



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Republic
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

The Republic County Community Foundation (RCCF) experienced another good year. For the year ending June 30 of 2019, the foundation board was able to make grants totaling \$147,549 for projects all around Republic County. The largest and possibly most significant in its impact on Republic County citizens, was a grant to the North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation for recruitment of physicians for Republic County. Schools in our county shared in over \$30,000 of RCCF grants and nearly every city in the county was a recipient of a RCCF grant. The NCK Free Fair, Blair Theater, and Golden Bell Haven were among other entities that received grants. In addition, \$36,849 was granted from funds held by RCCF including \$26,635 in scholarships to Republic County students furthering their education at Kansas colleges and universities.

RCCF wishes to thank those businesses and individuals who support the foundation through their generosity in a financial way. Contributions made to the foundation are endowed, enabling grants and scholarships to be made for the community's benefit for years to come. As his tenure comes to an end, the RCCF board also wishes to thank Brent Scott for his service to the board. His insightful and forward-thinking will be missed.

Thanks to my fellow volunteer RCCF Board of Directors who share their time and talents. I am humbled to work with each and everyone of them.

Steve Scofield
RCCF Chairman



OUR **MISSION**

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

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ABOUT **THE FOUNDATION**

The Republic County Community Foundation was founded in 2007 to benefit the communities of Republic County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both the current and future needs of our county.

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

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORK?



IT STARTS WITH PEOPLE



WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

TO CREATE



Community
Grant Funds

The **Republic County Community Action Fund** is an unrestricted community grant fund. Gifts to this fund offer the most flexibility for meeting charitable community needs, both today and in the future.

BIG IMPACT!

Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable
Organizations



Scholarships
for Students



It Starts With **People**

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

Ward & Ilene Aurand
Brad & Jill Boyer
Tony & Kim Bombardier
Collins Family: Jack, Sue, Jack Jr.,
Steven, Stephanie & Percy Jr.
Dorothy M. Fisher
Ken & Sue Fischer
The Maurice, Mark & Mike Gieber
Family & The Robert Morris Family
Fred & Lorine Gleue
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
Beverly Hyde
Kenneth & Jacalyn Moravek
Bill & Chris Navis
John & Dorothy Rhine
Sid & Pam Scofield
Steve & Jewelda Scofield
Brent & Rachelle Scott

Robert, Georgene & Steven Surber
Family
Dr. Andy & Vickie Walker

Business Entities

Arbuthnot's, Inc.
Astra Bank
The Citizens National Bank
Crossroads Pharmacy, Inc.
Gottschalk & Company CPAs, LLC
Jensik Insurance
Nesika Energy, LLC
New Century Bank
People's Exchange Bank
Republic County Historical Society
Rural Gas, Inc.
Strategic Asset Management, LLC
Swedish-American State Bank
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.

Sustaining Donors

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

Individuals & Families

Alan & Lanie Engle
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
David & Janet Heyka
Jim & Lori McDonald

Steve and Jewelda Scofield
Surber Family

Business Entities

Gottschalk & Company CPAs, LLC

Who Share **Their Gifts**

YOUR foundation



needs YOUR help.

Match Month Success

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in December, the community foundation raised over \$126,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at 150% by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The matching dollars support community grants and operations.

2019 Total Raised:

\$51,371

2019 Total Matched:

\$75,000

2019 Total Benefit:

\$126,371

Over the last three years, our Match Month campaign has raised a total of **\$450,417** for the community. Thank you!

To Create **Big Impact**

Downtown Mill Street Enhancement



With a grant from the community foundation, Republic County was able to purchase and install three double-steel doors within the commercial building at the NCK Free Fairgrounds. These doors are equipped with features such as active open, a panic bar for safety

and an electronic lock for ease of rental entry. There has been a growing need for a reliable rental building for events in the community. Now the commercial building has the potential to be a prime location for Republic County and the surrounding counties.

These updates helped create a space better equipped for loved ones to gather, class reunions to reminisce and many more events throughout the year. Grantee Kelvin Blecha expressed the impact the simple but necessary updates have on the public saying, "We are proud of the community we live in and we believe that the NCK Free Fair and its fairgrounds are a staple to the Republic County community."

Bus Stop Signs for the City of Scandia

The City of Scandia was awarded grant funding from the community foundation to purchase two new bus stop signs. The new signs are equipped with lights that run off a solar panel and timer to help alert drivers to the upcoming bus stop where children are waiting. The new signs are located on the north side of Kansas St. and the east end of Main St.

As a result of the new signage, cars are slowing down for the "bus zone" because they are given more time to see the stop. "I am so grateful for the Republic County Community Foundation grants and the opportunity to help my



community and school district help to keep kids safe at the bus stop," said grantee Emily Nylud.

Grant **Spotlight**



A grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund allowed the Scandia Community Club to update the park's borders.

Community Utilizes Grant Dollars to Update Scandia Park

Scandia Community Park was in need of some major updates. The previous padding and barrier materials at the park were harmful to the public. The border used to keep the pea gravel in was broken, as well as the gravel itself not a sufficient material for park padding and was a hazard.

The Scandia Community Club was awarded \$12,465 from a community grant fund to replace these hazardous materials and make the

park more useable to the community. The grant dollars went specifically to the purchase of materials and new park entrance sign.

This was a huge project for volunteers, who spent the day moving gravel, laying landscape fabric, leveling the ground and placing mulch and the border around the park. Work on the park was finishing as prom walk was going on. The kids flooded the park as soon ▶

as it was finished! "The boys said that was all they needed for a thank you, was to see the smiles on the kids' faces," said grantee Megan Melby. With funds from the community foundation and

labor from local volunteers, the Scandia Park is now a place for all ages in the community to play without a worry. "It feels good to see something like this being used for good," said Melby.

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- Megan Melby, grantee

Environment and Experience Enhancement for Belleville Racetrack

The Belleville High Banks board was granted funding from the Republic County Action Fund to provide a safer racing environment and enhance fan experience. The board purchased six new LED signal lights and replaced the scoreboard with the grant dollars. Constant upgrades to the facility have been in progress to ensure the track is the safest facility possible for the racers as well as those who attend the races.

"Race car drivers and owners were very pleased with the addition of lights and the brightness of the lights installed," said grantee Brad Couture. The addition of the new scoreboard allows for fans to instantly see which car is in the lead, and the top five positions, as well as the exact amount of time it

takes for the lead car to make a lap. With these upgrades in place, it is a hope of the board that it will provide the opportunity for more race events to come to Belleville.





New Seating Added to Belleville Splash Pad

Thanks to support from the community foundation, the City of Belleville was able to purchase and install canopy shade seating.

The funding from this grant allowed Belleville to purchase three shade covers that were installed by the city crews alongside the playground and

splash pad. Parents and children alike have been enjoying the new covers. They add color and beauty to the park, as well as create more friendly seating areas, blocking pedestrians from harmful UV rays. "This was a wonderful project that was completely made possible by the grant funding. Thanks so much!" said grantee Adam Anderson.

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- Adam Anderson, grantee



KANcycle for Republic County

OCCK partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and Zagster to provide a rural regional bike sharing program across eight communities in north central Kansas. KANcycle is the first of its kind in Kansas. The program consists of bike racks with a specific number of bikes placed in each community based on population.

The community foundation granted OCCK funding to create a website for the KANcycle Bike Share Program. The website provides information to the community about the program, how it

works, and the many events that will be held throughout the year to promote the bike share program. "Without the website, we would not have a way to promote and share our information with people," said grantee Michelle Griffin.

"The bike share program is already benefitting so many people in our rural communities." The program will continue to promote a healthier community and provide transportation options for people in the Republic County and north central Kansas area for many more years to come.



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- Michelle Griffin, grantee



Orton Gillingham Teacher Training

With the support of a community foundation grant, USD 426 brought in Orton Gillingham Training for area teachers this past spring. This

training will help meet the soon; to-be guidelines for addressing dyslexia in schools.

Dyslexia is the most common cause of reading, writing and spelling difficulties. It is estimated that 70-80% of the population to have some sort of dyslexic tendencies. Before the training, teachers in the area were unable to provide sufficient support for students with these disabilities. People with dyslexia are highly intelligent; they need to learn differently. "This was an awesome training experience for our teachers. We want to thank you so much for helping support this endeavor," said grantee Mike Gritten.

New Sidewalks Through Courtland

There are two main routes in the City of Courtland, Grant Street and Main Street. The streets are the main route to both the elevator, fertilizer plant and the gas station. They also pass directly by the grade school that most kids walk to every day. Over the years, Courtland has established a policy that if a citizen's sidewalk in front of their house is in poor repair, they are able to take it out and reclaim it as their yard. This policy however didn't take into consideration how quickly the town would soon lose their sidewalks. It became evident that without the sidewalks, students and community members were forced to walk in the streets when commuting by foot.

With a collaboration of grants from the community foundation, the City of Courtland was able to establish one main 90% complete pedestrian safe route on the west part of Grant Street.



The addition of the new sidewalk encourages youth to walk more, and gives families security knowing that their children have a safe route. The community feels at ease knowing there is now a safe place to commute down one of the main streets in town. Grantee Josey Hammer expressed her gratitude saying, "Thank you so much for this grant to help make our town safer for our kids to get to school, and our patrons to use the school facility."

2018-2019 Grant Recipients

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



- ▶ Belleville Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Belleville Main Street, Inc
- ▶ Belleville Public Library
- ▶ Blair Center for the Arts
- ▶ Church People Concerned Foundation
- ▶ City of Belleville
- ▶ City of Munden
- ▶ City of Narka
- ▶ City of Republic
- ▶ City of Scandia
- ▶ Courtland Community Arts Council
- ▶ Courtland PRIDE Club
- ▶ First United Methodist Church
- ▶ Fort Hays State University Foundation
- ▶ High Banks Hall of Fame & Race Museum
- ▶ Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.
- ▶ North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation
- ▶ OCCK, Inc.
- ▶ Republic County
- ▶ Republic County Historical Society
- ▶ Republic County Hospital
- ▶ Scandia Lions Club
- ▶ Smoky Hills Public Television
- ▶ United Methodist Church
- ▶ USD 109
- ▶ USD 426 / Pike Valley Elementary/Jr. High
- ▶ Zion Evangelical Church

2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program.



- ▶ **Cheneal Benne, Courtland**
McPherson College
- ▶ **Brailyn Carlgren, Courtland**
Fort Hays State University
- ▶ **Amber Cherney, Cuba**
Kansas State University
- ▶ **Jentry McGregor, Belleville**
Colby Community College
- ▶ **Anna Pachta, Belleville**
Southeast Community College
- ▶ **Zachary Parde, Belleville**
Fort Hays State
- ▶ **Grant White, Belleville**
Cloud County Community College

2019 Impact Numbers

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65 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

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\$202,019 Total Grants & Scholarships

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36 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$160,549 Competitive Grants

13 Donor-Directed Grants Awarded

\$26,056 Donor-Directed Grants

16 Scholarships Awarded

\$15,414 Scholarships Awarded

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2019 are green.**

Donor-Directed Grant Funds: Established by someone to support their unique charitable wishes. The foundation board does not determine grants.

Donor Advised Funds

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

Clifford & Betty Makalous Fund

Franklin J. Heyka Family Fund

Julie & Tim Gottschalk Family Fund

Pike Valley Foundation Fund

Roger Simms Family Foundation Fund

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc. Scholarship Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Republic County

Republic County Schools USD 109 Designated Fund

Strnad Family Fund

Organization Funds

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

Belleville Public Library Fund

Belleville United Presbyterian Church Fund

Church People Concerned Foundation, Inc.

High Banks Hall of Fame Fund

Republic County Historical Society Fund

Competitive Grant Funds: Awarded through an application process; grants are made at the discretion of the community foundation board.

Community Fund

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Republic County Community Action Fund

Field of Interest Funds

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

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Republic

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Republic County

North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation Fund

Republic County Health Fund

Scholarship Funds

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

Amos & Joyce Blecha Scholarship Fund

Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship Fund

Florea Family Scholarship Fund

Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship Fund

Scott Family Scholarship Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Republic County Administrative Fund

Pass-through Fund

Support groups or organizations raising money for a specific charitable community project.

Belleville Community Center Fund

Grow Your Gift

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 has given \$10,000 to charity.



After 25 Years...

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



After 50 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$51,000 and has given \$35,000 to charity.

**For demonstrative purposes only; these numbers were calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

Give **Now or Later**

Everyone has a gift!

No matter what or how you give, you can make a difference. Everyone has different assets, and the community foundation can accept many types of gifts, including:



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

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

Do you have children or grandchildren who were born and raised in our community but have since left? Chances are, when you pass away, the money in your estate will leave this area forever.

Through your will, you can leave a gift that impacts our community far beyond your lifetime.

Every day, people just like you leave incredibly meaningful marks on our world through these types of gifts. By leaving just **5% of your estate** to our hometown needs, you could help provide **permanent funding** for our schools, hospital, parks, churches, charities, libraries and so much more. The process is simple and the impact of your generosity will live on for generations!



Your professional advisor will help you document your charitable wishes in your will.



The community foundation will take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.



Your favorite organizations will receive annual support from your gift, **forever**.

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact your professional advisor or the community foundation.

2018-2019 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, 2018, to June 30, 2019. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

Agenda Oil Co
Anonymous Donor
Arlene Baloun Estate
Ward & Ilene Aurand
Steven Benyshek
Emma Berggren
Craig & Jennifer Berquist
J. Robert & Anita F. Brookens
Cedar Ridge Seed, LLC
Ralph & Nancy Clore
Carroll & Jane Couture
Cunningham Communications
Dr. Herbert D. Doubek M.D.
Matt Dowell
Tobe & Robyn Duensing
Annette Eaton
John & Kandy Eickman
Robert & Rhoda Frasier
Paul & Beverly Freeman
Leon Geis
Shirley Goodwin
Gottschalk & Company, CPA's
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Heyka Farm Inc.
Hill Family Trust

Paul & Ruth Hill
Jeff Holmberg
Dr. Robert & Nancy Holt
Jenrus Freelance
Delbert & Pat Johnson
M. Jean Krahn
Luke Mahin
Melton Motor Co. Inc.
Jerry & Linda Melton
Glenn & Nancy Millington
Kenneth & Jacalyn Moravek
Bill Navis
Bill & Chris Navis
James A. & Cheryl L. Peterson
Ed & Barbara Popelka
Robert & Lesley Popelka
Evelyn Robbins
Adam Robertson
Rural Gas, Inc.
Sam Scofield Farm Account
Sid & Pam Scofield
Steve & Jewelda Scofield
Brent & Rachelle Scott
St. Edwards Catholic Church
Strategic Asset Management, LLC
Jerry & Kathleen Stump

2018-2019 Donors

Georgene Surber
Loren & Deanna Sweat
Swedish - American State Bank
Ann Swenson
Jeff & Regine Thompson
Joan Tibbetts-Baker
Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home
Mark & Deb Tipton
Judi Turner
USD 109

Randy W. Vaupel
Donald & Katherine Wilber
Brad & Darice Wilkinson

Honorarium:

Joyce & Jim Hill

Memorials:

James Hill

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash

\$494,474



Gifts of Grain

\$13,540



Other Gifts

\$15,092

Financial Information

Asset Growth

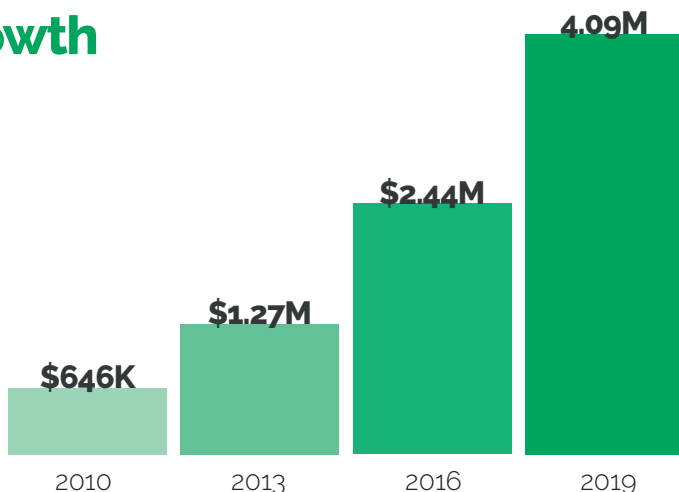
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Total Assets:

\$4,086,829

Number of Funds:

27



2019 # Donors:

65

2019 Total Gifts:

\$523,106

2019 # Gifts:

80

2019 New Funds:

2

Grants Awarded

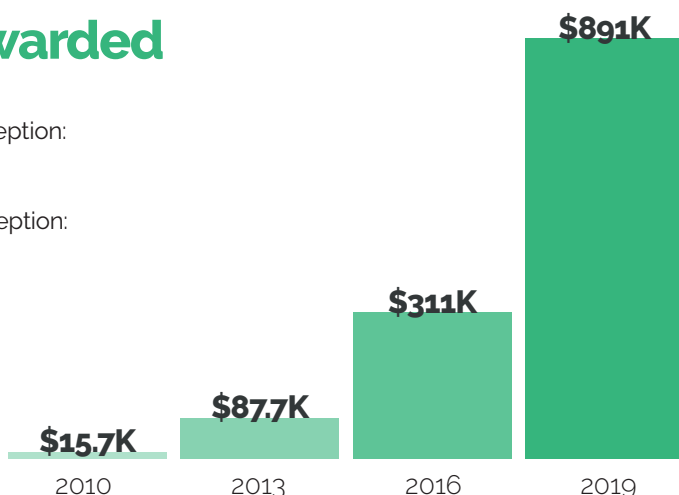
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\$ Awarded Since Inception:

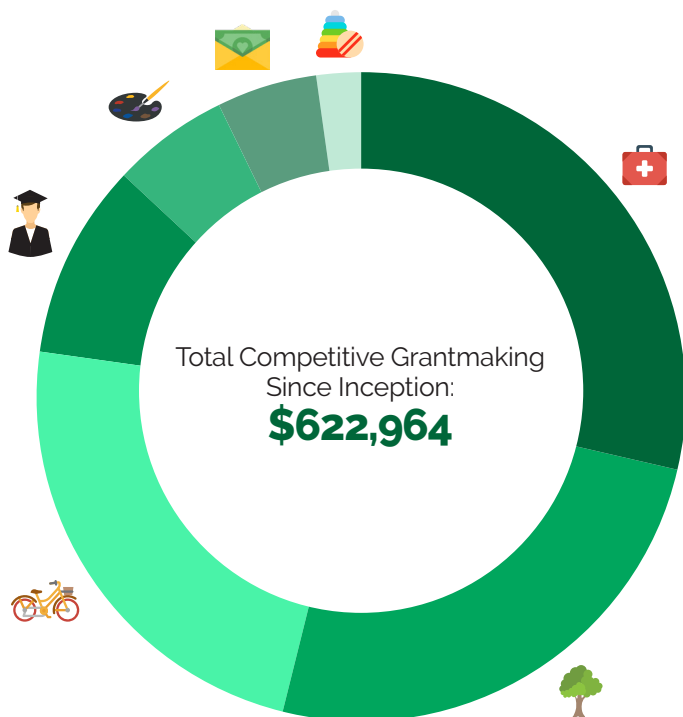
\$890,770

Awarded Since Inception:

399



Financial Information



Health & Human Services
\$179,096 · 29%



Arts & Culture
\$35,973 · 6%



Community Development
\$158,308 · 25%



Other Needs
\$32,104 · 5%



Parks & Recreation
\$144,946 · 23%



Youth Development
\$12,156 · 2%

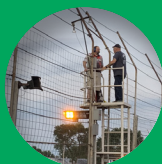


Education
\$60,382 · 10%

THANK YOU

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





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