



Washington
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

**REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY**

FROM OUR **BOARD CHAIR**

“Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back and reasons to stay.”

This simple quote graced the front of a card I received from someone when I graduated from high school. At the time, I didn't reflect on the meaning of the words, I was just ready to spread my wings...I couldn't get out of town fast enough! It wasn't until I had been away from Washington County for several years that I truly learned to appreciate where I had come from. My husband and I decided to return to our “roots” to start a family, where we could raise our children in the same community that we had grown up in.

When the Washington County Community Foundation was founded in December of 2009, my husband and I not only chose to be Founders, I also jumped at the opportunity to be a member of the board. I recognized the potential impact that the Foundation could have on all of the communities within the county, and how the Foundation could be a key component and incentive for individuals like my husband and myself: individuals who decided to come back.

During my time as a board member, I have watched the foundation evolve from an entity struggling to garner interest and financial support to a recognizable resource of opportunity for all citizens. The board has been expanding in numbers and recently made the decision to move meetings around the county to not only continue to increase awareness of the foundation, but to also personally view projects that were possible because of grants made through the Foundation. I am excited by the enthusiasm of the current board and am eager to see what it can accomplish.

While the foundation has made significant strides since its inception, the need for future investment and donations still exists. I encourage you to consider a financial gift to the foundation. Together we can foster strong community roots so that when our youth spread their wings and fly, they know there are a plethora of reasons to not only return to Washington County, but to choose to stay.

ELIZABETH BASKERVILLE HILTGEN
2017-2018 BOARD CHAIRMAN

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OUR MISSION

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

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.

The Washington County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

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 foundation.

Individuals & Families

- Norman & Janet Elliott

Become a Sustaining Donor

Sustainers pledge gifts between \$10,000-\$50,000. At least 50% of the total donation must go to the Washington County Opportunity Fund or Washington County Administrative Fund (or both). The remainder can go to an existing fund or to create a new fund.

Contact us to learn more!

E-mail washington@gscf.org
or call 785-325-2022.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen, Chair
- Stephen Hendrickson, Treasurer
- Steve Joonas, Secretary
- Donna Frye
- Clarice Ohlde
- Doris Nanninga
- Mary Spence
- Janell Wohler

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Clifton Beautification

Community members in **Clifton** started the **Beautification Committee** to help clean up and make the town more welcoming. With a grant from the Clifton Community Fund and the Washington County Opportunity Fund, the group was able to complete their first project. "We have a great group of six ladies who work really well together," said grantee Amy LeClair. "We brainstormed ideas and decided to make our welcome signs stand out."

They spent three weekends landscaping the area, and their hard work has not gone unnoticed. "We have had multiple comments stating, 'Wow, we didn't even know those signs were there!' It looks great," said LeClair. "Lots of hard work and dedication. We were very happy with the end project and we can't wait to see how pretty these are in the spring when they bloom."



Spring Spruce-up

KSDS Assistance Dogs wanted to add some color and beautification to its campus, making it more enticing and attractive for tourists and travelers on Highway 36. A grant from the community foundation's Opportunity Fund covered the purchase of flowers and perennials, allowing them to fill their 12 planters with flowers this spring. Two KSDS employees, Scyler Zenger and McKenzie Metz, volunteered to do the planting. Grantee Marcia Funke is very thankful for funding. "Our sincere thanks for making this possible!" she said.



Haddam Cafe

The city-owned **Haddam Cafe** is an important part of the community. It not only serves local residents but also the surrounding community. When the building started to have structural problems, patron safety became a big concern. The City of Haddam was awarded a grant from the Washington County Opportunity Fund to help with repairs. "When the city received the grant for the Haddam Cafe, we excitedly informed the cafe of the generosity of the Washington County Community Foundation," said grantee Steve Zenger. "In a small town, it doesn't take long for good news to spread!"

The project included replacing and repairing bricks and windows. Now, new windows provide energy cost savings and loose bricks are no longer a concern! "Comments from the public about the repairs have been very positive," said Zenger. "The risk of falling bricks as you are walking past has been eliminated, and the new paint has brightened the overall appearance of the cafe."



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

- Barnes Community Development Corporation
- Brantford Evangelical Covenant Church
- City of Clifton
- City of Hanover-Hanover Park Pride
- Clifton Public Library
- Haddam Community Hall
- Hanover Chamber of Commerce
- Linn Community Nursing Home
- Linn High School
- Morrowville Rural Fire Dept.
- North Central Regional Planning Commission
- Pony Express Partnership for Children (PECP)
- USD 108 Washington
- Washington County Hospital

Dylan Nelson, attending Kansas State University, received a competitive community foundation scholarship for 2018.

2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

\$16,870 Total Grants & Scholarships

19 Number of Grants & Scholarships

\$14,296 Total Competitive Grants

14 Number of Competitive Grants

\$1,791 Total Donor-Directed Grants

4 Number of Donor-Directed Grants

\$783 Total Scholarships

1 Number of Scholarships



Digging Up America!

Students are "Digging Up America" at the **Clifton-Clyde Middle School!** With a grant from the Washington County Opportunity Fund and Clifton Community Fund, social studies teacher Lana Moore set up an archaeology dig project for her students. Each tub had a theme that used artifacts and archaeology to hook students into the American history curriculum that they study throughout the school year. Students researched the different steps in archaeology, dug up and identified artifacts, and then reported on the theme of their tub. "Hopefully we will have future archaeologists graduating from Clifton-Clyde!" said Moore.

Morrowville Cemetery

A grant from the Washington County Opportunity Fund was used to pay for the surveying and plotting of the new addition to the Morrowville Cemetery. "The people of Morrowville and the surrounding communities are glad to see this project finished," said grantee Larry Durst. "It is a very good feeling that so many people came together to get this project completed and only with your generosity did we get it completed sooner than expected. We now have plenty of room for future generations to bury their loved ones. We can't thank you enough for your part in making this possible."



Senior Send-Off

Taking the next step after high school is a huge transition. A grant from the Washington County Opportunity Fund supported the annual **Senior Send-Off** event, which informs graduating seniors in Washington County about the different challenges they may encounter after high school. The goal is to inform students about entities available to help them succeed and stay safe. "I am confident that the transition from high school will be smoother and more successful because our students were able to participate in the Senior Send-Off," said Tim Voelker, Linn Public Schools counselor.

2018 DONORS

Large or small, every donation contributes to the foundation's ability to serve the community. We make every effort to include all gifts made during this time frame. If you believe there is an error, or need to make a correction, please contact us.

Doug & Jana Allen

Anonymous Donor

B & W Electric, Inc.

The Law Office of Elizabeth
Baskerville Hiltgen, P.A.

Diane Baskerville

Jeffrey & Regina Brabec

Citizens State Bank

Norman & Janet Elliott

Sarah Groves

Steve & Denise Pierson

Stephen & Brenda Hendrickson

Chad & Elizabeth Hiltgen

Katherine Jellison

Randy & Sandra Jellison-Knock

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Kimberly Little

Midwest Products

Pat Mueller

Doris & Rustin Nanninga

Jerry & Sharon Pierce

Jim Scheetz

Gregory Schmitz

Roxanne Schottel

Clifford & Karen Stewart

Mary Tate & Ron Leeson

John & Jeanne Walker

Memorials

Duane Durst

JoAnne Habr

Albert Rodehorst

Ann Ukena

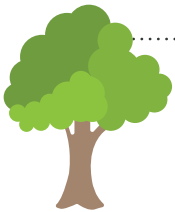
Honorariums

Mr. & Mrs. Travis Crutcher

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Girton

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Roeser

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tuschinski



"The **true** meaning of life is to **plant trees**
under whose **shade** you **do not** expect to sit."

Nelson Henderson

POWER OF ENDOWMENT

Endowed funds are an investment in the community's future and a powerful way to create a charitable legacy! Here is an example of how an endowed gift grows and gives over time:



A Gift Today...

Original Endowed Gift: \$10,000



In 15 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$15,500

Cumulative Grants: \$10,000



In 25 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$18,600

Cumulative Grants: \$19,000



In 50 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$51,000

Cumulative Grants: \$35,000

**Calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

HOW A GIFT BECOMES A FUND

Giving is easy when you have the right partner! When you open a fund at the community foundation, you gain access to custom services, professional staff and other resources designed to help you achieve your charitable goals and impact your community!

Contact the community foundation to learn more!

1

DECIDE WHEN TO GIVE.

Give now, in the future or both! Many funds are opened with a current gift, then grow through gifts from a will or estate plan.



INDIVIDUAL
OR FAMILY



BUSINESS OR
CORPORATION

2

DECIDE WHAT TO GIVE.

Most funds are established with gifts of cash or stock, however, the foundation can accept a variety of assets, including:



CASH, CHECK
OR CREDIT CARDS



STOCKS, BONDS
& MUTUAL FUNDS



401K & IRA
ACCOUNTS



GRAIN & LIVESTOCK



LIFE INSURANCE



REAL ESTATE

3

CHOOSE A FUND TYPE.

- ▶ Foundation staff can help donors **select a fund type** to best achieve their charitable goals. Donors also **name the new fund!**
- ▶ Donor advised funds are a popular option, as donors have the ability to **recommend grants** from their fund to charities and pass their fund to **future generations!** These can be started by individuals, families, companies or by the rollover from a private foundation.



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DONORS RECOMMEND GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

Donors make grants to causes that matter most to them, such as:



CHILDREN
& YOUTH



HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



SPIRITUALITY



ARTS & CULTURE



STUDENTS
& EDUCATION

5

WE HANDLE DUE DILIGENCE:

The foundation ensures viability, compliance and qualifications of recommended grant recipients.

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CHECKS ISSUED:

The foundation can issue a check in any amount (\$250 or more) to any qualifying organization in the United States.





TRANSFER OF **WEALTH**

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure the future generations of Washington County can say the same?

Do you know anyone who was born and raised in Washington County but has since left for a bigger city? Chances are, when this person's parents pass away, the money in their family's estate (which was built in our community) will leave this area forever. By designating just **5% of our estates** to our hometown needs, we could create **permanent funding** to support our schools, hospitals, parks, churches, nonprofits, libraries and so much more! It just takes a little bit of planning.

According to the Kansas Association of Community Foundations:

In Washington County, **\$165.4 million** will pass from one generation to the next by **2029**.



5% of that, or **\$8.2 million** could be preserved in a foundation endowment.



This would create **\$372,000** in annual grants to benefit our community.



PLANNED GIVING

Planning your charitable legacy is simpler than you may think. Donors often establish charitable funds through deferred-giving arrangements—gifts that are planned today and realized upon the donor's passing. There are several ways to support the foundation with planned giving:

Charitable Bequests:

In your will or trust, you direct all or a portion of your estate, including certain money or property, to be transferred to the community foundation.

Life Insurance:

The foundation can be named as the irrevocable beneficiary of your life insurance policy. You can give a paid-up policy or continue to pay premiums.

Charitable Trusts:

Although the foundation does not serve as a trustee for charitable trusts, you can work with your professional advisor to set one up and support the foundation.

Need help with your estate plan?

Professional estate planning services are offered at **no charge** through a partnership with estate planning attorney John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling, LLC.

Once a month, John travels to Salina and provides comprehensive guidance to individuals and families who want to create or update estate plans that minimize potential gift, income and estate taxes. He helps develop the plan; then families work with their local attorney to finalize and file their documents.

To schedule an appointment, call the foundation at 785-823-1800.



FOUNDATION SERVICES

Learn more at www.washingtoncountycf.org!

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

We make it a priority to understand donors' unique charitable goals and help them create a lasting charitable legacy.

Donors who establish a fund receive:

- ▶ **Grants administration**, which includes due diligence and payment distribution to recipient organizations.
- ▶ **Asset management** for long-term sustainability of funds.
- ▶ **Estate planning services**, in partnership with professional advisors, to help donors meet their charitable objectives.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Through the following services, we collaborate with area nonprofits to meet community needs and enhance our shared quality of life.

We provide nonprofits with:

- ▶ **Grant funding** for new and continuing projects and programs.
- ▶ **Organization fund management** for long-term sustainability.
- ▶ **Training and resources** on grant writing, planned giving, endowment building and more.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

We work closely with professional advisors to help guide their clients through charitable giving today and after their lifetime.

We help professional advisors:

- ▶ **Identify** clients' giving interests.
- ▶ **Create** giving plans that fit clients' goals.
- ▶ **Inform** clients about community needs.
- ▶ **Facilitate** a variety of charitable gifts.

FOUNDATION FUNDS

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 charities their choice.

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

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 nonprofits in support of their charitable work.

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

Scholarship Fund

Assist promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.

Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Fund

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Washington County Opportunity Fund

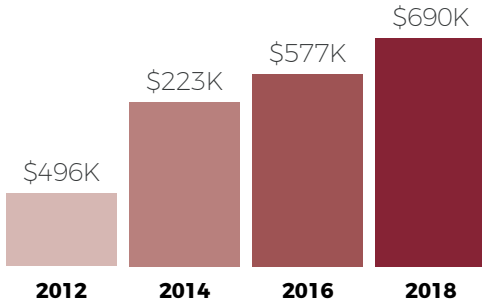
Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Washington County Administrative Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSET GROWTH



Total Assets:

\$690,265

Number of Funds:

15

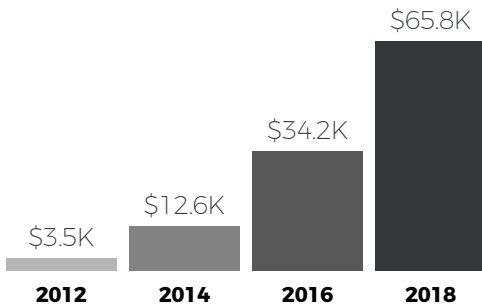
2018 Total Gifts:

\$6,495

2018 # of Gifts:

31

GRANTS MADE



Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception

\$65,822

Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception

93

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The great part about a community foundation is that anyone can participate in a variety of ways, making this truly a community effort!

1 Establish a fund to support your favorite charitable cause.

2 Donate to existing funds that match your charitable interests.

3 Contribute to the Washington County Administrative Fund to support the community foundation's operations.

4 Make a gift to the Washington County Opportunity Fund, which allows WCCF to respond to current local needs.

5 Encourage your favorite charity to establish an organization fund to provide them with ongoing support.

6 Apply for a grant from the Washington County Opportunity Fund or any of the other grants listed on our website!

7 Attend foundation events to learn more about estate planning, endowment building and charitable giving.

8 Tell your friends about the community foundation and the services we offer!



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