



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Smith
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

YOU can make a difference. What an appropriate theme for the 2019 Annual Report for the Smith County Community Foundation.

As we look around our communities, we see many individuals and groups making a difference. YOU serve on school boards and on city councils. YOU belong to civic organizations, serve as volunteer firemen, and serve on various committees for causes that you believe in. YOU voted, supported small businesses, and visited our local attractions.

In 2018-2019, Smith County Community Foundation made grants of \$524,811 to help schools, churches and nonprofit entities in our county complete projects. Funds for these grants have come from people like YOU. Donations have been made in memory of loved ones, to existing funds in the Foundation, and to the Match Fund drive to help earn money from the Dane G Hansen Foundation. Again this year, the Dane G Hansen Foundation will match 150% for every dollar contributed to YOUR local community Foundation. YOUR donations will help enhance the quality of life in Smith County today and in the future

As 2019 draws to a close, we encourage YOU to spread positive stories about your communities, tour your schools and attend a government or school board meeting. Learn all you can about the awesome opportunities in Smith County.

Todd Slavik,
Board Chair



OUR **MISSION**

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



ABOUT **THE FOUNDATION**

The Smith County Community Foundation was founded in 2008 to benefit the communities of Smith County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both the current and future needs of our county.

The Smith County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORK?



IT STARTS WITH PEOPLE



WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

TO CREATE



Community
Grant Funds

The **Smith County Action Fund** is an unrestricted community grant fund. Gifts to this fund offer the most flexibility for meeting charitable community needs, both today and in the future.

BIG IMPACT!

Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable
Organizations



Scholarships
for Students



It Starts With **People**

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

Julia R. Abbott & Family
Joe & Arloa Barnes
Roger L. & Pamela R. Barta
Leona, Joe & Darla Conaway
Demetre & Debra Evangelidis
Gary & Brenda Frieling
Eugene Kirchhoff &
Brad & Karen Cole
Linton C. Lull
Murray D. & Connie J. Lull
Neola S. Matson
Randy & Shirley Merritt
Maxine Meyer
Joan Nech
John & Joan Overmiller
Curtis & Martha Peterson
Duane & Hazel Petty

Burke & Kim Phelps
Ernest A. & Barbara J. Schlatter
Jim & Marianne Schlatter
R.G. & Eda Jean Sheppard
John & Laura Zabel

Business Entities

Central Plains Co-op
Computer Solutions, Inc.-
Galen & Judy Lambert
First National Bank of Smith Center
Frieling Grain Co., Inc.
Midway Coop, Inc.
Peterson Industries, Inc.
The Peoples Bank
The Employees of The Peoples Bank
Wiens Harvesting - Donald E. &
Doris A. Wiens

**Previously funded by the community foundation, the
Smith Center High School Art Club student mural.**



Who Invest in **Community**



“Setting up a designated fund makes contributing very easy as the foundation takes care of the investing and dispersing of funds.”

- Marianne Schlatter, current fundholder

Marianne Schlatter shares why giving to designated funds at the community foundation is so important to her.

My late husband, Jim, served on the Smith County Community Foundation Board and while serving on the board he set up a designated fund for the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church. After his death, I set up several designated funds for charities that he donated to annually. By setting up these designated funds, annual grants are being made to the Lebanon Community Center, Lebanon Fire Department, and the Smith County Fair Fund. Annual grants will continue to be made to these charities through the foundation and they will continue many years in the future.

Setting up a designated fund makes contributing very easy as the foundation takes care of the investing and dispersing of funds. Creating these funds has also provided a place for others to donate to non profit entities that they may be passionate about.

[Read more about the Smith County Fair upgrades on page 6.](#)

Who Love Their **Community**

YOUR foundation



needs YOUR help.

GIVE IN NOVEMBER!

Match Month Success

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in November, the community foundation raised over \$68,000 for community grants and operations. 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. The matching dollars support community grants and operations.

2019 Total Raised:

\$27,439

2019 Total Matched:

\$41,158

2019 Total Benefit:

\$68,597

Over the last three years, our Match Month campaign has raised a total of **\$193,375** for the community. Thank you!

To Create **Big Impact**

Updates to Show Barn Electrical System



The Smith County Free Fair was granted funding to aid in a new electrical system for the show barn activity center. The facility serves as the main building during the Smith County Free 4-H Fair, as well as multiple events hosted by the community. With the demolition and construction of this space, the arena is now equipped with up-to-date electrical, as well as lighting, that allows the facility to be used at night.

Revolving Pancake Grill for the Fire Department

The Athol Volunteer Fire Department is funded solely through donations and fundraisers, with the most successful event being the pancake feed. The department was awarded funding from the community foundation to aid in the costs of building a revolving pancake grill for the station.

"Our new pancake grill was deemed a huge success when it was initiated at the April 6 pancake fundraiser," said grantee Diann Hrabe. The department was able to raise over \$2,000 in donations at the event with the new grill. Because of the funding, the fire department is now able



to look forward to the success of future fundraising events. "Thank you, Smith County Community Foundation, for your generous funding of this project!"



Smith County Community Foundation has provided grants for preliminary studies and groundwork to develop a county-wide daycare/preschool facility.

Bright Beginnings Childcare Center

The idea began at the first Strategic Doing meeting in Smith County in January 2018. Over 80 interested citizens from across the county gathered to brainstorm and come to a conclusion about what needed to be done to make Smith County more viable and survive as a thriving community in the future.

The need for reliable childcare and preschool surfaced as an overwhelming need. A committee was formed, a survey was administered and the ball started rolling. Bright Beginnings was incorporated, fundraising started and roadblocks got in the way. When the committee was about to throw up their hands in despair, Betty Johnson was called. She recommended that the committee change their focus and head in a different direction. She stressed patience and looking outside the box.

Why does Smith County need Bright

Beginnings? The most recent survey showed that 29 families with 53 children needed reliable child care. Reliable continuous child care results in a more reliable young workforce. Child care availability promotes economic development by attracting new businesses and workers. Early childhood education reduces future education and social program costs to taxpayers. Children who receive early childhood education are more prepared for school and life. Bright Beginnings could directly create up to 10 skilled jobs for local workers.

As the plans continue to develop for this county-wide daycare/preschool facility, Betty Johnson remains a stable contact for guidance and advice. Smith County Community Foundation has provided grants for preliminary studies and groundwork for this project and will continue to assist as Bright Beginnings becomes a reality.



USD 237 Expands Technology for Students

USD 237 was awarded two grants from both the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund and the Smith County Action Fund to purchase 35 Chromebooks and corresponding Google classroom licenses for students to create a roaming lab. This software allows the students and teachers to share and collaborate on documents, submit homework, and do research. "As a district, we are working on moving from the more traditional classroom to allowing our

students access to current educational materials," said grantee Bree Wilson.

Technology in education helped to prep students for the advancements taking place in higher education. The addition of the Chromebooks gives students more access. "Because they are easily accessible to us, we are able to do more extensive research for writing projects and the kids love learning about topics that interest them," said USD 237 teacher Ann Rust.

SunPorch of Smith County Updates

SunPorch of Smith County and Kansas Senior Living, was recently awarded a community foundation grant to purchase two rapid-fill, seated bathing tubs and lifts for the personal care/spa rooms in each Green House Home. The addition of these tubs were the first phase of a long-term care plan for SunPorch.

The tubs were placed in an attractive, spa-like personal care room so that elders were comfortable and private as they were assisted with hygiene and therapy needs. "The most significant stories illustrating the impact of this project are yet to be told," said grantee Kathleen Holt.



Therapy Wheelchairs for the SunPorch Community

SunPorch of Smith County was presented funding from the community foundation to purchase four wheelchairs for therapy. The wheelchairs are lightweight to prevent falls during and after therapy. The seniors use the chairs until they transition to another device, such as a walker or cane.

SunPorch's goal for current and future members is to function at their highest potential, and the funds from the grant aided in necessary equipment to do so. "Without these funds we would not have had this opportunity to provide our elders with safe and reliable wheelchairs," said grantee Julie Troy.

Upgraded Mixer for USD 237

When USD 237's 35-year-old mixer went out, the school maintenance and food service director decided it was time to purchase a new model. The district collaborated with the community foundation for the funds for a new stationary mixer.

The school used the existing mixer every day, for homemade breads, cookies, and other fresh items on the menu. By having a large mixer, the school can offer healthier meals, which in turn gives student more energy and increased focus on school work.



"Our desire is to offer a good meal to this age group to help them learn to eat healthy at a young age," said grantee Sharon Kattenberg.



Techno-table for Lebanon Community Library

Last spring, Lebanon Community Library was awarded a grant from the community foundation to purchase alternative seating and a techno-table for the public's use. The table was equipped with a white-board top for collaborative projects and a charging panel with access to three AC outlets and two USB ports. Grantee Kareena Herredsberg said the addition of this standing height work table had already

drawn a lot of interest. "The first user literally ran to the back of the library where they are located."

This project provides community members with a technology-friendly work space that can be enjoyed by all ages. "We are deeply grateful for the receipt of this grant and the alternative seating you have provided. Thanks so much," said Herredsberg.

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- Kareena Herredsberg, grantee



No More Recess Blues for Thunder Ridge

At Thunder Ridge Elementary, teachers and students alike are benefitting from grant funding awarded to the district this past spring. Seeing a need for funding, grantee Kindra Hrabe said, "The weather this spring has made it resoundingly obvious that we needed a new plan to "entertain the troops" during indoor recess." The grant dollars awarded purchased fun, durable, indoor toys and games for future indoor recesses.

Thunder Ridge Elementary currently has forty-three students enrolled in K-3 who will now be able to enjoy their exciting new games. With the games purchased, students can play alone, partner or team up, and stay active in a safe and productive way. "We teachers can't wait to have a "new bag of tricks" for our energetic students that will offer them new and exciting activities to share during our indoor recesses for years to come!" said Hrabe.

All-weather Benches Added to Downtown

The community foundation awarded the City of Kensington dollars from a grant fund to purchase new seating to place in the downtown business district. The benches were purchased and assembled in time for the annual Old-Fashioned Saturday night celebration.

The new benches provided convenient seating, grantee Amber Hardacre said "The benches appear to have provided a 'trickle-down effect' causing other volunteers to make subtle improvements to the area." Work has begun on an empty lot on Main street, as well as two new benches being placed



in the Memory Garden. "Individuals are consistently expressing gratitude to the city for the improvement," said Hardacre.

2018-2019 Grant Recipients

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



- ▶ American Lutheran Church
- ▶ Center Theater, Inc.
- ▶ City of Athol
- ▶ City of Gaylord
- ▶ City of Kensington
- ▶ City of Lebanon
- ▶ Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
- ▶ Gaylord Housing Authority
- ▶ Kensington Lions Club
- ▶ Kensington Senior Community Center, Inc.
- ▶ Post Rock Extension District #1-Osborne Office
- ▶ Smith Center Public Library
- ▶ Smith County
- ▶ Smith County Child Development Center
- ▶ Smith County Free Fair
- ▶ Smith County Memorial Hospital
- ▶ St. John Lutheran Church
- ▶ St. Mary's Catholic Church
- ▶ SunPorch of Smith Center, Inc.
- ▶ Thornburg Church
- ▶ USD 110
- ▶ USD 237 Smith Center
- ▶ Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

2019 Impact Numbers

35 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

\$111,556 Total Grants & Scholarships

29 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$104,889 Competitive Grants

6 Donor-Directed Grants Awarded

\$6,667 Donor-Directed Grants

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2019 are bolded.**

Donor-Directed Grant Funds: Established by someone to support their unique charitable wishes. The foundation board does not determine grants.

Donor Advised Funds

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

Barbara Schlatter Memorial Fund

Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. for Smith County Fund

John & Joan Overmiller Family Fund

Kensington Lions Club Fund

Smith Center Rotary Club Fund

The Gardner Wellness Center Charitable Fund

The Srader Fund

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Fund

Josias & Elsie Lambert Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Smith County

Kensington Lions Club Fund for the Kensington Senior Community Center

Lebanon Community Center Fund

Lebanon Fire Department Fund

Smith County Fair Fund

Organization Funds

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

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Foundation Fund

HOME Charitable Foundation Fund

Smith County Memorial Hospital Fund

Foundation Funds

Competitive Grant Funds: Awarded through an application process; grants are made at the discretion of the community foundation board.

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 - Smith
Health Needs of Smith County Fund
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smith County

Community Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Smith County Action Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Smith County Administrative Fund

Pass-through Fund

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

Sunporch of Smith County Fund

Grow Your Gift

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree!

Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide “fruit” for the community through grants and scholarships.



Today...

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



After 15 Years...

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



After 25 Years...

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



After 50 Years...

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

**For demonstrative purposes only; these numbers were calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

Give Now or **Later**

Everyone has a gift!

No matter what or how you give, you can make a difference. Everyone has different assets, and the community foundation can accept many types of gifts, including:



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure that future generations can say the same?

Do you have children or grandchildren who were born and raised in our community but have since left? Chances are, when you pass away, the money in your estate will leave this area forever.

Through your will, you can leave a gift that impacts our community far beyond your lifetime.

Every day, people just like you leave incredibly meaningful marks on our world through these types of gifts. By leaving just **5% of your estate** to our hometown needs, you could help provide **permanent funding** for our schools, hospital, parks, churches, charities, libraries and so much more. The process is simple and the impact of your generosity will live on for generations!



Your professional advisor will help you document your charitable wishes in your will.



The community foundation will take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.



Your favorite organizations will receive annual support from your gift, **forever**.

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact your professional advisor or the community foundation.

2018-2019 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, 2018, to June 30, 2019. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

Anonymous Donor
Joe & Arloa Barnes
Wayne Beckman, Trust
Loretta Beckmann
Art & Linda Befort
Kyle & Morgan Bienhoff
Kenneth & Doris Blanke
Brad & Karen Cole
Shawn & Amber Conaway
Farmers National Bank
Gilbert & Karen Frieling
Garden Lore Club
Douglas Gardner
Wendell J. Gardner
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Ray & Corrina Haresnape
Brandon & Aftin Hommon
Stan & Nancy Horning
Kenneth & Carol Jacobs
Lovellette & Elzene Kirchhoff
Nathan Kirchhoff
James & Jane Kirchner
Don & Janice Koops
Dennis & Barbara Lehmann
Travis & Amanda Lehmann
David & Rebecca Levin
Melvin Shanley DDS P.A.
Robert & Jina Murrell

Joan Nech
Rushawn & Ruth Orth
John Overmiller & Kimberly Phelps
Skip & Marie Overmiller
Mark & Marci Overmiller
Marilyn Parsons
The Peoples Bank
Betty Pilcher
Edward & Sylvia Reinking
Vernon & Roberta Reinking
Marianne G. Schlatter Trust
Schoen Fumigation, Inc.
Karleen Schofield
Sidner & Beth Scott
SCSB Charitable Trust
A. Keith & Betty Sears
Melvin & Terry Shanley
Todd & Amy Slavik
Smith Center Bancshares, Inc.
Solomon Valley FCE
The Srader Foundation
Richard & Delores Stroup
John & Amy Terrill
Thornburg Church
Bradley & Barbara Timmons
James & Carol Wolf
John Zabel

2018-2019 Donors

Memorials:

Harvey Armitage
Robert Jack Benn
George Black
Donald Cooper
Frances Copper
Helen Dannenberg
Mary Margaret Edell
Allen Frieling
Gary Fryendall
LaMoine & Nita Fulmer
William A. Garretson
Nadine Giese
Robert Giese

Donald Hughes
Wilma Hughes
Marion Kirchoff
Lucille Kugler
Nita Lambert
Warren Lamont
Imogene Roush
Blaine Rush
Norma Kay Schultz
Sheila Stewart
Jerry Strother
John Wiehl
Robert Williams
Ardis Woods

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash
\$282,534



Gifts of Grain
\$732



Other Gifts
\$0

IRA Charitable Contributions

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can make an impact on your favorite charity by making a gift from your IRA to a fund at the community foundation. This is an easy and effective way to make a gift that helps satisfy your required minimum distribution, while also reducing your taxable income.



Who can take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover provision?

If you have an IRA and are 70½ or older, you and your spouse (each) can make a tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA.



Who can receive the gift?

The IRA must be gifted directly to a public charity. You can make a direct gift to the community foundation to benefit existing funds* or establish a new fund.



What is the maximum gift?

A gift of up to \$100,000 per year can be made from your IRAs.



What is the deadline?

Now through December 31.

STEP 1:

Ask your IRA service provider to make a charitable distribution directly to the community foundation.

STEP 2:

The community foundation receives your distribution and directs it to benefit your designated cause.

STEP 3:

You reduce the taxable value of your estate and current income tax, all while making a difference in your community!

Always consult with your tax advisor for advice on how this may affect your tax situation.

***Note:** IRA rollover gifts may not be made to donor advised funds.

Financial Information

Asset Growth

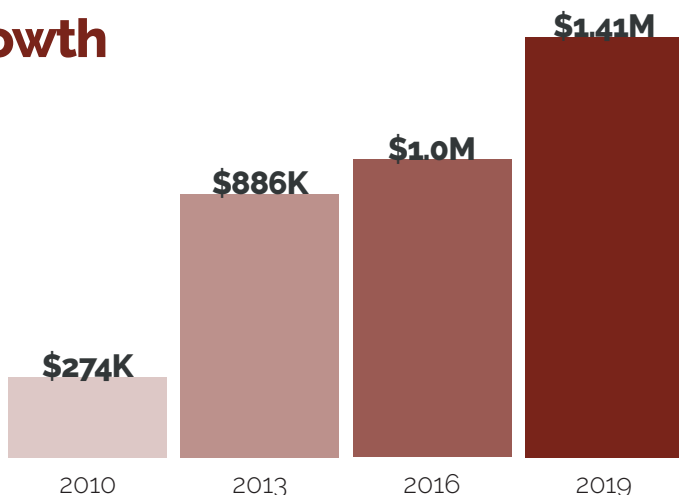
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Total Assets:

\$1,410,395

Number of Funds:

23



2019 # Donors:

55

2019 Total Gifts:

\$283,266

2019 # Gifts:

99

2019 New Funds:

3

Grants & Scholarships

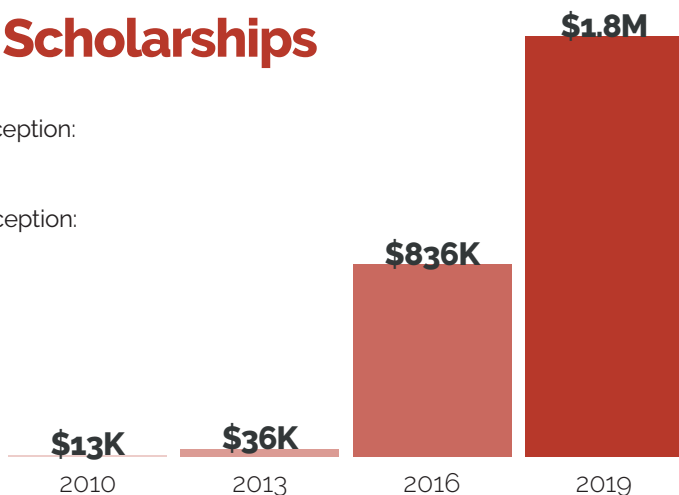
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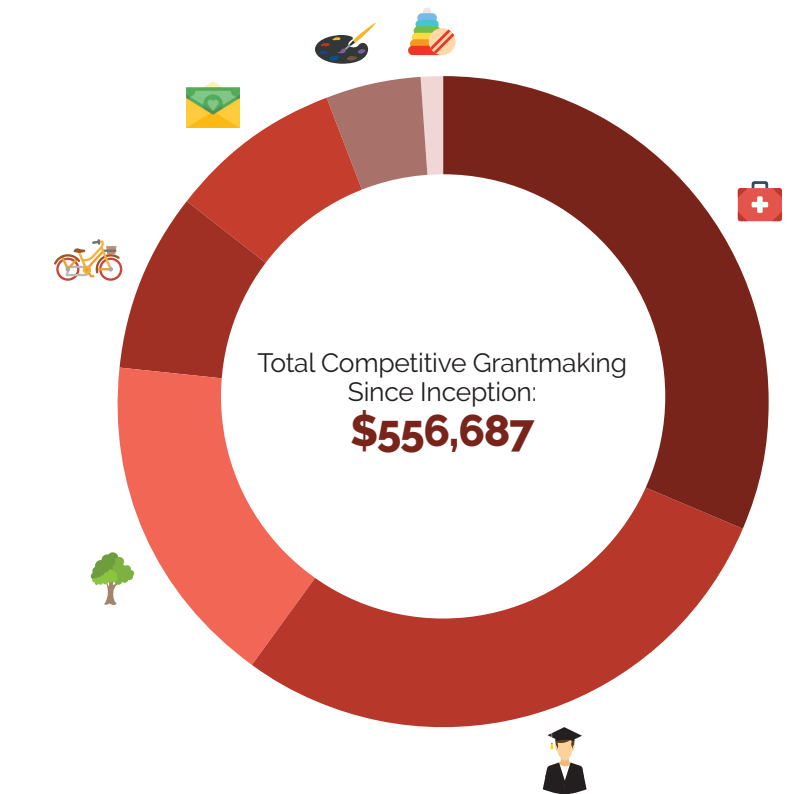
\$ Awarded Since Inception:

\$1,802,851

Awarded Since Inception:

287





 Health & Human Services
\$174,983 · 31%

 Other Needs
\$48,379 · 9%

 Education
\$159,870 · 29%

 Arts & Culture
\$26,560 · 5%

 Community Development
\$92,860 · 17%

 Youth Development
\$5,250 · 1%

 Parks & Recreation
\$48,785 · 9%

THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without people like you!
Your support makes a meaningful difference in
the Russell County area, both now and in the future.



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