

Washington County Community Foundation

# ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025  
Give Today & Build for Tomorrow



# Mission

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

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Thank you to our **outgoing board members** **Bill Slater**  
**Debra Tillinghast**

▶ Deb Hatesohl will be remembered for her years of dedicated service to the Washington County Community Foundation and our community. Deb served on our board for the last 6 years and was Board Vice-Chair for 2 years.

# From our Board Chair

Dylan Goeckel  
Board Chair



As I conclude my first year as Board Chair of the Washington County Community Foundation, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to our mission—board members, donors, community partners, and all who support the work of WCCF.

Reflecting on the past year, I am pleased to share that the Foundation experienced another strong period of growth, increasing our assets by more than \$500,000. Donations continued to rise, our investments reached an important milestone, and our overall capacity to serve the community expanded. We are especially grateful to our local match partners—Central Valley Ag, Herts Machine Hydrostatics, Citizens State Bank of Marysville, Union State Bank, FNB Washington, and Blue Valley Insurance—whose support made our May Match Event a success! Additionally, the Patterson Family Foundation generously matched contributions during our year-end giving campaign, significantly amplifying the impact of every gift.

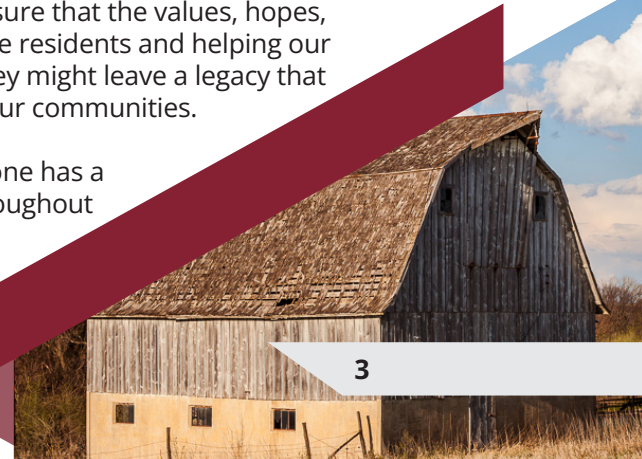
Throughout this report, you will see the many ways the Foundation has helped address community needs—from supporting health initiatives to funding important local projects. These successes are possible because of the individuals and organizations who contribute, apply for grants, volunteer, and champion our work.

As we look forward, we are reminded that the work of the Foundation is not only about meeting needs today, but also about building a legacy for tomorrow. Many of our donors choose to create endowments, planned gifts, or memorial funds that will continue supporting Washington County for generations. These legacy gifts ensure that the values, hopes, and generosity of our community live on—providing lasting resources for future residents and helping our county remain vibrant and strong. We encourage everyone to consider how they might leave a legacy that reflects what matters most to them and supports the long-term well-being of our communities.

With your continued involvement, we can make an even greater impact. Everyone has a role to play in strengthening their community and contributing to progress throughout Washington County.

Thank you for your commitment to the Foundation. We look forward to another exceptional year ahead.

*Dylan Goeckel*





# FOUNDING 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  
FNB Washington  
J & N Elliott Construction, Inc.  
Landoll Corporation  
United Bank & Trust- Linn & Washington

## SUSTAINERS

Norman & Janet L. Elliott

# GRANT IMPACTS



## ➤ City of Clifton - Clifton Park Sand Volleyball Court

➤ *Washington County Opportunity Fund, Clifton Community Fund - \$1,231.83*

Funding enabled the installation of a new sand volleyball court at the community park, including sand, a volleyball, and a net with poles. This addition offers recreational opportunities for older youth and helped the community host its first-ever 4th of July sand volleyball tournament.



## ➤ City of Morrowville - Street Signs & Civic Pride

➤ *Washington County Opportunity Fund - \$1,432.50*

The funds support the replacement and update of street signs. Street signs were refreshed with vinyl wraps, one side featuring the Morrowville Rural High School bulldog mascot, the other honoring Morrowville as the home of the world's first bulldozer.



## ➤ Zion Lutheran Church - Handicapped Church Door Improvement

➤ *Hanover Community Fund - \$699*

Funding supported the installation of an automatic door opener that assists individuals trying to enter the church. This new automatic door opener makes accessibility to the church easier for all.

# GRANT IMPACT

## Enhancing Efficiency and Morale



➤ **Washington County Rural Fire District #2 - Barnes**

➤ *Washington County Opportunity Fund - \$1,950*

◀ Washington County Fire Department holding the new poly hose.

This year, the department focused on improving operational efficiency by upgrading their suction hose. Previously, they relied on a hard rubber hose that was cumbersome for one person to handle. With the funding, they were able to replace it with a new poly hose featuring a larger diameter for better water flow and easier handling.

While the delivery from the manufacturer took slightly longer than expected, the process was smooth and without major challenges. Upon receiving the hose, members tested it during a meeting night and were pleasantly surprised by how much easier it was to manage and connect independently.

These incremental upgrades, though small, make a significant difference. They not only enhance operational capabilities but also boost department morale. Improvements like this help make volunteer organizations more appealing and rewarding to be part of, bit by bit, building a stronger, more efficient team.



➤ **Haddam Community Club - Sound Panels**

➤ *Washington County Opportunity Fund - \$1,000*

Haddam City Hall now features sound panels that reduce noise and enhance comfort for community gatherings. This improvement makes events like City Council meetings, funeral lunches, and holiday celebrations more enjoyable and accessible, especially for those sensitive to sound.

# GRANTS AWARDED

07/01/2024-06/30/2025

*Note: These grants include grants from our donor-directed funds.*

Barnes Lions Club  
Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas  
City of Clifton  
City of Hanover  
City of Linn  
Clifton Public Library  
Cloud County Community College  
Friends of Hollenberg Station, Inc.  
Haddam Community Club  
Hanover Hospital  
Kansas State University  
KSDS, Inc.  
K-State Research & Extension River Valley District  
Linn Community Nursing Home Inc.

Morrowville Christian Church  
Morrowville Community Center  
dba Cougars Den  
Morrowville Fire Department  
National Right to Life Educational  
Foundation  
Southeast Community College  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
St. John's School  
USD 108  
USD 224  
Washington County Rural Fire District 2  
Westview Apartments  
Zion Lutheran Church

Over \$56,000 was granted to 26 local organizations to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. About \$30,000 of those grants came from donor directed funds with the remaining \$26,000 awarded through a competitive grant process overseen by the WCCF grants committee.

**\$56,130  
AWARDED**

# A Legacy of Generosity: The M.C. Hess and Margaret Hess Boyle Educational Fund

## Application Details:

Applications for WCCF scholarships open **November 1** and are due **February 15** every year. Please encourage students you know to apply and take advantage of this opportunity. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, training and educational materials, equipment, room and board, and other necessary educational expenses.



The Washington County Community Foundation is proud to introduce the M.C. Hess and Margaret Hess Boyle Educational Fund, a scholarship created to help local students pursue their dreams of higher education.

Margaret Hess Boyle's life was rooted in hard work and care for her community. Born in Haddam, Kansas in 1908, she attended school in Narka, KS and spent many years working alongside her husband, Milek C. Hess (M.C.), at their family business, Hess Oil Co., which faithfully served both Republic and Washington Counties. After M.C.'s passing, Margaret later married Thomas Boyle, continuing her life of resilience and commitment to others.

Margaret never had the chance to attend college herself, a reality that inspired her desire to help young people achieve what she could not. Through her generosity and foresight, she created a fund that will provide scholarships for generations to come. One thoughtful gift will forever impact local students as they pursue higher education and build brighter futures.

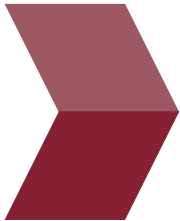
# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## M.C. Hess & Margaret Hess Boyle Educational Fund for Washington County Scholarship

McKenzie Baker  
Grace Baxter  
Makenna Elliott

## Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Scholarship

Makenna Elliott  
William Svanda  
Grayson Votipka



**\$5,000  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED FOR  
2025-2026 SCHOOL  
YEAR**

### Who Can Apply? *(Hess Criteria Only)*

Applicants must be graduates or in good standing to graduate from Washington County, Kansas. While preference is given to students from Mahaska, Haddam, and Morrowville, all eligible students are encouraged to apply. Students must plan to enroll full-time in a college, university, community college, or vocational/technical school for the upcoming academic year.



*“Your belief in my potential motivates me to work even harder to achieve my goals.”*

**Makenna Elliott**  
M.C. Hess & Margaret Hess Boyle Educational Fund for Washington County Scholarship

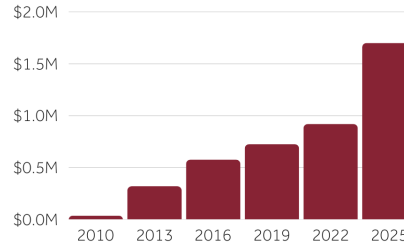
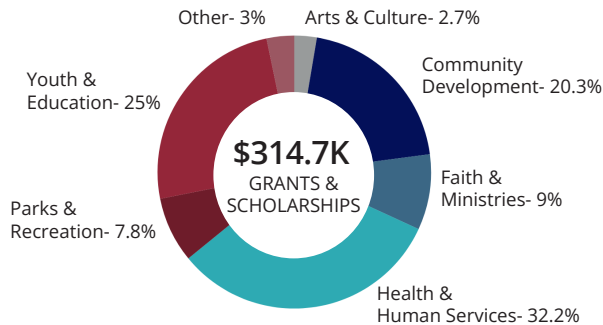


*“I would like to extend a thank you for being chosen for your scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.”*

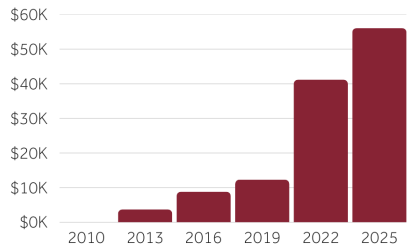
**William Svanda**  
Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial Scholarship

# CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

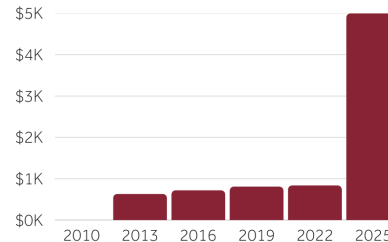
As we celebrate 15 years of impact, WCCF is deeply grateful to all who have supported our mission. With your partnership, we're excited to see what the next 15 years will bring.



Impact Since Inception (By Area)

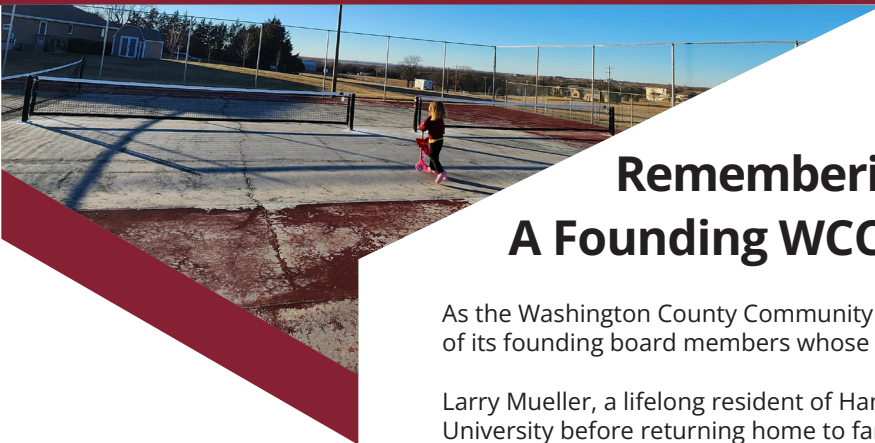


Total Assets



Total Grants (Per Year)

Total Scholarships (Per Year)



## Remembering Larry Mueller: A Founding WCCF Board Member



As the Washington County Community Foundation celebrates its 15-year anniversary, we honor one of its founding board members whose impact can still be seen in the community today.

Larry Mueller, a lifelong resident of Hanover, earned a degree in accounting from Kansas State University before returning home to farm and raise cattle with his father. He was a longtime local business owner, co-owning Wildcat Express & After Hours Liquor and serving as an Asgrow Seed Dealer. Deeply committed to civic life, Larry served on numerous local boards, including the Hanover Coop Elevator, USD 223 School Board, Hanover Rural Water District, and Hanover Hospital, and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church Council. He also dedicated more than twenty years as an EMT and was a founding board member and Vice Chair of the Washington County Community Foundation.

When Larry passed away unexpectedly in 2013, his family and friends honored his life by establishing the Larry R. Mueller Memorial Fund to support charitable projects in his memory. Last year, Larry's family made a grant from the fund to the City of Hanover for the Vet's Park tennis court improvements, which will include a resurfaced playing field, pickleball courts, a walking lane, basketball goals, and adjustable sports nets. A bench in Larry's memory will also be installed, creating a welcoming space for the community to enjoy the park.

"Larry was one of the first board members I worked with as an affiliate coordinator 15 years ago," said Jessica Martin, President & Executive Director of the Greater Salina Community Foundation. "He had a kind and ornery spirit with a smile that was contagious, but most importantly he loved his community. I know if he were here today, he would be extremely proud of what the Foundation has accomplished and the impact it has made in Hanover and throughout Washington County."



▲  
May 2012: Larry Mueller presented a \$350 grant to Irene Laue with Hanover Senior Center for a new speaker system from the Washington County Opportunity Fund.

# FOUNDATION FUNDS

*This list includes all WCCF funds established as of June 30, 2025.*

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Washington County Administrative Fund

## DESIGNATED

Linn Community Nursing Home Fund  
The Wilbur G. Jueneman Fund

## DONOR ADVISED

Buckshot & Christine Buchanan Donor Advised Fund  
Larry R. Mueller Memorial Donor Advised Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST

Clifton Community Fund  
Hanover Community Fund  
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Washington County  
Morrowville Community Fund\*  
Palmer Community Fund  
Washington City Enhancement Fund\*

## ORGANIZATION

Friends of Hollenberg Station Fund  
KSDS Assistance Dogs Fund  
Twin Valley Developmental Services, Inc. Fund  
Washington County Hospital Foundation Fund  
Washington Library Fund

## PROVISIONAL FUND

Clifton Park Improvement Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNATED

Keenan Jellison-Knock Fine Arts Scholarship Fund

## TRADITIONAL

Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund  
M.C. Hess and Margaret Hess Boyle Educational Fund for  
Washington County\*

## UNRESTRICTED

Patterson Family Foundation Fund - Washington County  
Washington County Opportunity Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Linn High School Agriculture Fund For The Future

\*Denotes new fund



Haddam Community Club sound panels displayed on the back walls ▶

# 2024-2025 DONORS

*This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.*

## Individuals & Families

Michael & Jean Grover Applegarth  
Keith & Kim Bargman  
Bob & Sandy Bartkoski  
Richard & Shellie Baxter  
Dallas & Linda Beikmann  
Rod & Irma Jean Blaha  
Terry & Phyllis Blaser  
Douglas & Kay Bott  
Dennis & Christy Brungardt  
Jennifer Dague  
Dean Denner & Lucinda Stuenkel  
Denise Dragastin  
Norman & Janet Elliott  
Marty & Lesley Fiser  
Shirley Frager  
Ronald & Marcia Funke  
Dale & Connie Germeroth  
Dylan & Brianne Goeckel  
Delmar Hatesohl  
Paulette Hatesohl  
Stephen & Brenda Hendrickson  
Kent & Joleen Herrs  
Chad & Elizabeth Hiltgen  
Lisa Hiltgen  
Sonya Hiltgen  
Charles & Lori Huber  
Ellie Huggins  
Robert & Barbara Johnson  
Dale & Lila Keesecker  
Paul & Glenda Keller  
John & Lisa Kern  
Randy & Sandra Jellison-Knock  
Matt & Kristin Koch  
Mark & Mary Koss  
Ron Leeson & Mary Tate  
Roger Lohmeyer  
Curtis & Andrea Long

Mitchell & Hailey Long  
Everett & Margaret Lutjemeier  
Tim & Jan Matlack  
Daniel & Jane Meyer  
Dennis Minge  
Ryan Mueller  
Doris & Rustin Nanninga  
Adriane Ohlde  
Douglas Ohlde  
Royce & Clarice Ohlde  
William & Airika Ohlde  
Mike Peters  
Bryce & Gayle Peters  
Kathy Richter  
Harold & Mary Lou Schwartz  
William Slater  
Justin Slater  
Leslie & Mary Spence  
Bill & Kathi Stenfors  
Michal Tallman  
John & Debra Tillinghast  
Mark & Christina Uhlik  
Jeanne Walker  
Shirley Walter  
Jere & Judy Wiechman  
Steven & Connie Wieters  
David Winkelmann & Katherine Jellison  
Eric Winter  
Leland & Janell Wohler  
David & Natalie Wood  
Ronald & Barbara Wurtz  
Randy & Tiffany Wyatt  
James & Kathleen Zarybnicky

## Businesses & Organizations

Aurand for State Representative  
Brice Leonard Insurance  
Bruna Implement Company

Central Valley Ag  
Citizens State Bank  
Clark, Mize & Linville, Chtd.  
FNB Washington  
Hanover Insurance Agency  
Herrs Machine Hydrostatics, Inc.  
J & J Family Trust  
Land O Lakes, Inc. Foundation  
Landoll Company, LLC  
Limestone Valley Stock Farm, Inc.  
Linn Willow Creek Dairy LLC  
Margaret Hess Boyle Trust  
Midwest Products  
Morrowville Community Center dba  
Cougars Den  
Morrowville Community Club  
Palmer Lumber & Hardware, Inc.  
Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
The Dragastin Agency  
The Law Office of Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen,  
P.A.  
The Moore Agency  
Union State Bank  
United Bank & Trust

## Honorariums

Bob & Sandy Bartkoski  
Dean Denner & Lucinda Stuenkel

## Memorials

Leo J. Schwartz  
Jim Ayers



## OUR STATS



## MATCH RESULTS

\$51,584 Raised in December 2024 & May 2025,  
including Local Match Donors in May  
\$28,267 Patterson Family Foundation Match

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**\$79,851 TOTAL IMPACT**

## Statement of Financial Position

(06.30.2025)

ASSETS	
Cash	\$52,354
Investments	\$1,654,239
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,706,593</b>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$660
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$660</b>
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance Principal	\$1,096,902
Fund Balance Income	\$609,031
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,705,933</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,706,593</b>

## Investment Performance (as of 06/30/2025)

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Expense Ratio
Vanguard Index Funds	13.8%	13.2%	10.8%	8.7%	.032%
Catholic Values SRI	12.08%	11.95%	9.02%	N/A	.47%
Benchmark	11.74%	14.07%	10.99%	9.17%	N/A

Note: Benchmark performance is based on a blended index consisting of 75% S&P 500 and 25% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Performance of Outside Invested Funds may vary but must remain in compliance with the Foundation's Statement of Investment Policy.

## Statement of Activities

(07.01.2024 - 06.30.2025)

REVENUES	
Gifts & Bequests- Principal	\$336,048
Gifts & Bequests- Internal	\$68,491
Dividend Income	\$30,712
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$153,369
Grant Income	\$52,617
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$641,237</b>
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$56,130
Grants Authorized- Internal	\$68,491
Scholarships Awarded	\$6,980
Administrative Fees	\$10,501
Operating Expenses	\$3,364
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$145,466</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$495,771</b>



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BUILD TOMORROW!**



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