

2014-2015

Smith County Community Foundation

Vehicle for Good

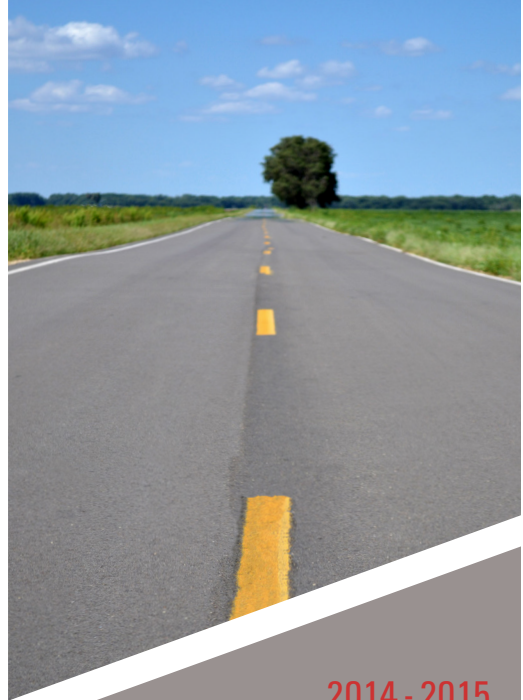
*Connecting people who care
with causes that matter*

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Vehicle for Good

The Smith County Community Foundation serves as a vehicle to receive gifts from individuals, families, businesses and organizations to establish endowment funds that will provide grant awards for years to come. All gifts received are carefully invested and the income from endowments is used to make grants to charitable causes.



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Foundation Mission

Our mission is to meet charitable community needs through leadership, grants, and donor services.

Letter from the Director

A Vehicle for Good

Dear Friends,

Community Foundations, a vehicle for good. We truly believe the Smith County Community Foundation has helped make many positive changes in Smith County. From the first grants awarded in May 2009 to the most recent in May 2015, many positive changes have taken place in our communities.

Every year, the Board of Directors is entrusted to make grant decisions to make an impact on the community. This year, grant monies have helped purchase needed equipment upgrades for Smith County Memorial Hospital & Long Term Care, Smith County Family Practice and Gardner Wellness & Physical Therapy Center. Safety upgrades to Lebanon, Athol, Kensington and Gaylord fire departments have been possible. The Kensington and Smith Center Lions Clubs joined forces to use SCCF grant money to help purchase a Spot Eye Scanner. This piece of equipment can test for eye abnormalities in children as young as 6 months. Other county nonprofit organizations who have benefited from Smith County community grants include libraries in Gaylord, Kensington and Lebanon, The Kensington Community Store, Lebanon HUB Club, US Center Foundation, Smith Center Girls Scouts, USD 237, Smith County Ministerial Association and many more. The board has been able to give away nearly \$100,000 in grants to our communities and we believe this money has made a difference.

In 2010, the Smith County Community Foundation adopted a vision of growing the Foundation into a leading charitable organization with an endowment of more than one million dollars in six years. Because of your generosity, that goal was reached in 2013. With your continued support many more good things will continue to happen in Smith County.

Sincerely,



Joan Nech



With over 1 million public charities in the United States, we recognize that donors have a multitude of options to spend their charitable dollars. However, by establishing a fund at the Community Foundation, donors have the flexibility to create and shape their own charitable fund to reflect their personal goals and desires. Below is a list of different fund types, or “giving vehicles,” to help donors accomplish those goals.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds allow donors to identify one or more charities to receive annual grant distributions in perpetuity. If the designated charity no longer exists, the Foundation board of directors will redirect the funds to a similar charitable need ensuring that the donor’s intent is always honored.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds are one of the most flexible funds at the Foundation. Donors can make grant recommendations to charitable organizations from their fund and also have the ability to pass their fund to future generations.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds enable donors to focus their giving on a particular area of interest like arts and education or a specific geographic area. The Foundation works with a grants committee to administer grants in a way that achieves the donor’s overall objectives.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship Funds give donors the opportunity to provide educational support for students at any level of education. Donors may designate a particular field of study, a specific educational institution, and/or eligibility requirements.

UNRESTRICTED FUND

The Smith County Action Fund is an unrestricted fund that is flexible and responsive to current and future community needs. Grants are administered by the Foundation through a competitive application process and support a variety of local charitable causes and organizations. Funding from this grant program comes from many different donations. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to this important community grant fund and will help earn a 50% match from the Kansas Health Foundation’s GROW II matching grant program (See page 12 for more information).

ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Organization Funds are established by a nonprofit organization with the purpose of building long-term sustainability. Contributions to the fund can be made by the organization as well as third party donors.

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Funds for the Future enable donors to set up a bequest to their community and directs the contributions to nonprofits and charitable causes that align with their interests and passions.

PROVISIONAL FUNDS

Provisional Funds are established by a group or organization that is raising money for a specific charitable community project. If the project does not happen, donors who contributed to this fund can redirect their gift to a different charitable cause of their choice.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

The Administrative Fund is the engine that keeps the Foundation going. Donors that contribute to this fund are helping support Foundation operations and enabling it to further its mission to meet charitable community needs through leadership, grants and donor services.

FUN FACT

Did you know that community foundations are the fastest growing vehicle for giving in the United States? The Smith County Community Foundation is one of over 750 in the nation. There are more than 80 in the state of Kansas alone.

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund



Dane G. Hansen was a man who amassed enormous wealth without losing the common touch and always found time to help others. He made part of his fortune by starting an earth-moving business which evolved into road and bridge construction that spread over 26 counties in northwest Kansas.

When Mr. Hansen died on his 82nd birthday in 1965, he left the bulk of his fortune to establish the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The primary goal of the foundation was to make communities in northwest Kansas better places to live as his lasting legacy.

This year, the Greater Salina Community Foundation received an \$800,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan as part of a new pilot grant program. The Greater Salina Community Foundation and nine of its affiliates will operate as a charitable vehicle for 16 out of the 26 counties in the northwest Kansas Hansen service area. Each county, including Smith County and its surrounding areas, received \$50,000 to award in the form of competitive grants to a variety of community projects with an emphasis on programs or projects that include community involvement and volunteerism.

Gary Poore, a trustee of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation commented, “We’re very pleased to start this pilot project as a part of our overall mission to improve the quality of life for the citizens of northwest Kansas. We think that community foundations are in a unique position to find and fund projects that will have the most impact in our local areas.”

Grants are limited to up to \$5,000 and are restricted to the following fields of interest:

- Arts
- Community beautification
- Environment
- Health & Human Service
- Inter-generational

Mr. Hansen may have made a living by connecting people through roads and bridges, but it is his estate gift that is making the biggest impact by connecting people with causes that matter.



Grants Awarded

City of Lebanon-\$1,950

Three new picnic tables for Lebanon City Park

Gaylord Firemen's Relief Association-\$5,000

New equipment- (4) air tanks and (1) gas powered exhaust fan

Kanza House Genealogy History & Resource Library & Museum-\$1,264

Three new french doors for the Kanza House restoration

Kensington Community/School Library-\$2,300

A more accessible entrance with automatic door opener with two remote switches

Kensington Senior Community Center, Inc.-\$4,400

Senior Community Center upgrades including two new refrigerators with ice makers, dishwasher and sofa

Smith Center Housing Authority-\$5,000

Replace existing ramp and stairs on south side of Rec Hall to make a more accessible entrance

Smith Center Jr. Sr. High School- FACS-\$2,000

Simulation baby dolls to teach students the responsibilities of being a parent

Smith Center Recreation Commission-\$5,000

New ballfield lights at Joy Field

Thunder Ridge High School-\$3,600

A water bottle filling station and healthy snack machine

United Church of Christ-\$5,000

Chair lifts for outdoor and indoor stairways to make the church more accessible

USD 110-\$4,378

Purchase and installation of two Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Founding Donors — — — — — — — — — —

It was the faith and commitment of our Founders that provided Smith County with not only a vehicle for giving, but a vehicle for good. For that we are forever grateful.

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. Wiens**

2014-2015

Donors

One way we achieve our mission is to inspire and enable donors to fulfill their charitable desires. Connecting them with causes that matter is what the Foundation is all about.

Abbott & Son Trucking Inc.

Julia Abbott

Carolyn Ruth Curtis

Dane G. Hansen Foundation

Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.

Dean Henrichs

Gayle & Kristi Jones

Kansas Health Foundation

Kensington Lions Club

Bruce & Deanna Nech

Bud & Rosalee Nech

Joan Nech

Terry & Melissa Nech

John Overmiller

The Peoples Bank

Carolyn Peterson

Burke & Kim Phelps

Jim & Marianne Schlatter

Marlin & Ginger Smith

The Srader Foundation

Joe & Garoleen Wilson

Mike & Susan Young

Memorials

The Community Foundation provides many vehicles to honor or remember a loved one in the form of a memorial or honorarium. Gifts can be made to a fund that's already established or a new fund can be created in that person's name to leave a lasting legacy.

This year, gifts were received in memory of:

Sally Craig

Robert "Bob" Curtis

Harry Lair Dean

Buck Fisher

W.G. & Mildred Henrichs

Jeff Hojda

Elizabeth Libby

Roverta Lyon

Betty McDonald

LaVern Meyer

Courtney Miller

Joyce Nelssen

Carl Osthoff

Dean Schenk

Milo Shellito

J.L. Simpson

Larry Suchsland

Sam Wagner

Lucille Hicks Walters

Helen Watts

Foundation Funds & Grants

The Smith County Community Foundation has been used as a vehicle to make a communities better. Since inception, SCCF has awarded over \$415,000 in grants that support a broad range of charitable causes-some grants directed by donors and some determined by our board of directors. It is the opportunity to make an impact that makes us feel blessed to be part of this organization.

Smith County Action Fund

2014-2015 Grants Awarded

City of Gaylord-\$300

A document scanner and electronic hard drive for electronic city files

Lebanon Community Library-\$3,117

A new heat and air unit for the library

Marine Corps League Detachment 105-\$2,000

Bronze veteran grave markers to replace existing plastic markers

St. John Lutheran Church-\$1,700

To restore and repair cemetery memorials

Designated Funds

Current Funds

The Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Smith County

Kensington Lions Club for Kensington Senior Community Center

Josias & Elsie Lambert Fund

Designated Fund 2014-2015 Grantees-\$4,899 total grants

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

Kensington Senior Community Center, Inc.

Smith County Administrative Fund

Thornburg Church

Field of Interest Funds

Current Funds

Health Needs of Smith County Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smith County

Field of Interest Fund 2014-2015 Grantees-\$3,498 total grants

New Covenant Church

Smith County Public Health Department

USD 237

Organization Funds — — — — —

Current Funds

HOME Charitable Foundation

Smith County Memorial Hospital

Organization Fund 2014-2015 Grantees- \$243,178 total grants

HOME Charitable Foundation

Smith County Memorial Hospital

Donor Advised Funds — — — — —

Current Funds

Kensington Lions Club Fund

John & Joan Overmiller Family Fund

Barbara Schlatter Memorial Fund

Smith Center Rotary Club Fund

Donor Advised Fund 2014-2015 Grantees-\$3,492 total grants

Center Theater, Inc.

The Peoples Heartland Foundation

Smith Center Junior Senior High School

Smith County Memorial Hospital

USA Dictionary Project

USD 237

Pass Through Funds — — — — —

Current Funds

Dand G. Hansen Community Fund for Smith County

The Srader Foundation

Donor Advised Fund 2014-2015 Grantees-\$39,892 total grants

See pages 6-7 for Hansen Fund grantees.

Administrative Funds — — — — —

Current Funds

Smith County Administrative Fund

Funds for the Future — — — — —

Current Funds

L.C. Kramer & Velda Kramer Fund

A GROWing Vehicle, A Great Opportunity!

The Smith County Community Foundation has been selected as a vehicle for healthier and stronger communities by the Kansas Health Foundation. Through the end of 2015, SCCF has the opportunity to earn a \$300,000 matching grant from the KHF's Giving Resources to our World (GROW II) program. Every new endowed gift to the Foundation through December 31, 2015 will earn a 25% or 50% match.

What are the matching rates?

Any endowed gift to the Smith County Action Fund, Smith County Administrative Fund, or Health Needs of Smith County Fund will help earn a 50% match. All other endowed gifts, with exception of scholarship funds, will help earn a 25% match.

Where do the matching dollars go?

All matching money will be divided into two endowed funds created by the Kansas Health Foundation- the Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smith County, a public health fund, and the Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Smith County, an administrative fund.

What kind of impact will this make in our community?

If the challenge is met, over \$1 million in new endowed money will be invested in Smith County to benefit the needs of current and future generations in Smith County. Already, it has provided grants to several projects in our communities including medical, dental and vision care to low income children, new park equipment, food pantry support and much more.



GROW II Funding Update:

Total Match Earned: \$120,215

Total Match Left to Earn by 12/31/15:

\$179,785

Contact us to see how you can help!

Make a Difference

Help Smith County GROW!

Making a difference in your community is easy, especially when there are matching dollars making your gift go further. From now until December 31, 2015, any donation to an endowed fund at the Foundation will earn a match from the Kansas Health Foundation. No gift is too small. Gifts of \$25, \$10, or even \$1 can be made to any of the below funds and help Smith County GROW!

I would like to be part of this GROWing opportunity with a \$ _____ donation to the following fund(s):

To earn a 50% match...

___ Smith County Action Fund (unrestricted community grant fund)

___ Smith County Administrative Fund

___ Health Needs of Smith County (public health fund)

To earn a 25% match...

___ The Dispatch Christian Reformed Church Fund

___ HOME Charitable Foundation

___ Kensington Lions Club Fund for Kensington Senior Community Center

___ Josias & Elsie Lambert Fund

___ Smith County Memorial Hospital Fund

Other Funds... *(These funds do not qualify for a match from KHF)*

___ Kensington Lions Club Fund

___ John & Joan Overmiller Family Fund

___ Barbara Schlatter Memorial Fund

___ Smith Center Rotary Club Fund

___ The Srader Foundation Fund

_____ I wish to remain anonymous.

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Phone)

(Email)

In order for a donation to be considered a charitable donation for 2015, it must be postmarked by December 31, 2015. To ensure that your donation is received by that date, please send it by December 23, 2015.

**Please make checks payable to
SCCF and mail to:**

P.O. Box 116

Smith Center, KS 66967

Please contact me about:

Using the Foundation to administer
charity in my will or trust

Establishing a fund

Personal estate planning

Foundation Finance

GSCF Investment Portfolio

2nd Quarter 2015	-0.20%
Trailing 1 Year	+4.12%
Trailing 3 Years	+41.81% Absolute +12.30% Annualized
Trailing 5 Years	+79.51% Absolute +12.40% Annualized
Trailing 10 Years	+98.96% Absolute +7.10% Annualized

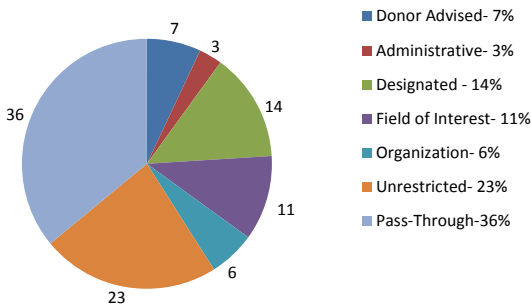
INVESTMENT INFO

The Foundation believes the best longterm performance will be achieved through a balanced portfolio consisting of 75% equities and 25% fixed income and cash.

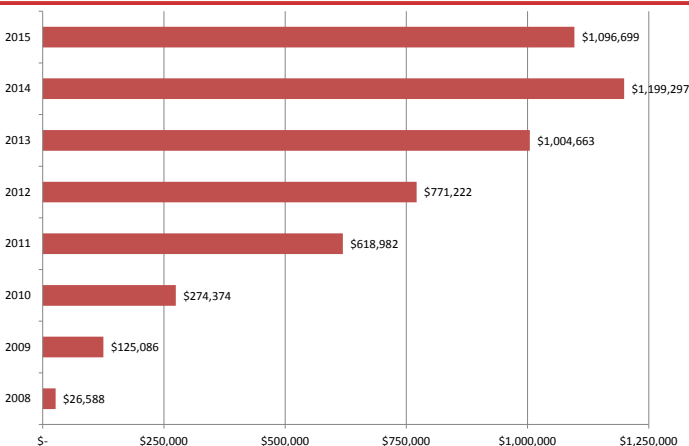
As an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF), the funds at the Smith County Community Foundation are pooled together with all the funds held by GSCF and their affiliates. The funds are invested with Vanguard and governed by a finance committee at GSCF.

We are confident in our performance and rate well when compared to other investment pools. Our 5 year annualized return is 12.40% and our 10 year annualized return is 7.10%.

SCCF Assets by Type



SCCF Total Assets



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(June 30, 2015)

ASSETS	
Wells Fargo CMM	\$402,841
Pooled Investment– Vanguard	\$693,858
Total Assets	\$1,096,699
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$6
Total Liabilities	\$6
FUND BALANCES	
Fund Balance—Principal	\$712,943
Fund Balance—Income	(\$16,032)
Fund Balance—Spendable	\$399,782
Total Fund Balances	\$1,096,693
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$1,096,699

Consolidated Statement of Activities

REVENUES	
Gifts & Bequests-Principal	\$43,398
Gifts & Bequests-Income	\$139,493
Dividend Income	\$14,878
Realized Gain on Investments	\$598
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$13,962
Total Revenues	\$212,329
TRANSFERS	
Interfund Gifts	(\$3,039)
Interfund Grants	\$1,934
Total Transfers	(\$1,105)
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$302,922
Foundation Administrative Contribution	\$11,052
Operating Expenses	\$2,064
Total Expenses	\$316,038
NET ACTIVITY	(\$102,604)



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