beyond your lifetime!

## IT'S EASY AND ANYONE CAN DO IT.

Giving through your will is easy and you don't have to be wealthy to do it. Whether your nest egg is large or small, your gift will ensure the good work of charitable organizations continues in your name.

2019-2020

# Grant Recipients

The following organizations received either donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:

- Barnes Community Development Corporation
- City of Clifton
- City of Morrowville
- City of Palmer
- City of Washington
- Clifton Public Library
- Clifton Senior Citizen's Club
- Haddam Community Hall
- Hanover Hospital
- Linn Community Nursing Home
- Lucky 4- 4-H Club
- Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.
- The Washington Library
- USD 108 Washington
- Washington Co. Sr. Citizens Services, Inc.

2019-2020

# Scholarship Recipient

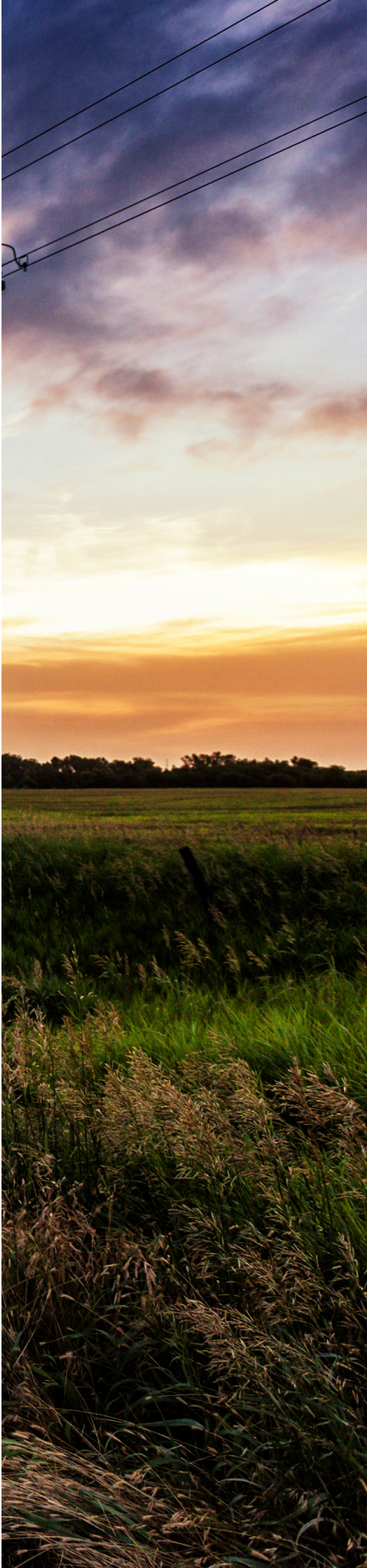
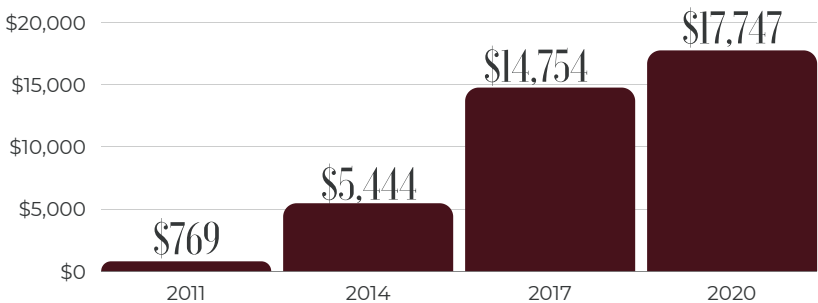
The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's scholarship program with funding from the Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial Scholarship.

**GRACE OTOTT**  
Kansas State University

## IMPACT NUMBERS

In 2020, \$17,747 total grants and scholarships were awarded to 19 organizations and students throughout the fiscal year. Since inception, \$99,927 has been awarded on the behalf of generous donors, making our community a better place to live.

### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED PER FISCAL YEAR

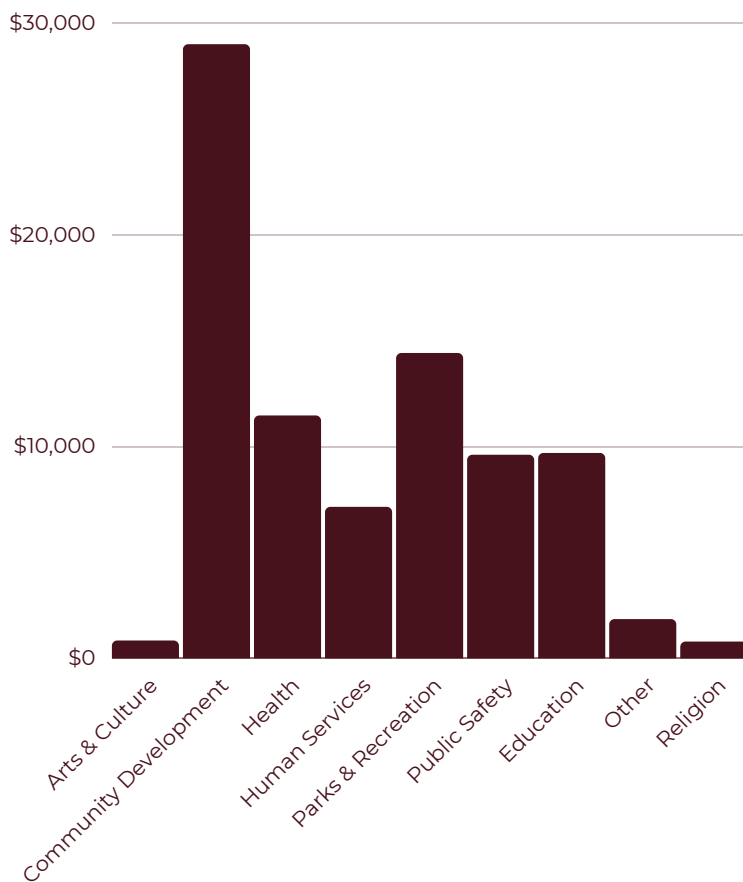




# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

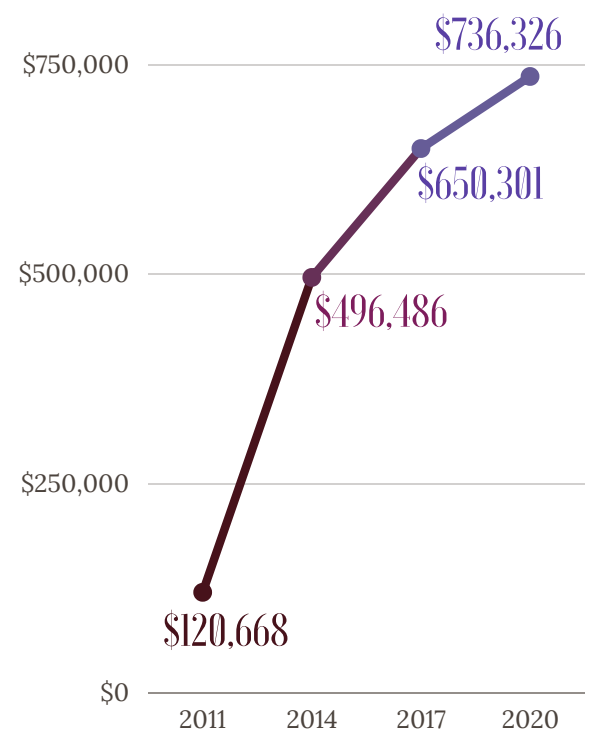
None of this would be possible without people like you! Your support makes a meaningful difference in Washington County, both now and in the future.

## COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING SINCE INCEPTION



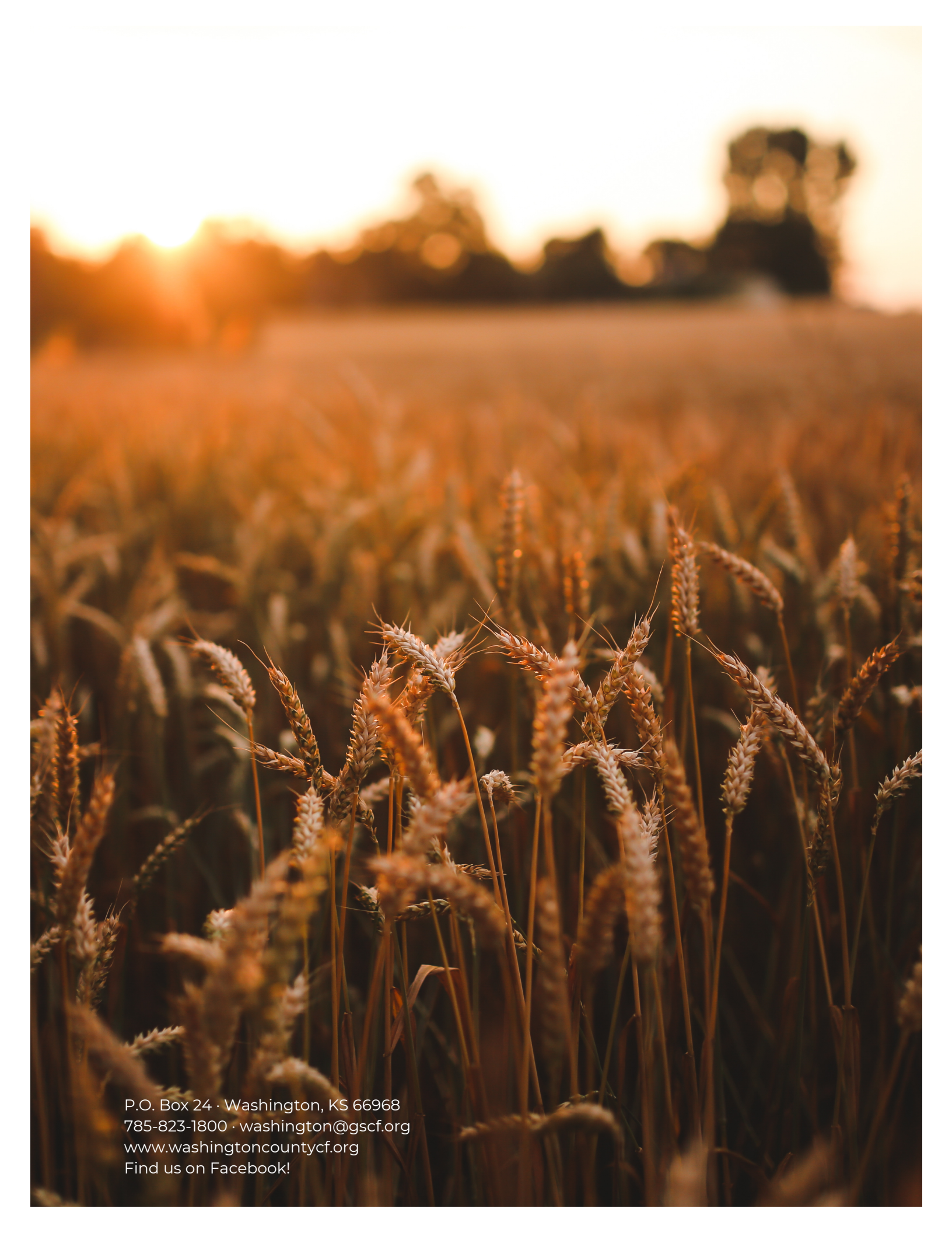
## ASSET GROWTH SINCE 2011

As of June 30, 2020, the foundation's total asset size reached \$736,326 with 15 funds.



# \$8,311

was donated from 35  
generous donors in the  
2020 fiscal year.

A photograph of a wheat field at sunset. The foreground shows several stalks of wheat in sharp focus, with their golden heads and thin stems clearly visible. The background is a vast field of wheat stretching to a distant horizon. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, warm glow that fills the sky and reflects off the tops of the wheat. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of gold, orange, and brown.

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