



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

**REPUBLIC COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Helping You Give Today for a Better Tomorrow

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Donors and Friends,

The Republic County Community Foundation finished another outstanding fiscal year on June 30, 2023. This was a record year in donations to the Foundation with two significant estate gifts. The Republic County Community Action Fund (from which the Foundation makes unrestricted grants) received \$1,153,284 in donations, including an estate gift of \$1,050,000. That is *generosity*.

Grants awarded by the Foundation from the Community Action Fund totaled \$119,654 and will help complete projects in the four corners of Republic County. These grants mean an improved *quality of life* for Republic County citizens.

Scholarship funds held by the Foundation have received many generous gifts. During the year, 12 Republic County students were awarded a total of \$22,723 to further aid them in their post secondary education. Those students are now attending trade schools, junior colleges, and four year colleges and universities. Scholarship aid will surely have a lifelong positive effect on the *quality of life* for these students. The Lewis-Pruitt Scholarship Fund was also established last year and will award its first scholarship in the spring of 2024.

Thank you to John Eichman and Mark Tipton for completing their terms as Foundation board members, and a special thank you to Lesley Popelka for serving as board chair for the last three years. It was a job well done, Lesley, and we appreciate your service!

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Steve Scofield". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Steve" and "Scofield" being capitalized and prominent.

**Steve Scofield, Board Chair**

## 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

Steve Scofield, *Chair*  
Matt Dowell, *Vice-Chair*  
Lesley Popelka, *Past Chair*  
Tim Gottschalk, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Bruce Ball  
John Charles  
Susan Childs  
Dan Douglas  
Luke Mahin  
Bill Navis  
Philip Poppe  
Saunie Reed  
Deb Tipton  
Bethany Wallin

## REGIONAL STAFF

*We are an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation.*

Jessica Martin, *President & Executive Director*  
Rita Northup, *Executive Assistant*  
Michael Chambers, *VP of Community Impact*  
Brandee Mayginnes, *Director of Operations*  
Kristin Blake, *Director of Finance*  
Shanna King, *Staff Accountant*  
Jessica Fuller, *Director of Grants & Scholarships*  
Natalie Wood, *Affiliate Relations & Grants Coordinator*

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## FOUNDING DONORS

### INDIVIDUAL & 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.

### SUSTAINERS

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

# FUND STORY

## A Family Legacy: Beverly & Shirley Hyde

Twin sisters and life long companions Beverly and Shirley Hyde left the Republic County Community Foundation a \$1.4M estate gift after Beverly passed in March 2021 to benefit local charities, making it the largest estate gift the Foundation has ever received.

Beverly and Shirley were born and raised in Courtland, Kansas, and received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Kansas. After graduation, they moved to Denver, Colorado, where they worked as Registered Nurses until retiring back in Courtland in 1993.

They were not ones to sit still and were very active in their retirement years collecting antique cut glass dishes, learning to make and repair jewelry, and getting involved in local community events. They were also avid KU fans and enjoyed music and cooking.

One of the most notable attributes of “The Hyde Girls” was their commitment and love for their community. “When you visited with Shirley and Beverly it was clear that they were proud of their family’s legacy in the community,” said Tanner Johnson, President & CEO of the Swedish-American State Bank. “We feel blessed to have a portion of their estate staying in our local communities.”

Beverly was also a founding donor of the Republic County Community Foundation. “We are so thankful for their most generous contribution to RCCF. They were just first class, very kind and generous ladies,” said Tim Gottschalk, Board Secretary/Treasurer. “It’s people like them that make our communities better for future generations.”



*Beverly Hyde, Founding Donor*

**The gift from “The Hyde Girls” created five new funds this year that will carry on their family’s legacy forever:**

- 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 Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Courtland Arts Council
- The Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Republic County Historical Museum

## IMPACT STORY



### USD 426 Students Help Tackle Affordable Housing

**Republic County  
Community Action  
Fund - \$5,149.26**

**Dane G. Hansen  
Community Grant  
Fund- \$8,720.46**

Seed money was granted to Pike Valley Schools from the Republic County Community Foundation to help tackle affordable housing in Western Republic County including the cities of Courtland, Norway, Republic, and Scandia.

The current housing market does not support the needs of the workforce, making it difficult to attract employees, including teachers at USD 426. Most of the homes in Republic County were built before 1929 and are expensive to maintain if they haven't already been torn down.

A partnership with Republic County Economic

Development (RCED) led to the creation of a panel-built housing program at the school's new Industrial Arts shop. A panel-built housing system enables exterior walls to be produced off-site, and then transported by truck to anywhere in the region. This keeps costs down and doesn't depend on contractor availability.

Students in Pike Valley High School's wood classes will construct the panels with the highest energy efficient standards to help control utility costs after a family moves in. This not only gives students hands-on experience, but also introduces them to the building trade career.

These prefab panels are part of a proposed program to build the first house of a revolving build program for Western Republic County communities. The house will be a three bedroom, two bath home built on slab.

In addition to the partnership with the school, RCED is also seeking financial donations, lot donations and volunteer help to keep the cost of the homes down.





# GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Belleville Main Street  
Blair Center for the Arts Foundation  
Church People Concerned Foundation  
City of Belleville  
City of Courtland  
City of Cuba  
City of Munden  
City of Republic  
City of Scandia  
Courtland Community Arts Council  
Courtland Covenant Church  
Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas  
Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.  
Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association

NCK Free Fair  
Norway Township  
Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.  
Pivotal Health & Wellness  
Republic County  
Republic County Czech Club  
Republic County Historical Society  
Republic County Resource Council  
Republic Rural Fire Dep. #9  
Smoky Hills Public Television  
USD 109  
USD 426  
Zion Evangelical Church

Over \$585,000 was granted to 27 local nonprofits to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. These grants are distributed annually from funds held at the Foundation on behalf of our donors and generous people like you who give today for a better tomorrow!



“Thank you for choosing ME for this scholarship opportunity! It allows me to focus my time more on my studies and job shadowing as I will not have to work as many hours during the semester to help pay for college. I truly appreciate donors like you who help students be successful in their college education!”

Lexus Talkington, *Kansas State University, Interior Design*  
Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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### Amos & Joyce Blecha 4-H Scholarship

Kiersten Morgan  
Ella Pachta

### Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship

Ella Pachta

### Florea Family Scholarship

Ella Pachta

### Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship

Kiersten Morgan  
Teagon Reeves

### Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship

Teagon Reeves  
Lexus Talkington

### Scott Family Scholarship

Brandon Allen  
Katrina Ball\*  
Carolina Barraza\*  
Ethan Benne\*  
Brianna Maldonado\*  
Trevor Martin\*  
Kiersten Morgan  
Tobi Wilber\*

**\$22.7K**  
AWARDED

\* Renewable Scholarship



# FOUNDATION FUNDS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2023)

*This list includes all RCCF funds established as of June 30, 2023. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction, please contact us.*

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Republic County  
Republic County Administrative Fund

## DESIGNATED

Beverly J. Hyde Fund for the Courtland Covenant Church\*  
Beverly J. Hyde Fund for the Pike Valley Foundation\*  
J. Oran and Marguerite Hyde Fund for the Courtland Community Library\*  
Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Courtland Arts Council\*  
Shirley Jean Hyde Fund for the Republic County Historical Museum\*  
The Lewis-Pruitt Fund\*  
Republic County Schools USD 109 Fund  
Strnad Family Fund

## DONOR ADVISED

Clifford & Betty Makalous Fund  
Hop for Heroes Fund  
Julie & Tim Gottschalk Family Fund  
Pike Valley Foundation Fund  
Roger Simms Family Foundation Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST

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

\* Denotes new fund

## 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

### 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  
Lewis-Pruitt Scholarship Fund\*  
Scott Family Scholarship Fund

## UNRESTRICTED

Republic County Community Action Fund

## WHAT TO GIVE OTHER THAN CASH

There are many ways to give to the community foundation besides cash including appreciated stocks and securities, retirement accounts, real estate, grain and even cryptocurrency!

Depending on your financial situation, these could be a more tax efficient way to give back to your community and should be discussed with your financial advisor.

Whatever you choose, we want to partner with you to give today for a better tomorrow!



### APPRECIATED STOCKS & SECURITIES

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- Avoid long-term capital gains tax by donating appreciated stocks or securities that you have owned for over a year.
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the security.
- Examples include gifts of stock, bonds, and business interests.



### RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

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- Include the Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement account. We receive the full amount and pay zero income tax, getting the entire benefit of your gift!
- If you are 70 1/2 or older you can contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the Foundation (except for donor advised funds) and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution.



## REAL ESTATE

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- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of the real estate.
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the property.
- All gifts of real estate are liquidated with the proceeds of the sale going to the fund of your choice.



## GRAIN

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- Transfer and donate the grain to the Foundation's account at the grain elevator and the Foundation sells it with proceeds going into the fund of your choice.
- Avoid income tax on the donated grain.
- Deduct the production cost of the donated grain if applicable.



## CRYPTOCURRENCY

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- Donate your cryptocurrency using The Giving Block platform on our website.
- Avoid capital gains tax on appreciated cryptocurrency held for at least one year.
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the cryptocurrency.



# DONOR LIST

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*This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.*

## Individuals & Families

Brady E. & Samantha Alexander  
Joyce E. Ball  
Emma Berggren  
Judy Blackburn  
Joseph Blecha  
Rosemary Burt  
Russell & Lindsey Carlson  
John Charles  
Harry E. & Shirley A. Chermak  
Barry & Susan Childs  
Alex & Melissa Coonrod  
Carroll & Jane Couture  
Diane Dowell  
Ledona Dowell  
Matt & Tynan Dowell  
Tobe & Robyn Duensing  
Judith Dunn  
John Eickman  
Alan & Lanie Engle  
Lorraine Evert  
Ed Glenn  
Tim & Julie Gottschalk  
Larry & Amy Hadachek  
Merle & Deb Hadachek  
Mike Hadachek

Carrie Cherney Hahn  
Joyce Hansen  
Deanna Hobelmann  
Gerald Holmberg  
Daniel F. & Martha S. Housholder  
Beverly Hyde  
Nicholas H. Jefferson  
James & Jean Jensby  
Faye Jones  
Loren G. & Judith L. Kisby  
Lance & Cindy Kopsa  
Barb Langston  
Betty Larson  
Robert K. & Sharon M. Larsen  
Tom E. & Peggy L. Lesovsky  
Nicholas Levendofsky  
Janet Loring  
Sherie Mahin  
Aaron & Jessica Martin  
Jim Miller  
Glenn & Nancy Millington  
Les & Annalee Novak  
Barbara Popelka  
Frank Popelka  
Joel Popelka  
John & Terri Popelka  
Robert & Lesley Popelka  
Phil Poppe  
C. Edward & Marlene A. Redhair  
Mark B. Rockwell

Jay & Jenny Russell  
Pam Scofield  
Steve Scofield  
Brent Scott  
Josephine Sheridan  
Shannon & Kendra Short  
Marie & Oscar Soto  
Jerry & Kathleen Stump  
Steven Surber  
Bethany Swafford  
Ann Swenson  
Mark & Deb Tipton  
Chuck & Carolyn Westin  
Shari L. Wilson  
Larry & Mabel Woodman  
Kay & Phil Yates  
Greg & Lesa Zenger

## Businesses & Organizations

Astra Bank  
Blattner Energy, LLC  
Church People Concerned Foundation  
Cunningham Communications, Inc.  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Distinguished Young Woman  
of Kansas  
Donna J. Pruitt Trust  
Estate of Ward Aurand  
Gottschalk & Company, CPA's, LLC  
Gottschalk, Inc.

Irrigation Ales, LLC  
Melvin A. Pruitt Trust No. 1  
New Century Bank  
NextEra Energy  
Polansky Seed, Inc.  
Relax Therapeutic Massage &  
Bodyworks, LLC  
Republic County Community  
Foundation  
Rocky Pond Christmas  
Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Rural Gas, Inc.  
Strategic Asset Management, LLC  
The Citizens National Bank  
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.  
United Bank & Trust  
Valley Point Farms-Charles Family, LLC  
Z.C.B.J. General Fund

## Memorials

Melvin & Gerry Joerg  
Francis & Jolene Levendofsky

## Honorariums

Gary & Sara Bartak  
Paul & Teresa Bartak  
Terry & Marilyn Sullivan

## HOW IT WORKS

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Our mission is to build permanent resources that will be here forever to support your passions and make Republic County a better place for future generations. Here's how it works:

### GIVE

You make a gift to an existing fund or establish your own charitable giving fund. Contribute cash, stock, grain or other complex assets, and receive an immediate tax deduction in the same calendar year.



### GROW

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

Our trailing 10-year annualized return is 7.96%.



### GRANT

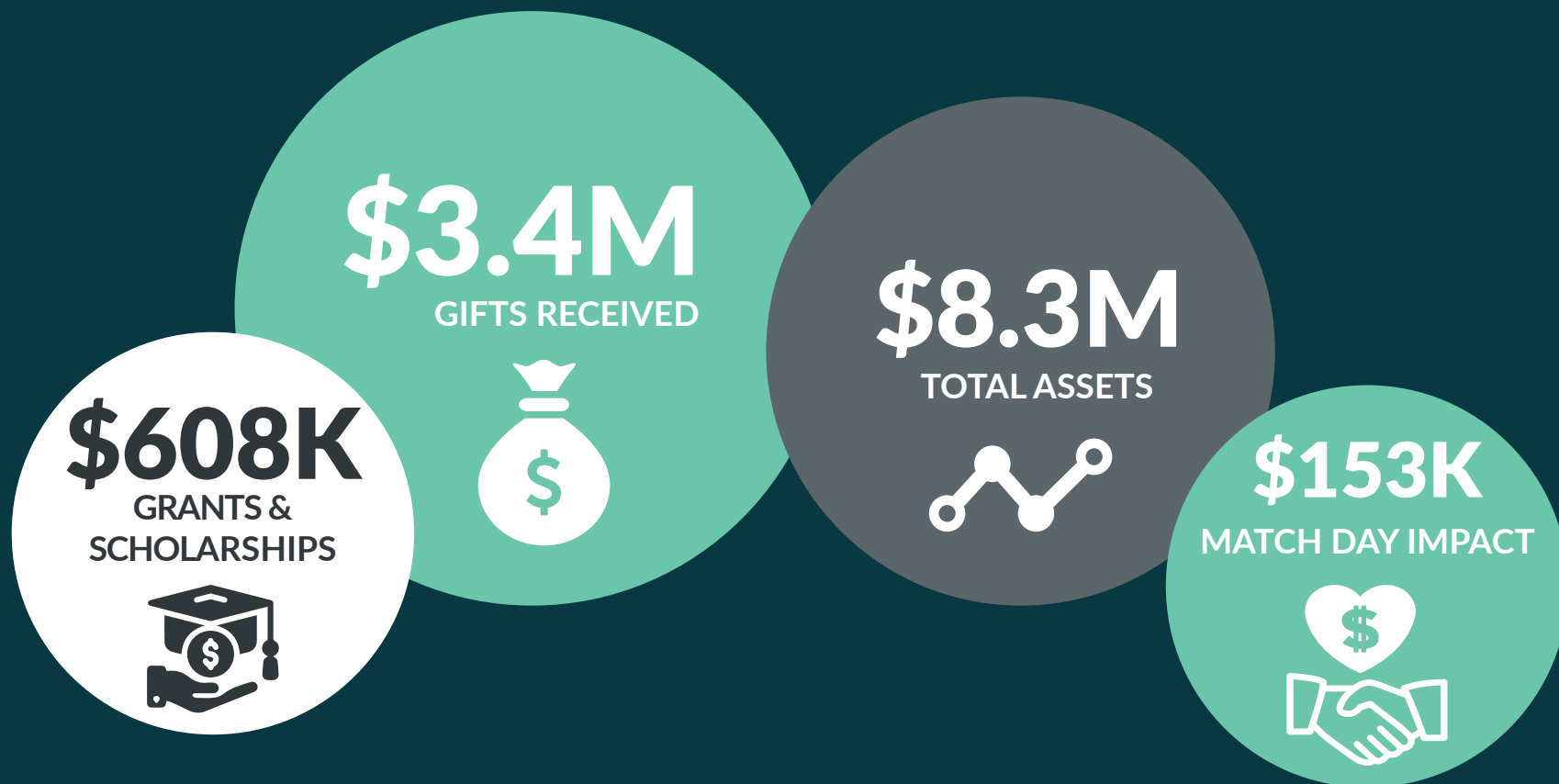
We distribute annual grants and scholarships from the funds based on criteria set by donors just like you to support local nonprofits and students.

Grants can be made in your name or anonymously.

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## MATCH RESULTS

\$53,123 Raised

\$50,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Unrestricted Fund)

\$45,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Administrative Endowment)

\$5,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Operations)

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**\$153,123 TOTAL IMPACT**

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	2023
Cash - Bennington State Bank	\$101,528
Pooled Investment - Vanguard	\$7,761,530
Segregated Investment Accounts	\$494,688
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,357,746</b>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$140
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$140</b>
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance - Principal	\$7,200,863
Fund Balance - Income	\$1,156,743
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,357,606</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,357,746</b>

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES	2023
Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$3,376,292
Gifts & Bequests - Income	\$50,362
Gifts & Bequests - Internal	\$369,327
Interest Income	\$3
Dividend Income	\$126,748
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$21,372
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$512,431
Grant Income	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,466,535</b>
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$585,362
Grants Authorized -Internal	\$369,327
Scholarships Authorized	\$22,723
Administrative Fees	\$51,826
Operating Expenses	\$14,238
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,043,476</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,423,059</b>



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