



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025

**JEWELL COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Helping You Impact Today. Transform Tomorrow.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends of the Jewell County Community Foundation,
As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with gratitude—for our donors, our nonprofit partners, our board, and everyone who believes in the future of Jewell County.

This year marked an essential chapter in the Foundation's growth. Expanding the director role to full-time has been a bold step and has proven transformative. With dedicated leadership in place, we strengthened relationships with donors, expanded support for local nonprofits, increased our visibility, and sharpened our focus on long-term impact. What began as a volunteer-led effort continues to mature into a strategically driven organization serving the entire county.

Thanks to your generosity, the Foundation surpassed \$2.1 million in assets, awarded over \$60,000 in grants in fiscal year 2025, and celebrated a record-breaking Match Month, raising \$117,132 locally.

This year also marked the launch of the Jewell County Forever Campaign, a \$600,000 initiative designed to sustain the Foundation's administrative and operational capacity through 2029. This campaign is about more than funding—it is about ensuring stability, leadership, and the potential to meet community needs not just today, but for generations to come.

As we look ahead, I am filled with hope and optimism. Every act of generosity by the Foundation plants a seed. Over time, those seeds grow into stronger schools, safer communities, vibrant public spaces, and a quality of life that encourages young

people to stay, return, and thrive. With growing assets, expanded grantmaking, and a clear vision for the future, the Foundation is helping ensure that opportunity remains rooted in Jewell County.

None of this progress would be possible without you. Your belief in the Foundation's mission allows us to think beyond immediate needs and invest in lasting opportunity. Together, we are building a legacy—one rooted in generosity, stewardship, and hope for Jewell County's future.

Thank you for being part of this work. It is an honor to serve in this role.

With a grateful heart,

Kyra Gritten

Kyra Gritten
JCCF Director



KYRA GRITTEN
DIRECTOR

OUR MISSION

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.

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Donors, Patrons, and Friends,

As 2025 has drawn to a close, JCCF is celebrating the accomplishments and growth we have achieved over the last 12 months. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has donated their money and perhaps their most valuable commodity, time, to this effort.

In 2026 we are pushing even harder to get our message out. Who are we? What do we do and how do we do it? If you are reading this message for the first time, you may be asking yourself these questions. In short, the answer to those questions can be summed as such.

We are a board of community-minded people striving to secure and administer funds to help all the communities of Jewell County. We understand the struggle of rural towns and organizations to meet their needs to continue and not just exist, but thrive. We achieve this by raising funds and awareness of available resources. The Dane G. Hansen and the Patterson Family Foundations have provided great opportunities to grow our assets beyond just local dollars. The Jewell County Community Foundation is the "vehicle" to make all those connections come together.

Our big ask for 2026 is to educate yourself if necessary but also educate others and advocate for this organization. Talk to your community leaders and learn of all the projects we have funded over the last several years. We are managing over \$2 million in assets and allocating over \$60k in local grants almost every year. This is just the beginning!

Without the help of and dedication of everyone on the board and our director, Kyra Gritten, none of this would be possible. I would like to thank all of you, in closing, for your efforts and trust in the vision of this foundation.

Kenny Mizner

Kenny Mizner,
JCCF Board Chairman

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Aurand for State Representative
Bohnert Welding, LLC
Broadbent Rock, LLC
Burr Oak Christian Church
Central National Bank
Citizens State Agency LLC
City of Esbon Senior Building
Cunningham Communications, Inc.
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Double H Ringnecks
Esbon Ag Supply Co.
Esbon Church of Christ
Esbon Community Church Inc
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit,
Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne
Fire District III
J. Williams Masonry
Jewell Chamber of Commerce
Jewell County Helping Hands
Ministries
Jewell County Historical Society
Jewell County Revitalization
Jewell Implement Co. Inc.
Ken's Body Works
Kleppinger Funeral Home
Landmark Implement, Inc.
Mahin Insurance
Mankato Auto Parts, LLC
Mankato Chamber of Commerce
Mankato Endowment Association
Max G. Vanhorn Trust
Melby's Home Center, LLC
Midway Coop, Inc.
Neb-Kan Consultant Service, Inc.
Oz Insurance, Inc
Pamela Wirth Agency
Pierce Electronics
River Valley Taxidermy
Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Scarrow Ag Repair
Smith Repair & Harvest
State Exchange Bank
The Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co
Thunder Enterprises
Village Cafe

*This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.

FUND FEATURE

Investing in Jewell - Today and for Generations to Come

As the Jewell community came together in different ways to look toward the future, the same conversation surfaced repeatedly: the need for better food access and a place to gather. Over the past year, a small group came together to begin moving the dial forward. Through those conversations, the long-vacant building at 302 Delaware was identified as a prime location to start developing a community restaurant and micro market offering limited grocery items—designed to meet everyday needs while creating a welcoming gathering space in the heart of town.

As excitement and momentum around the project grew, another need became clear. While there was strong community support and a desire to give back, there wasn't a transparent, centralized channel for people to contribute more broadly—one that supported both the immediate project and future community priorities.

That recognition led to the creation of the Jewell Legacy Endowment, a fund established in partnership with the Jewell County Community Foundation. The fund was designed to offer flexibility—allowing the community to respond to today's needs while also creating a lasting avenue for giving. Contributions to the fund support

the 302 Delaware project now and lay the groundwork for future community-driven initiatives as needs and opportunities evolve. It enables donors to make an immediate impact and stay invested in what comes next for Jewell. The Jewell Legacy Endowment reflects a shared commitment to meeting today's needs while thoughtfully investing in Jewell's future.

- Jewell Legacy Endowment Advisors



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DELAWARE



JEWELL COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Open a Fund Today!

Invest in your organization's future by opening a fund at the Community Foundation that will provide a permanent annual stream of income.

Here's how it works:

- Minimum to start fund: \$10,000
- "5 to Go"- Your organization puts in \$5,000 (can come from your organization or donors)
- "5 to Grow"- JCCF matches your \$5,000 to "grow" the fund to the \$10,000 minimum.

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GRANTS AWARDED



USD 107 Rock Hills \$3,620

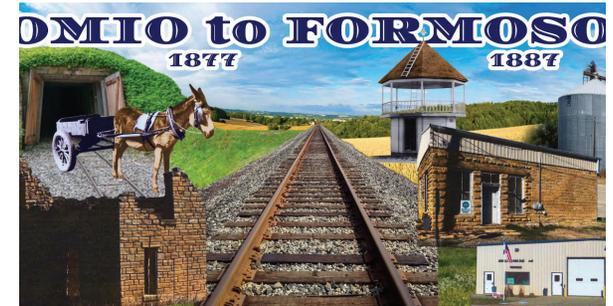
USD 107 Rock Hills received a grant to purchase hoops, embroidery supplies, a heat press, storage and organizational materials for embroidery equipment, and software needed to operate the embroidery machine. This grant helped the school establish an apparel store that offers custom embroidery and heat-pressed clothing. The new store helped students meet the apparel needs of school clubs, activities, and athletic teams, reducing both cost and inconvenience for students and families. In addition, the project created hands-on learning opportunities that enabled students to gain real-world skills and experience beyond the traditional classroom. Through these achievements, the grant strengthened programs and provided meaningful benefits to the entire school community.



Jewell County Strong \$2,000

JCS Community Wellness Center enhanced the exterior with essential elements, including benches for seating, large planters to frame the entrance, solar lights to improve safety and visibility, and thoughtfully selected shrubs and plants to soften the building's exterior. Metal landscape edging and fabric helped define planting beds and reduce weed growth, while a new hose and connection system made watering more efficient. Downspout extenders were added to protect the foundation and landscaping from runoff. Limestone Valley Garden Center of Mankato generously donated the mulch for the project.

Increased visibility has made the facility more inviting, inspiring community members to visit and participate in upcoming projects. Residents have noticed the upgrades and are eager to get involved. Many have asked about volunteer opportunities or ways to support future improvements. The benches and plantings now serve as natural gathering spots, especially for youth in wellness classes.



City of Formoso \$5,000

The City of Formoso was awarded \$5,000 for a mural on its city building. The mural, depicting the historic transition of Omio, Kansas, to the railroad town of Formoso, will serve as both a vibrant public art installation and a lasting symbol of community identity. This project will preserve an important chapter of local history and honor the resilience and determination of those who relocated to establish Formoso. By telling this story visually, the mural will spark curiosity, educate younger generations, and strengthen ties to a shared past.

The mural will enhance downtown's character and beauty, creating a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. Public art of this kind encourages community pride, supports small-town revitalization, and invites travelers to stop, learn, and engage with Formoso's story.

The impact of this project is an investment in community spirit. By celebrating Formoso's roots and showcasing community heritage, the mural aims to foster unity, pride, and optimism for Formoso's future.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

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USD 107 (x4)
City of Jewell (x2)
Jewell County Helping Hands
Ministries
Mankato Volunteer Fire Department
City of Esbon (x2)
Kansas Mammoth Festival, Inc.
Jewell County Strong (x2)
Burr Oak Fire Department
City of Burr Oak

Jewell County Fire District 6
First Baptist Church
Jewell Chamber of Commerce
Jewell County Hospital
City of Formoso
Guardians of St. Luke's Church and
Cemetery

Celebrating
\$611K
GRANTS AWARDED
SINCE 2019

Over \$65,000 was granted to 15 local nonprofits to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. These grants are distributed annually from funds held at JCCF on behalf of our donors and generous people like you who help impact today and transform tomorrow!

HOW TO GIVE

Our mission is to build permanent resources that will be here forever to support your passions and make Jewell County a better place for future generations. Here's how it works:



GIVE

You make a gift to an existing fund or establish your own charitable giving fund. Contribute cash, stock, grain or other complex assets, and receive an immediate tax deduction in the same calendar year.



GROW

We invest our funds for long-term growth, making sure that your donation and fund will be here forever to support your passions and Jewell County. Our trailing 10-year annualized return is 8.7%.



GRANT

We distribute annual grants and scholarships from the funds based on criteria set by donors, just like you, to support local nonprofits and students.

Grants can be made in your name or anonymously.

FOUNDATION FUNDS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2025)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Jewell County Administrative Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

Dane G. Hansen Community
Grant Fund for Jewell County
Jewell Legacy Endowment Fund*

UNRESTRICTED

Jewell County Community Fund

ORGANIZATION

Jewell County Historical Society Fund
Jewell County Helping Hands Ministry Fund
Guardians of St. Luke's Church and Cemetery Fund

DESIGNATED

Faryl Lange Family Designated Fund*
Jewell and Randall Community Spaces Fund*

DONOR ADVISED

Richard and Nancy Spiegel Family Foundation Fund*

*Denotes fund established between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

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 interest, and 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 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.



LEGACY GIFTS

Create your legacy today by including JCCF in your final estate plans.

Just 5% of your estate will provide a lasting impact on the area we love for generations to come.

Contact Kyra to leave your legacy, today.

2026 GOAL

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LEGACY GIFTS
DOCUMENTED

\$600K TO FOREVER

Building a Legacy for Generations to Come

The Jewell County Community Foundation is building lasting opportunities for future generations. As Board Member Brian Shulda shares, “I donate so that 50–65 years from now, our kids and grandkids can have that unlimited potential.”

A significant turning point came in 2024 when the Foundation expanded its director position to full-time. This investment strengthened leadership, increased visibility, deepened donor relationships, and enhanced support for local nonprofits—accelerating the Foundation’s impact across Jewell County.

Growth by the Numbers

- Match Month: \$100,300 raised in 2024; \$117,132 in 2025
- Grants awarded: \$62,559 in 2023; \$80,772 in 2024; \$65,369 in 2025
- 7+ new funds established
- Launch of 5 To Go, 5 To Grow
- \$2.1M+ in assets surpassed in 2025

Since its inception, over \$600,000 has been awarded to community projects, including Fire/EMS services, local schools, and parks and recreation initiatives.

Looking Ahead

In 2025, the Foundation launched the Jewell County Forever Campaign, a \$600,000 initiative to fully support administrative and operational capacity by the end of 2029. This investment is about sustainability and stewardship—protecting the Foundation’s ability to lead, grow, and serve Jewell County for generations to come. Through one-time gifts or multi-year pledges, donors play a vital role in securing a strong, vibrant future for the county.

**GIVE
TODAY**

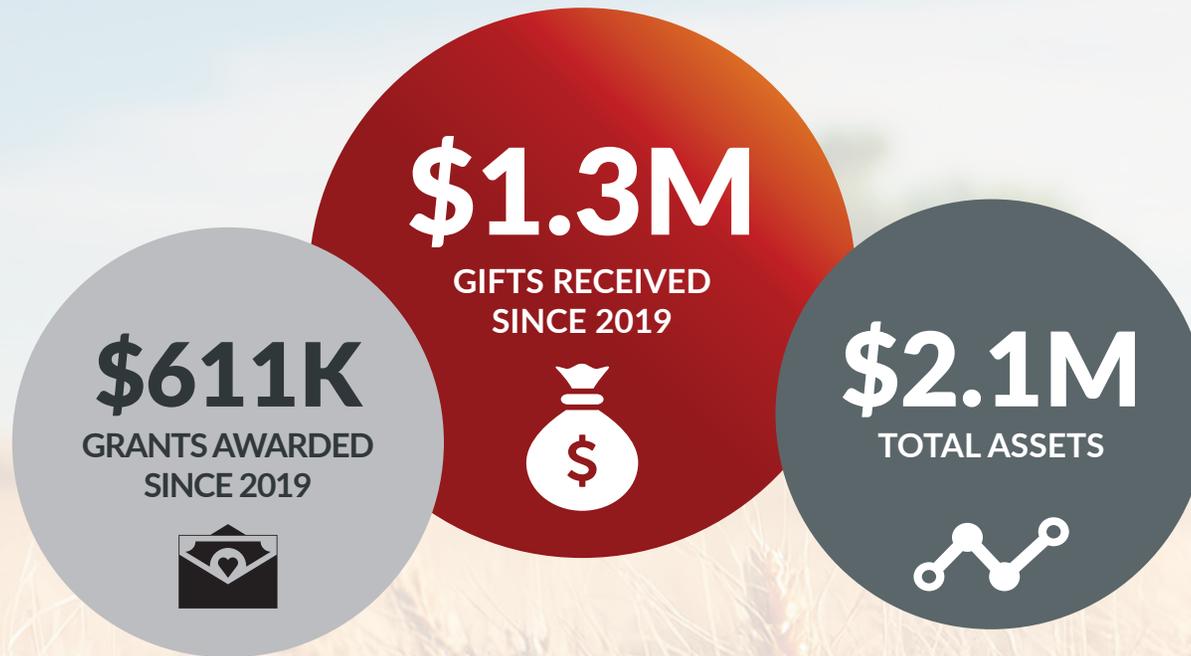
Contact JCCF Director, Kyra Gritten, at (785) 378-5055 or kgritten@jewellcountycf.org to make your pledge TODAY!

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2025
Cash - Bennington State Bank	\$180,571
Pooled Investment - Vanguard	\$1,908,292
Current Assets	\$7,280
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,096,143
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$322
Unapplied Payments	\$11,991
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$12,313
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance - Endowed	\$1,135,734
Fund Balance - Income	\$948,096
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$2,083,830
TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS	\$2,096,143

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES	2025
Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$417,792
Gifts & Bequests - Interest	\$60,000
Dividend Income	\$32,096
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$176,030
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,728
Grant Income	\$158,124
TOTAL REVENUE	\$846,770
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$65,369
Administrative Fees	\$10,913
Operating Expenses	\$55,198
Grant Expense - Internal	\$60,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$191,480
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$655,290



2025 MATCH RESULTS

\$117,132 Raised

\$50,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Unrestricted Fund)

\$45,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Administrative Endowment)

\$5,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Operations)

\$50,000 Patterson Family Foundation Fund (Administrative or Unrestricted Fund)

\$50,000 Patterson Family Foundation Fund (Unrestricted Use)

\$317,132 TOTAL IMPACT



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