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— 2020 Annual Report to the Community —



Jewell  
County  
Community  
Foundation

An affiliate of the  
Greater Tulsa 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

The Jewell County Community Foundation (JCCF) is excited to publish our annual report. The foundation was established to create a permanent source of philanthropy to address current and future community needs. Through existing funds and the generosity of our match month donors over the past few years, the foundation was able to start offering grants to the communities of Jewell County.

Our board is made up of citizens living all over Jewell County and our goal is to distribute grants from our funds to all communities within Jewell County. The foundation is always looking for grant applications from Jewell County nonprofits and municipalities. Applications are accepted during our spring and fall grant rounds each year.

We are also working on establishing a founding donor campaign as well as educating people about how to leave a portion of their estate gift to make a permanent impact in Jewell County. If Jewell County is near and dear to your heart, feel free to contact me or any other JCCF board member about these two opportunities.

Thank you,

**Trevor Elkins**  
Jewell County Community Foundation  
Board Chair



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



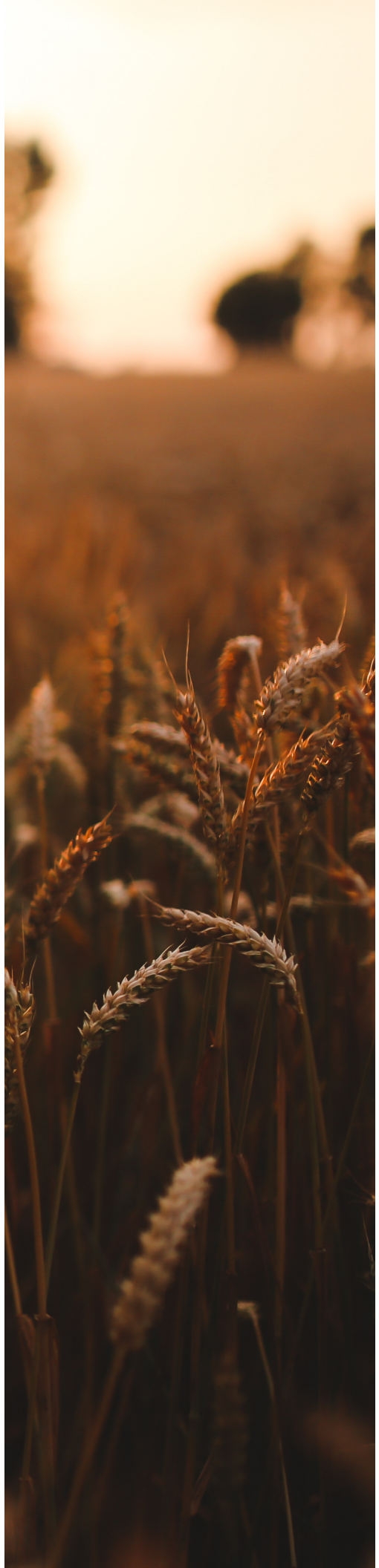
**After 15 years...**  
Your gift has grown to **\$15,000** and given **\$10,000** to charity.



**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.







## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Jewell County Community Foundation was founded in 2018 to benefit the communities of Jewell County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet the current and future needs of our county.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Trevor Elkins, Chair  
Kenny Mizner, Vice Chair  
Jenny Russell, Secretary  
Brian Shulda, Treasurer  
Neil Bouray  
Ryan Cates  
Jim Dooley  
Susan Flinn  
Lisa Goodheart  
Caleb Mahin  
Kristin Mizner  
Sara Reiter  
Steven Spiegel

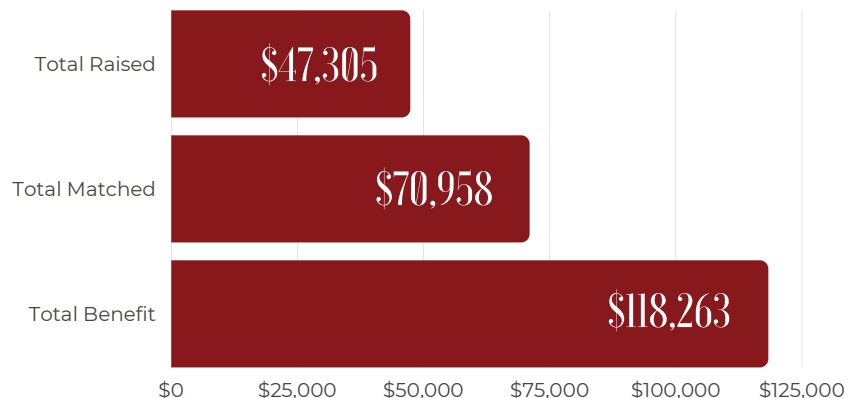
### BOARD ALUMNI

Lyle Dauner  
Kelly Griffeth  
Darrell Miller  
Kristin Underwood



## 2020 MATCH MONTH SUCCESS

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in March, the community foundation raised over \$110,000 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 \$365,321 through this match.



# 2019-2020 DONORS

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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.

Anonymous  
Clifford & Glennys Barnes  
Fawna Barrett  
Damon & Shelby Bohnert  
Bourbon Trucking, LLC  
Debra Boyles  
Lisa Boyles  
City of Esbon  
Cunningham Communications, Inc.  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Daniel & Gaye Daniels  
Dauner Pharmacies, Chtd.  
Lyle & Cathy Dauner  
Jean Davis  
Vaden & Kimberley Davis  
Rick & Sheila Diamond  
Jim & Brenda Dooley  
Howard Elkins  
Trevor Elkins  
Robert Engel  
Brenda Enyeart  
Esbon Ag Supply Co.  
Esbon United Methodist Church  
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit  
Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne  
Marion & Arrilla Fedde  
Carl & Karen Figgins  
Mark & Tamara Finnell  
John & Linda Flavin  
Lyle Flinn  
Max & Susan Flinn  
Ronald Fraass  
Stephen & Judy Francis  
Sam & Alyce Gillett  
W. Todd Goodheart  
Jim & Velma Gouldie  
Steven Greene  
Robin & Debbi Griffeth  
Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.  
Ruby & Matthew Hesting

Max Horn  
Shirley Jacobs-Varney  
Gale & Kathleen Jeffery  
Sherrilynn Jeffery  
Jenrus Freelance  
Jewell Chamber of Commerce  
Virgil & Linda Jones  
Don Kissinger  
Christopher & Jill Klos  
Travis Koester  
Gary & Janet Kriley  
Corlene Lange  
B.J. & Rebecca Loomis  
Rebecca Loomis  
Caleb Mahin  
Malcom Flying Service  
Mankato Chamber of Commerce  
Thomas & Sherry Marr  
Gerald McAtee  
Ronald & Margaret McMillian  
Ray & Barb Mizner  
Ila Nelson  
Kendall & Sandra Nelson  
Barbara Oplinger  
Jason Ortman  
OZ Insurance, LLC  
Dale Park  
Jim Peroutek  
Judith Peters  
Lavernia Peters  
Jose Puentes  
Donna J. Ramey  
Randall Senior Citizens  
Amy Reed  
David & Sara Reiter  
Sara & David Reiter  
Karen Rhea  
Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Keith & Bethany Roe  
Arnold & Phyllis Ross

John & Karen Ross  
Shirley Rudolph  
Arden & Cheryl Russell  
Garrett Russell  
Richelle Russell  
David Searles  
Gary & Teresa Shipley  
Brian & Jessica Shulda  
Chad & Jennifer Simmelink  
Nancy Spiegel  
Steven & Janelle Spiegel  
Vickie Stafford  
State Exchange Bank  
Richard & Betty Thompson  
Leland & Sheryl Tice  
Treasure City  
Sharon Tullar  
Tyler Chiropractic  
Gene & Rebecca Underwood  
Roger & Deanna Underwood  
Union Chapel Bible Study  
United Church Women  
Robert Jr. & Joan Unruh  
Jerry & Paula Voboril  
Robert & Vonda Wakefield  
Don & Darlene Walker  
Charles & Evelyn Warne  
David & Deborah Warne  
Chris & Staci Whelchel  
RL & PL Willmeth  
Paul & Luann Wilson  
Brenden & Pamela Wirth  
David & Natalie Wood  
Patricia Zentz

## MEMORIALS

Dale Spiegel



*Home Is...*

WHERE PEOPLE SHARE  
THEIR GIFTS



**"Hundreds of people annually drive by and can't help but have a more positive attitude about the state of our small town. This project would not have been possible or accomplished at all without the generous support of this grant."**

JESSICA BARNES

## BURR OAK'S NEW MURAL

As the City of Burr Oak gears up for its 150th birthday celebration in 2021, beautification projects are beginning to take shape. With a variety of projects throughout the town, the huge, unkempt wall on the side of a building on Highway 128 was next on the list to be transformed.

The Jewell County Community Foundation awarded the City funding to hire artist Callum McNichols for this project. The main body for the mural was completed by McNichols and he left the accompanying barn quilts for the rest of the community to paint. "In addition to boosting the morale of the town's residents, hundreds of people annually drive by and can't help but have a more positive attitude about the state of our small town. This project would not have been possible or accomplished at all without the generous support of this grant," said grantee Jessica Barnes.

# CUSTOM BANNERS

The City of Jewell enrolled in the “First Impressions” program and traded communities with Miltonvale to better understand a “true” first impression of the community. Through that program, the City of Jewell learned that their downtown provided visitors with a positive experience. To keep the positive momentum going, a committee of residents have continued to look at ways to improve downtown.

Recently, the Jewell Chamber of Commerce took inventory of the downtown banners and found that they were ripped and weathered. With a grant from the community foundation, they were able to purchase new custom banners to display during the spring and summer seasons as well as new awnings for the community center.

“With all of the activities planned, there could not have been a better year to focus on updating and creating a more vibrant, welcoming downtown area,” said grantee Shelby Bohnert. “The repainted streetlights, new custom light pole banners and new awnings on the community center all create a more attractive downtown area for residents, businesses, and visitors in our community.”



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BARB MIZNER

# COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATES

With a collaboration between fundraisers, grants and volunteers, the community of Esbon came together to remodel the old fire hall into a community center in 2015. Since the remodel, natural deterioration has occurred to the building's roof.

The community foundation awarded a grant to seal and coat the metal roof. “The community center has been a wonderful addition to the community in the last five years. This project helped preserve the building for future use in the years to come,” said grantee Barb Mizner.







# BOOKS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Research shows that over the first five years of a child's life, the human brain develops more rapidly than any other time. This makes it essential that during this time period children develop the brain connections needed for many important, higher-level abilities like motivation, self-regulation, problem solving and communication. It is recommended that parents and caregivers read with their children daily starting in infancy so that children start kindergarten with adequate literacy skills.

Smoky Hills Public Television helps prepare children for kindergarten and to develop a life-long love for learning. The outreach program targets preschool children by providing books to kids attending Head Start or public preschool. The foundation granted Smoky Hills Public Television a grant to provide three books to each of the children enrolled in preschool at Rock Hills Elementary School. "Because of grants like yours, we were able to give at least one book to nearly 2,400 children enrolled in Head Start or public preschool in central and western Kansas," said grantee Helen Hands.



# SAFER BURNS

Even controlled burns can still be dangerous. The correct equipment can make all the difference in an unforeseen situation. The Burn Association was given a truck by the forestry service to aid in control of fires.

With the support from a community foundation grant, the association was able to equip trucks and tanks with the necessary pumps and plumbing to more effectively keep control of fires. Grantee Charles Smies expressed the association's gratitude and said, "What a blessing to receive grant money for our fire related needs. As a rural burn association, we operate on a very small or non-existent budget and these grants help us to fulfill our mission and keep our volunteers safe. We were able to buy a gas engine with diaphragm pump, transfer pump, and leg tank with the grant money. Thank you for the grant."

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CHARLES SMIES

# 2019-2020 Grant Recipients

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

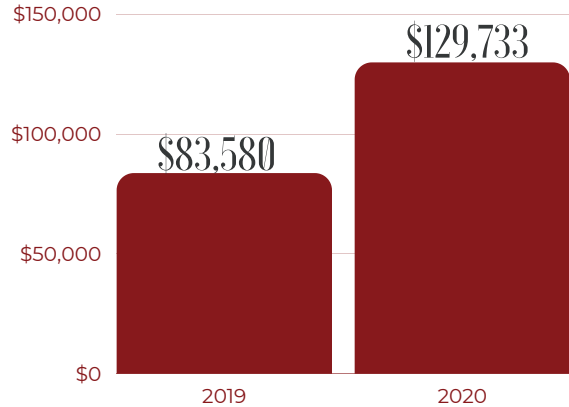
- City of Burr Oak
- City of Esbon
- City of Formoso
- City of Jewell
- City of Mankato
- Jewell County Burn Association
- Jewell County Council on Aging
- Jewell County Historical Society
- Jewell County Hospital
- Jewell County Wellness, Inc.
- Mankato Cares, Inc.
- Mankato City Library
- Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.
- Smoky Hills Public Television
- USD 107 -Rock Hills Elementary School
- VFW Post 7830
- Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center



## IMPACT NUMBERS

In 2020, \$129,733 total grants were awarded to 28 organizations throughout the fiscal year. Since inception, \$216,313 has been awarded on the behalf of generous donors, making our community a better place to live!

### GRANTS AWARDED PER FISCAL YEAR







# Foundation Funds

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

## 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

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

**Supports foundation operations.**

Jewell Administrative Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUND

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

Jewell County Community Fund



## 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!



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# Planning Today to GIVE TOMORROW



Supporting your community, organizations, and causes you care about is an important part of your life and core values.

What if you could continue to provide donations to those organizations after your lifetime? What if you left something meaningful to the charities that you are most passionate about?

## 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.

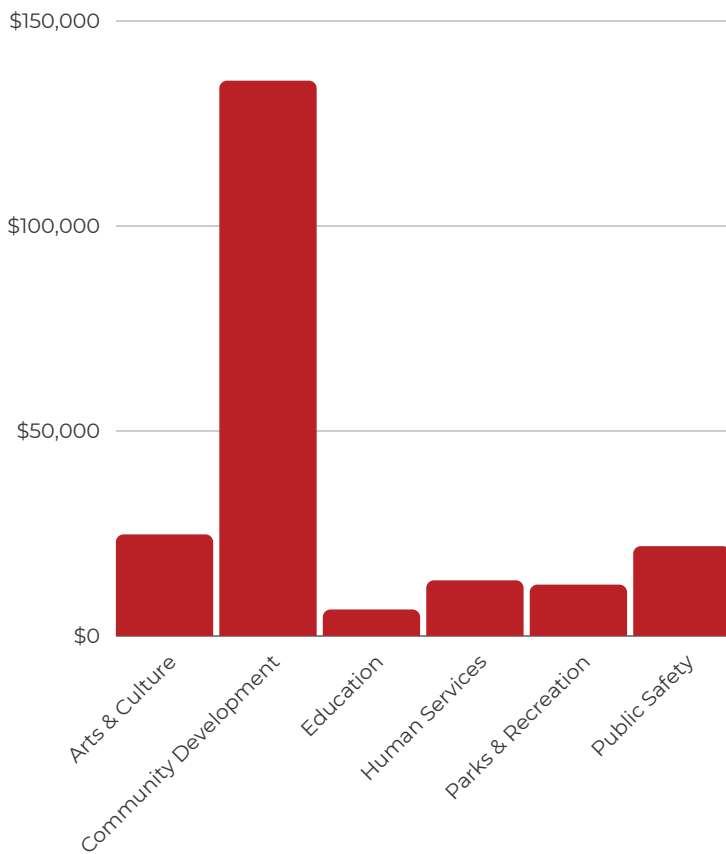
To learn more about leaving a gift in your will or trust, contact your professional advisor or call us at 785-823-1800!



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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

## COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING SINCE INCEPTION



## ASSET GROWTH SINCE 2019

As of June 30, 2020, the foundation's total asset size reached \$404,487 with 3 funds.



# \$220,240

was donated from 114 generous donors in the 2020 fiscal year.





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