



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

**OTTAWA COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Our Focus is Our Community

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER



ASHLEY SWISHER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Donors and Friends,

As we sprint through the first part of the new year and quickly approach March Madness, I find myself reflecting on the wisdom of legendary coach John Wooden. "It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen." This depth of a detail is essential whether building a house, building a team or building a community. The word, "Foundation" is how we stand big and strong.

Little details happening within our Ottawa County communities are leading to big things! Over the past year, I have been encouraged by growth and people that understand purpose and longevity. I continue to witness big wins like partnering with Patterson, Dane Hansen and the Kansas Association of Community Foundations. Our newest in 2023 was a collaboration with Choose Ottawa County! We also added an event called Spark Ottawa County which we intend on holding every year the 4th of July to find out more about how we can support nonprofits in our county. I was fortunate to have an incredible intern, Abby Miller, this past summer through a Fort Hays State University/Hansen Foundation Internship Program.

This year I challenge each of us to not only look for, but to help create the little wins for our community. Let's make big things happen in 2024! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Swisher".

Ashley D. Swisher
Executive Director

ADVISORY BOARD



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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

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
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
Megan Spilker, Community Impact Team Coordinator
Leah Wilson, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

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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.



FUND STORY

Kenneth & Madonna McCall

Kenneth “Ken” and Madonna McCall moved to Bennington in 1949 where they bought and ran the hardware store for 30 years before selling it in 1979. The store not only had a full line of hardware items but also small appliances, work boots and an excellent variety of fabrics. Madonna was as skilled as Ken in the hardware section, and was often found helping customers solve their plumbing and home repair issues.

After the sale of the hardware and death of Ken, Madonna stayed active serving as a volunteer for the grade schools. She helped with the art classes in the primary grades and was not happy when budget cuts led to a reduction in elementary art programs.

Keeping Money Local

Madonna was also a long-time member of the Bennington Senior Center and was very supportive of the activities and projects of the center, especially after the most recent renovation to the historic building. She was always stationed near the front door as the official “greeter” at every church supper or ice cream social and knew everyone from her years at the hardware store.

Madonna was full of spunk and lived on her own until the age of 97. About three years before she died, Madonna visited with friend and Senior Center Treasurer Jim McClain, and told him that she had listed the Senior Center as the beneficiary of one of her CDs she had in the bank. She asked him if he “wanted the money now or after she dies?” Jim replied that the Senior Center didn’t need it anytime soon, and that she should talk with someone to learn more about her giving options. Madonna wanted the money to stay local and that “since the money was earned in Bennington at the hardware store, the money should stay in Bennington if possible.”

Madonna’s wish to keep the money in Bennington was granted. Upon her death, she established a permanent designated fund in Ken’s and her name at the Ottawa County Community Foundation. Since the fund was established it has made over \$120,000 in annual grants to seven local charities, and it will continue to do that ever year carrying out their wishes and legacy.



Ken and Madonna’s fund annually supports the following organizations:

- Bennington Ambulance Service
- Bennington Bible Church
- Bennington Senior Citizens, Inc.
- City of Bennington
- Ottawa County Fire District #4
- United Church of Bennington
- USD 240 Twin Valley for K-12 children’s visual art services

GRANTS AWARDED

The Community Foundation Board accepts and reviews applications twice a year to address current community needs. This year, the committee awarded \$146,280.72 to 25 projects throughout the county from its competitive grant funds.



USD 239: Resurface Minneapolis Grade School Playground

Dane G. Hansen
Community Grant Fund-
\$7,164
Ottawa County Public
Health Fund- \$1,544
KHF Fund for Ottawa
County- \$1,292

New rubber mulch at the Minneapolis Grade School playground provides a clean and safe surface for students. It also improves accessibility for students with disabilities.



Delphos Museum, Inc.- Accesible Bathroom

Dane G. Hansen
Community Grant Fund-
\$1,609
Delphos Community
Fund- \$6,391

The Delphos Museum received a much needed update with an ADA accessible bathroom. Prior to the renovations, a wheelchair or walker could not fit through the doorway, preventing many from being able to access it.



Ottawa County Community Development Foundation- Choose Ottawa County Start Up Funds

Ottawa County Impact
Fund- \$10,000

Start up funds were granted to Choose Ottawa County, a new economic and community development organization whose mission is to uplift the community by providing employment opportunities, safe and affordable housing and enhanced quality of life for all of Ottawa County.

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Grant Recipients

Bennington Ambulance Service
Bennington Bible Church
Bennington Senior Citizens, Inc.
City of Bennington
City of Minneapolis Police
Department
Community Association for Safety
& Prevention of Abuse
Del-Fest
Delphos Museum
Lincoln Township-Ottawa County
Little Samaritans Child
Development Center, Inc.

Minneapolis Recreation
Commission
Ottawa County
Ottawa County Community
Development Foundation
Ottawa County Fire District #2
Ottawa County Fire District #4
Ottawa County Service
Corporation
Twin Valley Education Foundation
United Church of Bennington
USD 239
USD 240 Twin Valley
VFW Post 3201

Scholarship Recipients

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Fund
Mallorie Church
Gabriel Hueser
Weston Schrader
Isaiah Vignery

Over \$201,000 was granted to 21 local nonprofits to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life and \$14,000 was granted to four area students to further their education. These grants and scholarships are distributed annually from funds held at OCCF on behalf of our donors and generous people like you whose focus is our community!

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 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, business interests, 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 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 community 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.

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

Anonymous Donor
Steve & Pat Baccus
Pamela Barker
Hal & Eleanor Berkley
Mark & Jane Berkley
Megan Berkley
Mike & Debbie Berkley
Ken & Tina Berry
Josh & Molly Biggs
Jason & Kimberly Bird
Brody & Kira Buzzard
Rebecca & Michael Charbonneau
Richard & Vickie Coffman
Lyle & Amanda Davidson
Shelby Davidson
Scott & Karen Deckert
Katherine & Matthew Dixon
Amy Doris
Demerle & Gail Eckart
Marsha Everhart
Mike & Tamra Fabrizius
Bert & Jeanie Facklam
Ronald & Pamela Feldt
Rod & Ann Frack
Mike & Jenny Gotti

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Fred & Leslie Hargis
Dennis & Dorothy Harris
Dale & Colette Henderson
Matthew & Amber Hessman
Jeffrey & Sara Hodges
Owen & Heather Kindall
Brian & Selena Kindall
Nicholas & Tamara Krueger
Marie Lee
Jeff & Tamala Lott
Marvin & Jayne Martin
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Ray & Margaret McGavran
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Jeff & Michele McHenry
Bryan & Dee Meall
Russell & Jana Van Meter
Terry & Crista Moeckel
Duane & Juanita Morris
Ryan Myers
Timothy & Becky Myers
John & Paula Nelson
Melanie Ohlson
Barb Oplinger
Jason & Jody Parks
Mary Beth Phelps
Douglas W. & Cheryl L. Plummer
Justin & Traci Poore
Keri Pratt

Chris & Molly Reilly
Jamie & Dana Rice
Daren & Ruth Sanders
Jared & Morgan Schmidt
Weston Schrader
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David M. Sweat
Denis & Wilma Sweat
Chris & Amy Vignery
Shasta Weatherman
Alan & Sandy Wedel
Kermit & Kathleen Wedel
RL & PL Willmeth
Linda & Randy Willoughby
John & Mary Wilson
Kelly Yoxall

Businesses & Organizations

Accessible Home Care, LLC
Ag By Air, Inc.
Air Services, Inc.
All Smiles Dental Care, LLC
Auto-Tek
Baccus Repair
The Bank of Tescott
The Bennington State Bank

Citizens State Bank & Trust
City of Delphos
Class of 1973
Crosson Farms, Inc.
H Buillt, LLC
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Hometown Hardware, LLC
KCOMPANY LLC
M & S Farms, Inc.
Minneapolis Noon Lions Club
Matt Pickrell Farm Bureau Financial Services
Schrader Ranch
Scott Ausherman Agency, Inc.
Scouler Company
Sunflower Realty
Swisher Properties
Tescott Lions Club
Twin Valley Education Foundation

FOUNDATION FUNDS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2023)

This list includes all OCCF 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

Ottawa County Administrative Fund

DESIGNATED

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Trust Fund
Kenneth & Madonna McCall Fund
Twin Valley Education Foundation Fund

DONOR ADVISED

Dr. Kenneth & Dardanella Wedel Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

Bennington Community Fund
City of Tescott Improvement Fund
Delphos Community Fund
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund
for Ottawa County
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for
Ottawa County
Ottawa County Public Health Fund
Minneapolis Community Impact Fund*
Tescott Community Fund

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

John & Rosalie Merriman

ORGANIZATION

Minneapolis First United Methodist
Church Fund
Rock City Inc. Fund
Sunset Spiritualist Church Fund
United Church of Bennington Fund

SCHOLARSHIP

Steve & Patricia Baccus Scholarship Fund
John & Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED

Ottawa County Impact Fund

\$215.9K
GRANTS &
SCHOLARSHIPS



\$220.6K
GIFTS RECEIVED



\$4.3M
TOTAL ASSETS



\$163.3K
MATCH MONTH
IMPACT



* denotes new fund

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	2023
Cash - Bennington State Bank	\$17,938
Pooled Investment - Vanguard	\$4,312,961
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,330,899
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$2
Federal Income Tax WH	(\$3)
Kansas Income Tax WH	\$92
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$91
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance - Principal	\$1,061,564
Fund Balance - Income	\$4,330,808
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,330,808
TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS	\$4,330,899

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES	2023
Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$170,666
Gifts & Bequests - Income	\$50,000
Gifts & Bequests - Internal	\$5,719
Dividend Income	\$82,865
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$15,714
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$326,481
Grant Income	\$19,500
TOTAL REVENUE	\$670,945
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$201,863
Grants Authorized -Internal	\$5,719
Scholarships Authorized	\$14,000
Administrative Fees	\$46,334
Operating Expenses	\$10,349
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$278,266
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$329,678



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