



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

SMITH COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Helping You Impact Today. Transform Tomorrow.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

JOAN NECH

Dear Donors and Friends,

The Smith County Community Foundation was organized in 2008 to help the citizens of Smith County impact today and transform tomorrow. Twenty-five Founding Donors took the plunge and believed that they could make a difference. \$2.8 million dollars in grants later, they have made a difference. Last year in Smith County, over \$194,000 was granted to 34 local nonprofits and students preserving our rural way of life.

But there are still a lot of people who don't know what we do. Every year the goal of the board of directors is to make more people aware of how important the Community Foundation is to Smith County. We serve all of Smith County helping make wishes and dreams come true to cities, schools, churches, and other non-profit entities. The Foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet the current and future needs of our county.

In addition to help from our loyal donors, we have had help along the way with grants from the Sunflower Foundation, Kansas Health Foundation, Dane G. Hansen Foundation, and a new challenge in 2023, from the Patterson Family Foundation.

Thank you for the time that the volunteer board of directors spends every year going to meetings, fundraising, and awarding grants. To quote Benjamin Franklin, "time is the stuff life is made of".

The **attitude** of our generous donors and believers gives us possibilities. Your **priorities** help us focus on the future of Smith County. Your forward **thinking** gives us an advantage. Your **commitment** through the years gives us tenacity. Your **generosity** gives us significance and growth potential. Together we can impact today and transform tomorrow.



Joan Nech,
Director

ADVISORY BOARD



MATT STOCK
CHAIR

Jeremy Carr
Greg Frank
Kristi Jones
Christine Kirchhoff
Julie Kuhlmann
Marci Overmiller

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help people invest in meaningful ways to make a difference in the community by building permanent endowment funds and meeting charitable community needs.

REGIONAL STAFF

We are an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

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

FOUNDING DONORS

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILIES

Julia R. Abbott & Family
Joe & Arloa Barnes
Roger L. & Pamela R. Barta
Leona, Joe & Darla Conaway
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Gary & Brenda Frieling
Eugene Kirchhoff and Brad &
Karen Cole
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Ernest A. & Barbara J. Schlatter
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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

IMPACT STORY

Smith County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Big Kansas Road Trip

Smith County Action Fund- \$2,000

Smith County, along with Jewell and Republic Counties, hosted the fifth annual Big Kansas Road Trip on May 4-7, 2023. The Big Kansas Road Trip is a project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation providing the public a first-hand experience in rural communities. Their mission is to preserve and sustain rural culture by educating Kansans about Kansas and networking and supporting rural communities.

The Smith County Convention and Visitors Bureau received a \$2,000 grant from the Smith County Action Fund to help promote county businesses, attractions and events to attract visitors to spend time in various parts of the county. Funds were used to help pay for advertising including welcome banners, window posters and volunteer t-shirts.

This year, it was estimated that approximately 1,000 visitors from all over Kansas and nine other states attended. For area businesses and organizations, this meant full lodging, restaurants and a record number of visitors, all of which boost Smith County's economy!

Smith County stops listed in *Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers* included:

- Athol- Weather station, Home on the Range Cabin.
- Cedar- Missouri Pacific Depot
- Gaylord- Park Entrances, Statue of Liberty
- Kensington- Kensington Community Store, Rusty Tractor restaurant
- Lebanon- Geographic Center of the United States, Ladow's Supermarket
- Smith Center- Smith County Courthouse, Old Dutch Mill, old First National Bank Building, Forks of Beaver Creek Indian Fight Historical Marker, Jiffy Burger, Relihan Row

Funding for this project came from the Smith County Action Fund, a permanent endowed fund that will grow over time to support current and future needs of Smith County.



GRANTS AWARDED

The Community Foundation's Board accepts and reviews applications once a month to address current community needs. This year, the committee awarded \$107,126 to 25 projects throughout Smith County.



City of Smith Center: Driving Range Renovation

**Dane G. Hansen
Community Grant Fund-
\$12,420**

**Smith County Action
Fund- \$1,580**

Golfers can now enjoy new equipment at the driving range! A state-of-the-art ball dispenser, dedicated bag rack station, efficient club cleaner, and an ample supply of range balls have not only improved the golfing experience, but have increased the number of golfers frequenting the facilities.



U.S. Center Foundation: Park Landscaping

**Smith County Action
Fund- \$1,632**

Local volunteers worked together to install a 1-ton super bag of recycled tire mulch the Geographic Center Marker and inside the eight purchased recycled tire timbers surrounding the marker areas.

The rubber mulch is much more durable than the previous wood mulch and won't be disturbed as easily by wind or visitors checking out the marker.



Smith County 4-H Council: Arena Panel Replacement

**Smith County Action
Fund- \$3,300**

Smith County 4-H members replaced broken posts and panels on the east side of the horse arena at the Smith County Fairground to provide a safer environment for 4-H kids, fair participants and community spectators.

These new panels are stronger and will allow better ties for beef show kids to tie their animals out to grass during the fair.

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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GRANT RECIPIENTS

American Legion Fred Marran Post
#166
Center Theatre Inc.
City of Lebanon
City of Smith Center
Cloud County Community College
Country View Village
Developmental Services of
Northwest Kansas
Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
Evangelical Free Church
Evangelical Free Church Benevolent
Fund
Gardner Wellness & Therapy Center
Kanza House Library
Kensington Home Charitable
Foundation
Kensington Senior/Community
Center, Inc.

Lebanon Community Library
Lebanon Fire Department
Oak Creek Christian Church
Community Association
Salvation Army Service Ext Unit
Smith Center Fire Department
Smith Center Public Library
Smith County
Smith County 4-H Council
Smith County Child Development
Center, Inc.
Smith County Fair Board
Smith County Memorial Hospital
Thornburg Church
U.S. Center Foundation, Inc.
USD 110
USD 237
Walk His Way LTD

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Wounded Warrior Project
Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship Fund
Amber Desbien*
Katherine Christner
Shelby Maydew

Over \$194,000 was granted to 34 local nonprofits and students preserving our rural way of life. These grants and scholarships are distributed annually from funds held at SCCF on behalf of our donors and generous people like you helping impact today and transform tomorrow!

WHAT TO GIVE OTHER THAN CASH

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

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

Whatever you choose, we want to partner with you to help make a better tomorrow!



APPRECIATED STOCKS & SECURITIES

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



RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

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



REAL ESTATE

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



GRAIN

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



CRYPTOCURRENCY

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



HOW IT WORKS

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

GIVE

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



GROW

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

Our trailing 10-year annualized return is 7.96%.



GRANT

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

Grants can be made in your name or anonymously.



FOUNDATION FUNDS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2023)

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Smith County Administrative Fund

DESIGNATED

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Fund
 Josias & Elsie Lambert 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

DONOR ADVISED

The Gardner Wellnes Center Charitable Fund
 Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. for Smith
 County Fund
 Kelling-Tomlinson Family Donor Advised Fund
 Kensington Lions Club Fund
 John & Joan Overmiller Family Fund
 Barbara Schlatter Memorial Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund
 for Smith County
 Health Needs of Smith County Fund
 Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smith County

ORGANIZATION

Center Theatre Inc. Fund
 Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Fund
 Kensington HOME Charitable Foundation Fund
 Smith County Memorial Hospital Fund

SCHOLARSHIP

Designated
 James and Elizabeth Gwennap Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Traditional
 Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED

Smith County Action Fund

* Denotes new fund

DONOR LIST

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

Individuals & Families

Knut & Charlotte Aagaard
Susan K. Amrein
Larry Angus
Anonymous Donor
Gary & Mary Arment
Timothy & Melanie Bartley
Kiley B. Beach
Mary Beach
Robert Bearley
Robert L. Bearley
Loretta Beckmann
Jason & Andi Beckman & Family
Robert Beckman
Wayne & Jolene Beckman
Art & Linda Befort
Kyle & Morgan Bienhoff
James & Susan Buckley
Robert & Staci Buckmaster
Jeanne Burnette

Marjorie Caspers
Gene & Mary Casteel
Thomas Chandler
Brad & Karen Cole
Dave & Regi Conaway
Carolyn Ruth Curtis
Benjamin & Angela Dolezal
Gaylene Ducharm
Debra J. Dudley
Melanie Elliott
Edward & Janese Erickson
Demetre & Debbie Evangelidis
Jon C. Ferguson
Kathy Franklin
Gary & Brenda Frieling
Gilbert & Karen Frieling
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Al & Sheila Gaines
Douglas Gardner
Wendell & Pauline Gardner
Andra D. Gerstenkorn
Mitchell Gerstenkorn
Marvin & Connie Gillen
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Mary Beth Hagedorn
Bruce Hardacre
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Jeff & Carolyn Haresnape
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Don Holmes
Keith & Paterna Hooper
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Scott & Jana Horsfall
Joyce Howland
David & Mary Hrabe
Hattie Ann Huggins
Dennis & Pam Hutchinson
Jill Isernhagen
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Kerry & Kelli James
Gayle & Kristi Jones
Michael & Shannon Kats, Regan,
Kadee & Hunter, Ryann & Rhett
Dwayne & Ardyce Kattenberg
Dixie L. King
Todd & Christina Kirchhoff
Lovelie Kirchhoff
Jim Kirchner
Jerry & Vickie Knight
Nita R. Kuhlman
Max & Patty Kuhlman
Dennis Lambert
Richard & Janeen Landoll
William & Mary Lattin
Lyn & Janis Lee

David & Rebecca Levin
Steve & Deb Levin
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Jodell Maxwell
Col. Leslie & Melinda Mazarella
The McDowell Family
Darin & Brooke McDowell
Paul & Kathy Merklein
Philip Miller
Mitch, Dan & Brent Moomaw
James Muck
Eulonda Nardiello
Bruce & Deanna Nech
Joan Nech
Edward & Janice Norden
Mark & Marci Overmiller
Skip & Marie Overmiller
Diana L. Paris
Margaret Parker
Marilyn Parsons
Burke & Kim Phelps
Jamie & Erin Pierson
Ronald & Cynthia Rahjes
Kent & Helene Ramey
Annalee Ratliff
Kenneth W. Ratliff
Melissa Rentschler
Carmen Rice
Michael & Dianna Rice
Vincent & Kim Rietzke

Grace Rishel
 Jimmie G. Rogers
 Brenda (Sweat) Rongish
 The Rusco, Gilkison, & Musgrove
 Families
 Michelle Rust
 Dennis & Judy Schmidt
 Trina Schrag
 Rod Seemann
 Robert G. & Debra A. Sinclair
 Amy Slavik
 Daryl & Bonnie Slavik
 Craig C. & Dixie L. Smith
 Jay N. & Jan C. Smith
 Kevin & Charlene Smith
 Leslie Struckhoff
 Mary Sweat
 Adam & Connie Synoground
 John & Amy Terrill
 Bradley & Barbara Timmons
 John & Amy Timmons
 Dana K. Travis
 Cary & Phyllis Tucker
 Lauren Webb
 John & Nancy Weber
 Brett & Melissa Westbrook
 Marlene Whitney
 Donald & Doris Wiens
 John & Tamara Windscheffel
 A.L. Woods

Businesses & Organizations

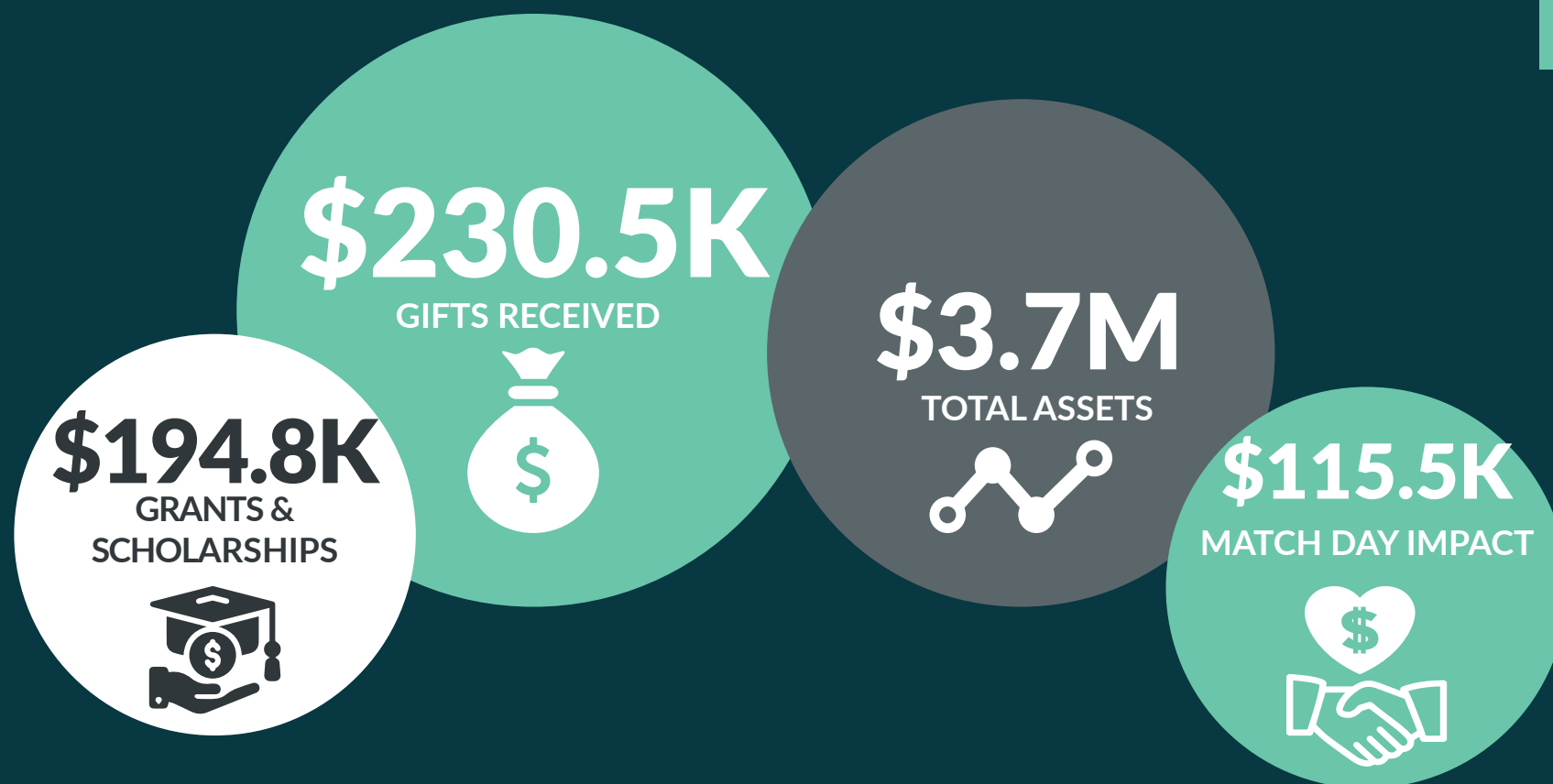
ADELPHA Club
 Conaway Farms, Inc.
 Dane G. Hansen Foundation
 Grunts and Grain Farms
 Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
 Heartland Dermatology
 K R F P D No. 1
 Kensington Home Charitable
 Foundation
 Kiwanis Club of Smith County
 Lane County Implement, Inc.
 Midway Coop, Inc.
 The Peoples Bank
 The Employees of The Peoples Bank
 Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Producers Agricultural Marketing Assn.
 SCSB Charitable Trust
 Smith Center Bancshares, Inc.
 Smith County Bank
 Smith County Community
 Foundation
 Smith County Seniors Citizens, Inc.
 The Srader Foundation
 Thornburg Church
 TME Services
 Williams Family Charitable Trust

Memorials

Curtis L. Beach
 Jim Carver
 Dick Detwiler
 Dorothy Devlin
 Dale Lyon
 Maxine Meyer
 Denise Miller
 Francis Runyon
 Ruth & Albin Wolf

Honorariums

Pauline Seeman Gardner



MATCH RESULTS

\$38,479 Raised

\$38,479 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Unrestricted Fund)

\$34,650 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Administrative Endowment)

\$3,850 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Operations)

\$115,458 TOTAL IMPACT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

| ASSETS | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash - Bennington State Bank | \$20,743 |
| Pooled Investment - Vanguard | \$3,695,716 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$3,716,459 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Accounts Payable | \$0 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$0 |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Fund Balance - Principal | \$3,256,668 |
| Fund Balance - Income | \$459,791 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$3,716,459 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS | \$3,716,459 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

| REVENUES | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Gifts & Bequests - Principal | \$180,524 |
| Gifts & Bequests - Income | \$50,000 |
| Gifts & Bequests - Internal | \$3,300 |
| Dividend Income | \$72,054 |
| Realized Gain/Loss on Investments | \$13,775 |
| Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments | \$280,347 |
| Grant Income | \$8,850 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$608,850 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Grants Authorized | \$189,779 |
| Grants Authorized -Internal | \$3,300 |
| Scholarships Authorized | \$5,000 |
| Administrative Fees | \$38,944 |
| Operating Expenses | \$2,434 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$239,457 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$369,393 |



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