



Republic
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

2018

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

FROM OUR **BOARD CHAIR**

People want to feel a sense of community and a place to belong.

The goal of the Republic County Community Foundation (RCCF) is to make our donors, fund holders and community members feel like they belong with us. Our board takes immense pride in the work we do for our county.

Through the generosity of donors, the permanently endowed Action Fund has grown to over \$1.3 million which will perpetuate \$60,000 annually in grants forever. In 2018, grants were made to organizations and groups all across the county for projects that were for current needs and projects that will benefit the lives of county citizens for years to come.

RCCF will once again hold a campaign to raise funds for the RCCF Action Fund. The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has agreed to match all donations to the Action Fund in December. Each matched donation will further grow the community foundation's ability to impact the lives of Republic County citizens forever.

The RCCF board wants to thank Jane Couture, Jenny Russell and Randy Wise as outgoing members of the RCCF board for their service to the foundation. They each made positive contributions and their presence will be missed.

The RCCF board truly appreciates the generosity of those individuals, families and businesses who supported the foundation financially in 2018. That which you have given will impact Republic County lives for generations to come.

**STEVE SCOFIELD,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

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OUR MISSION

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

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.

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 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Scofield, Chairman
Brent Scott, Vice Chairman
Randy Wise, Treasurer
Jane Couture, Secretary
John Eickman
Nancy Holt
Terry Jelinek
Kathy Johnson
Jenny Russell
Jeff Thompson
Mark Tipton

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Guiding Guests

A grant from the community foundation's Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund helped pay for printing of new guest service guides for **Republic County Hospital**. "We sincerely want to thank you for your support of this project and making it possible for us to do this for the patients," said grantee Denise Roberts. "This will make the information much more accessible to the patients. Thank you!"



Literacy Leadership

Smoky Hills Public Television

received a community foundation grant to provide books to children in Republic County. During the summer, each child who attended the "Share a Story" presentation at Belleville Public Library took home their own copy of the book, *Daniel Chooses to be Kind*, which was read at the event. "Thanks to your grant, we were also able to provide three books to each of the four children enrolled in Early Head Start and the 16 children in Head Start in Republic County," said grantee Helen Hands.

Ag Fest Fun

A community foundation grant helped **Belleville Community PRIDE** cover rental fees for bounce houses at the 2018 Ag Festival. The event was a big success. "I believe events like ours are what living in a small town is all about! Community!" said grantee Deanna Morris.



Lighting the Library

The **Courtland Community Library** received a community foundation grant to replace aging fluorescent lights with low-energy LED lights. The library is now bright and inviting for patrons! A four-year-old story hour participant said the new lights were "like having the sun shine in the library!"

Pictured: Pike Valley High School student Dane Thompson helps reshelve books after lighting installation.



Scandia Signage

Scandia Community Club received a grant to remove a worn, outdated business district sign and replace it with a new dala horse sign and light pole. "I have heard back from every business owner in Scandia, and they all have been happy with how it looks and represents the town," said grantee Megan Melby. "We're refreshing our town's look for years to come!"

Representing RCHS

At **Republic County High School**, the cheerleaders are the face of the school. They are at nearly every sporting event, and because of that, their enthusiasm and school spirit reaches hundreds of people. Because the squad grew in numbers this year, there weren't enough uniforms to go around. A grant from the community foundation, combined with other fundraising efforts, allowed the team to purchase new uniforms. "Because of this grant, our girls are able to perform at a higher level," said grantee Kelby Johnson. "Comfort allows them to be the best they can be and create an environment of support for our athletes and school!"





Firehouse Flip

When a new firehouse was built in Scandia a few years ago, the community decided to re-purpose the vacant old firehouse. The east side was converted into storage, while the west side will be turned into a community use space. A grant from the community foundation helped the **City of Scandia**, Scandia Lions Club and citizen volunteers complete one phase of the conversion, which involved repairing and replacing damaged studs, insulating the walls and covering them with OSB sheathing. As progress continues, the community looks forward to using the space for functions like the annual River Fest and Easter Egg hunts!

Boosting Baseball

The **Belleville Ball Association** and **Pike Valley Summer Baseball** each received grants from the community foundation to purchase portable pitching mounds. "With the bountiful support of your foundation, we were blessed to be able to afford a portable pitching mound that was used throughout the season for home games in Courtland and Scandia!" said grantee Christy Newman. "We had great feedback from our teams' pitchers, plus from other teams, as Belleville purchased a mound identical to ours to use during their home games!" Both mounds were also used during the 2018 State Pee Wee baseball tournament in Belleville.



Highbanks Hall of Fame

A grant from the community foundation's Republic County Community Action Fund helped Belleville's **Highbanks Hall of Fame** with the purchase and installation of a large, unique highway sign. A full-size midget race car sits atop the new sign, at 80 feet in the air! The goal of the project is to attract more visitors to the museum, specifically travelers along Highway 81. The structure received many positive comments from visitors during the NCK Free Fair!



Strategic Doing

An initiative of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Republic County Community Foundation, Strategic Doing guides Republic County residents through the process of prioritizing, planning and implementing sustainable community improvement projects. Projects and ideas that develop from these sessions will be eligible to apply for funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund

at the Republic County Community Foundation or directly to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Through a series of open community meetings, participants brainstormed about the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities of the community, then came up with project ideas. Subsequent meetings have included prioritizing project ideas, forming working groups, and moving projects forward into action.

Dane G. Hansen Match Month Campaign

Through a month-long gift-matching initiative offered by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the community foundation was able to raise over \$128,000 for community grants and operations in 2018. Thank you!

During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at a ratio of 1:1.5 by the Hansen Foundation. These matching dollars support community grants and operations.

24

Donations

\$53,279

Donated

\$75,000

Hansen Match

\$128,279

Total Benefit

GRANTEES 2017-2018

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

- Belleville Ball Association
- Belleville Community Pride
- Church People Concerned Foundation
- City of Belleville
- City of Courtland
- City of Cuba
- City of Munden
- City of Scandia
- Courtland Community Library
- Courtland PRIDE Club
- High Banks Hall of Fame
- Interfund Transfers
- Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.
- North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation
- North Central Regional Planning Commission
- Pike Valley High School
- Pike Valley Summer Baseball
- Republic County
- Republic County Historical Society
- Republic County Hospital
- Republic County Jr./Sr. High School
- Scandia Community Club
- Smoky Hills Public Television
- USD 109
- Zion Evangelical Church

SCHOLARSHIPS 2017-2018

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

- **Lasondra Aurand,**
Kansas State University
- **Amanda Baxa,**
Bethany College
- **Carl Brunner,**
University of Kansas
- **Tia Frey,**
Truman State University
- **Davante´ Hammer,**
Kansas State University
- **Ben Jensen, Butler**
Community College
- **Grace Rieke,**
Kansas State University
- **Tiana Sothers,**
Tabor College
- **Cole Strickler,**
Kansas State University
- **Derek Vanous,**
Wichita State University
- **Adara Warner,**
Kansas State University
- **Cameron Wilber,**
University of Kansas

2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

\$161,792 Total Grants
& Scholarships

52 Number of
Grants & Scholarships

\$115,933 Total
Competitive Grants

28 Number of
Competitive Grants

\$21,822 Total Donor-
Directed Grants

10 Number of Donor-
Directed Grants

\$14,860 Total
Scholarships

14 Number of
Scholarships

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.

Ward & Ilene Aurand	Dr. Robert & Nancy Holt
Bruce & Jodee Ball	Ron & Jan Janasek
Brown Mackie College	James & Lori McDonald
Cedar Ridge Seed, LLC	Glenn & Nancy Millington
Michael Charles	Kenny & Wilma Mulch
Church People Concerned Foundation	Bill & Chris Navis
Carroll & Jane Couture	Jenny Russell
Cunningham Communications, Inc.	Sam Scofield
John & Candy Eichman	Scofield Farms Inc.
Paul & Beverly Freeman	Steve & Jewelda Scofield
Gottschalk & Company, CPAs, LLC	St. Edwards Catholic Church
Gottschalk, Inc.	Strategic Asset Management, LLC
Tim & Julie Gottschalk	Jerry Stump
Dane G. Hansen Foundation	Georgene Surber
David & Janet Heyka	Swedish - American State Bank
Mark Heyka	Jeff & Regine Thompson
Mike Heyka	Mark & Deb Tipton
	Greg & Lesa Zenger

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!

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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

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.



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



WE HANDLE DUE DILIGENCE:

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



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 Republic County can say the same?

Do you know anyone who was born and raised in Republic 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 Republic County,
\$147.8 million
will pass from one
generation to the
next by **2029**.

5% of that, or
\$7.3 million
could be preserved
in a foundation
endowment.

This would create
\$332,500
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.republiccountycfcf.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. **New funds created in fiscal year 2018 are bolded.**

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

Strnad Family 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

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

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
Scott Family Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Republic County Community Action Fund

Administrative Funds

Supports foundation operations.

Republic County Administrative Fund

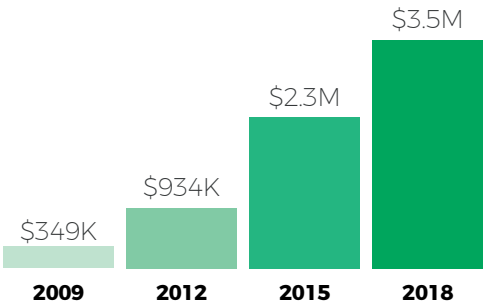
Provisional Funds

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

Belleville Community Center Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSET GROWTH



Total Assets:
\$3,529,203

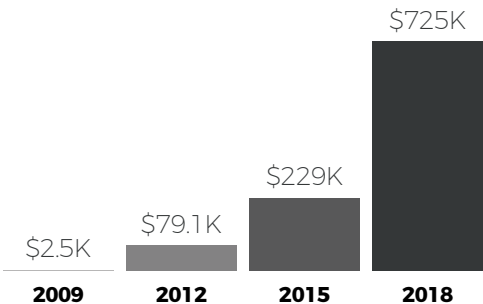
Number of Funds:
25

2018 Total Gifts:
\$649,311

2018 # of Gifts:
48

2018 New Funds
3

GRANTS MADE



Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception
\$725,125

Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception
335

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 Republic County Administrative Fund to support the community foundation's operations.

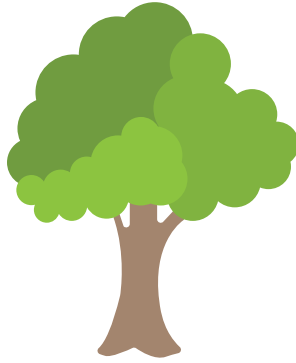
4 Make a gift to the Republic County Community Action Fund, which allows RCCF to respond to current local needs.

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

6 Apply for a grant from the Republic County Community Action 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!



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

Nelson Henderson



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