



# There's no place like Home

— 2020 Annual Report to the Community —



Ottawa  
County  
Community  
Foundation  
An affiliate of the  
Greater Ottawa Community Foundation

# 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.

## DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Wow! What a challenging year! The last half of 2019 was great. We were sailing along getting the word out about the foundation and granting significant sums of money throughout the county during our fall grant cycle. You will read about those as well as the 2020 spring grant cycle later in this annual report.

When we least expected it, an unwanted visitor came in the form of Coronavirus, hitting just as we were ramping up for our March Match Month! Even with Rona's interference we still managed to raise \$38,400! That is down from previous years, but considering the lockdown, it is far better than it could have been. With the 150% match from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation that puts nearly \$96,000 in our Impact Endowment Fund that we use to support many of the grants all over this great county!

Probably the greatest project we had undertaken as a foundation was to partner with the Minneapolis Area Chamber of Commerce and create Ottawa County Together. The website created for this project featured the names of many businesses in Ottawa County. People could go on the site and buy gift certificates to local businesses. The community foundation matched every gift certificate dollar for dollar and donated that money to three county charities. Between the foundation, the three area banks and some local citizens we raised \$27,400 of match money. We succeeded in giving away \$25,200 of that money. That is \$50,400 given to local businesses and charities during the COVID 19 lockdown! We could not have done it without you!

The foundation is also studying the transfer of wealth in Ottawa County and how we can utilize planned giving to keep a portion of the \$433,600,000 that will leave our county by 2030. Only 5% of that equals \$21,700,000 for Ottawa County!

This takes people to make this happen and some of those people are the wonderful donors who consistently support the foundation. Also, among these wonderful people are the volunteer members of the foundation board of directors. These dedicated volunteers give of their time, talent and efforts to help make this foundation the success it has become. Our board would like to especially send our best wishes and a thank you for a job well done to departing board members Amanda Davidson, who served as board chair for the past two years and Jim McClain! We also could not do this without the efforts of the Greater Salina Community Foundation and the staff of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Thanks to everyone again for helping our communities to prosper and grow!

Steve Baccus  
Board Chairman





## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Ottawa County Community Foundation was founded in 2009 to benefit the communities of Ottawa County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both the current and future needs of our county.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Baccus, Chair  
Jason Bird, Vice-Chair  
Sara Hodges, Secretary  
Kay Baccus  
Michelle Johnson  
Becky Myers  
Molly Reilly  
Jared Schmidt  
Laci Schrader  
Amber VanDoren

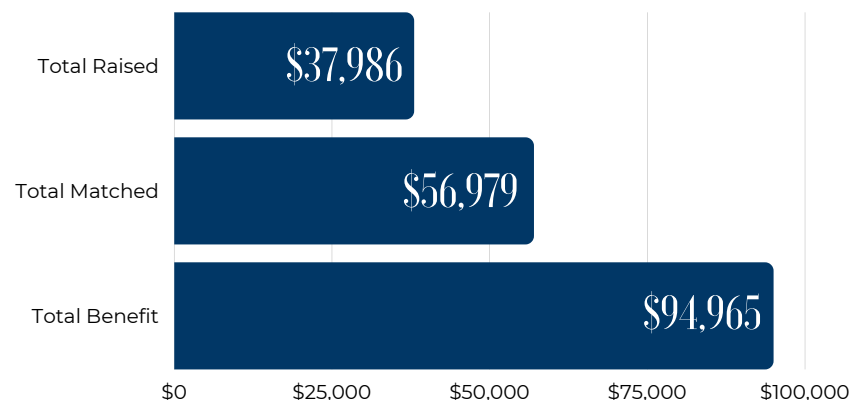
### BOARD ALUMNI

Jim Bradshaw  
Kevin Cline  
Peggy Coldicott  
Amanda Davidson  
Karen Deckert  
Mark Freel  
Cheryle Hardesty  
Leslie Hargis  
Jim McClain  
Jeff McHenry  
Dustin Nichols  
Merl Parde  
Cindy Rupert  
Erik Shupe  
David Stanley  
Sara Thompson  
Dwayne Walls  
Dr. Kenneth Wedel  
Dr. Kermit Wedel



## 2020 MATCH MONTH SUCCESS

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in March 2020, the community foundation raised over \$94,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at 150% by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The matching dollars support community grants and operations. Over the last four years the foundation has raised \$420,686 with this match.



# 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

Steve & Patricia Baccus  
R.B. Barefield  
Hal & Eleanor Berkley  
Mark & Jane Berkley  
Mike Berkley  
Kevin & Sandra Cline  
Fred & Leslie Hargis  
Dean & Illa Rae Johnson  
Robert Martin  
In Memory of Mason Carl McHenry  
Timothy & Carol O'Keeffe  
Dardanelle E. Wedel  
Kenneth Wedel, M.D.  
Kermit & Kathleen Wedel Trust

## Business Entities

The Bank of Tescott  
The Bennington State Bank  
G.L. Huyett  
Ottawa County Bank  
Rupert Land & Cattle Co.



## OUR AFFILIATION

We are a member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate network in north central Kansas.

This network helps us effectively pool resources with other foundations for community growth. We benefit from experienced investment and administration services, marketing support, ongoing training and technical assistance from GSCF staff. Our local advisory board provides leadership on decisions that directly impact our community!



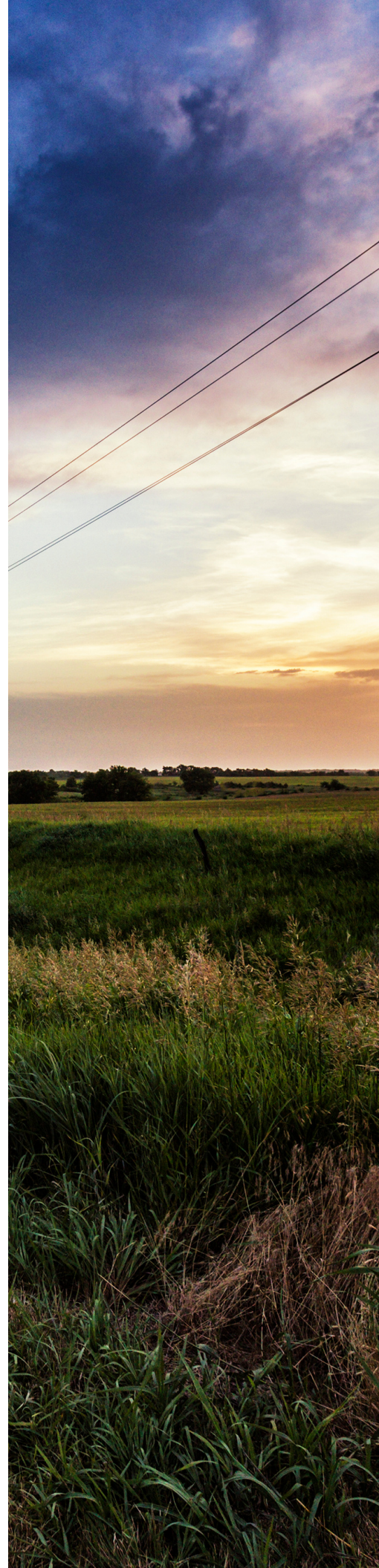
**KATY KITCHEN**

Director of Regional Affiliates  
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**ANGELA KERNER**

Affiliate Operations Coordinator  
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# 2019-2020 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

4 Oak Farms  
Ag by Air, Inc.  
All Smiles Dental Care, LLC  
Auto-Tek  
Baccus Repair  
Paula Baccus  
The Bank of Tescott  
Steve & Pat Baccus  
Bennington Development Corp.  
Bennington Lions Club, Inc.  
The Bennington State Bank  
Hal & Eleanor Berkley  
Mark & Jane Berkley  
Mike Berkley  
Megan Berkley  
Ken & Tina Berry  
Molly Biggs  
Kent & Marcia Carlson  
Kurt Chapman  
Alma Christenson  
Citizens State Bank & Trust  
City of Bennington  
City of Tescott  
Richard & Vickie Coffman  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
The Davidson Agency  
Lyle & Amanda Davidson  
Shelby Davidson  
Spencer Davidson  
Verna Davidson  
Daylight Donuts  
Deckert & Sons Trucking, Inc.  
Scott & Karen Deckert  
Matthew & Katherine Dixon

Demerle & Gail Eckart  
Marsha Everhart  
Rod & Ann Frack  
Mark & Jona Freel  
Linda Gans  
Good Samaritan Society -  
Minneapolis  
Jenny & Mike Gotti  
Kenneth & Muriel Greene  
Meryl & Patricia Grosshans  
Leslie Hargis  
Dennis & Dorothy Harris  
Dale & Colette Henderson  
Jeffrey & Sara Hodges  
Hometown Hardware, LLC  
Nicholas & Tamara Krueger  
Connie Lott/Farm Bureau Crop  
Jeff & Tamala Lott  
Jim & Karen McClain  
Robert & Jennifer McClure  
Minneapolis Noon Lions Club  
Timothy & Becky Myers  
John & Paula Nelson  
Merl Parde  
Pieschl Farms, Inc.  
Bernie & Cindy Regnier  
Ronald & Pamela Feldt  
Daren Sanders  
Schrader Ranch  
Zoe Ann Schur  
Scott Ausherman Agency, Inc.  
The Scoular Foundation, a Fund of  
the Omaha Community Foundation  
Michael & Christy Seyfert

R. A. & R.E. Shupe  
Jami Simmons  
Patrick & Brenna Spurgeon  
David & Sonja Stanley  
Jack & Susie Stenfors  
Denis & Wilma Sweat  
T. A. Schmidt & Assoc., Inc.  
Adam & Marika Taylor  
Tescott Lions Club  
Twin Valley Education Foundation  
Sharolyn Wagner  
David & Linda Wallace  
Melanie Watson  
Dr. Kenneth & Dardanella Wedel  
Kermit & Kathleen Wedel  
Marilou Wenthe  
Dawn Wolf  
Kelly Yoxall

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**HONORARIUMS**

Hal & Eleanor Berkley

**MEMORIALS**

Randon Regnier



## \$232,177

was donated from 85  
generous donors in the  
2020 fiscal year.

# HUNGRY IN CHRIST

Minneapolis Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is focused on sharing Christ's love with junior and senior high students in the area. Over 80 students attend, meeting twice a month during the school year. Typically a meeting will include a meal, donated by churches, moms, or organizations, followed by a game, singing led by Firebrand, and a powerful message. Recently, the group wanted to focus on ways to challenge kids to stay hungry in their relationship with Christ.

The Ottawa County Community Foundation awarded the organization a grant to help fund their 2018 program. "Support from this grant enhanced so many aspects of FCA throughout the year," said grantee Jona Freel. Dollars were used to host speaker, Dustin Galyon, provide scholarships for a two day mini-conference, enhance games and prizes, purchase band equipment, support resources and bibles, and continue the spiritual support for teens in the Minneapolis and the surrounding area.

**"We are very excited about these improvements and appreciate the support we have had."**

KAYLA PAIGE

# DELPHOS CITY AUDITORIUM

The City of Delphos accepted a grant from the community foundation to begin restoration of the Delphos City Auditorium. This grant launched a multi-phase, multi-year project to restore and adapt the existing auditorium into a community center to be used to promote arts, culture, health and well-being, all while enhancing community pride.

Funding from this grant covered phase one and two of the project, including engineering fees to make the building compliant with the American Disabilities Act, updating restrooms and restoring the stage area and acoustical enhancements. "We are very excited about these improvements and appreciate the support we have had. We are looking forward to completing the other phases of this project to make this a venue the community can enjoy year-round," said grantee Kayla Paige.







# OTTAWA COMPLEX

At a Strategic Doing meeting in late March of 2019, it was discussed that after fourth grade, many Ottawa County students leave the community to play baseball and softball in surrounding areas. "This complex was built 25+ years ago, and it was great then, but it has aged over time, and many of the features that we want to add will just make the complex more appealing to additional community members and visiting schools," said grantee Dawn Wolf.

With a grant from the Ottawa County Community Foundation, USD 240 was able to purchase trees and necessary materials for the complex improvement project. The goal of this project was to plant trees for shade; lengthen, enlarge and add covers to the dugouts; paint the existing concession stand; and add six picnic tables. "This grant has made a significant impact in the way that school and community members feel about this area as it is being revitalized and looks cared for," said Wolf

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DAWN WOLF



# BENNINGTON SPORTS COMPLEX

The City of Bennington was awarded grant funds to level the existing ball fields and spread a new layer of red clay dirt. The grant allowed the city to work towards the goal of restoring the entire Bennington Sports Complex. "We strive to make it a beautiful facility that the whole community can be proud of as well as become a desired destination for ball teams across the area," said grantee Chris Rose.

After previous updates have been made to the facility, the organization was also awarded funding to pour new concrete pads and purchase new bleachers to put on the pads. "New bleachers and concrete pads for the Sports Complex will allow for increased spectator seating as well as a great improvement in the look and feel of the complex," said Rose.

**"We strive to make it a beautiful facility that the whole community can be proud of."**

CHRIS ROSE

2019-2020

# Grant Recipients

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

- Bennington Ambulance Service
- Bennington Bible Church
- Bennington Senior Citizens, Inc.
- Central Kansas Mental Health Center
- City of Bennington
- City of Delphos
- City of Minneapolis
- City of Minneapolis Police Department
- Love INC of Ottawa County
- Markley Grove Park Friends, Inc.
- Minneapolis Recreation Commission
- Ottawa County
- Ottawa County Fire District #2
- Ottawa County Fire District #4
- The Fountain Township
- Twin Valley Education Foundation
- United Church of Bennington
- USD 239 - North Ottawa County
- USD 240 - Twin Valley



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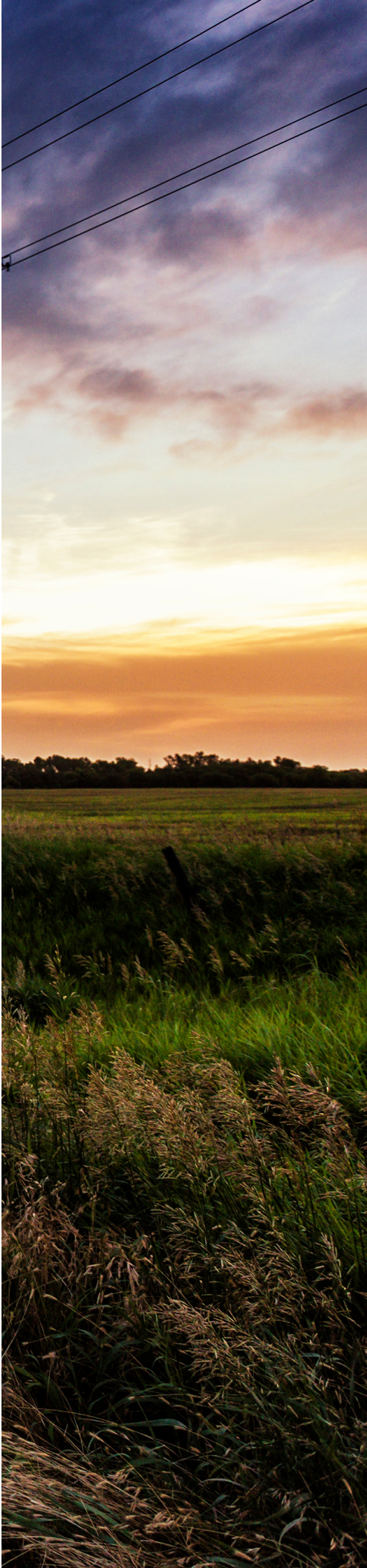
# Scholarship Recipients

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program with funding from the John and Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship.

**COLBY NICHOLS**  
Kansas State University

**TREVOR HALEY**  
Cloud County Community College

**ZACH PERRY**  
Fort Hays State University







# PLAN TODAY TO GIVE TOMORROW

## CREATE YOUR LEGACY THROUGH YOUR WILL!

Including the community foundation in your will or trust is a simple, significant way to support one or many causes close to your heart, forever.

When you make a planned gift to the community foundation, you plant an investment that will continue to **grow over time** and benefit your community, far beyond your lifetime!

## IT'S EASY AND ANYONE CAN DO IT.

Giving through your will is easy and you don't have to be wealthy to do it. Whether your nest egg is large or small, your gift will ensure the good work of charitable organizations continues in your name.

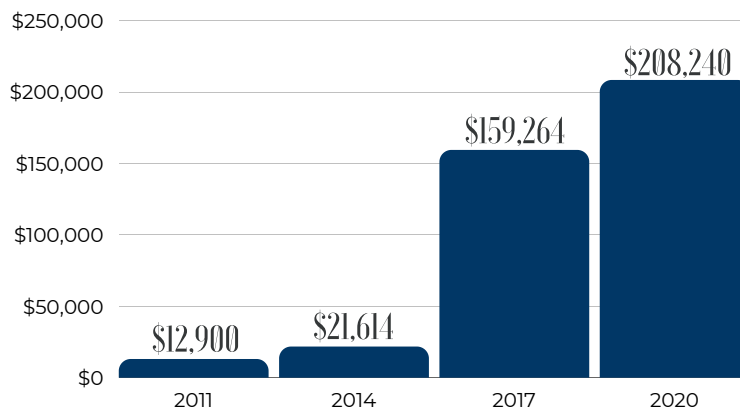
To learn more about leaving a gift in your will or trust, contact your professional advisor or call us at **785-342-9354**.



## IMPACT NUMBERS

In 2020, \$208,240 total grants and scholarships were awarded to 54 organizations and students throughout the fiscal year. Since inception, \$984,918 has been awarded on the behalf of generous donors, making our community a better place to live!

### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED PER FISCAL YEAR



# FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.**

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Trust Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund  
for Ottawa County

Kenneth & Madonna McCall Fund

Twin Valley Education Foundation Fund

## 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

Delphos Community Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Ottawa  
County

Ottawa County Public Health Fund

The Bennington Community Fund

The City of Tescott Improvement Fund

The Tescott Community Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

John & Rosalie Merriman Fund

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

**Supports foundation operations.**

Ottawa County Administrative Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Support the foundation's community grantmaking.**

Ottawa County Impact Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.**

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship Fund

Steve & Patricia Baccus Scholarship Fund

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.**

Minneapolis First United Methodist  
Church Fund

Rock City Inc., Fund

Sunset Spiritualist Church Fund

United Church of Bennington Fund

## GIVE. GROW. GRANT.

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree! Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide "fruit" for the community through grants and scholarships.



### Today...

You decide to make a permanent gift of **\$10,000**.



### After 15 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$15,000** and given **\$10,000** to charity.



### After 25 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$18,600** and given **\$19,000** to charity.



### After 50 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$51,000** and given **\$35,000** to charity.



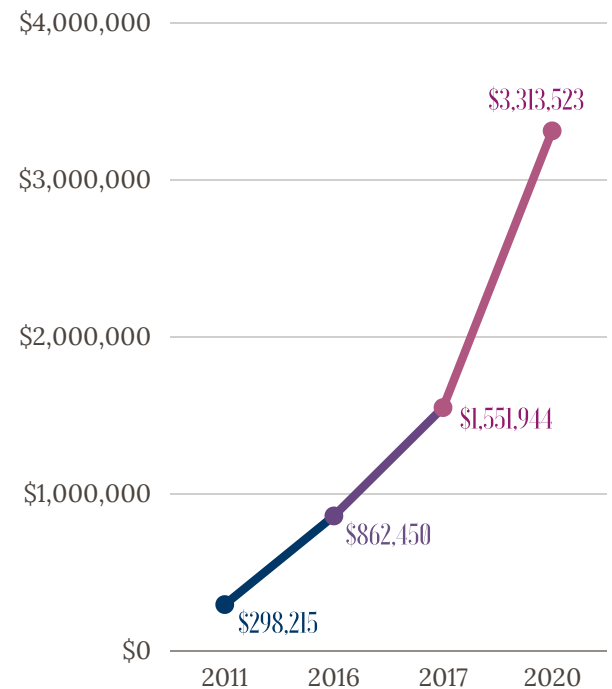
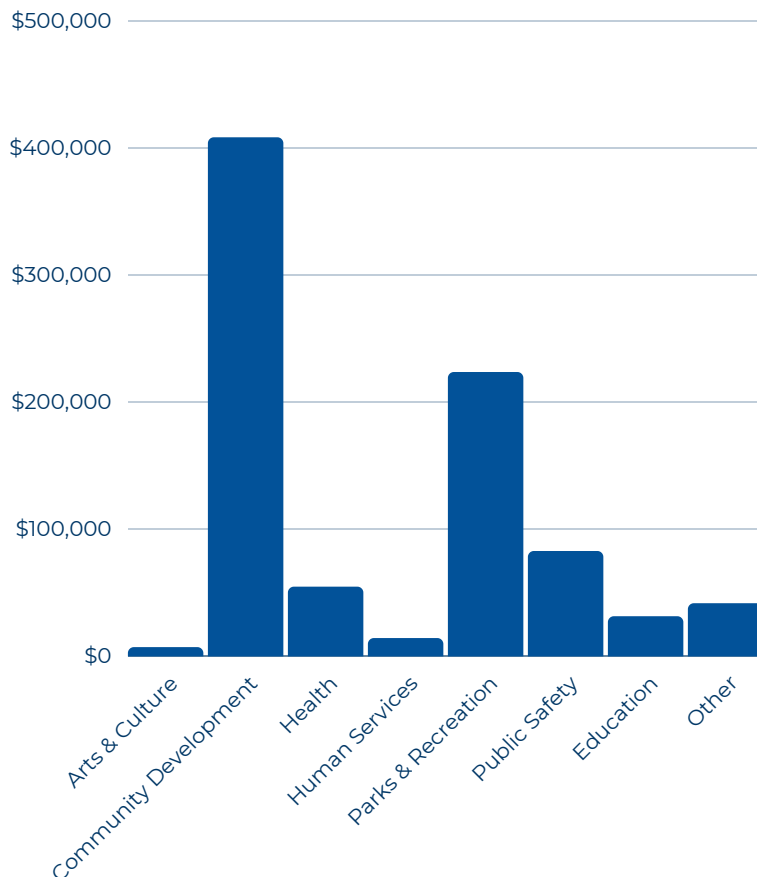
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

None of this would be possible without people like you! Your support makes a meaningful difference in Ottawa County, both now and in the future.

## ASSET GROWTH SINCE 2011

As of June 30, 2020, the foundation's total asset size reached \$3,313,523 with 20 funds.

## COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING SINCE INCEPTION







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