



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

Joan Nech,
Director

ADVISORY BOARD



MATT STOCK
CHAIR

Jeremy Carr
Greg Frank
Kristi Jones
Christina 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
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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 twice a year 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 around 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

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

Wounded Warrior Project

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kelling-Tomlinson Scholarship Fund

Dylan Bray*

Amber Desbien*

Gracie Enochs*

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 SCCF 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

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
 Mark & Courtney Friesen
 Al & Sheila Gaines
 Douglas Gardner
 Wendell & Pauline Gardner
 Andra D. Gerstenkorn
 Mitchell Gerstenkorn
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 Jill Isernhagen
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 Gayle & Kristi Jones
 Michael & Shannon Kats, Regan,
 Kadee & Hunter, Ryann & Rhett
 Dwayne & Ardyce Kattenberg
 Dixie L. King
 Todd & Christina Kirchhoff
 Lovelle 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
 Sharlyn Long
 Jodell Maxwell
 Col. Leslie & Melinda Mazzarella
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 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

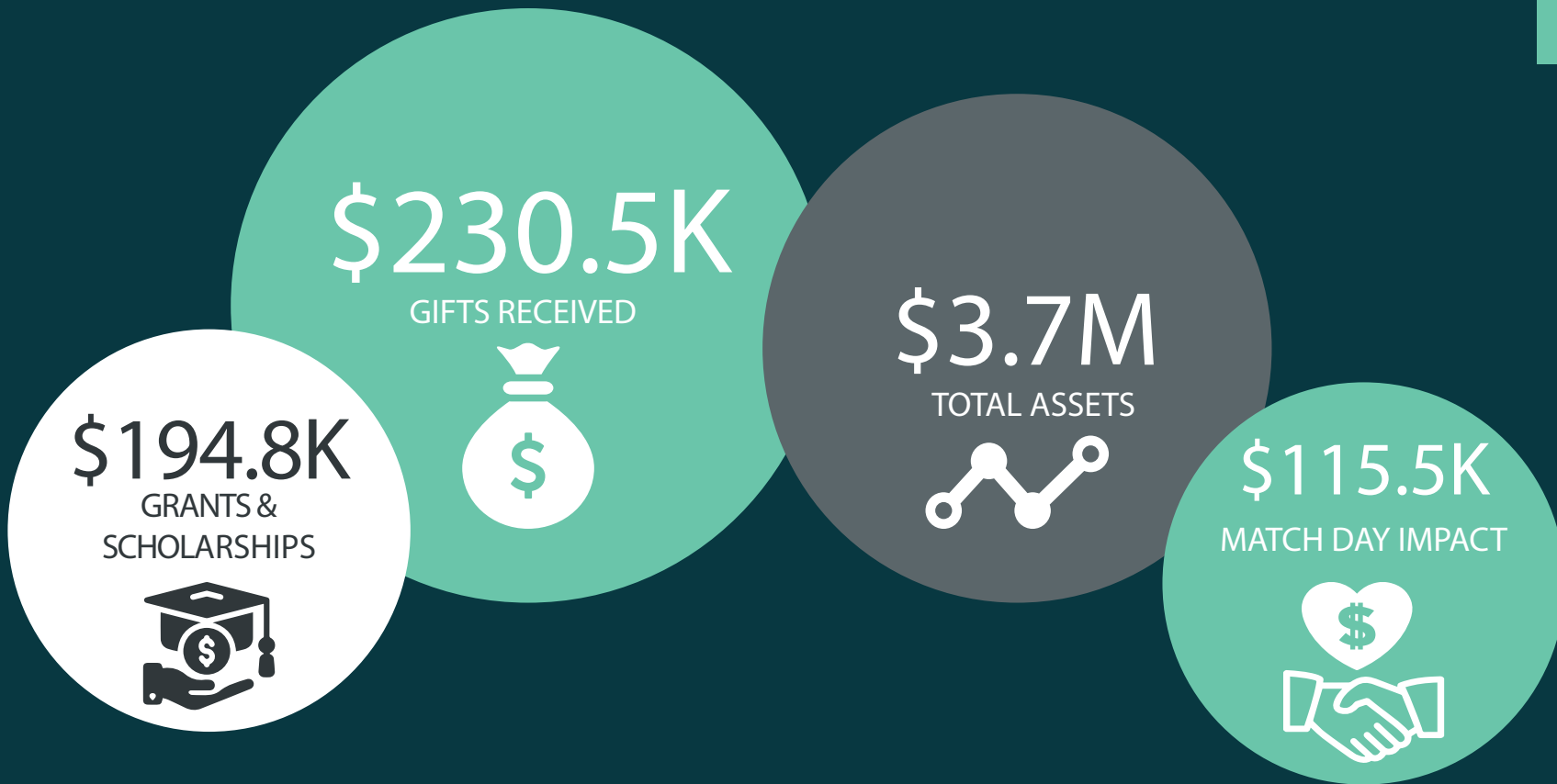
ADELPHA Club
 Conaway Farms, Inc.
 Dane G. Hansen Foundation
 Grunts and Grain Farms
 Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
 Heartland Dermatology
 K R F P D No. 1
 Kensington Home Charitable
 Foundation
 Kiwanis Club of Smith County
 Lane County Implement, Inc.
 Midway Coop, Inc.
 The Peoples Bank
 The Employees 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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