



Our **Focus**  
is our **Community.**

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OTTAWA COUNTY  
**community  
foundation**

ANNUAL REPORT  
**2022**



# 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.

## Leadership & Staff

### 2021-2022 Advisory Board

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**Ashley Swisher**

Executive Director  
Ottawa County Community Foundation

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**Annika Wilson**, Director of Marketing & Communications  
**Jeree Hughbanks**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

## Director's Letter

I am energized to be a part of the Ottawa County Community Foundation!

From its beginning, the “why?” has been clear. It is absolutely one that keeps me charged!

The Foundation's compounding impact to the communities in Ottawa County through charitable giving is a win-win! Deeply rooted in our Founders' vision, the resource of planted seeds can grow and offer so much.

In March, donors paid it forward! Moreover, this year the Foundation launched a new “CF” logo resembling infinity to coincide with our forever mission. “Forever.” It is one of those words like “never” and “always” that we use but may seem impossible. This is where our Foundation makes it easy to provide a continuum. There is no end. Pretty incredible really.

Giving has a certain sweetness especially multiplied in coordination with others. Please take a moment to reflect on that. The ability of one's passion to be expressed in the future is made possible by a previously given legacy for that person they may never actually get to meet. Wow.

My personal story in Ottawa County began similarly and has led my husband, Keir, and me here to where we now raise our boys and call home. We respect and greatly value the heart of

“community” and see that investments in people are a worthy asset.

When a community gathers together, I believe great things happen. A few that come to mind are engagement, development, and empathy. Community has a way of humbling us. It teaches us to involve ourselves with others very different than ourselves. It allows us to reflect yet inspires us to dream.

Thank you for this opportunity, the upcoming adventure, and the momentum to motivate!

**Ashley D. Swisher D.D.S.**

Executive Director

*“The ability of one's passion to be expressed in the future is made possible by a previously given legacy for that person they may never actually get to meet.”*

*- Ashley Swisher*

# Grant Recipients

**In FY2022, twenty-one organizations received funding for projects in the community. In total, \$168,014 in grants were awarded for 36 charitable projects. The following organizations received competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:**

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| Bennington Ambulance Service                     | Minneapolis Public Library                     |
| Bennington Bible Church                          | Minneapolis Recreation Commission              |
| Bennington Senior Citizens, Inc.                 | Ottawa County                                  |
| Central Kansas District Shooting Sports          | Ottawa County Community Development Foundation |
| City of Bennington                               | Ottawa County Fire District #2                 |
| City of Minneapolis Police Department            | Ottawa County Fire District #4                 |
| Friends of the Depot Inc.                        | Twin Valley Education Foundation               |
| Golden Wheel Senior Center                       | United Church of Bennington                    |
| Little Samaritans Child Development Center, Inc. | USD 239  |
| Love In the Name of Christ                       | USD 240 Twin Valley                            |
| Minneapolis First United Methodist Church        |  |

**\$181,237**

Total grants & scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2022.



**\$1,311,100**

Grants & scholarships awarded since the inception of the Ottawa County Community Foundation



**43**

Grants & scholarships given to organizations and students in fiscal year 2022.





# Scholarship Recipients

Ottawa County Community Foundation awarded over \$13,000 in scholarships to the following students.

## John and Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship

Austin Wolff  
Colby Nichols  
Weston Schrader  
Olivia Lawson

Hayden Lott  
Robert McKain  
Mavrik Griffin



**\$285,909**

Total amount in gifts received in fiscal year 2022



**211**

Gifts received in fiscal year 2022



**175**

Donors in fiscal year 2022



## Grants

### **Delphos Public Library: Summer Library Programs**

### **Delphos Community Fund- \$1,086**

The Delphos Public Library received a grant through the Ottawa County Community Foundation to help them provide entertainment for their summer reading program and to purchase chairs for their crafts and reading area.

The Amazing Arthur, magician extraordinaire was a huge hit with over 100 people attending. One of the kids even said, "It made me believe magic is real!"

Another community member commented, "Delphos rarely sees so much involvement in the community in one month. Two large gatherings plus two small ones was great. The library is helping to bring our community back together!"






**Minneapolis Recreation Commission: Batting Cages**

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund- \$6,100**  
**Kansas Health Foundation Fund- \$6,000**

New batting cages enhance the lives of baseball and softball players and encourage more children to get involved in outdoor activities.




**Ottawa County: Memorial Arena Sound System**

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund- \$16,099.85**

The Ottawa County Fairgrounds received a new sound system with the help of a grant from the Community Foundation. The new system has permanently mounted speakers as compared to the old system that was very bulky and required a vehicle to transport it for each use.

The sound quality is great and has received great feedback from fair goers and 4-H participants.





# What We Do



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 the current and future needs of our county. We value supporting our community, organizations, and causes you care about by implementing our core values. No matter what your role is in our community, our team is dedicated to helping people like you make a difference to focus on our community.



## CONNECT

We help donors and nonprofits bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come.



## PROVIDE

We provide personalized services, leadership and insight on important issues in our region.



## SERVE

We invest and manage charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations by serving as a charitable savings account.



## ESTABLISH

We strengthen nonprofits through charitable grants, training and other resources by establishing permanent endowed funds to create a lasting legacy.



# Founding 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'Keefe

Dardanelle E. Wedel

Kenneth Wedel, M.D.

Kermit & Kathleen Wedel Trust

## BUSINESS ENTITIES

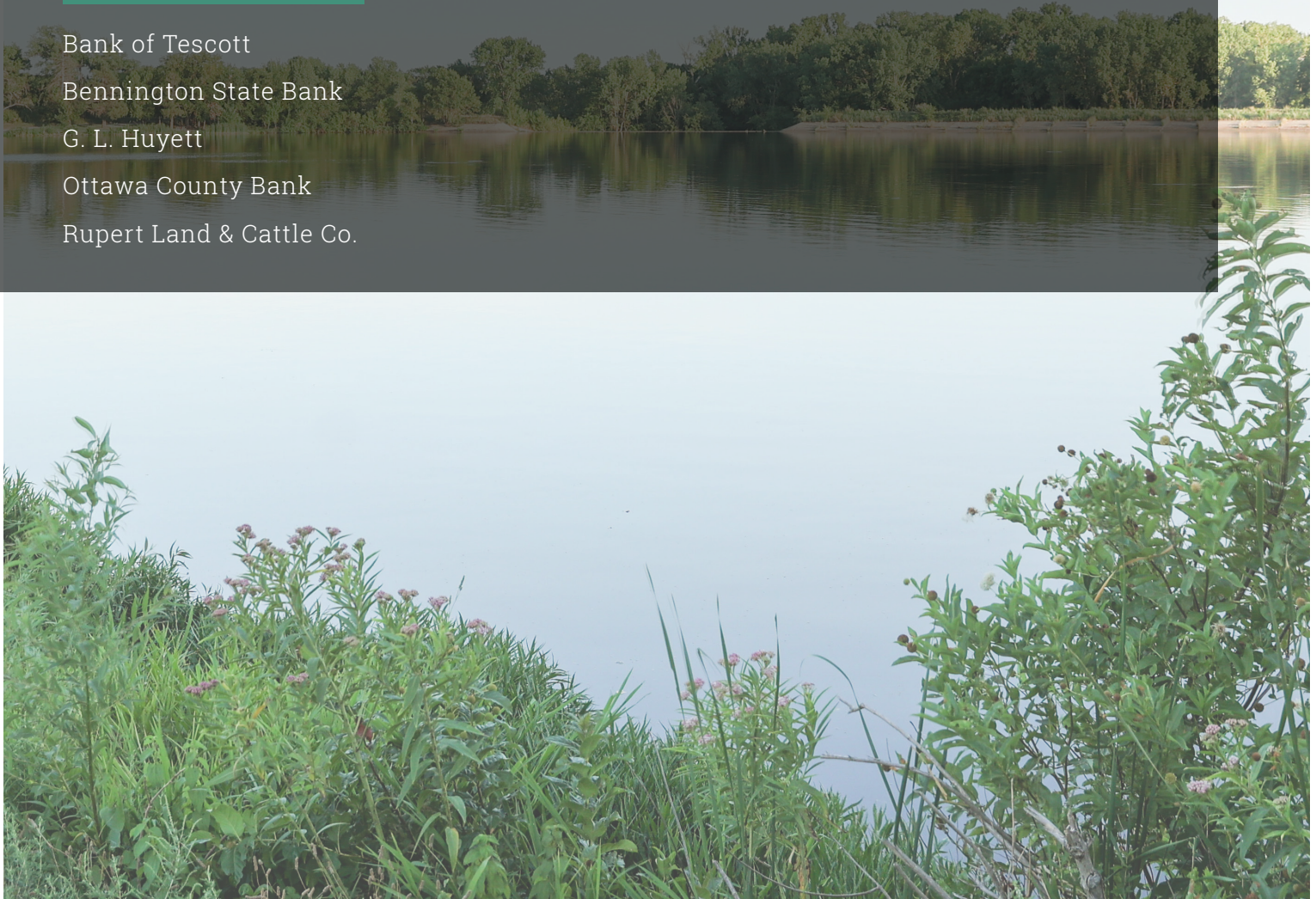
Bank of Tescott

Bennington State Bank

G. L. Huyett

Ottawa County Bank

Rupert Land & Cattle Co.



# How it Works



## GIVE

You make a gift to the community foundation to establish your fund.



## GROW

We grow your fund by investing the assets for long-term growth.



## GRANT

You recommend a grant to support a charity or cause you are passionate about and we distribute the grants in your name or anonymously.

[CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE](#)



# Grant Story

## USD 239 - Every Student Matters

USD 239 received a grant from the Community Foundation to purchase chess sets and other board games to encourage students to engage in activities they normally wouldn't be involved in.

With this grant they have been able to hold weekly events for students during eighth period as well as after school.

The activities room is a place where students can meet other students with similar interests. This funding has allowed students to have a place they can go and feel supported. These connected relationships carry over into the classroom

and there has been an increased positive attitude towards school work because they feel they have a place they belong.

Since starting the program, there has also been an increase in high school students participating in extracurricular activities with 26 more participating in one school extracurricular activity and 11 more involved in more than one activity outside classroom time.

Due to school budget constraints, this program would not have been possible without the funding from the Ottawa County Community Foundation.

## USD 239: Every Student Matters

Dane G. Hansen  
Community Grant  
Fund- \$1,696.34



# 2021-2022 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

## Families & Individuals

D.J. & J.R. Ablard  
Virginia Alderson  
Anonymous Donor  
Charles & Phyllis Atkinson  
Deloros Atwell  
Scott & Rebekah Ausherman  
Paula Baccus  
Steve & Pat Baccus  
Pamela Barker  
Terry & Cynthia Beall  
Hal & Eleanor Berkley  
Jeff & Denise Berkley  
Mark & Jane Berkley  
Megan Berkley  
Mike & Debbie Berkley  
Ken & Tina Berry  
Josh & Molly Biggs  
Jason & Kimberly Bird  
Brenna Bliven-Spurgeon  
Steven & Pamela Carlson  
Kent & Marcia Carlson  
Robin & Teresa Champlin  
Alma Christenson  
Richard & Vickie Coffman  
Greg & Kim Cook  
Jim & Louise Corman  
Colby Curry  
Sheldon & Tania Daugherty  
Verna Davidson  
Scott & Karen Deckert  
Terri DeWitt & Kara Lariviere  
Ray & Marilyn Dinkel  
Katherine Dixon  
Catherine Dodge  
David & Rhonda Doering  
Bradley & Deloris Dolloff  
Sharon Dreher  
Shawna Dunlap  
Darrell & Judy Ehrlich  
Marsha Everhart  
Mike & Tamra Fabrizius  
Bert & Jeanie Facklam  
Stan & Lisa Fairbanks  
Ronald & Pamela Feldt  
Steve & Brenda Forte  
Rod & Ann Frack  
Dave Freeland  
Linda Gans  
Linda Garrison  
Violet Gehrke

Dan & Tana Geist  
Janice Graham  
Meryl & Patricia Grosshans  
Patricia Grosshans  
Ella Hamilton  
Leslie & Fred Hargis  
Dennis & Dorothy Harris  
Patrick & Ardel Helget  
Dale & Colette Henderson  
Matthew & Amber Hessman  
Thomas & Vera Hintz  
Jeffrey & Sara Hodges  
Dan & Tiffany Hueser  
Tim & Tammy Kempisty  
Brent & Beth Kindall  
Brian & Selena Kindall  
Darlene Kirkland  
Glennace Kirn  
Timothy & Karen Kiser  
Shirley Klein  
Charles & Janet Konrade  
Nicholas Krueger  
Jack Larson  
Dustin & Dr. Patricia Little  
Charles & Lora Lonberger  
Jeff & Tamala Lott  
Raymond & Tiffany Lynch  
Jim & Karen McClain  
LaVaughn McClintock  
Jennifer McClure  
Tom McGavran  
Jeff & Michele McHenry  
Curtis & Erin McKain  
Diane McKain  
Bryan & Dee Meall  
Jerrold & Kim Merry  
Russell & Jana Van Meter  
David & Ann Miller  
Mike & Debra Miller  
Steve & Theresa Morrical  
Larry Muff  
Ronald & Valerie Murk  
Timothy & Becky Myers  
John & Paula Nelson  
Dustin & Jennifer Nichols  
Tim & Chantelle Niles  
Barb Oplinger  
Michael & Cindy Perry  
Tandis Peterson  
Mary Beth Phelps  
Rex & Katrina Pollet

Steven Pounds  
Jacquetta Quinn  
John & Sharie Ragland  
Louise Reiff  
Chris & Molly Reilly  
DeeAnn Rolph  
Chris Rose & Megan Casper-Rose  
Daren Sanders  
Jared & Morgan Schmidt  
Stan & Leann Schmidt  
Eric & Avel Schneweis  
Jori Schrader  
Weston Schrader  
Zoe Ann Schur  
Phillip & Marilyn Sechrist  
R. A. & R.E. Shupe  
Martin & Carrie Smith  
John & Karla Spurgeon  
Karen Stegmaier  
Charles & Radonna Stein  
Denis & Wilma Sweat  
John & Rosalee Tibbits  
Chris & Amy Vignery  
John & Michelle Vishnefske  
David & Linda Wallace  
Kermit & Kathleen Wedel  
Christine & David Wilson  
Mary Wilson  
Timothy & Dawn Wolf  
Venda Young  
Tracy & Annette Zeigler  
Rolland & Sharon Zier

## Businesses & Organizations

Ag By Air, Inc.  
Air Services, Inc.  
All Smiles Dental Care, LLC  
Auto-Tek  
The Bank of Tescott  
Baccus Repair  
Bennington Development Corp.  
The Bennington State Bank  
Building Performance Co., LLC  
DBA Radon Solutions  
Citizens State Bank & Trust  
City of Delphos  
Class of 1973  
Class of 1980  
Constance Lott Agency, Inc.

Crosson Farms, Inc.  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
The Davidson Agency  
Davidson Family Trust  
DeLisa's Medical Billing Services  
Delphos Fire Dept.  
The FARM & The Odd Fellows, LLC  
Gilmore & Bell  
Halderson Farms  
Hometown Hardware, LLC  
M & S Farms, Inc.  
Minneapolis Noon Lions Club  
Pieschl Farms, Inc.  
ProFab Mfg, Inc.  
Sabetha High School Sunshine Fund  
Schrader Ranch  
Scott Ausherman Agency, Inc.  
Scoular Company  
Sunflower Realty  
Swisher Properties  
Tescott Lions Club  
Tox-Eol Pest Management, Inc.  
Twin Valley Education Foundation  
USD 399 Teachers Assoc.  
Watson Barefield Charity  
Webb Farms, Inc.

## Honorariums

Hal & Eleanor Berkley

## Memorials

Chase Donovan  
Meryl Grosshans  
Tom & Darlene Meredith  
Dr. Kenneth Wedel



# Foundation Funds

**Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. This list contains funds opened prior to July 1, 2022. If you believe an error has been made, please contact the Foundation.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

**Enable the Foundation to fulfill its mission and provide long-term sustainability to the organization.**

Ottawa County Administrative Fund

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Provide a permanent source of income to support your favorite charities even long after you are gone.**

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Trust Fund

Kenneth & Madonna McCall Fund

Twin Valley Education Foundation Fund

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**Simple and flexible “charitable savings accounts,” that let you decide when and where to give.**

Dr. Kenneth & Dardanella Wedel Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Supports current and future needs of the community.**

Ottawa County Impact Fund

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Offer a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission.**

Minneapolis First United Methodist Church Fund

Rock City Inc. Fund

Sunset Spiritualist Church Fund

United Church of Bennington Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

**Respond to current and future needs by letting you support a specific cause or geographic area rather than a specific charity.**

Bennington Community Fund

City of Tescott Improvement FUND

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Ottawa County

Delphos Community Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Ottawa County

Ottawa County Public Health Fund

Minneapolis Community Impact Fund\*

Tescott Community Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**Support student education and impact our future leaders.**

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Steve & Patricia Baccus Scholarship Fund

John & Olive L. Cornellisson Scholarship Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

**These donors have designated a gift to OCCF in their estate.**

John & Rosalie Merriman

\*denotes a new fund established between 7/1/2021-6/30/2022

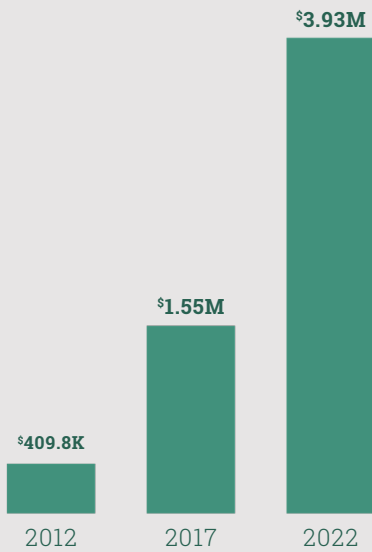
# 2022 Financials

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

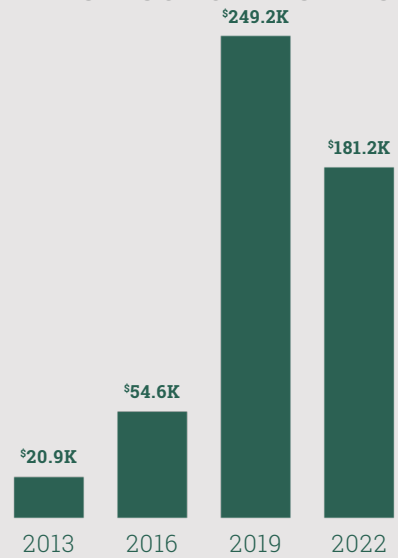
## Total Grants and Scholarships awarded since inception

**\$1,311,100**

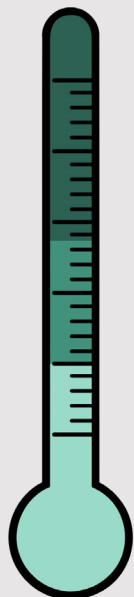
### ASSETS



### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



### MATCH MONTH SUCCESS

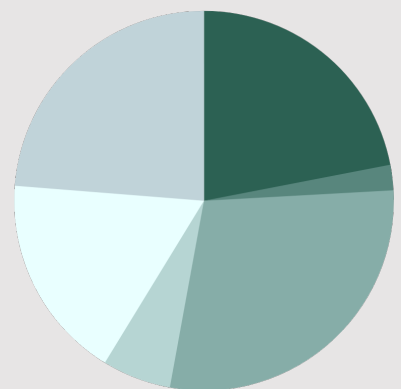


**Total Benefit**  
\$136,704.40

**Total Matched**  
\$75,000

**Total Raised**  
\$61,704.40

### GRANTS BY AREA OF IMPACT



- 17.5% - Health & Human Services
- 23.7% - Parks & Recreation
- 22% - Youth & Education
- 2.2% - Arts & Culture
- 28.8% - Community Development
- 5.9% - Faith & Religion



# Statement of Financial Position

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

## Assets

Cash - Bennington State Bank  
Pooled Investment - Vanguard

### Total Assets

2022

\$67,683  
\$3,870,438

**\$3,938,111**

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable

### Total Liabilities

\$0

**\$0**

## Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal  
Fund Balance - Income

### Total Net Assets

### Total Liabilities + Net Assets

\$3,187,859  
\$750,252

**\$3,938,111**

**\$3,938,111**

# Statement of Activities

## Revenues

Gifts & Bequests - Principal  
Gifts & Bequests - Income  
Gifts & Bequests - Internal  
Dividend Income  
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments  
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments

### Total Revenue

2022

\$199,909  
\$86,000  
\$9,319  
\$74,724  
\$50,055  
\$(721,514)

**\$(301,507)**

## Expenses

Grants Authorized  
Grants Authorized - Internal  
Scholarships Authorized  
Administrative Fees  
Operating Expenses

### Total Expenses

### Change in Net Assets

\$168,014  
\$7,819  
\$13,223  
\$37,682  
\$17,298

**\$244,036**

**\$(545,543)**



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