



Impact **Today.**  
Transform **Tomorrow.**

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SMITH 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

### 2021-2022 Advisory Board

**Matt Stock**, Chairperson

**Nancy Horning**, Vice-Chairperson

**Kristi Jones**

**Christine Kirchhoff**

**Julie Kuhlmann**

**Marci Overmiller**

### Local Staff

**Joan Nech**, Executive Director



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**Jessica Martin**, President & Executive Director

**Lisa Newman**, Director of Regional Affiliates

**Rita Northup**, Executive Assistant

**Chris Lehecka**, Director of Donor Services

**Jessica Allen**, Donor Services Coordinator

**Brandee Mayginnes**, Director of Operations

**Cole Graham**, Director of Finance

**Shanna King**, Staff Accountant

**Jessica Fuller**, Director of Grants & Scholarships

**Natalie Wood**, Grants & Scholarships Coordinator

**Taylor Urban**, Grants & Scholarships Coordinator

**Annika Wilson**, Director of Marketing & Communications

**Jeree Hughbanks**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

# Director's Letter

## Community Foundation's Impact in Smith County From 2008-2022

Smith County Community Foundation (SCCF) is having a lasting impact on the people of Smith County.

Look around at the cities, parks, schools, churches, nonprofit organizations, libraries, swimming pools, housing developments and fire departments. You will see projects that were funded wholly or in part with grants from the Community Foundation.

From our humble beginning in 2008 until now, nearly \$3,000,000 in assets have been amassed. \$300,000 in grants were awarded this past year. These dollars are a result of monetary donations and gifts of grain from donors across the county and the country. Grants and fund-raising promotions from the Dane G Hansen Foundation have contributed greatly to the current assets of SCCF.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way. A special thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on the SCCF board of directors through the years. The

time you contribute to fund raising and grant awarding would not be possible without your dedication.

We have weathered storms over the years, but the future continues to look bright!

Sincerely,

**Joan Nech**  
Executive Director

*"The lasting impact  
of your generosity  
is making Smith  
County a better  
place to call home"*



# What **We** Do



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 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 impact today and transform 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

Julia R. Abbott & Family  
Joe & Arloa Barnes  
Roger L. & Pamela R. Barta  
Leona, Joe & Darla Conaway  
Demetre & Debra Evangelidis  
Gary & Brenda Frieling  
Eugene Kirchhoff and 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. Wien



# Grants & Scholarships Recipients

**In FY2022, \$293,259 was awarded to support 63 charitable projects to the following 32 organizations on the behalf of SCCF and its donors:**

American Legion Fred Marran Post #166	Gardner Wellness & Therapy Center	Smith County 4-H Council - Smith County Heartland Riders
American Legion Post 185	Gaylord Cemetery	Smith County Child Development Center, Inc.
Center Theatre, Inc.	Kanza House Library	Smith County Fair Board
City of Kensington	Kensington Home Charitable Foundation	Smith County Free Fair
City of Lebanon	Kensington Senior/Community Center, Inc.	St. Mary's Catholic Church
City of Smith Center	Lebanon Fire Department	SunPorch of Smith County
Country View Village	Salvation Army Service Ext Unit	Thornburg Church
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas	Smith Center Junior Senior High School	U.S. Center Foundation, Inc.
Dispatch Christian Reformed Church	Smith Center Public Library	USD 110
Evangelical Free Church	Smith County	USD 237
Evangelical Free Church Benevolent Fund		Wounded Warrior Project

**SCCF awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to the following students:**

## Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship

Dylan Bray*	Gracie Enochs	Colton Haresnape
Amber Desbien*	Kandis Frydendall*	Gracen Hutchinson*

\*Denotes Scholarship Renewal

## \$299,259

Total grants & scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2022.



## \$2,701,556

Grants & scholarships awarded since the inception of the Smith County Community Foundation



## 69

Grants & scholarships given in fiscal year 2022



## City of Lebanon: Preserving the Water Tower

Smith County Action Fund-\$2,800  
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund- \$8,500

The City of Lebanon strives to provide safe and plentiful water to its citizens. After an inspection showed that the inside of the water tower needed a special coating to preserve its integrity, the Council knew that they needed to take action to keep the water for its citizens safe.

Funds from the Community Foundation were used to pay a portion of the project of re-lining the water tower by sand blasting the interior and adding a potable water safe coating, as well as making a few minor repairs for the safety of those who work in and around the tower.

The interior repairs will help provide fresh water for another 15-20 years, impacting over 160 water meters and many more individuals.



# \$425,439

Total amount in  
gifts received in  
fiscal year 2022



# 174

Gifts received in  
fiscal year 2022



# 107

Donors in fiscal  
year 2022





## Grants

### **Smith County Child Development Center: Bright Beginnings Child Development Center**

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$8,900**

Thanks to numerous volunteer hours and donations, the Bright Beginnings Child Development Center finally opened its doors in July 2022 to over 40 children in Smith County!

Smith County Child Development was established in 2017 after the Smith Center Economic Development was approached by community members regarding the need for child care in Smith County. At the time it was discovered that 27 families were seeking child care services, and 40 school-aged children needed before or after school care.

Since then, renovations have been underway to renovate the old Smith County Family Practice building into a fun and safe learning environment for children.

Grants from the Community Foundation helped fund last minute items required by KDHE in order to be licensed such as fire extinguishers, an infant barrier for a designated sleep and play space, a kiosk entry system and new furnace.

"Without the help of the Community Foundation, we would not have been able to purchase the items necessary to become a licensed child care facility," said Director Cierra Wallgren.

Since 2017, the Community Foundation and its donors have contributed nearly \$40,000 to this initiative.





## First Saint John Lutheran Preschool: Classroom Materials

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund- \$1,000**

Grant funds purchased magnetic tiles, a magnetic easel, wood blocks and new storage. These help foster creativity, imagination, sharing, problem solving, and social play.



## Sons of the American Legion Post 166: SAL Honor

**Guard Equipment**

**Smith County Action Fund-  
\$1,954.90**

The Kensington SAL Post 166 provides firing squads for veterans' funerals in Kensington, Athol, Gaylord, Smith Center, and occasionally Lebanon. Funding purchased new jackets, parade hats, ties, rifle blank firing adapters and replacement rifle springs. Previous equipment was at least 20 years old.





# How it **Works**



## 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**



## Grant Story

If you are looking for a new place to play or stretch your legs, look no further than the Kensington Roadside Park. With the help of a grant from the Smith County Community Foundation, and many hours of volunteer labor, the park now boasts a new commercial grade playground that can hold up to 25 children. The previous climbing tower only accommodated 2-3 children, and due to safety concerns had to be torn down.

While fundraising for the project, the cost of the playground increased. Thanks to the grant from the Community Foundation, the project was able to continue.

"The project was supported financially by several groups, but without the generosity of the Smith County Community Foundation,

it would not have been possible," said Amber Hardacre, Kensington City Clerk.

Located on the east edge of town on Highway 36, the park is host to family reunions, graduation and birthday parties, church groups, hunting clubs, campers, and many families stopping to stretch their legs on a long trip across the state. It is a popular gathering spot and with the addition of a new playground, the draw to the park will be even greater.

The park already boasts a shelter house, picnic shelter, bathrooms and two RV camping electrical hookups. The updated and safe play area will appeal to all park users and will make it an attractive, pleasant place for families and groups to spend time.

### City of Kensington: Roadside Park Playground

Dane G. Hansen  
Community Grant  
Fund- \$3,927



# 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**

Paul Anderson  
Robert Bearley  
Wayne & Jolene Beckman  
Loretta Beckmann  
Art & Linda Befort  
Kyle & Morgan Bienhoff  
Daniel & Jeanne Billings  
Kenneth & Doris Blanke  
Jeanne Burnette  
Brad & Karen Cole  
Wesley & Stacy Cole  
Carolyn Ruth Curtis  
Jordan & Christina Dettmer  
Bruce Detwiler  
Steven & Susan Dollison  
Robin R. Einspahr  
Melinda Ewing  
Kerry & Desiree Ferguson  
Gerald Fraser  
Douglas Gardner  
Wendell & Pauline Gardner  
Byron & Leanne Grauerholz  
Delbert D. & Shirley Grauerholz  
Mary Hagedorn (Miller)  
Stephen & Joan Heide  
Brandon & Aftin Hommon  
Keith & Paterna Hooper  
Philip E. Horsfall  
Janet L. Hosmann  
David & Mary Hrabec  
Michael & Rebecca Isom  
Gayle & Kristi Jones  
Janice Kennedy  
Elzene Kirchhoff  
Lovelie Kirchhoff  
Todd & Christina Kirchhoff  
Dane Kohrs  
Nathen & Kendra Kuhlmann  
Patty Kuhlmann  
William & Mary Lattin  
John & Kimberly Levin  
Col. Leslie & Melinda Mazzarella  
Kerry & Juneil McQueen  
David A. & Sonia J. Meredith

Mark Miller  
Tim & Denise Miller  
David Moore  
Donna Muck  
James Muck  
Edward & Debra Murdoch  
Joan Nech  
Edward & Janice Norden  
Marion "Skip" Overmiller  
Mark & Marci Overmiller  
Margaret Parker  
Marilyn Parsons  
Burke & Kim Phelps  
Emery Poore  
Shirly G. Powell  
Linda Rahjes  
Ronald & Cynthia Rahjes  
Doran Ratliff  
Michael & Dianna Rice  
Vincent & Kim Rietzke  
Russel & Carol Rose  
Reta Savener  
Linda A. Scheer  
Marianne Schlatter Trust  
Arden Schoeni  
Terry R. & Elizabeth A. Schoeni  
Kathy Scobee  
Craig C. & Dixie L. Smith  
Florence Stenseng  
Maria Stoll  
Francis & Colette Sweat  
Mary Sweat  
Adam & Connie Synoground  
Regina Taylor  
Ralph & Elizabeth Thomm  
Eldon & Carole Thompson  
Bradley & Barbara Timmons  
Bart & Cynthia Wagner  
Joel Wagner  
Darren & Elizabeth Wiens  
Donald & Doris Wiens  
Billie & Carolyn Williams  
Luann Wilson  
Robert & Dorothy Wire

## **Businesses & Organizations**

Cedar Valley Farms, LLC  
CoBank  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
DBA Mills Trophies  
Keever Family Reunion  
Kensington Home  
Charitable Foundation  
Kensington Lions Club  
Life's A Beach  
Midway Coop, Inc.  
The Peoples Bank (Pratt, KS)  
The Peoples Bank  
(Smith Center, KS)  
Producers Agricultural  
Marketing Assn.  
Smith Center Bancshares, Inc.  
The Srader Foundation  
Williams Family Charitable Trust

## **Honorariums**

A Valued Client's Milestone  
Birthday

## **Memorials**

Rev Virgil Anderson &  
Tim Anderson  
Jerry Cole  
Dick L. Detwiler  
Arden Devlin  
Carol Jacobs  
Jane Kirchner  
J.S. Wagner  
Jud & Betty Wagner

# 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.**

Smith County Administrative Fund

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

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

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Fund

Josias & Elsie Lambert Fund

Kelling-Tomlinson Fund

Kensington Lions Club Fund for the Kensington Senior Community Center

Lebanon Community Center Fund

Lebanon Fire Department Fund

North Oak Creek Cemetery Fund

Pauline Seemann Gardner Kensington Community Fund\*

Smith County Fair Fund

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

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

The Gardner Wellness Center Charitable Fund

Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. for Smith County Fund

Kelling-Tomlinson Family Fund

Kensington Lions Club Fund

John & Joan Overmiller Family Fund

Barbara Schlatter Memorial Fund

The Srader Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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

Smith County 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 (Smith County)

Health Needs of Smith County Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smith County

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

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

Center Theatre, Inc. Fund

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Foundation Fund

Kensington Home Charitable Foundation Fund

Smith County Memorial Hospital Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

James and Elisabeth Gwennap Memorial Scholarship Fund\*

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship Fund

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



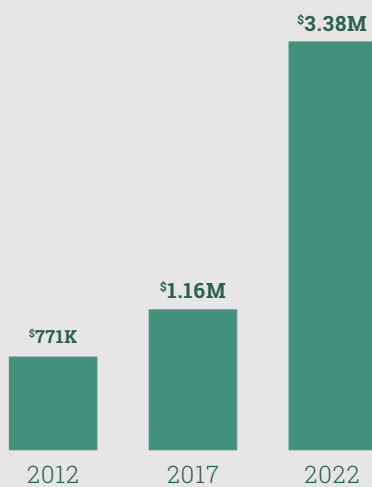
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(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

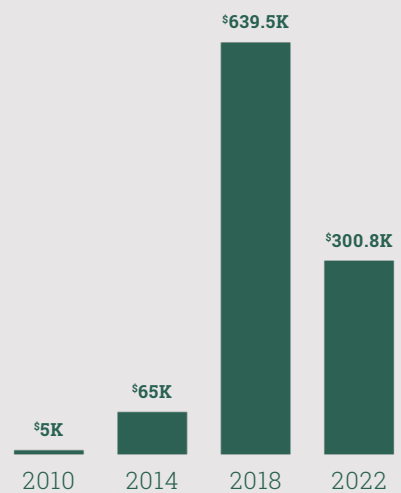
## Total Grants and Scholarships awarded since inception

**\$2,716,322**

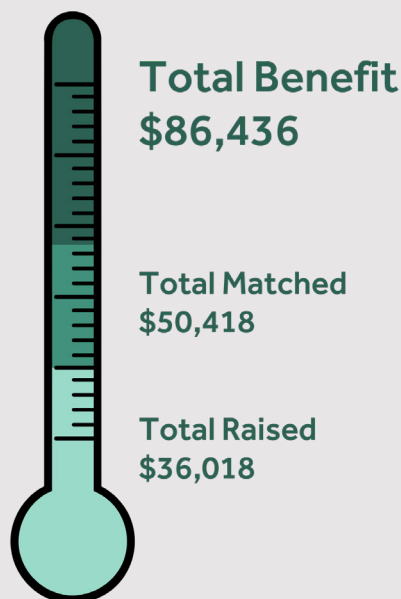
### ASSETS



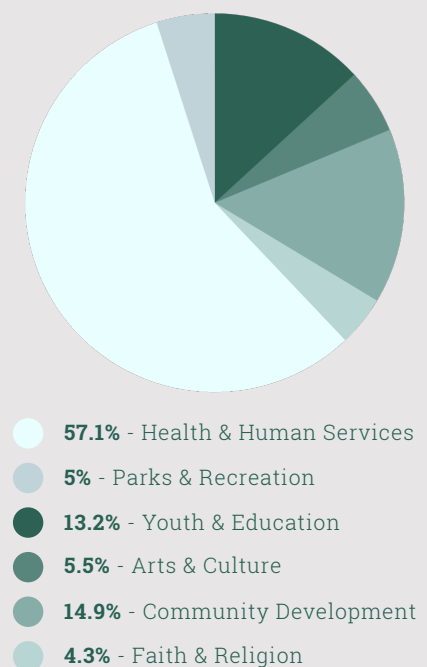
### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



### 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  
Undeposited Checks/Cash

2022

\$32,612  
\$3,312,604  
\$1,500

### Total Assets

**\$3,346,716**

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable  
Grants Payable

\$(4,250)  
\$3,900

### Total Liabilities

**\$(350)**

## Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal  
Fund Balance - Income

\$3,145,973  
\$201,093

### Total Net Assets

**\$3,347,066**

### Total Liabilities + Net Assets

**\$3,346,716**

# 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

\$345,839  
\$79,600  
\$9,840  
\$64,011  
\$43,288  
\$(628,949)

### Total Revenue

**\$(86,371)**

## Expenses

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

\$293,259  
\$2,896  
\$6,000  
\$32,033  
\$788

### Total Expenses

**\$334,976**

### Change in Net Assets

**\$(421,347)**



**Smith County Community Foundation**

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**Phone:** (785) 476-7538

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