



Smith  
County  
Community  
Foundation

An affiliate of the  
Greater Salina Community Foundation

2018

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

# FROM OUR **BOARD CHAIR**

**This has been such an exciting year for the Smith County Community Foundation!**

Our Match Month campaign was a success! Supporters of our county generously donated a total of \$38,103.37 in the forms of cash, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs, and grain. Every dollar donated was matched with a dollar and a half by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. That, paired with charitable giving throughout the year, estate gifts, additional Dane G. Hansen gifts and above-average investment performance, has helped to grow our impact on Smith County tremendously this year.

SCCF was able to award \$606,783 in total grant dollars this year to support projects across all communities of our county. Our board grew in numbers and diversity to continue to ensure that we have representation from all areas of the county.

Thank you all for your support of Smith County and for helping us to create a legacy. That legacy will far outlive all of us to continue the wonderful way of life we love so much here in Smith County.

**MORGAN BIENHOFF,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

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# OUR MISSION

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

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## 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.

# 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  
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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  
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# COMMUNITY IMPACT



## Emergency Equipment On Site

Before they obtained a designated vehicle for hauling emergency equipment, the **Gaylord Fire Department** had no way to transport important tools (i.e. chainsaw, pry bars, generators, respirator masks, traffic cones, extra bunker gear) to and from emergency calls. With the help of a grant from the community foundation, they were able to purchase a used ambulance to fulfill this purpose.

Now, first responders have quick access to proper, necessary equipment on every call they make, which has already proven to be invaluable on multiple occasions.

When firefighters arrived on the scene of a house fire call, they discovered a pot left on the stove that was filling the home with smoke. With large exhaust fans readily

available on site, they were able to remove the smoke in a timely manner and limit smoke damage to the home.

In another instance, responders found themselves on the scene of a vehicle accident. Because they had easy access to many vital tools and pieces of equipment, they were able to quickly and safely place all vehicles back on four wheels, prepare them for transport by wrecking companies and clean the highways for safe travel.

"Since its arrival, this unit has been on six emergency calls. The equipment carried in this ambulance has allowed members to efficiently and effectively perform their duties on each and every call since its arrival," said grantee Aubrey Neussendorfer.

## AED for Gaylord

Because Gaylord is located quite a distance from the nearest hospital and EMS responders, the **volunteer fire department** knew it would be important that they have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine in their inventory. A grant from the community foundation was used to purchase a new AED machine, carrying case, an extra set of adult electrodes and one set of infant/child electrodes. By having this device, the Gaylord Fire Department has equipment available to save more lives. The AED machine has already been added to their main fire trucks' inventory and is ready to be used when the situation arises. Pictured with the AED Machine (from left to right) are fire department members Rob Gillis, Wil Neussendorfer, and Fire Chief Stan Horning.



## Gaylord Firehouse

For decades, volunteers of the **Gaylord Fire Department** worked in a rundown facility as they selflessly served and protected the community. That's why the community of Gaylord has been hard at work to raise funds for a new firehouse. With the help of a community foundation grant, the building, concrete and structure were completed last year. Phase 2 of the project, which included installing heating and air conditioning systems in the new building's meeting room, was also supported by a grant from the community foundation. "We have conducted meetings comfortably in the meeting room and used the air conditioner this summer," said grantee Stanley Horning. "The firemen are grateful to be able to have a facility where they can comfortably meet and train, in addition to housing the response equipment year-round."





# Students Leave Mark Downtown

With a goal to beautify a block of downtown Smith Center that has regular traffic, Smith Center Economic Development enlisted the help of the **Smith Center High School Art Club** to design and paint a mural. The surface measured 12 feet by 28 feet!

A grant from the community foundation was used to purchase paint used to create the mural, which was researched and designed by the students to incorporate imagery from throughout Smith County and Kansas.

The project, which was completed in June 2018, not only brought together the county's youth (grades 9-12) and adults for a common creative purpose, but it also provided an opportunity for local youth to buy into community development and create impressive artwork for everyone to enjoy.

Photos from the entire mural creation process are available online at [smithcenterkansasmural.blogspot.com/](http://smithcenterkansasmural.blogspot.com/)!







## Hands-On Beef

A grant from the community foundation's Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund helped the **Ag Department at Smith Center Jr. Sr. High School** purchase a Reality Works model cow, which gives students a hands-on opportunity to learn about the cow reproductive system. The model includes 13 removable parts on a display stand, a quick start guide, online curriculum access, student activities and presentation slides. The eighth grade Intro to Ag class and freshman Agri-Science classes used the model to learn the ruminant digestive system. "Students learned valuable information on the reproductive tract that will be utilized by the future cattlemen and women of our country," said Monica Wagner, grantee.

## Digital Enhancements

A grant from the community foundation allowed **Smith Center Elementary** to purchase 30 Chromebooks for its fifth and sixth grade students. Grantee Bree Wilson says the new technology greatly improved efficiency for her students while working on an expository writing project, which involved research, note-taking, writing an outline and typing a paper.

"Before, we would have to sign up for the computer lab, leave the room and waste time transitioning, which shortens our amount of work time," she said. "Now, we grab a Chromebook in the classroom and get straight to work."





## Learning in Action

Teachers at **Smith Center Elementary School** agreed: extended periods of sitting left students fatigued and had negative effects on their health. Research shows that brains learn best when students are physically moving! Traditional old-school chairs just weren't working anymore.

Now, at any given time during the school day, Smith Center Elementary students can be found standing, bouncing or rocking while working on assignments. Thanks to a grant from the community foundation, every classroom in the school is equipped with a diverse array of classroom seating, including standing desks, Runtz ball chairs, Hokki stools and a variety of tables. Students can now remain actively engaged in learning while improving their physical and mental health.

Grantee Bree Wilson says the added level of comfort has created a "home-like" atmosphere and a stronger sense of community in the classroom. "We truly believe that alternative seating is helping students focus, improving retention of material, and improving their health."





## Powering Community

The **Lebanon Community Center** is used for many events, big and small. It serves as a local voting location and is the home of the Fourth of July fireworks show and the Lebanon Bash. As community center events grew in size, electrical outlets became limited, causing fuses to blow and creating issues for organizers. Now, thanks to several electrical upgrades at the center, community events run much more smoothly. With more breakers and electrical outlets, food vendors don't have to worry about losing power. The cost of the upgrades was supported by a grant from the community foundation. "The community is extremely lucky to have such a nice building to hold events in," said grantee Kristy Howard.

## Labor of Love at the Lebanon Library

With grant funds received through the community foundation, the **Lebanon Community Library** was able to install a new, safer emergency exit in the facility, as well as paint the library's interior walls. While the project's initial focus was mainly cosmetic, its impact went much deeper. "With a grant from the Smith County Community Foundation, we got our door, and so much more!" said grantee Kareena Herredsberg. Since the new door was placed where bookshelves once stood, the library had to rework its entire floor layout. Library board members and volunteers spent over 300 hours

moving furniture, boxing books, prepping and painting walls, and re-shelving books when they were done. What was once an overcrowded and disorganized area is now a well-organized, well-lit, free-flowing and much more inviting space. The best part? "This project has done a lot to pull our community together," Herredsberg said. "A deeper camaraderie has formed between board members and community members as we pulled together to see this project through. The volunteers feel a sense of ownership and pride in our community library. For all of us, it was a labor of love."





## Students Key in Kensington Clean-up

The **City of Kensington** was awarded a Dane G. Hansen Community Clean-up grant to host a second Kensington Citywide Cleanup Day in April 2018. The girls' and boys' basketball teams, Lions Club and fire department assisted with the cleanup efforts. A total of 35 volunteers, including 15 adults and 20 students, worked over 135 hours to help beautify the town.

Grantee Amber Hardacre believes the event accomplished much more than helping people dispose of their junk and cleaning up Main Street. "I feel like this cleanup was especially impactful due to the number of Thunder Ridge students who assisted in the clean-up day efforts," she said. "The students were able to see how it takes an entire community of volunteers to make things like this happen, and the adult volunteers were able to see the students willingly

participate in an important volunteer project. They worked hard and were so important to the success of the day. I would like to think that we are helping the next generation learn to be civic-minded community members."





## Athol Park Enhancements

The **city park in Athol** is the community's "gathering place." Unfortunately, due to age and weather conditions, the picnic area was deteriorating and unusable. With help from a community foundation grant last fall, the old picnic tables with metal bases and deteriorated seats and tops were replaced with new, durable concrete picnic tables. A shelter was also installed to provide shade and protection for the tables, as well as the residents and visitors who stop to enjoy the park!



## Landscaping at the Smith County Courthouse

The outside of the Smith County Courthouse is bright and welcoming, thanks to the **Kansas State University Research and Extension Post Rock District**. Last fall, they received a grant through the community foundation to purchase 65 different perennial plants, mulch, weed barriers, flower fertilizer and tools. With the help of multiple Master Gardener volunteers, flowers were planted on all sides of the courthouse in May. "We were able to purchase perennials that are native to Kansas and will do well in the unpredictable weather conditions," said grantee Cassie Homan. "We are planning to label the flowers so that the flower beds are an educational experience as well as beautiful!"

# GRANTEES 2017-2018

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

- American Lutheran Church
- City of Gaylord
- City of Lebanon
- Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Gaylord Cemetery Dist
- Heart Choices, Inc.
- HOME Charitable Foundation
- Kansas Senior Living Inc
- Kanza House Library
- Kensington Senior Community Center, Inc.
- K-State Research & Extension
- Lebanon Community Library
- Smith Center Christian Church
- Smith Center Elementary
- Smith Center Junior Senior High School
- Smith County
- Smith County Memorial Hospital
- St. John Lutheran Church
- Sunporch of Smith County Fund
- Thornburg Church
- Thunder Ridge High School
- U.S. Center Foundation, Inc.
- United Church of Kensington
- USD 237 Smith Center

## 2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

**\$606,783** Total Grants

**46** Number of Grants

**\$536,875** Total Competitive Grants

**36** Number of Competitive Grants

**\$69,908** Total Donor-Directed Grants

**10** Number of Donor-Directed Grants





## Strategic Doing

An initiative of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Smith County Community Foundation, Strategic Doing guides Smith 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 Smith

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 matching gift initiative offered by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the community foundation was able to raise over \$95,000 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.

**38**

Donations

**\$38,103**

Donated

**\$57,155**

Hansen Match

**\$95,257**

Total Benefit

# 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.

Anonymous Donor  
Diane Arment  
Gary & Mary Arment  
Jolene Beckman, Trust  
Wayne Beckman, Trust  
Loretta Beckmann  
Art & Linda Befort  
Kyle & Morgan Bienhoff  
Paul & Karen Bischooping  
Roger Borgmann  
Brad & Karen Cole  
Shawn & Amber Conaway  
Carolyn Ruth Curtis  
Dannenberg Fertilizer LLC  
Dispatch Christian Reformed Church  
Frieling Grain Co., Inc.  
Gary & Brenda Frieling  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
J Thomas Hardacre  
Stan & Nancy Horning  
Gayle & Kristi Jones  
Kansas Senior Living Inc  
Lovelie & Elzene Kirchhoff  
Todd & Christina Kirchhoff  
Steven & Sandra Kuhlman  
Barb Lehmann  
Joan Nech  
John Overmiller & Kimberly Phelps  
Skip & Marie Overmiller  
Fred & Delores Panter  
Scott & Susan Panter  
The Peoples Bank

Burke & Kim Phelps  
Michael & Dianna Rice  
Marianne C. Schlatter Trust  
SCSB Charitable Trust  
Todd & Amy Slavik  
Smith Center Bancshares, Inc.  
South Winds Farm, LLC  
The Srader Foundation  
Robert & Barbara Struckhoff  
John & Amy Terrill  
Bradley & Barbara Timmons  
John & Amy Timmons  
John & Laura Zabel

## Memorials

Donald Bird  
Bill Brown  
Larry Brown  
Betty Chandler  
Ed Gardner  
Amy Grace Gibson  
Bob Hofer  
Mike Hughes  
Terri Kingsbury  
Margaret LaDow  
Marjorie Meyer  
Raymond Shellito  
Thelma Shidler  
Adeline Taylor  
Bernard Vohs  
David Winkelmann  
Rosie Younger

# 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!**

## 1

### 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 future generations of Smith County residents can say the same?

Do you know anyone who was born and raised in Smith 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 Smith County,  
**\$108.8 million**  
will pass from  
one generation to  
the next by **2029**.

5% of that, or  
**\$5.44 million**  
could be preserved  
in a foundation  
endowment.

This would create  
**\$244,800**  
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 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.**

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 Srader Fund

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## 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

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## 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

# 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

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# Provisional Funds

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

## Sunporch of Smith County Fund

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# Unrestricted Funds

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Smith County Action Fund

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# Administrative Funds

Supports foundation operations.

Smith County Administrative Fund

# FOUNDATION SERVICES

Learn more at [www.smithcountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.smithcountycommunityfoundation.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

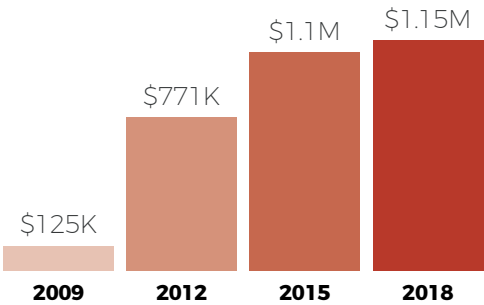
We work closely with professional advisors to help guide their clients through charitable giving today and after their lifetime.

### 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.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ASSET GROWTH

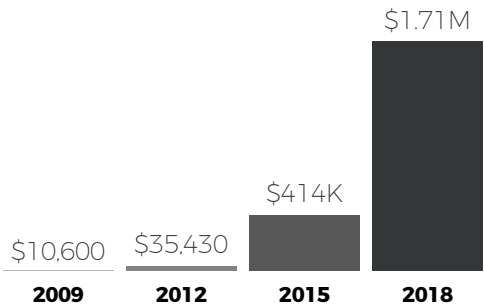


Total Assets:  
**\$1,158,663**

Number of Funds:  
**20**

2018 Total Gifts: <b>\$524,811</b>	2018 # of Gifts: <b>71</b>	2018 New Funds <b>2</b>
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## GRANTS MADE



Grants Since Inception  
**\$1,719,380**

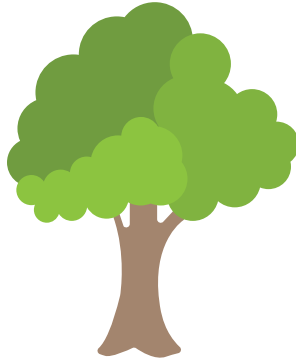
# Grants Since Inception  
**218**

# 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 Smith County Administrative Fund to support the community foundation's operations.
- 4 Make a gift** to the Smith County Action Fund, which allows SCCF 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 Smith County 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!





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is to **plant trees**  
under whose **shade** you  
**do not** expect to sit."

**Nelson Henderson**



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