



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
**YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE**



Jewell
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

The Jewell County Community Foundation (JCCF) is excited to publish our first 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 from all parts of Jewell County and our goal is to distribute grants from our funds to all parts of Jewell County. The foundation is always looking for grant applications from Jewell County non-profits and municipalities. Applications are accepted during our spring and fall grant rounds each year.

The board is also working to find our founding donors. Founding donors are those that have Jewell County near and dear to their heart and want to leave a legacy here. This can be a living gift or an estate gift. As little as a five percent estate gift to your community, and ninety-five percent gift to your family, can make a huge impact.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please feel free to contact me or any other JCCF board member.

Thank you,

Trevor Elkins
Board Chair



OUR **MISSION**

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



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.

The Jewell 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 **Jewell County Community 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!

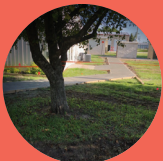
Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable Organizations



Scholarships for Students



It Starts With People

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

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Bohnert Welding, LLC

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Esbon Ag Supply LLC

Esbon United Methodist Church

Farmway Credit Union of Beloit,

Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne

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Carl & Karen Figgins

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John & Linda Flavin

Max & Susan Flinn

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Stephen & Judy Francis

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Jewell Chamber of Commerce

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Mankato Chamber of Commerce

Mankato Eager Beavers

Mankato Plumbing & Appliance

Edgar & Veronica Marihugh

Gerald McAtee

Midway Co-op Association, Inc.

Ray & Barb Mizner

Ila Nelson

Kendall & Sandra Nelson

Oak Creek Farms

OZ Insurance, LLC

Daniel & Elaine Peters

Lavernia Peters

Randall Senior Citizens

Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Garrett Russell

2018-2019 Donors

Brian & Jessica Shulda
Van & Phyllis Smith
Donald Spiegel
Nancy Spiegel
Steven & Janelle Spiegel
State Exchange Bank
Sharon Tullar

Union Chapel Bible Study
Clifford & Nevada Vetter
Daniel Waide
David & Deborah Warne
Paul Wilson
Ronald & Patricia Zentz

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash
\$190,427



Gifts of Grain
\$0



Other Gifts
\$0

Who Invest In **Community**



Betsy Wearing of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation spoke about Match Month at the Jewell Chamber Meeting in March at the Jewell Community Center.

Match Month Success

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in March, the community foundation raised over \$68,000 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.

2019 Total Raised:

\$27,289

2019 Total Matched:

\$40,933

2019 Total Benefit:

\$68,222

Over the last three years, our Match Month campaign has raised a total of **\$247,058** for the community. Thank you!

To Create **Big Impact**

Batting Cage Replacements



USD 107 accepted a grant from the community foundation to aid in the replacement of the previous unusable batting cage. Previously, youth baseball and softball were not able to utilize the cage because of the condition. With the funding, USD 107 purchased a new net, stance mat and balls for the pitching machine. This project impacted the players and coaches, as well as the parents, by allowing the youth to practice their skills in a safe and constructive manner. The hope is that children's interest in the sport will continue to grow in the Jewell County area with the addition of this equipment.

Updates to Formoso Community Church

Formoso Community Church was presented a grant from the community foundation to replace their outdated, inefficient windows. Replacing the windows helped stabilize the cost in energy, as well as enhanced the look of the church, inside and out.

"When you first walk into the sanctuary of the church the response is amazing," says grantee Sandra Nelson. With the aid from the community foundation, the church was able to replace all the windows on the north side of the church. The congregation was very appreciative



of the funding for this project, and the impact the new windows had on the church. "They just really make everyone smile," said Nelson.

Grant Spotlight



A grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund allowed Jewell County to host the Kansas Mammoth Music and Art Festival two years in a row. With seed money from the foundation, the festival is on track to be self-sustaining in years to come.

Jewell County Celebrates Summer with Kansas Mammoth Music and Art Festival

The community foundation has supported the evolution of the Kansas Mammoth Festival since 2018, when the idea for the festival was created. The Jewell County economic development planning process agreed a music festival could have a positive impact on the community.

The two-day focused on creativity, art, original music, interactive projects, sensory activities and fellowship. The first year, grant

funding helped pay for musicians, artists, a sound engineer, and advertising for the summer festival. Initially, the celebration was a trial run to see how the community would take to the event.

“The atmosphere was laid back, joyful, and full of excitement and wonder,” said grantee Tammy Finnell. “We could not be happier about the outcome of this first-year festival for Jewell County.” ▶

With the initial festival accomplishing the committee's goals for the community, the community foundation awarded the Mankato City Library a second grant for the 2019 summer festival. This year, the funding provided t-shirts that were used for a fundraiser for the festival. The variety of activities in the park and downtown received a great deal of positive feedback. "We have heard nothing but positive comments from

the community about the event and how happy that there is something for everyone," said Finnell.

By holding several fundraisers, selling shirts, hosting a "Mammoth Meal" and providing a beer garden, the committee brought in enough money to help fund a future festival in 2020. With the "seed money" from the foundation, the Kansas Mammoth Festival is on track to be self-sustaining in years to come.

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- Tammy Finnell, grantee





The Trail Comes to Life

The community foundation awarded Jewell County Wellness with a grant to fund phase three of the trail system in Mankato. This trail system includes an in-town trail, connecting the north and south half of Mankato with a crosswalk. Including a nature trail on the old railroad bed that borders the city park, the trails meet at the Rock Hills Grade School to form a trail through the town. The funds were used specifically on materials to

construct the trail bridge, pedestrian-activated cross walk signs, and complete the trail for public use.

Local residents and city workers collaborated together on this project to make it successful. "Thank you for helping us make this project a reality," said grantee Jenny Russell. The trail is now open for public use, with the goal to promote a healthier community.

"This work brought the former railroad bridge into use for pedestrians. The Kansas Trails Council was an added asset to the process."

- Jenny Russell, grantee

Park Walkway Addition



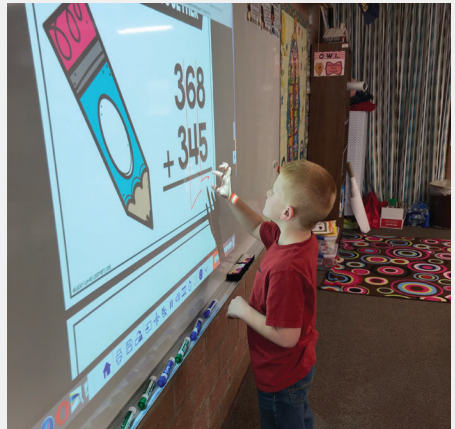
From previous grant funding, the City of Esbon installed a vaulted restroom, and added a storm shelter for public use several years ago. Support from a more recent grant allowed the city to install a handicap accessible pathway connecting the buildings in the park, including the shelter house, community center, storm shelter, and restrooms.

This pathway enhances the looks of the park, ties the buildings together, and provides safer access to each. "Without the help of the foundation, we would have only been able to fund part of this pathway. We are so pleased with the looks and outcome of the project," said grantee Barb Mizner.

State of the Art Technology for Rock Hills

Thanks to the collaboration between a strong technology program, support from the school district, and a contribution from the community foundation, Rock Hills students have the opportunity to learn with state-of-the-art technology in the classroom. The grant aided in the cost for installation and purchase of interactive projectors in 12 elementary and five junior and senior high classrooms.

Like a smart board, the projectors allow student to interact with material being taught in a manner that is more exciting and engaging to students. Grantee Sara Grout asked teachers how the technology has impacted student learning, and one teacher said, "I have used a lot of interactive math and



reading activities/games that get kids up out of their seats in an interactive way of learning. The kids are learning skills and retaining their learning because they're actively involved. If you could only see the look in their eyes and see their excitement when they have that 'aha' moment when they figure something out interactively."



Agri-Science students at Rock Hills utilize grow towers purchased with grant funding from the community foundation, enabling them to learn the process of growing herbs and leafy vegetables during the winter months.

From Farm to Table

Three grow towers, as well as the supplies for the towers, were purchased with a grant from the community foundation for USD 107. The towers allow students to learn about new technologies in the field of agriculture. Vertical farming is becoming more popular in urban areas, and these towers enable students to learn how food can be grown and sustained in a small space, even indoors.

The Agri-Science Department at Rock Hills is now able to teach the entire grow

process with this equipment. "They were amazed how quickly the herbs and leafy vegetables grew," said grantee Mathew Railsback. Produce from these towers is donated to the Senior Citizen Center, used to supplement the summer food program, and used at the school on the salad bar and in the culinary class. The high school students are getting the hands-on experience of the entire process of growing food and teaching the elementary students about the process with the aid of this grant.



Next-Generation Round Up for Youth hosted a “Day in Towne” to fifth grade students in Jewell County.

A Day in Towne

Last spring, Next-Generation Round Up for Youth was able to host a “Day in Towne” for fifth grade students in the Jewell County area, thanks to a grant from the community foundation. The Young AmeriTowne of Kansas curriculum is designed to teach students about economics, as they see the direct impact their actions and decisions have on themselves, their business and the community. The program combines classroom exercises with hands-on skill development. Grantee Jacquie Beckman witnessed the full cycle of the student’s participation in the program. “It was amazing to see the smiles on

the kids faces as they enjoyed the day in Towne!” she said. “Our organization believes having a strong and committed youth focus contributes positively to the strength and viability of each community today, and into the future.”

Exposing students to the community around them helps them to understand their local economy, as well as learn about available jobs when they are adults. “We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to students in northwest and central Kansas, and can’t wait to see the residual effects this program will have,” said Beckman.

New Instruments for USD 107

The community foundation partnered with Tom's Music and USD 107 to purchase eight new band instruments for students. These instruments included a three-quarters-size tuba, baritone horn, two alto saxophones, two tenor saxophones and a baritone saxophone. The school district provides instruments for all students who cannot purchase an instrument or don't have access, ensuring that all students who want to participate in the music program can do so. This grant helped make it possible to replace the instruments that were at the end of their playing potential, and put an instrument in the hand of each student who wanted to participate.

The instruments played by students have been used in football marching



band, winter concerts and to go caroling during the holidays. Grantee Barbara Elbracht notices the students take pride in the instruments they are given. "She keeps her horn shined and clean and is very proud to have a brand-new French Horn to perform with," said Elbracht about a student.



The Community Foundation partnered with Tom's Music and USD 107 Rock Hills to purchase eight new band instruments for students use.

Lake Emerson Fireworks Event

With the help from the community foundation, the Jewell Chamber of Commerce hosted another successful Lake Emerson firework display. Grant funds were used to hire the fireworks display vender for the event. This year the Chamber also featured a new carousel ride available for children, which was purchased through selling sponsored advertising spots. This addition will be sustained through the Chamber's future events. T-shirts were also developed to promote the event, as well as new food vendors providing kettle corn, homemade ice cream, and snow cones available to the community as they waited for the fireworks display to begin at dusk.

Each year, event attendance has continued to grow, with this year's total count reaching approximately



950 people. "The fireworks show creates an opportunity for the community of Jewell to highlight assets such as Emerson Lake and bring people to town in a way that would not be possible without the event," said grantee Amber Loomis.

"The Chamber of Commerce looks forward to growing this event and identifying creative ways to promote the community of Jewell."

- Amber Loomis, grantee





Refurbishing City of Webber City Office

The US Post Office and Webber City Office is located in the historic depot building which is located in the same block as the city park and public area. The community foundation awarded the city grant dollars to assist in the refurbishing of the deteriorating building. The dollars were used to purchase guttering and downspout materials,

including installation and primer and paint for the building's exterior.

With this grant the City of Webber was able to improve the sustainability of the historic building. The project was recognized at the Annual Webber City Picnic in August, where a crowd of over 50 city and community residents joined and shared many positive comments.

Webber City Park

The City of Webber was granted funding from the community foundation to purchase six picnic tables and an outdoor grill for Webber City Park. The new tables replaced the old metal and lumber tables, which were in poor condition. Replacing the tables encouraged the community to enjoy the park and its amenities.

"The equipment was received and installed just in time for the annual Webber City Picnic, held in August each year, where over 50 city and



community residents can gather and share a meal, entertainment and visit with each other. It promotes a feeling of community among its residents," said grantee Lisa Boyles.

2018-2019 Grant Recipients

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



- ▶ Burr Oak Community Library
- ▶ City of Burr Oak
- ▶ City of Esbon
- ▶ City of Formoso
- ▶ City of Jewell
- ▶ Formoso Community Church
- ▶ Formoso Public Library
- ▶ Jewell County
- ▶ Jewell County Fair Board
- ▶ Jewell County Wellness Inc
- ▶ Mankato City Library
- ▶ Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc.
- ▶ Smoky Hills Public Television
- ▶ USD 107 -Rock Hills Elementary School
- ▶ VFW Post 7830

2019 Impact Numbers

20 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

\$86,580 Total Grants & Scholarships

20 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$86,580 Competitive Grants

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.**

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

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 Fund

Community Fund

Supports the community foundation's grantmaking.

Jewell County Community Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Jewell Administrative 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.

Financial Information



Foundation Assets (cumulative)

Total Assets:

\$299,641

Number of Funds:

3

2019 # Donors:

75

2019 Total Gifts:

\$190,427

2019 # Gifts:

80

2019 New Funds:

1



Grants & Scholarships (cumulative)

\$ Awarded Since Inception:

\$86,580

Awarded Since Inception:

20

THANK YOU

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.



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