



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Ottawa
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

When driving around our county, viewers notice improvements to our cities and visually see how donations are being utilized such as improvements like the addition of disc golf courses in Bennington and Minneapolis, renovated community auditorium/centers in Delphos and Niles, new playground equipment in Ada and Culver, and funds for cleaning up dilapidated housing in Tescott. Donors giving annually to the foundation benefit from their money being spent locally and making a difference on projects in the communities in which many of us live.

Many donors are passionate about sustaining this county's rural way of life into the future. There are limited resources coming from outside the county to support improvements in our neighborhoods. As development in urban areas continues to grow, many take pride in supporting a small town which brings joy and fond memories to so many. We hear the frustration from citizens trying to meet community needs with little to no budgets after expenses. This fiscal year, through the generosity of donors, OCCF was able to support more than 30 projects.

Serving on a community board that is active often feels like a part-time job. The board would like to thank Jim McClain, Karen Deckert, and Steve Baccus for their diligent efforts in bringing attention to our donor match incentive. Their efforts, along with Katy Kitchen's admin work through GSCF, increased public awareness for the foundation's goals and growth of our funds. The community foundation wouldn't be successful without donors and community volunteers working to make projects happen. We are thankful for patrons coming forward to write grants, providing leadership in groups working on a community projects, and volunteering personal time to serve a need. The commitment in seeing projects through to completion has been an amazing experience.

For those hearing about the foundation for the first time or gaining a better understanding of what we are about, a donation of any size makes a difference. Compiling our money together in March brought in \$45,000 in donations for a combined total of \$111,263 after a donor matched these gifts. If you like to see your money spent locally, the foundation supports community projects solely in Ottawa County and serves as a way to get connected when looking for a legitimate resource in meeting charitable needs here. This is the time to get involved in the community by meeting a need and helping Ottawa County communities prosper and preserve our rural way of living.

Amanda Davidson
Chairman of the Board



OUR **MISSION**

is to build permanent endowment funds
and meet charitable community needs.

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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.

The Ottawa County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORK?



IT STARTS WITH PEOPLE



WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

TO CREATE



Community
Grant Funds

The **Ottawa County Impact Fund** is an unrestricted community grant fund. Gifts to this fund offer the most flexibility for meeting charitable community needs, both today and in the future.

BIG IMPACT!

Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable
Organizations



Scholarships
for Students



It Starts With **People**

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

Bank of Tescott

Bennington State Bank

G.L. Huyett

Ottawa County Bank

Rupert Land & Cattle Co.

On the cover: Photo of Rock City taken by 4H member Wyatt Mader



Who Love Their **Community**



"With a special fund, donors are assured donations will be focused on that part of Ottawa County."

- Jim McClain, current fundholder

Jim McClain shares why giving to permanent funds at the community foundation is so important to him.

Jim assisted in opening a fund for Bennington so the community could receive donations. Jim said, "Funds were established in an effort to improve the community of Bennington and sustain it through the years. This provides a way for both current and former residents to support and improve the Bennington community and keep it vibrant and successful. With a special fund, donors are assured donations will be focused on that part of Ottawa County."

Who Share **Their Gifts**

Ottawa County
Community Foundation

**Match
Month**



DONATE IN MARCH



Ottawa
County
Community
Foundation
In partnership with the
Dane G. Hansen Community Foundation

Match Month Success

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in March, the community foundation raised over \$111,200 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.

2019 Total Raised:

\$44,505

2019 Total Matched:

\$66,758

2019 Total Benefit:

\$111,263

Over the last three years, our Match Month campaign has raised a total of **\$325,721** for the community. Thank you!

To Create **Big Impact**

Press Box for Baseball Complex



USD 239 used dollars from a community foundation grant to purchase a completed press box for the baseball complex. The press box provides a building for the scorekeeper, announcer, and scoreboard operator so that they are out of the elements during spring and summer games. This one-time development will be utilized for many years to come.

The baseball complex serves a broad geographical range including Minneapolis, Ottawa County, and the surrounding areas. With the high number of participants in the baseball program, the facility is used quite often. The additional updates are greatly appreciated by participants and staff members.

Highway Pride

The Bennington Booster Club and USD 240 were recently awarded a grant from the community foundation to replace the highway signs west and east side of town. "We are grateful to them for investing in us and for appreciating the need to have a sign that represents us!" said grantee Carrie Piepho.

After the club designed and purchased the two road signs, local volunteers constructed and installed the frames. "We are very proud of our community, and feel we offer a lot to those who call Bennington home," said Piepho.



The new signage shows the support of the community at large, for youth and their academic and athletic accomplishments.

Grant Spotlight



A grant from the community foundation supported major renovations at Rupert Baseball Field in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Recreation Commission Undergoes Massive Renovation

Thanks to a generous grant funded by the Ottawa County Community Foundation, the Minneapolis Recreation Commission was able to undergo a massive renovation of Rupert Baseball Field. The \$22,800 grant funded a new scoreboard and controller, secured a schematic to adjust and clean the existing lights and secured parts and labor to install backup extension.

Over 20 people from the community volunteered their efforts to complete the project, which saved on labor costs and made it possible to add items to the project to bring the field to life. "Excitement level for the new season was heightened with players, coaches, staff and the community," said grantee Jamie Rice. With this project being finished in time for Minneapolis High School's first ▶

baseball game, players and fans alike were able to enjoy the new amenities to the field.

Though the high school baseball team utilizes the field the most, the

improvements open opportunities for the rest of the community to enjoy the development by hosting local tournaments with legion and travel baseball teams and holding practices for area teams.

“Excitement level for the new season was heightened with players, coaches, staff and the community,”

- Jamie Rice, grantee





New Excavator for the City of Tescott

The community foundation matched grant funding to the City of Tescott to purchase an excavator to maintain properties and provide needed upkeep to drainage ditches and creeks running through the city.

With the purchase, the city has already removed dead, unwanted trees, repaired

water leaks in city streets and filled an old cellar on property near downtown. The equipment removes the need to hire outside contractors and rent equipment.

"The city has so many plans for this excavator; it will be put to good use," said grantee Jennifer McClure.

Antelope Park Disk Golf Addition

The City of Bennington added a disk golf course to Antelope Park with a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation Fund. Grant dollars were spent on equipment and installation of the course. The addition expands options for healthy play and exercise for the residents and visitors of Bennington. Conveniently located next to the high school track, Antelope Park is now well-equipped for all ages. The six-hole course utilizes the least-used areas of the park for steady flow of each

player's round, which also minimizes conflict with other park uses.

"This course demonstrates to our residents and potential residents that our community is current in its offerings for healthy outdoor activities," said grantee Chris Rose. While offering a year-round competitive and recreational activity for the park, the course also offers a potential for disk golf events to be held to engage out-of-town visitors.



District #4 Gear

The community foundation awarded the Ottawa County Fire District #4 funding for new bunker gear at the

Bennington Fire Station. The grant dollars were used to purchase 10 sets of gear, including coats, pants, boots, helmets, gloves and hoods. "It is always great to see new firefighters get their first set of new bunker gear. It makes them feel like they passed the probation period and are a part of the department now. It is a great thing to be part of," said grantee Dave Carson. "With new bunker gear in our inventory, we are in a stronger position to recruit new volunteers and keep the ones we have!" The Bennington Fire Station currently serves a 192 square mile area, as well as neighboring counties who need support. With the new equipment all the trained firefighters can provide much-needed assistance to the community.

Delphos Auditorium

The City of Delphos accepted a grant from the community foundation to begin restoration of the Delphos City Auditorium. The grant launched a multi-phase 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.



Updated Outdoor Playset for Luke Park

With a collaboration of grant funding between the Ottawa County Public Health Fund and the Ottawa County Impact Fund, the Fountain Township on behalf of Ada was able to purchase a new outdoor playset for Luke Park.

The new equipment replaced the outdated, unsafe, 50-year-old

playground. The playset includes numerous activities for children, including: swings, a rock wall, ladder, game table, map floor and slide.

Local residents now have a safe place for play, youth group activities, church services as well as local events.

Thanks to a community foundation grant, the Luke Park playground is much safer for children.



2018-2019 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 Lions Club Inc.
- ▶ Bennington Senior Citizens, Inc.
- ▶ City of Bennington
- ▶ City of Minneapolis
- ▶ City of Minneapolis Police Department
- ▶ City of Tescott
- ▶ Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- ▶ Golden Wheel Senior Center
- ▶ Good Samaritan Society - Minneapolis
- ▶ HOPE
- ▶ Minneapolis Noon Lions Club
- ▶ Minneapolis Recreation Commission
- ▶ Ottawa County
- ▶ Ottawa County Fire District #2
- ▶ Ottawa County Fire District #4
- ▶ Ottawa County Health Center
- ▶ The Fountain Township
- ▶ Twin Valley Education Foundation
- ▶ United Church of Bennington
- ▶ USD 239
- ▶ USD 240

2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program.

- ▶ **Colby Nichols, Wells**
Kansas State University
- ▶ **Corey Nichols, Wells**
Hutchinson Community College



Additional renewable scholarships may also have been awarded to previous recipients. Students may have also received more than one scholarship.

2019 Impact Numbers

37 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

\$250,093 Total Grants & Scholarships

23 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$203,199 Competitive Grants

12 Donor-Directed Grants Awarded

\$35,729 Donor-Directed Grants

2 Scholarships Awarded

\$11,165 Scholarships Awarded

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2019 are bolded.**

Donor-Directed Grant Funds: Established by someone to support their unique charitable wishes. The foundation board does not determine grants.

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

Organization Funds

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

Minneapolis First United Methodist Church

Rock City Inc. Fund

Sunset Spiritualist Church Fund

United Church of Bennington Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Ottawa County Administrative Fund

Pass-Through Fund

Support groups or organizations raising money for a specific charitable community project.

Ottawa County Service Corporation Fund

Foundation **Funds**

Competitive Grant Funds: Awarded through an application process; grants are made at the discretion of the community foundation board.

Community Fund

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Ottawa County Impact 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

Scholarship Funds

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

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship Fund

Grow Your Gift

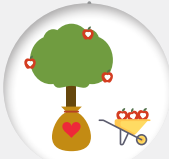
Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree!

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 has given \$10,000 to charity.



After 25 Years...

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



After 50 Years...

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

**For demonstrative purposes only; these numbers were calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

Give **Now or Later**

Everyone has a gift!

No matter what or how you give, you can make a difference. Everyone has different assets, and the community foundation can accept many types of gifts, including:



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure that future generations can say the same?

Do you have children or grandchildren who were born and raised in our community but have since left? Chances are, when you pass away, the money in your estate will leave this area forever.

Through your will, you can leave a gift that impacts our community far beyond your lifetime.

Every day, people just like you leave incredibly meaningful marks on our world through these types of gifts. By leaving just **5% of your estate** to our hometown needs, you could help provide **permanent funding** for our schools, hospital, parks, churches, charities, libraries and so much more. The process is simple and the impact of your generosity will live on for generations!



Your professional advisor will help you document your charitable wishes in your will.



The community foundation will take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.



Your favorite organizations will receive annual support from your gift, **forever**.

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact your professional advisor or the community foundation.

Donor List

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, 2018, to June 30, 2019. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

Mike Adams
Ag By Air
All Smiles Dental Care, LLC
Brad & Jane Anderson
Anonymous Donor
Auto-Tek
Baccus Repair
Paula Baccus
Steve & Patricia Baccus
The Bank of Tescott
Bennington Development Corp
Bennington Lions Club Inc.
Bennington State Bank
Calvin & Tina Berkley
Hal & Eleanor Berkley
Jeff & Denise Berkley
Kent Berkley
Mark & Jane Berkley
Megan Berkley
Paul D. Berkley
Ken Berry
Casey's General Stores, Inc.
Bonnie Christenson
Citizens State Bank & Trust
City of Delphos
City of Tescott
Richard & Vickie Coffman
Concordia Auto Mart, Inc.
Corman Farm & Ranch
Crossland Crop Insurance
Crosson Farms, Inc.
The Davidson Agency
Lyle & Amanda Davidson

Verna Davidson
Deckert & Sons Trucking, Inc.
Lucas Deckert
Scott & Karen Deckert
Delphos 4-H Club
Katherine & Matthew Dixon
EMC Insurance
Marsha Everhart
Jeanie Facklam
Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company
Rod & Ann Frack
The Gans Girls
George Dresie Agency
Jenny & Mike Gotti
Kenneth & Muriel Greene
Thomas & Carol Gregg
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Dennis & Dorothy Harris
Dale & Colette Henderson
Matthew & Amber Hessman
Carol Horting
John & Olive L. Cornellison Trust
Designated Fund
Charles & Janet Konrade
Nicholas & Tamara Krueger
Marie Lee
Constance Lott
Jeff & Tamala Lott
Jim & Karen McClain
Kelly & Michelle McClain
Robert & Jennifer McClure
Minneapolis First United Methodist Church

Donor List

Timothy & Rebecca Myers
John & Paula Nelson
Gerald & Barbara Newell
Dustin & Jennifer Nichols
Rock City Inc.
Rock City Inc. Fund
Daren & Ruth Sanders
Spencer & Laci Schrader
Zoe Ann Schur
Scoular Company
Jami Simmons
Brian & Hope Spano
Karla & John Spurgeon
Patrick & Brenna Spurgeon
David & Sonja Stanley
Charles & Radonna Stein
Jack & Susie Stenfors
Lloyd & Judith Swagerty
Denis & Wilma Sweat
T. A. Schmidt & Assoc. Inc.
Tescott Lions Club

John & Rosalee Tibbits
Twin Valley Education Foundation
United Church of Bennington
USD 240
William & Sharolyn Wagner
David & Linda Wallace
Dwayne & Sharon Walls
Watson Barefield Charity
Christy Watson
David Watson
Kenneth & Dardanella Wedel
Kermit & Kathleen Wedel
Timothy & Dawn Wolf
Kelly Yoxall

Honorariums:

Hal Berkley

Memorails:

Mike Gans
Delbert Stanley

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash
\$399,106



Gifts of Grain
\$0



Other Gifts
\$0

Financial Information

Asset Growth

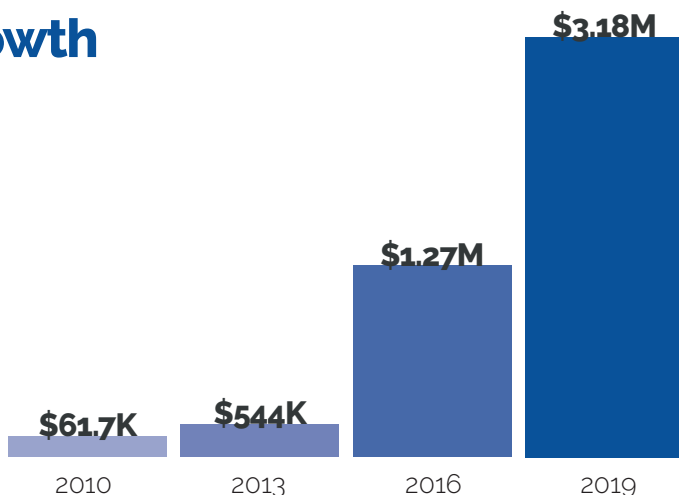
(cumulative)

Total Assets:

\$3,178,133

Number of Funds:

19



2019 # Donors:

101

2019 Total Gifts:

\$399,106

2019 # Gifts:

113

2019 New Funds:

1

Grants Awarded

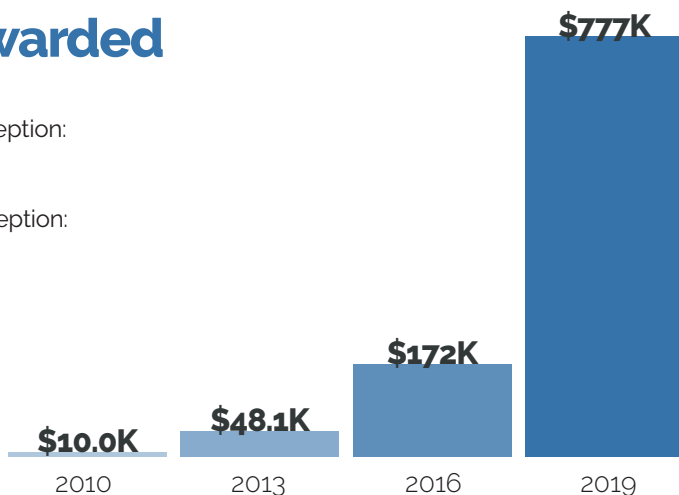
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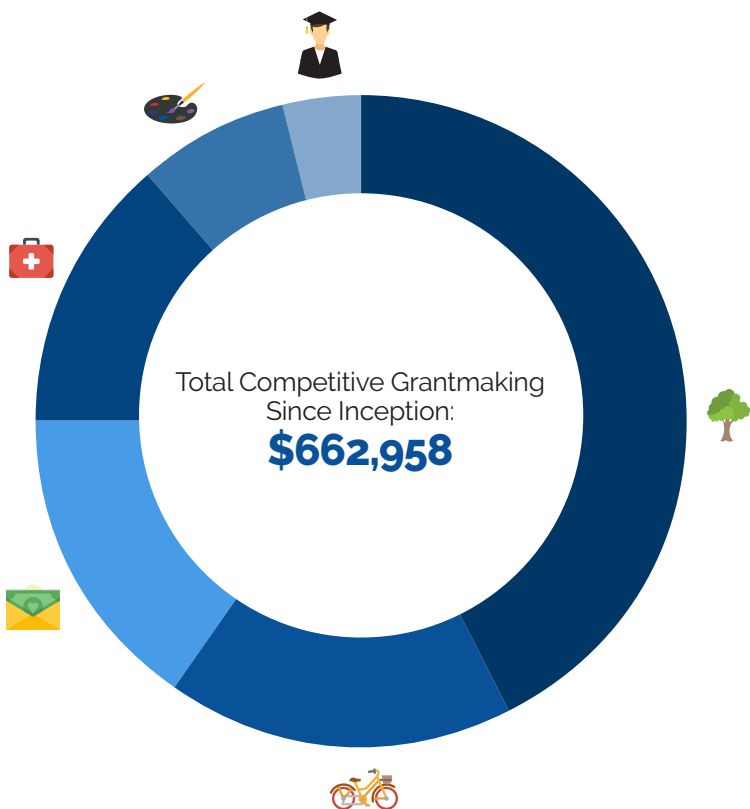
\$ Awarded Since Inception:

\$776,679

Awarded Since Inception:

168





Community Development
\$282,430 • 43%



Health & Human Services
\$88,667 • 13%



Parks & Recreation
\$114,144 • 17%



Arts & Culture
\$51,139 • 8%



Other Needs
\$102,332 • 15%



Education
\$24,246 • 4%

THANK YOU

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.



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