



REPUBLIC COUNTY

**community
foundation**

Giving Today for a Better Tomorrow

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024



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OUR MISSION

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 community needs.

ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Douglas - BOARD CHAIR
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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Republic County Community Foundation was established in 2007 with the mission of benefiting the communities within Republic County. As a permanent source of charitable funds, the Foundation is dedicated to addressing both the current and future needs of our county. We operate as an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, which provides us with additional resources and support to maximize our impact in Republic County.



HOW IT WORKS



GIVE

You make a gift to establish your own fund or to an existing fund. You may contribute cash, stock, retirement distributions, real estate, grain or cryptocurrency, & receive an immediate tax deduction in the same calendar year.



GROW

We invest our funds for long-term growth, making sure that your donation & fund will be here forever to support your passions & Republic County.

Our trailing 10-year annualized return is 7.96%.
With a 1% administrative fee.



GRANT

We distribute annual grants & scholarships from the funds based on criteria set by donors just like you to support local nonprofits & students.

Grants can be made in your name or anonymously.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

STEVE SCOFIELD

2024 BOARD CHAIR

Dear Donors and Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I share the remarkable progress we've made at the Republic County Community Foundation. This year has been one of growth, perseverance, and meaningful impact—all made possible through your generous support.

We are thrilled to announce that the Foundation received over \$1 million in gifts, including estate contributions, organization funds, and scholarship donations. Through two grant cycles, over \$130,000 were awarded, supporting vital projects across Republic County and enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

We also awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to 10 students pursuing university, junior college, and trade school education. This critical support helps shape the future leaders of our community.

A key milestone this year was the hiring of our first executive director, Molly Williams, made possible by a staffing grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Molly's leadership is already making a positive impact as we continue to grow.

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to outgoing board members Luke Mahin, Lesley Popelka, Matt Dowell, Tim Gottschalk and Bill Navis for years of dedicated service. Your contributions have been invaluable to our success. Together, we are building a stronger Republic County, and I look forward to all we will accomplish in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Steve Scofield

Chair of the Board



DIRECTOR'S LETTER

MOLLY WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR



Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the new Director of the Republic County Community Foundation (RCCF). I am honored to step into this role, which has been made possible through the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation. This staffing initiative grant has enabled RCCF to establish this position, and I am excited to be the Foundation's first full-time Director.

For those who may not know me, my name is Molly Williams. I was raised in rural Kansas and graduated from Centralia High School. I hold degrees from Cloud County Community College and Kansas State University, and my professional background includes valuable experience in both retail and banking. These experiences have equipped me with a diverse skill set that I am eager to apply to the Foundation's mission.

My family and I have made Republic County our home, and it's a community we deeply care about. Alongside my husband Tom and our daughter Elly, we've put down roots here, and I am passionate about contributing to the well-being and future of this area. I am eager to work with all of you to make a lasting impact on our community through the work of the Foundation.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming months as we continue to support the growth and success of Republic County. On behalf of the board of directors, thank you for your continued support of the Republic County Community Foundation. It is amazing what has been accomplished!

Warm regards,
Molly Williams
Director



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

BUSINESS ENTITIES

Arbutnot'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

SUSTAINER CAMPAIGN

Alan & Lanie Engle
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
Gottschalk & Company CPA's, LLC
David Heyka
Janet Heyka
Jim McDonald
Lori McDonald
Steve & Jewelda Scofield



2023-2024 DONOR LIST

BUSINESSES

Astra Bank
Belleville Hometown Lumber
Bestifor Farms
Church People
Concerned Foundation
Cloud Republic County Title, LLC
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Estate of Ward Aurand
Gottschalk, Inc.
Label It All
Mahin Insurance, Inc.
Pivotal Health & Wellness
Relax Therapeutic Massage
Reliable Auto Service
Republic County
Community Foundation
Rocking OZ Tires LLC
Rocky Pond Christmas
Rural Gas, Inc.
Swedish - American State Bank
The Goppert Foundation
United Bank & Trust
Z.C.B.J. General Fund

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Brady & Samantha Alexander
Anonymous Donor
Emma Berggren
Judy A. Blackburn
Brad R. Boyer
Rosemary Burt
Karen L. Cheney
Harry E. & Shirley A. Chermak
Barry K & Susan Childs
Carroll W. & Jane Couture
Dan & Monica Douglas
Diane Dowell
Ledona Dowell
Matthew & Tynan Dowell
The Dacier Family
Judith A. Dunn
John & Kandy Eickman
Dennis & Judith Erkenbrack
Barbara Fisher
Mike C. Hadachek
Jeff & Josey Hammer
Joyce E Hansen
Karen Hansen
Deanna Hobelmann
Todd Hudson
James & Jean Jensby
Shirley Johnson
Brad & Alice Klima
Kelly R. & Tami R. Knedler
Lela F. Knedlik
Neely & Roger Kohmetscher
Kyra Lampe
Betty Larson
Derek Larson
Tom E. & Peggy L. Lesovsky
Nick Levendofsky
Taylor & Jillian Livingston
Bill & Sheri Mahin
Luke & Jennifer Mahin
Aaron & Jessica Martin
Jamie (Kramer) Mast
Julie McCarty
Don & Karol A. McChesney
Jim Miller
Glenn & Nancy Millington
Les & Annalee Novak
David & Leah Ott
Barbara Popelka
Mark & Michelle Popelka
Robert & Lesley Popelka
Phillip & Korin Poppe
Sandra & Mark Reed
Jenny & Jay Russell
Steve & Jewelda Scofield
Shannon S. & Kendra A. Short
Jerry & Kathleen Stump
Mark & Deb Tipton
Sara J. Van Horn
Scott & Ruthie Waring
Natalie Wood
Greg & Lesa Zenger

This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Competitive Grants:

Belleville Chamber of Commerce
Belleville Main Street
Blair Center for the Arts Foundation
Church People Concerned Foundation
City of Belleville
City of Scandia
Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas
NCK Free Fair
Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.
Pivotal Health & Wellness
Republic County
Republic County 4-H Council
Republic County Czech Club
Republic County Hospital
Republic County Resource Council
Smoky Hills Public Television
USD 109

\$165,495.61

TOTAL GRANTED TO 31 NONPROFITS
LAST YEAR

Donor-Recommended Grants:

Belleville United Presbyterian Church
City of Courtland
City of Munden
Courtland Community Arts Council
Courtland Covenant Church
High Banks Hall of Fame & Race Museum
Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.
Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association
North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation
Republic County Historical Society
Republic County Hospital
Republic Rural Fire Dep.#9
USD 109
Zion Evangelical Church



CITY OF BELLEVILLE \$1,000 GRANT
FOR SOCCER GOALS

GRANT IMPACT STORY

Saving Lives: Enhancing Cardiac Care in Republic County

Sudden cardiac arrest is a critical issue in Republic County, where AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) are used in only 13% of cases, and just 7% of the time by laypersons. To address this, Republic County Hospital (RCH) launched a crucial initiative to improve cardiac resuscitation by purchasing a Hospital ZOLL defibrillator and ten portable ZOLL AEDs. These devices were installed throughout the county as of February 1, 2024, ensuring compatibility across the community, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and RCH. This standardization prevents delays in care and saves precious minutes during emergencies.

The project was made possible by an \$18,000 grant from the Republic County Community Foundation Action Fund and the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, with RCH managing device consumables and EMS overseeing maintenance while integrating the AEDs into their Rapid Deploy System. This system helps track AED locations and ensures quick access during emergencies. A few months after installation, community trainings were held, covering hands-only CPR, AED use, and navigation of the PulsePoint AED app. County dispatch can now also direct emergency callers to the nearest AED.

By improving AED availability and educating 100 Republic County residents, this initiative aims to significantly boost survival rates, particularly in remote areas where EMS response times can exceed 20 minutes. RCH and EMS are committed to ongoing collaboration, focusing on continuous education and increasing AED use, making Republic County a safer, more prepared community where every second counts in saving lives.



GRANTS AWARDED

The Community Foundation grants committee accepts and reviews applications twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, to address current community needs.



**Church People
Concerned Foundation
\$3,000**

During the 2020 pandemic, we began renovating our kitchen to better serve the senior community, shut-ins, and those unable to prepare nutritious meals. With the support of grants and private donations, we've upgraded kitchen cabinets, countertops, flooring, and added a new commodity storage room. These improvements have created a safer and more efficient work area, allowing us to increase meal service from 30-40 to over 100 meals daily. We've also added an assistant cook and more volunteers to deliver meals and provide transportation to Concordia and Scandia.

The Friendship Meal Program, partially funded by state and county tax dollars and private donations, offers dine-in meals, home deliveries, temporary meals for those recovering from surgeries, and frozen meals for weekends and holidays. The Golden Belle Haven Senior Center, owned by Church People Concerned Foundation, relies entirely on private funds and grants to operate, with meal proceeds supporting the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging.

The grant we received made our dream of revitalizing the Scandia Museum a reality. With the funds, we re-sided the museum, giving it a fresh, appealing look that has already made a significant impact on our community. The transformation inspired events that drew volunteers, donations, and support, and an art exhibit by a local artist further attracted crowds. This renovation has turned the museum into a true attraction, renewing community interest and engagement. We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation and look forward to future partnerships.



City of Scandia \$12,000



USD 109 \$1,000

Thanks to a grant from the Republic County Community Foundation last fall, 32 members of the USD 109 Junior Class and four sponsors had the unique opportunity to attend an Etiquette Dinner at Rock Springs Ranch. Led by KSU Professor Emeritus, Mr. Pat Pesci, students learned the finer points of dining etiquette, from setting the table to navigating professional conversations outside their comfort zones. This is the second year we've offered this program, and we're already seeing positive changes in our students' behavior at formal events like prom and scholarship dinners. They're feeling more confident about stepping into professional settings in the future," said Mr. Jed Strnad. Despite some initial hesitation, the students came away with valuable lessons that will serve them well in their adult lives.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Amos & Joyce Blecha 4-H Scholarship

Zachary Piroutek
Emma Hubert

Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship

Gracia Siemsen

Clarence Goppert Family Scholarship

Kadence Henke
Emma Hubert
Grant White

Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship


Grace Baxter

Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship

Raelyn Bolte

Scott Family Scholarship

Hattie Brzon
Camryn Reynolds
Brandon Allen -renewal
Ethan Benne -renewal
Kiersten Morgan -renewal



\$22,524

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
LAST YEAR

PART OF THIS PAYABLE NEXT FISCAL YEAR



Hattie Brzon
Nursing
Fort Hays State University
Scott Family Scholarship

I want to take the time to show my appreciation for this scholarship. I cannot wait to start my future as a Tiger, and thanks to you that process will be easier. Thank you so much for your generosity and assistance.

FOUNDATION FUNDS

As of June 30, 2024

If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction, please contact us.



Administrative

Republic County Administrative Fund



Designated

Republic County Schools USD 109 Designated Fund

Strnad Family Designated Fund

The Beverly J. Hyde Fund for the Courtland Covenant Church

The Beverly J. Hyde Fund for the Pike Valley Foundation

The J. Oran and Marguerite Hyde Fund for the Courtland Community Library

The Lewis - Pruitt Fund

The Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Courtland Arts Council

The Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Republic County Historical Museum



Donor Advised

Clifford & Betty Makalous Donor Advised Fund

Hop for Heroes Donor Advised Fund

Julie & Tim Gottschalk Family Fund

Pike Valley Foundation Fund

Roger Simms Family Foundation Donor Advised Fund



Field of Interest

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Republic

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Republic County

North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation - Health Field of Interest Fund

Republic County Health Fund



Funds for the Future

Blaine & Michelle Blazek Scholarship Fund

Melvin & Ora Lee Jeardoe

Steven K. Benyshek Scholarship Fund

Swenson Trust Fund for Republic County



Organization

Belleville Public Library Fund

Belleville United Presbyterian Church Fund

Blair Center for the Arts Fund

Church People Concerned Foundation, Inc. Fund

Distinguished Young Women of Kansas Fund

High Banks Hall of Fame Fund

Republic County Historical Society Fund



Provisional

Belleville Community Center Fund



Scholarship - Designated

Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc. Scholarship Fund



Scholarship - Traditional

Amos & Joyce Blecha Scholarship Fund

Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship Fund

Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship Fund

Clarence Goppert Family Scholarship Fund

Florea Family Scholarship Fund

Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship Fund

Scott Family Scholarship Fund

The Lewis - Pruitt Scholarship Fund



Unrestricted

Republic County Community Action Fund

\$10.9M

**TOTAL ASSETS
MANAGED IN 41 FUNDS**

\$185K

**GRANTS &
SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$1.3M

GIFTS RECEIVED

\$297K

MATCH MONTH IMPACT

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENTS

INVEST WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION &
WATCH YOUR IMPACT GROW

TODAY...

You decide to make a
permanent gift of \$10,000.

AFTER 15 YEARS...

Your gift has grown to \$15,000
& given \$10,000 to charity.

AFTER 25 YEARS...

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

AFTER 50 YEARS...

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



*Assumes a 5% annual payout, with a 1% administrative fee & an 8.5% rate of return.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Assets

Cash -Bennington State Bank	\$	206,401.95
Pooled Investment-Vanguard	\$	10,159,035.09
Segregated Investment Accounts	\$	549,317.97
Total Assets		\$ 10,914,755.01

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	624.84
Next Fiscal Year Staffing Grant	\$	56,770.50
Total Liabilities		\$ 57,395.34

Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal	\$	8,397,108.92
Fund Balance - Income	\$	2,453,061.88
Fund Balance - Spendable	\$	7,188.87
Total Net Assets		\$ 10,857,359.67
Total Liabilities + Net Assets		\$ 10,914,755.01



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Revenue

Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$ 1,259,103.02
Gifts & Bequests - Income	\$ 55,000.00
Gifts & Bequests - Internal	\$ 92,258.87
Dividend Income	\$ 158,595.13
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$ 1,197,467.11
Grant Income	\$ 83,229.50
Total Revenue	\$ 2,845,653.63

Expenses

Grants Expense	\$ 165,495.61
Grant Expense - Internal	\$ 92,258.87
Scholarship Expense	\$ 19,524.00
Foundation Administrative Fees	\$ 58,616.05
Operating Expenses	\$ 15,005.85
Total Expenses	\$ 350,900.38
Change in Net Assets	\$ 2,494,753.25





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*FRONT PAGE: CITY OF
COURTLAND SAFE ROUTES
TO SCHOOL GRANT

*RIGHT: OUTGOING BOARD
MEMBER LUKE MAHIN, NEW
DIRECTOR MOLLY WILLIAMS,
OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER
LESLEY POPELKA

