A scenic landscape photograph of a sunset over a field. The sun is a bright orange circle on the left side of the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky. The sky is filled with soft, pink and orange clouds. Below the horizon is a dark line of trees. In the foreground, there is a green field with a small pond. The pond's surface is calm, reflecting the colors of the sunset. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, separating the field from the pond.

# Giving **Today** for a Better **Tomorrow.**

Photo courtesy of Shelley Kuhlman



REPUBLIC COUNTY  
**community  
foundation**

ANNUAL REPORT  
**2022**

## 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.

## Leadership & Staff

### Advisory Board

**Lesley Popelka**, Chairperson

**Matt Dowell**, Vice-Chairperson

**Tim Gottschalk**, Secretary/Treasurer

**Bruce Ball**

**John Charles**

**Susan Childs**

**John Eickman**

**Luke Mahin**

**Bill Navis**

**Saunie Reed**

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**Lesley Popelka**

Board Chairperson

Republic County Community Foundation

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**Jeree Hughbanks**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator



# Board Chairperson's Letter

Dear Donors and Friends,

As you will see in this year's annual report, we have a lot to be thankful for. You may have noticed that we got a new logo in August. Since the Community Foundation's inception in 2007, it has continued to grow abundantly. To continue this positive momentum, the Republic County Community Foundation wanted a logo that represents its commitment to its donors and communities. Like the infinity sign that the new logo was derived from, the Republic County Community Foundation is here forever to help you impact today and transform tomorrow.

The Republic County Community Foundation serves all of the communities in Republic County, which include Agenda, Belleville, Courtland, Cuba, Munden, Narka, and Republic. We have helped many of these communities in the past year through the grants we offer. The Foundation has also helped many area students through the scholarships we offer. It is truly rewarding to help our communities and students.

The vision of Our Founding Donors, Sustaining Donors, Fundholders and original board members has truly paved the way for us to be successful in helping others. Our current donors and new Fundholders pave the way for our continued success. We continue to participate in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation initiatives. We were able to once again meet our match month goal in December. This is only attainable with your generosity in donating. By meeting our match we are able to grant \$50,000, from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, to our communities in this year. The Republic County Community Foundation will also have money from their Action Fund and Health Fund to grant in this year.

We encourage you to consider leaving a lasting legacy by designating a portion of your estate to the Foundation in a permanent fund that can impact our communities in the years to come. If you missed the Republic County Community Foundation - Leaving a Legacy Event, you can view it from a link on our website, [republiccountycf.org](http://republiccountycf.org). It is truly an eye opening presentation.

The Republic County Community Foundation Board would like to say "Thank You" to our donors and friends for your continued support. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our retiring board member Kathy Johnson of Courtland, for her leadership and commitment to the Republic County Community Foundation. I would also like to thank our current Board of Directors for their generosity, time and talents.

*"Each of us brings  
our own history and  
strengths to our  
community. And when  
we bring our individual  
strengths together, we  
can accomplish almost  
anything. We can't  
imagine us...with out  
You." -Unknown*

**Lesley Popelka**

Board Chairperson

\*\*Many of our photos in this years annual report book are courtesy of Josey Hammer and Shelley Kuhlman\*\*

# Grant Recipients

**In FY2022, twenty organizations received funding for projects in the community. In total, \$132,637 in grants were awarded for 33 charitable projects. The following organizations received donor-directed and competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:**

Belleville Public Library

Blair Center for the Arts Foundation

Church People Concerned Foundation

City of Belleville

City of Courtland

City of Munden

City of Republic

City of Scandia

Courtland Community Arts Council

Courtland PRIDE Club

Kansas Emergency Management  
Association, Inc.

Kansas Wesleyan Foundation

Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.

Republic County 4-H Council

Republic County Historical Society

Republic County Hospital

Smoky Hills Public Television

USD 109

USD 426

Zion Evangelical Church

## \$156,243

Total grants &  
scholarships awarded  
in fiscal year 2022.



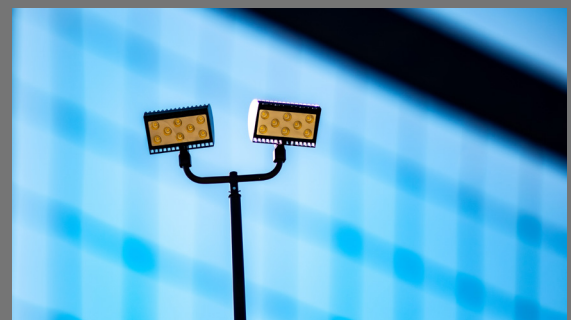
## \$1,692,767

Grants & scholarships awarded  
since the inception of the Republic  
County Community Foundation.



## 53

Grants & scholarships  
given to organizations  
& students in fiscal  
year 2022.





# Scholarship Recipients

**Republic County Community Foundation awarded over \$24,000 in scholarships to the following students.**

## **Amos & Joyce Blecha 4-H Scholarship**

Andrew Hubert  
Blake Aurand

## **Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship**

Jonathan Dyke

## **Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship**

Emma Morris

## **Florea Family Scholarship**

Halle Hartner

## **Joyce And Jim Hill Scholarship**

Trevor Lewellyn  
Keaton Reeves

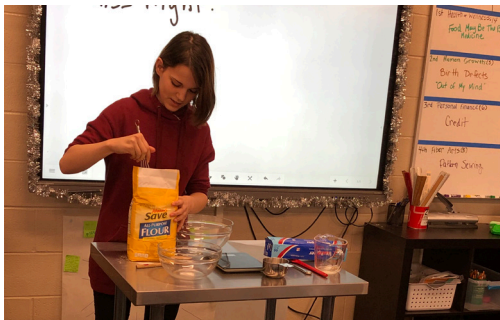
## **Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship**

Erica Sublett  
Carolina Barraza  
Leah Benne  
Keaton Reeves  
Paisley Benne

## **Scott Family Scholarship**

Carolina Barraza  
Brianna Maldonado  
Ethan Benne\*  
Katrina Ball\*  
Tobi Wilber\*  
Trevor Martin\*  
Grant White\*  
Brailyn Carlgren\*

\*Denotes Scholarship Renewal



## \$437,692

Total amount in  
gifts received in  
fiscal year 2022.



## 262

Gifts received in  
fiscal year 2022.



## 235

Donors in fiscal  
year 2022.



## Grants

### **Republic County Hospital**

#### **Panda Infant Warmer**

**Kansas Health Foundation  
Fund for Republic County-  
\$12,224**

The Republic County Hospital was able to purchase a Panda Infant Warmer for their OB department with funds from a grant from the Republic County Community Foundation.

The Panda Infant Warmer helps keep babies' bodies warm through temperature regulation. Panda Warmers are utilized in all births to immediately warm the baby as the pediatric teams assess and evaluates the infant while it is unclothed and unwrapped. It also makes it easy for footprints and banding.

Having access to new equipment like the Panda Infant Warmer greatly impacts the hospital's ability to provide quality care for future infants and their families. New equipment like this gives our healthcare providers confidence knowing they have a dependable and capable machine to care for their tiniest and newest patients.



## Republic County - Riverview Cemetery Directory

**Dane G. Hansen Community Fund - \$6,665**

Republic County received a grant to purchase the cemetery directory at the Riverview Cemetery.



## Republic County - Commercial Building Bathrooms

**Republic County Action Fund - \$36,000**

Republic County received a grant to install new restrooms & showers at the NCK Fairgrounds.



## Smoky Hills Public Television - Literacy Leadership for Republic County

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$500**

Smoky Hills PBS received a grant to provide books to children enrolled in Head Start in Republic County and defray the costs of educational television programs for children in the county.

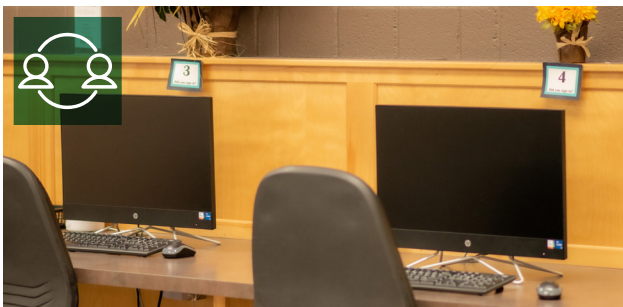




# What **We** Do



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 the current and future needs of our county. We value supporting our community, organizations, and causes you care about by implementing our core values. No matter what your role is in our community, our team is dedicated to helping people like you make a difference to give today for a better tomorrow.



## CONNECT

We help donors and nonprofits bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come.



## PROVIDE

We provide personalized services, leadership and insight on important issues in our region.



## SERVE

We invest and manage charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations by serving as a charitable savings account.



## ESTABLISH

We strengthen nonprofits through charitable grants, training and other resources by establishing permanent endowed funds to create a lasting legacy.



# 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  
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

# How it **Works**



Photo courtesy of Shelley Kuhlman,  
Kuhl County-Scapes



## GIVE

You make a gift to the community foundation to establish your fund.



## GROW

We grow your fund by investing the assets for long-term growth.



## GRANT

You recommend a grant to support a charity or cause you are passionate about and we distribute the grants in your name or anonymously.

**CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE**



# Fund Story - Blessed by Clara

When we sat down with Matt and Tynan Dowell, you could immediately see how much they love their family and Republic County. Matt had ties to Republic County where his family farmed and when he and Tynan were dating he made it clear that he and Republic County were a package deal. Tynan ended up accepting a teaching position there and the rest is history. Together they have four children—two boys and two girls. And as most fathers might agree, Matt pointed out that having daughters is “just a little different,” than having sons.

And he was right! On May 22, 2020, Clara DeLou entered the world with bright blonde hair, a feature that no one else in the family had. They knew at that moment she would be special.

Clara always had a smile on her face and loved her older brothers, Clayton and Mason. In fact, she learned to crawl and walk early just to keep up with them! Clara loved being outside picking mulberries and was meant to be on the family farm. She enjoyed playing with, and watching the chickens and cats, as well as going on field checks with her dad. “Being outside was her thing,” said Tynan.

Clara passed away at just 14 months of age. During this unimaginable time, Matt and Tynan needed to find something positive to focus on. They were blessed by their family, friends and even people they had never met, and they quickly realized that they needed to do something with these blessings to honor Clara's life and legacy.

Matt is a board member of the Republic County Community Foundation, and they came up with the idea of starting a scholarship fund in Clara's name. This would allow them to not only carry on Clara's legacy, it would help them

return the blessing by helping people in the future.

The ideal candidate recipient of the Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship is a female who lives and wants to return to a rural area after college. “Clara lived her whole life in a rural area. It will be great to see girls receive this scholarship that babysat Clara, or in the future, girls that would have gone to school with her,” said Matt.

The first recipient received a scholarship in May of 2022, which would have also been Clara's birthday. “Awarding the scholarship every May ties it all together,” said Tynan. “It helps us celebrate Clara in a way in which we hope she would be proud of us.” The Dowells have created a legacy memory book. This book will be a place to read the hopes and plans of the scholarship applicants. They hope this will honor Clara and be a beautiful memory of her for her family to cherish over time.

Starting a fund at the Republic County Community Foundation allowed them to focus on something they were passionate about and honor Clara. Matt and Tynan can't send their daughter to school, but hopefully this scholarship can bless someone else in the way others blessed them.



*“Our primary goal in establishing this scholarship is to honor Clara's life and the legacy of rural living passed down by the generations that came before us.”*  
~ Matt Dowell



# 2021-2022 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

## Families & Individuals

Marilyn Abel  
Elizabeth Ablah  
Mitzi Alexander  
Jack & Judy Allen  
Steve & Kathy Anderson  
Adam & Sara Anderson  
Ward Aurand  
Jo Anne Balthazor  
Nolan Beavers  
Alvin & Nicole Begnoche  
Emma Berggren  
Judy Blackburn  
David & Retha Blecha  
Joseph Blecha  
Nancy Bolden  
James & Connie Boyer  
Rodene Brooks  
Jay & Ashley Carlgren  
Troy & Allison Carlgren  
Derek & Audrey Carlson  
Russell & Lindsey Carlson  
Karen Carter  
Franklin & Barbara Cherney  
Barry & Susan Childs  
Kurt & Kelli Childs  
Paul Chopp  
Michael & Sandra Cole  
Dr. Jared & Anne Collette  
William Connolly & Candy Denk-Connolly  
Alex & Melissa Coonrod  
Timothy & Annette Coonrod  
Amber Cornett  
Carroll & Jane Couture  
Dorothy Cox  
Rebecca Crotty  
Jane Faulkner Dart  
Nick & Audrey Day  
Geraldine & Andrea Delgado  
Darren & Julie Dick  
Dayul & Kathy Dick  
Dan & Monica Douglas  
Annette Dowell  
Diane Dowell  
Jeanne Dowell  
Matt & Tynan Dowell  
Colton & Katie Dozler  
Carmen Dunlap  
Judith Dunn  
John & Kandy Eickman  
Louis & Mary Enoch  
Randall Erickson  
Ron Evert  
Mary K. Eymann  
George Faulkner  
Lucile Faulkner  
Pam Ferron  
Haley Gile  
John & Angela Girard  
Mary Girard  
Zachary & Janelle Goodrich

Gary & Peggy Goodwin  
Ronald & Donna Goodwin  
Tim & Julie Gottschalk  
Jed & Alexis Gunn  
Kevin & Jayne Gunn  
Larry & Amy Hadachek  
Mike Hadachek  
Lois Hammond  
Steve & Amy Hanna  
Joyce Hansen  
Marcia Hansen  
Angela Havel  
Mary Havel  
Glenn & Karen Henke  
Kevin & Amber Henke  
Jim Herink  
Larry & Cindy Hibbard  
Lorene Holloway  
Dorinda Honn  
Terry & Allie Honn  
Lonnie & Paula Hoops  
Shirley Hostetler  
Gary & Julie Housholder  
Laverna Huncovsky  
John & Marlea James  
James & Jean Jensby  
Stephanie Jensen  
Les & Barbara Johns  
Tanner & Kathryn Johnson  
Gary & Marilyn Juneke  
Adam Juneke  
Idan & Doris Kauer  
Nathan & Rebecca Kejr  
Dr. Greg & Lori Scott Kelley  
Jerome & Marlene Kieffer  
Roger & Sandra Kling  
Gregory Knedlik  
Lana Knedlik  
Kimberly Kolman  
Lance & Cindy Kopsa  
Richard Krueger & Judy Hill  
Christian Smith & Sara Ku  
Betty Larson  
Jeanne Larson  
Randy & Christine Lawson  
Gale & Barbara Longenecker  
Jackie Lopez  
Gary Loring  
Bill & Sheri Mahin  
Luke & Jennifer Mahin  
Brent & Melissa Martin  
Gene & Anita Martin  
Gary McCarty  
Greg & Tawny McHenry  
Donald & Judith Melby  
Brent Melby  
Glenn & Nancy Millington  
Max & Lauren Mobley  
Elijah Moore & Rana Cline  
Bill & Chris Navis  
Cole & Shara Neidenthal  
Jordy & Emily Nelson

Kelsey Nelson  
Cody & Rebecca Neville  
Kevin & Claudette Noble  
Becky Odell  
Travis & Marsha O'Leary  
Barb Oplinger  
Christopher Ostmeyer  
Jim & Marilyn Pachta  
Vincent & Judith Pachta  
Wayne & Lynne Pachta  
Mary Parry  
Brianna Pickett  
Robert & Dolores St. Pierre  
Barbara Popelka  
Frank Popelka  
Joel & Kayla Popelka  
John & Terri Popelka  
Robert & Lesley Popelka  
Phillip & Korin Poppe  
Hannah Purviance  
James Racette  
Bob & Becky Reed  
Allen & Amy Renz  
Nick & Pam Reynolds  
Heath & Lori Rhine  
Melvin & Roma Robinson  
Delton & Belinda Robison  
Doyle & Brenda Robison  
Brandon & Lori Rogge  
Danielle Romme  
Cody & Lindsay Runft  
Mark & Paula Russell  
Kenneth Schmitt  
Wesley & Kayla Schou  
Dennis Schuessler  
Brent & Rachelle Scott  
Jon & Brenda Sharp  
Claygatt & Connie Shulda  
Luke & Leah Sigle  
Garry & Linda Sigle  
Edward & Janice Slavik  
Tommy & Ann Smith  
Dwight & Gayle Smith  
Joel & Sidney Smith  
M. D. & Lois Smith  
Trevor Smith  
M Sothers  
Ed & Karen Splichal  
Leroy Splichal  
Bruce Springer  
Randall & Cathy Steiner  
Garry & Mary Stover  
Tony Strnad  
Jerry & Kathleen Stump  
Steven Surber  
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Galen Swenson  
Larry & Linda Tebow  
Mark & Deb Tipton  
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Jillian Tuma  
Alan & Joanna Usher  
Joseph & Janet Vavricek  
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Dottie Vohs  
Bethany Wallin  
Cynthia Walters  
Carrie Warren-Gully  
Morris & Christine Wilber  
Brad & Darice Wilkinson  
Samuel & Lora Wiruth  
Tyler & Ashley Wit  
Betty Wohler  
Greg & Lesa Zenger

## Businesses & Organizations

Astra Bank  
Bayer Fund  
Belleville Lions Club  
Blackwood Chiropractic Clinic, P.A.  
Blair Center for the Arts  
Butlerville Farms, LLC  
C & W Farm Supply, Inc.  
Catholic Diocese of Salina  
Church People Concerned Foundation  
Class of 1984  
D K Farm and Ranch, LLC  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Farmers National Company  
Fiser Ranch, Inc.  
Gottschalk & Company, CPA's, LLC  
Jensik Insurance, Inc.  
Joseph White Farms, LLC  
K of C Council # 2609  
Koch Excavating, Inc.  
KREP-FM  
Livingston Family Farms, LLC  
McCook County Dental Center, P.C.  
Polansky Seed, Inc.  
Relax Therapeutic Massage & Bodyworks, LLC  
Republic County Community Foundation  
River Hills Seed, Inc.  
Rural Gas, Inc.  
Seifert Jewelry  
Sheets Enterprises, Inc.  
Solar & Wind Systems  
Strategic Asset Management, LLC  
The Meiller Family Trust  
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.  
Western National Bank

## Memorials

Clara Dowell,  
our sweet "Clara DeLou"  
Viola Gritten

# 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, 2022. If you believe an error has been made, please contact the Foundation.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

**Enable the Foundation to fulfill its mission and provide long-term sustainability to the organization.**

Republic County Administrative Fund

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Provide a permanent source of income to support your favorite charities even long after you are gone.**

Republic County Schools USD 109 Designated Fund  
Strnad Family Designated Fund

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**Simple and flexible “charitable savings accounts,” that let you decide when and where to give.**

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

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Supports current and future needs of the community.**

Republic County Community Action Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

**Respond to current and future needs by letting you support a specific cause or geographic area rather than a specific charity.**

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

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Offer a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission.**

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

## PROVISIONAL FUND

**Serve as a short-term vehicle to collect charitable donations for a community project, such as a public-private partnership.**

Belleville Community Center Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**Support student education and impact our future leaders.**

### DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.  
Scholarship Fund

### TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Amos & Joyce Blecha Scholarship Fund  
Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship Fund\*  
Florea Family Scholarship Fund  
Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship Fund  
Scott Family Scholarship Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

**These donors have designated a gift to RCCF in their estate.**

Melvin & Ora Lee Jeardoe

\* denotes a new fund established between 7/1/2021-6/30/2022



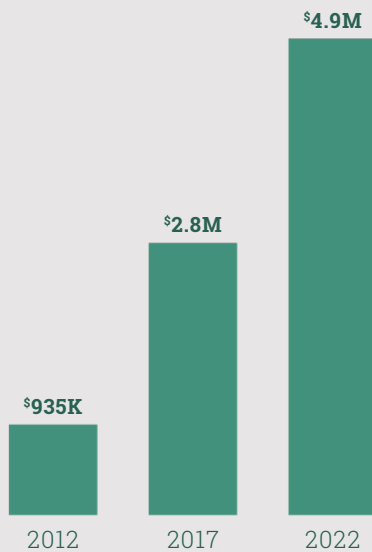
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(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

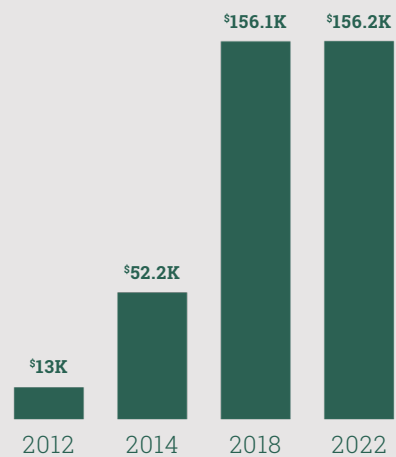
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**\$1,692,767**

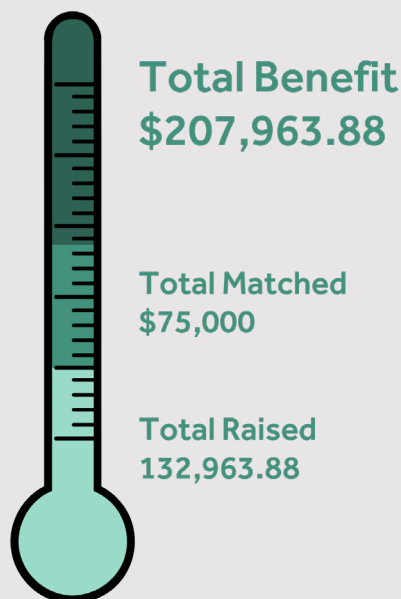
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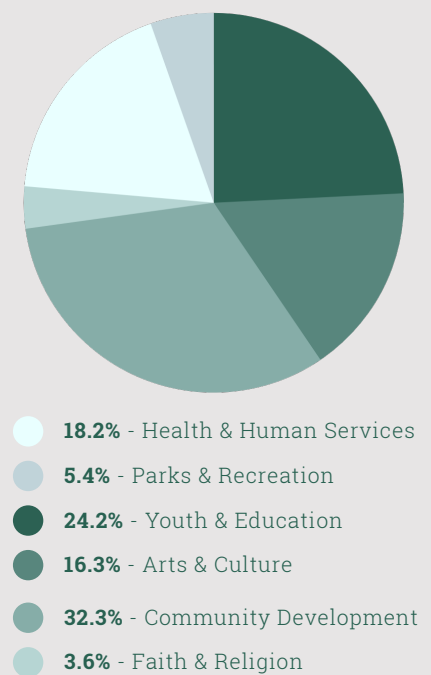
### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



### MATCH MONTH SUCCESS



### GRANTS BY AREA OF IMPACT



# Statement of Financial Position

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

## Assets

Cash - Bennington State Bank  
Pooled Investment - Vanguard  
Segregated Investment Accounts

2022

\$128,799  
\$4,371,531  
\$434,156

**Total Assets**

**\$4,934,486**

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable  
Grants Payable

\$(500)  
\$500

**Total Liabilities**

**\$0**

## Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal  
Fund Balance - Income

\$3,550,245  
\$1,384,241

**Total Net Assets**

**\$4,934,486**

**Total Liabilities + Net Assets**

**\$4,934,486**

# Statement of Activities

## Revenues

Gifts & Bequests - Principal  
Gifts & Bequests - Income  
Gifts & Bequests - Internal  
Dividend Income  
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments  
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments

2022

\$356,692  
\$81,000  
\$5,000  
\$83,448  
\$53,730  
\$(880,896)

**Total Revenue**

**\$(301,026)**

## Expenses

Grants Authorized  
Grants Authorized - Internal  
Scholarships Authorized  
Administrative Fees  
Operating Expenses

\$132,637  
\$5,000  
\$23,606  
\$48,110  
\$19,441

**Total Expenses**

**\$228,794**

**Change in Net Assets**

**\$(529,820)**





**Republic County Community Foundation**

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**Phone:** (785) 527-5631

**Website:** [www.republiccountycf.org](http://www.republiccountycf.org)

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