



# A YEAR *of* IMPACT

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# YOUR COMMUNITY,

## The Mission of the 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 needs.



We value supporting our community, organizations, and causes you care about by implementing these core values:



### INVESTING AND MANAGING

charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations

### HELPING DONORS

bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come

### STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

through charitable grants, training and other resources



### PROVIDING LEADERSHIP

and insight on important issues in our region

# YOUR FOUNDATION

## What Can the Foundation Do for You?

No matter what your role is in our community, our team is dedicated to helping people like you make a difference to **impact today and transform tomorrow.**





# FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



## Enhancing the quality of life for Republic County residents by giving today for a better tomorrow

Dear Supporters of the Republic County Community Foundation,

The impact that the Republic County Community Foundation has had on our communities is great. This year we were able to grant \$225,000 by supporting 28 projects. We also awarded \$15,000 through scholarships to 14 area students. Community members, previous alumni and The Dane G. Hansen Foundation continue to make generous donations that allow our board to fulfill grant requests that have impacted many in Republic County. Throughout this booklet you will see grant stories and pictures which reflect the help our foundation has provided. The Republic County Community Foundation Board truly appreciates the generosity of those individuals, families and businesses who have supported the foundation financially.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is once again offering to match all donations in December. Please consider making a donation in December so that your contribution can have an even bigger impact.

The board would like to thank our outgoing member Jeff Thompson for his leadership, generosity and commitment to the Republic County Community Foundation. A heartfelt thank you to those that volunteer their time and service on our Board of Directors. I look forward to another productive year.



**Lesley Popelka, Chairperson**  
Republic County Community Foundation



# YEAR IN REVIEW



## THE CITY OF COURTLAND-POOL AND MINI PARK

AMOUNT: \$10,000

FUND: Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund

The community pool sees around 50-100 people on a daily basis over the summer months and was in need of an area to provide shade and places for guests to sit. The Republic County Community Foundation facilitated a grant to the City of Courtland that allowed them to purchase and install a pool and park shades, as well as new benches for the pool bathrooms. The shades have provided a better experience for everyone using the pool and park.



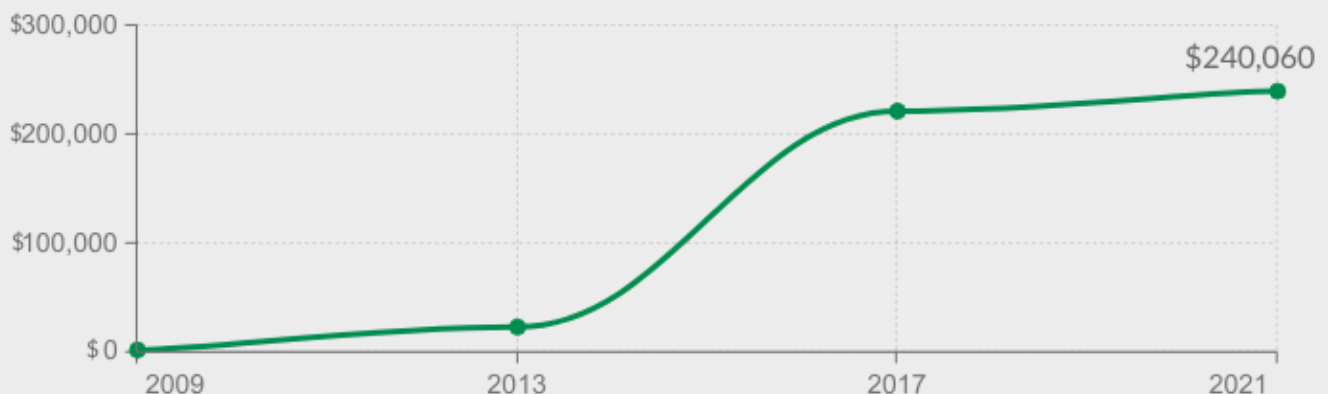
## BELLEVILLE MAIN STREET UPGRADE SOUND SYSTEM

AMOUNT: \$13,000

FUND: Republic County Community Action Fund

The City of Belleville was in need of a new sound system for downtown to continue to host several activities and events throughout the year. The new wireless system was made possible through grant from the Republic County Community Foundation. The new sound system allows the city to play music during the work day and the farmer's market, and also for parades and announcements. Overall it has improved the attitude and atmosphere of the community making downtown a more inviting place to visit.

## Grants & Scholarships Awarded (every 4 years)



# COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS



## COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

### BLAIR CENTER FOR THE ARTS, OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN EQUIPMENT FOR DRIVE-IN

AMOUNT: \$15,000

FUND: Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund

In unprecedented times, The Blair Center for the Arts (The Blair) wanted to continue to provide entertainment opportunities to the community. By purchasing a large inflatable outdoor movie screen, The Blair was able to offer outdoor viewings.

Funding from The Republic County Community Foundation helped provide the community with safe entertainment opportunities. As stress, work uncertainty, and normal routines were upended, being able to attend a movie in a safe outdoor setting, allowing for people to experience a "normal" night of entertainment.

The first event was hosted by the Belleville Chamber and Main Street in conjunction with the "Moonlight Madness" program to help get people back downtown. Astra Bank sponsored the movie "Field of Dreams" and many other local business are interested in sponsoring future events.

Thanks to RCCF for assisting The Blair with the opportunity to offer the community a new fun way to spend a night out.





## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

**New Tabor Cemetery Association District 11-Patriotic Honor**

**AMOUNT:** \$6,748

**FUND:** Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund

New Tabor Cemetery was looking to enhance the overall look and feel of the cemetery. With a grant from the Republic County Community Foundation the cemetery was able to install American flags at the entrance of the cemetery and add new rock to the drive.

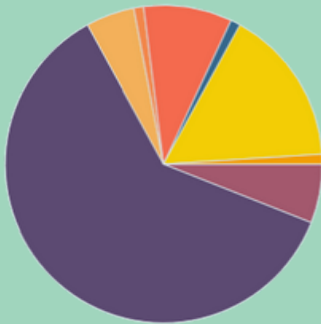
This has changed the overall appearance of the cemetery and the visitors have appreciated the improved conditions. It is nice to be able to provide a comforting environment for people visiting the cemetery and without this grant none of it would have been possible.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT BY CATEGORY

Each year, the RCCF Advisory Board accepts grant applications through a competitive process and is entrusted to award grants based upon a set of criteria to meet the needs of our community. Since inception, the Board has awarded more than \$900,000 through its competitive grant process.

**Total Grants Awarded:**  
**\$986,659**



- 6% Arts & Culture
- 61% Community Development
- 5% Health
- 1% Human Services
- 9% Parks & Recreation
- 1% Public Safety
- 16% Education
- 1% Other



# GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2021, \$240,060 grants and scholarships were awarded to 45 organizations and students throughout the fiscal year. The following organizations received donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:

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- Belleville Ball Association
- Belleville Lions Club
- Belleville Main Street
- Belleville Public Library
- Blair Center for the Arts Foundation
- Church People Concerned Foundation
- City of Belleville
- City of Courtland
- City of Cuba
- City of Munden
- City of Narka
- Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas
- First United Methodist Church
- Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, Inc.
- Fort Hays State University Foundation
- High Banks Hall of Fame & Race Museum
- Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.
- Mississippi Food Network, Inc.
- New Tabor Cemetery Association District 11
- North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation
- Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.
- Republic County
- Republic County Historical Society
- Republic County Hospital
- Smoky Hills Public Television
- USD 109
- USD 426
- Zion Evangelical Church



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

\$15,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



## THE AMOS AND JOYCE BLECHA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Kaylee Bray | Tyler Stindt

## THE JOHNSON-GRANSTEDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ethan Benne | Destiny Hammer

## THE FLOREA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Destiny Hammer

## THE JOYCE AND JIM HILL SCHOLARSHIP

Taylor Cherney | Charity Tabor | Riley Jacobson

## THE SCOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Ethan Benne | Katrina Ball | Amanda Baxa |  
Adara Warner | Grant White | Brailyn Carlgren |  
Trevor Martin | Tobi Wilber

# 2021 FINANCIALS

(July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

**\$240 THOUSAND**

*Total Grants &  
Scholarships*

**\$330 THOUSAND**

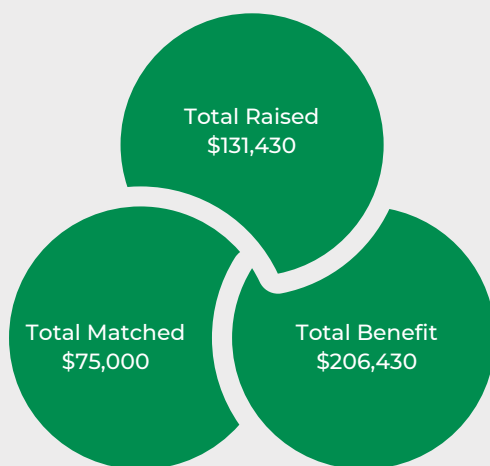
*Total Gifts*

**\$5.4 MILLION**

*Total Assets  
as of 6/30/21*

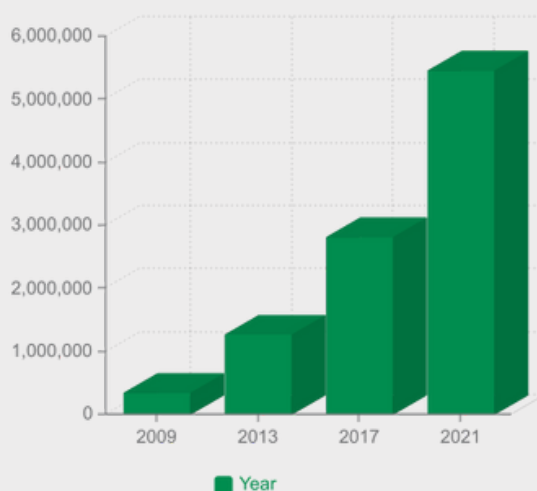


## MATCH MONTH SUCCESS



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. Through this month-long gift matching initiative in December 2020, the community foundation raised over \$200,000 for community grants and operations.

## ASSET GROWTH BY \$



In 2021, our total assets were \$5,464,306. We have seen a substantial growth in assets since 2009 when the assets were \$349,120.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

	2021
<strong>Assets</strong>	
Cash -Bennington State Bank	\$133,329
Pooled Investment-Vanguard	\$4,817,497
Outside Managed Funds	\$512,325
Other Current Asset	\$1,155
<strong>Total Assets</strong>	<strong>\$5,464,306</strong>
<strong>Liabilities and Net Assets</strong>	
Accounts Payable	(15,846)
Grants Payable	\$15,846
<strong>Total Liabilities</strong>	<strong>\$0</strong>
<strong>Fund Balances</strong>	
Fund Balance-Principal	\$3,197,053
Fund Balance-Income	\$2,267,253
<strong>Total Fund Balances</strong>	<strong>\$5,464,306</strong>

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

(July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

	2021
<strong>Revenues</strong>	
Gifts & Bequests-Principal	\$273,010
Gifts & Bequests-Income	\$57,000
Gifts & Bequests-Internal	\$18,384
Dividend Income	\$74,320
Realized Gain on Investments	\$48,425
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$1,140,599
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,000
<strong>Total Revenue</strong>	<strong>\$1,614,738</strong>
<strong>Expenses</strong>	
Grants & Scholarships	\$240,060
Grants Expense-Internal	\$18,384
Administrative Fees	\$43,573
Operating Expenses	\$6,497
<strong>Total Expenses</strong>	<strong>\$310,514</strong>
<strong>Net Activity</strong>	<strong>\$1,304,224</strong>

# FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. This list contains funds opened prior to July 1, 2021. If you believe an error has been made, please contact the foundation.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

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

Clifford & Betty Makalous Fund  
Hop for Heroes 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  
Republic County Schools USD 109 Designated Fund  
Strnad Family Fund

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

**Supports foundation operations.**

Republic County Administrative Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

**These donors have designated a gift in their estate**

Melvin & Ora Lee Jeardoe

## 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 County  
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Republic County  
North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation Fund  
Republic County Health Fund

## PROVISIONAL FUNDS

**Supports foundation operations.**

Belleville Community Center Fund

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

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

Belleville Public Library Endowed Fund  
Belleville United Presbyterian Church  
Endowed Fund  
Blair Center for the Arts Endowed Fund  
Church People Concerned Foundation, Inc.  
Endowed Fund  
High Banks Hall of Fame Endowed Fund  
Republic County Historical Society Endowed Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Supports community grants.**

Republic County Community Action 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



# 2020-2021 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.

Kathleen Aeillo  
Anonymous Donor  
Ward Aurand  
Nolan Beavers  
Steven Benyshek  
Emma Berggren  
Estate of Michael K. Charles  
Barry & Susan Childs  
Church People Concerned Foundation  
The Citizens National Bank  
Clark, Mize & Linville, Chtd.  
Alex & Melissa Coonrod  
Carroll & Jane Couture  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Dolezal Property Management  
Matt & Tynan Dowell  
Judith Dunn  
John Eickman  
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Gary & Peggy Goodwin  
Gottschalk & Company, CPA's, LLC  
Tim & Julie Gottschalk  
Grandpa's Best, LLC  
Debra Hadachek

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James & Jean Jensby  
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Bill & Sheri Mahin  
Caleb Mahin  
Luke Mahin  
Randall & Camilla McCracken  
Genevieve Melby  
Jerry & Linda Melton  
Glenn & Nancy Millington  
Minnesota Hunters  
Bill & Chris Navis  
Blake & Marilyn Nichols  
Jean Noble

Becky Odell  
Robert & Lesley Popelka  
Barbara Popelka  
Phil Poppe  
Relax Therapeutic Massage &  
Bodyworks, LLC  
Rural Gas, Inc.  
Steve & Jewelda Scofield  
Brent & Rachelle Scott  
Douglas & Paula Simms  
Strategic Asset Management, LLC  
David & Alesia Stroh  
Jerry & Kathleen Stump  
John & Dawn Surber  
Georgene Surber  
Jeff Thompson  
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.  
Mark & Deb Tipton  
Charles Vieselmeyer  
Donald Waddington  
Greg & Lesa Zenger

MEMORIALS  
Dr. Herbert Dale Doubek  
Georgene Surber



NW Kansas Gives is an initiative through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to capture the significant transfer of wealth in its 26-county service area. According to a study with the Keep Five in Kansas Campaign, between 2020 and 2064 it is estimated that nearly \$30 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in Northwest Kansas, with \$1.9 billion in Republic County.

We are partnering with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to encourage people like you to consider leaving a portion of your estate to the Republic County Community Foundation in a permanent fund to benefit your community forever. If just five percent of the \$1.9 billion, or \$95 million was captured in a permanent fund, it would generate nearly \$4.3 million in annual grants to support causes in Republic County.

## Interested in learning more?

Contact Lesley Popelka to set up an appointment with you and your professional advisor to learn about how you can set up a permanent fund to benefit your community forever.

Donors may also set up an appointment with John Griffin, an estate planning attorney at Stewardship Counseling, free of charge. John will consult with donors to review existing estate plans or to help create a new one. Once an outline is created, donors work with their existing attorney ( or an attorney can be recommended) to complete the documents (paid for by the donor).



# FOUNDING DONORS

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

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## 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 and  
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 CPA's, 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.

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# SUSTAINING DONORS

## Individuals & Families

Alan & Lanie Engle  
Tim & Julie Gottschalk

David & Janet Heyka  
Jim & Lori McDonald

Steve & Jewelda Scofield

## Business Entities

Gottschalk & Company CPA's, LLC

# LEADERSHIP & STAFF

## 2020-2021 Advisory Board

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*The Greater Salina Community Foundation*



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