

# ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024



OTTAWA COUNTY

**community  
foundation**

OUR FOCUS IS OUR COMMUNITY



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to meet charitable community needs through leadership, grants, and donor services. The Foundation achieves its mission by:

- Building permanent endowments which benefit local communities;
- Inspiring and enabling donors to fulfill their charitable desires;
- Facilitating prudent management and care of funds;
- Increasing the capacity of nonprofit organizations to fulfill their individual missions;
- Advocating for issues which promote community philanthropy;
- Facilitating grants, awards, and scholarships.



**JASON BIRD**  
BOARD CHAIR

## ADVISORY BOARD

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*We are an affiliate of the  
Greater Salina Community Foundation.*

# DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Donors and Friends,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Director of the Ottawa County Community Foundation, a role made possible through the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation. This opportunity allows me to contribute to a community that has already blessed my family in countless ways.

Although I spent my early years in Minneapolis, my journey took me away from Ottawa County. Seven years ago, my husband and I made the decision to return, along with our three children. We have been so grateful to raise our family here, witnessing firsthand the power and benefits that come with small-town living. The kindness, generosity, and dedication of the people here make Ottawa County a truly special place to call home.

I hold a degree in Elementary Education from Emporia State University. Having taught for 7 years, I spent the past 10 years as a stay-at-home mom, while also substitute teaching over the last three.



**MEAGAN NUESSEN**  
*DIRECTOR*

These experiences have deepened my appreciation for the importance of community, education, and connection. I am excited to bring that passion to my work with the foundation, supporting efforts that ensure Ottawa County continues to thrive.

I look forward to working alongside all of you—our dedicated donors, volunteers, and community partners—as we build on the foundation's impact and continue creating a vibrant future for generations to come.

*Meagan Nuesen*

# FOUNDING DONORS

## INDIVIDUAL & 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'Keefe

Dardanelle E. Wedel

Kenneth Wedel, M.D.

Kermit & Kathleen Wedel Trust

## BUSINESS ENTITIES

Bank of Tescott

Bennington State Bank

G.L. Huyett

Ottawa County Bank

Rupert Land & Cattle Co.

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Ottawa County Community Foundation was established in 2009. As a permanent source of charitable funds, the Foundation is dedicated to addressing both the current and future needs of our county. We operate as an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, which provides us with additional resources and support to maximize our impact in Ottawa County.



# DONOR LIST

## Individuals & Families

Anonymous Donor  
John & Sue Abercrombie  
Farid & Carolyn Afani  
Dean L & Mary C. Allison  
Mary Arganbright  
Charles & Phyllis Atkinson  
Deloros Atwell  
Steve & Pat Baccus  
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Pamela Barker  
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Erin Bishop  
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Caitlin Broderick  
Vada Bronson  
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Mike & Jenny Gotti  
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Brad Gridley  
Charles Grimwood  
Meryl & Patricia Grosshans  
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Dennis & Dorothy Harris  
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Billy Ray & Ginny Koster  
Brad & Susan Krehbiel  
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Ray & Margaret McGavran  
Tom McGavran  
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Curtis & Erin McKain  
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Peter & Megan Meier  
Ryan Myers

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John & Paula Nelson  
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W.W. & Connie Preheim  
Molly Reilly  
Joe & Deb Robins  
Glen & Barbara Roths  
Daren & Ruth Sanders  
Jared & Morgan Schmidt  
Josi Schrader  
Weston Schrader  
Robert Schrag  
Donald & Kathleen  
Schwegmann  
Dennis & Susan Shaw  
R.A. & R.E. Shupe  
Darin & Jami Simmons  
Charles & RaDonna Stein  
Jack & Susie Stenfors  
Judith Swagerty  
Sara Thompson  
Rosalee Tibbits  
Richard & Jean Todd  
Dale & Kathy Tolbert  
Charlene Trost  
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Darron & Dawn Veh  
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RL & PL Wellmeth  
John & Mary Wilson  
Leah Wilson  
David & Natalie Wood  
Kelly Yoxall  
Terry & Valorie Zimmer

## Businesses & Organizations

Air Services, Inc.  
All Smiles Dental Care, LLC  
Auto-Tek  
Baccus Repair  
Bacon Cattle Company  
Bennington State Bank  
C & R Plating  
Citizens State Bank & Trust  
City of Delphos  
City of Minneapolis  
Class of 1973  
Class of 1980  
Constance Lott Agency, Inc.  
Crosson Farms, Inc.  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Delphos Cooperative  
Association  
Drs. Driver & Clark, P.A.  
Family Hair Flair, LLC  
H Built, LLC  
Hometown Hardware, LLC  
Kancover, LLC  
Kansas Health Foundation  
M & S Farms, Inc.  
Messenger Properties  
Minneapolis Noon Lions Club  
River Hill Seed, Inc.  
Schrader Ranch  
Scott Ausherman Agency, Inc.  
Sunflower Realty  
Swisher Properties  
Tescott Lions Club  
The Bank of Tescott  
Twin Valley Education  
Foundation

This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.

# IMPACT STORY

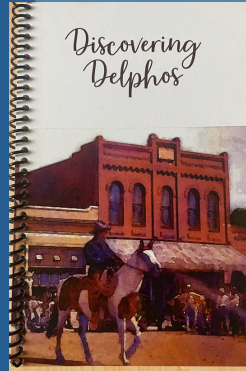


Delphos A.L.I.V.E Seed Money – \$5,000  
\$3,698 Ottawa County Impact Fund &  
\$1,302 Delphos Community Fund

Delphos A.L.I.V.E. has quickly become a shining example of community-driven innovation and spirit. As a newly established organization, they have demonstrated remarkable initiative and resourcefulness in utilizing the seed grant they received.

With the funds, Delphos A.L.I.V.E. has equipped their office with essential supplies; additionally, they have outfitted their board members with branded shirts, fostering a sense of unity and pride among the leadership team.

One of the most impressive achievements of Delphos A.L.I.V.E. is the creation of a comprehensive directory for downtown Delphos. This invaluable resource is more than just a list of contacts; it's a warm welcome to new residents and a vital tool for everyone in the community.



The directory includes information about local businesses, schools, daycares, and other essential services, as well as insights into the town's rich history. This initiative not only strengthens the bonds within the community but also enhances the experience of those who choose to visit Delphos.

The Delphos A.L.I.V.E. group has already set its sights on beautifying the town in a way that will leave a lasting impact. Grant funding helped bring to life a stunning mural in the downtown square that celebrates the unique character and heritage of the community. Delphos A.L.I.V.E.'s efforts are a testament to the power of vision and collaboration in driving positive change, and we are proud to have supported them in their journey.



Delphos Mural – \$8,000  
\$8,000 Ottawa County Impact Fund



# GRANTS AWARDED

## ***Rock City Shelter House and Gathering Space***

**Dane G. Hansen Grant Fund - \$5000**

**Ottawa County Public Health Fund - \$2500**

**Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Ottawa County - \$2500**

Rock City was able to create an ADA outdoor public gathering space for schools, community, organizations, and area clubs to use for outdoor and nature activities. The ripple effect has been with other organizations that see how they can use the gathering space as well.



## ***The First Tee for Ottawa County***

**Ottawa County Public Health Fund - \$602**

**Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Ottawa County - \$4398**

The Salina-based program had a goal to bring their programs to surrounding areas. With this grant they were able to secure the necessary equipment and coaches needed to run the program. They plan to provide equipment to the grade schools in Ottawa County so they can introduce golf in their PE classes.



## ***USD 240 Tescott School Gym Update***

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, Ottawa - \$8282**

**Tescott Community Fund - \$7718**

Tescott School has been able to update and improve the main gym technology. This includes installation of a projection system for presentations including community meetings, all-district professional development training, and graduation. The sound system was updated with a new sound board, wireless microphones, and other structures to improve total sound quality.



# GRANT RECIPIENTS

Central Ks Extension District #3  
Delphos Public Library  
Golden Wheel Senior Center  
Minneapolis First United Methodist  
Church  
Fountain Township on behalf of Ada  
Choose Ottawa County  
Ottawa County Service Corporation  
Rock City, Inc.  
Ottawa County Fire District #4  
Ottawa County Arts & Humanities  
Council  
VFW Post 3201  
The First Tee for Ottawa County  
City of Bennington  
City of Tescott  
Ottawa County  
Minneapolis Recreation Commission  
USD 240 Twin Valley

*Choose Ottawa County on behalf of:*  
Choose Ottawa County  
Delphos A.L.I.V.E.  
Golden Wheel Senior Center  
Rock the Park  
Gingerbread Christmas Festival  
Bennington Family Fun Day  
REVLUC



\$268,475 TOTAL GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO 25  
ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR,  
THOSE LISTED RECEIVED COMPETITIVE GRANTS.



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$15,250 granted by the JOHN AND OLIVE L. CORNELLISON SCHOLARSHIP



## KOLBIE BARTLETT

Bennington High School  
*Southeast Community College*  
*Livestock Productions & Management*

## KIRK HEIMER

Minneapolis High School  
*Southeast Community College*  
*John Deere Tech*



## JOHN HENDRICK

Minneapolis High School  
*Salina Area Technical College*  
*Automotive Technology*

## COOPER MATTHEWS

Bennington High School  
*Manhattan Tech*  
*Electric Power & Distribution*



## WESTON SCHRADER

Minneapolis High School  
*Kansas State University*  
*Animal Sciences & Industry*

## LEVI SMITH

Minneapolis High School  
*Hutchinson Community College*  
*Fire Science AAS*



# FOUNDATION FUNDS

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**Ottawa County Administrative Fund**

## DESIGNATED

**John & Olive Cornellisson Trust Fund**

**Kansas Health Foundation Operating**

**Fund for Ottawa County**

**Kenneth & Madonna McCall Fund**

**Twin Valley Education Foundation Fund**

## DONOR ADVISED

**Dr. Kenneth & Dardanella Wedel**

**Donor Advised Fund**

## FIELD OF INTEREST

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund**

**Delphos Community Fund**

**Ottawa County Public Health Fund**

**The Bennington Community Fund**

**The City of Tescott Improvement Fund**

**The Tescott Community Fund**

**The Minneapolis Community Fund**

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

**John & Rosalie Merriman Fund**

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Minneapolis First United Methodist**

**Church Fund**

**Rock City Inc, Fund**

**Sunset Spiritualist Church Fund**

**United Church of Bennington**

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**John & Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship**

**Steve & Patricia Baccus Scholarship**

## UNRESTRICTED FUND

**Ottawa County Impact Fund**

**\$5,041,360**

**TOTAL ASSETS  
MANAGED**

**\$259,488**

**GIFTS RECEIVED**

**\$245,335**

**MATCH MONTH  
IMPACT**



# WHAT TO GIVE OTHER THAN CASH

## APPRECIATED STOCKS & SECURITIES



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

## 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 years 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.



## 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 grains.
- Deduct the production cost of the donated grain if possible.

# Statement of Financial Position

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

## Assets

Cash - Bennington State Bank	\$156,185.82
Pooled Investment - Vanguard	\$4,884,874.26
Other Asset - Lease Deposit	\$300.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,041,360.08</b>

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$903.46
Federal Income Tax WH	(\$2.33)
Kansas Income Tax WH	\$91.30
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$922.43</b>

## Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal	\$3,339,462.70
Fund Balance - Income	\$1,700,904.95
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,040,367.65</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,041,360.08</b>



# Statement of Activities

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

## Revenues

Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$209,447.98
Gifts & Bequests - Income	\$50,000.00
Gifts & Bequests - Internal	\$132,151.00
Dividend Income	\$78,893.71
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investment	\$560,067.69
Grant Income	\$150,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,180,560.38</b>

## Expenses

Grants Authorized	\$268,475.22
Grants Authorized - Internal	\$132,151.00
Scholarship Authorized	\$15,250.00
Administrative Fees	\$41,730.32
Operating Expenses	\$13,394.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$471,000.69</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$709,559.69</b>





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