Affiliates and Organizational Funds:

Bird City Century II Development Foundation
Gove County Community Foundation
GROW Decatur County Foundation
Norton County Community Foundation
Sheridan County Community Foundation
Sherman County Community Foundation
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund
Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund
A Note from the Foundation Director

With the closing of the 2016 books, I reflect back on everything that has happened, not only these past two years, but since the establishment of the regional foundation in late 2009. As the Community Foundation completes its 7th year of service, we extend our sincerest gratitude to our affiliated foundations, partner organizations, resource partners and donors.

In early 2015, the regional foundation’s first Executive Director, Catherine Domsch, resigned from the foundation to pursue new opportunities in her home community. I was very fortunate to work with and learn from Cathy from the very beginning; she is highly knowledgeable about the non-profit, charitable-giving sector and has a passion to make a difference. After she resigned in March, it was a transition process as I was promoted into the Director’s position and grew into my new foundation role.

It was also in early 2015 when conversations started with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to build our working relationship for the betterment of Northwest Kansas, which has since proven to be a very transformative time for GNWKCF and each of our local community foundations. We have made impactful strides these past two years and continue to see big opportunities ahead through the collaborative efforts with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and their county-wide initiatives.

As a regional foundation, we strive to engage our donors and fund holders by connecting their charitable goals with the needs of their respective communities or counties. As you will see in this annual report, we consolidated two full years of activity due to the various transition processes that were taking place. However, as shown throughout the report, numerous donors and stakeholders came together to fund many worthwhile projects, making quite an impact in our communities here in Northwest Kansas.

On behalf of the GNWKCF Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for your past and continued support.

~ Darci

For more information, go to
www.gnwkcf.org
**About the Foundation**

The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF) was formed to increase exposure and opportunities for philanthropy throughout northwest Kansas and the tri-state region. In 2009, realizing the benefits to regionalization, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation created and affiliated with GNWKCF. The hope was that other communities in the region would too become a part of GNWKCF, so that together we can build strong communities by building a strong regional community foundation to support its communities. In 2012, Gove County Community Foundation (GCCF), Sheridan County Community Foundation (SDCCF) and Sherman County Community Foundation (SHCCF) joined as affiliates, followed by Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) in 2013; GROW Decatur County Foundation (GDCF) affiliated in 2016.

The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation is an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a public charity under section 509(a)(3), a supporting organization, and a non-profit corporation organized in the State of Kansas. With this designation, the Foundation is a supporting organization of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF). The board of directors took these steps to ensure the future of the Foundation as a community foundation. With this relationship, GKCCF assists the Foundation with back office and legal support.

**GNWKCF Services**

GNWKCF offers two types of services for community foundations. We also have working relationships with several Partner Organizations to help manage funds benefiting northwest Kansas.

- **An Affiliate Community Foundation** provides a philanthropic vehicle to receive donations and bequests for their local geographic area. Both endowed and non-endowed funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable non-profit organizations and for public charitable purposes to benefit area residents. Affiliate Community Foundation funds operate under GNWKCF’s tax exempt umbrella, allowing donors to take the maximum allowable tax deduction available.

- **A Partner Community Foundation** is for community foundations who already have their own 501(c)(3) status. Their collection of funds are managed by GNWKCF but their assets remain tied to their own 501(c)(3) and are filed on their own 990.

**Affiliate Community Foundations**

- **Bird City Century II Development Foundation** Since 2009
- **Gove County Community Foundation** GCCF Since 2012
- **Sheridan County Community Foundation** SDCCF Since 2012
- **Sherman County Community Foundation** SHCCF Since 2012
- **Norton County Community Foundation** NCCF Since 2013
- **GROW Decatur County Foundation** GDCF Since 2016

**Partner Organizations**

- **Kansas Wildlife Federation** Since 2013
- **DSNWK** Since 2014
- **Dane G. Hansen Foundation** Since 2015
- **GNWKCF**
Current Funds of GNWKCF as of December 31, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL FUNDS
- BCCII Operating Fund (BCCII)
- Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation Administrative and Operations Fund (GNWKCF)
- NCCF Operating Fund (NCCF)

DESIGNATED FUNDS
- Black and Gold Booster Club Fund (SHCCF)
- Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund (BCCII)
- Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund (GNWKCF)
- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (SDCCF)
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund (BCCII)
- Youth on the Move Fund (SDCCF)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (NCCF)
- Domsch Family Fund (GNWKCF)
- Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (NCCF)
- Kale and Darci Schields Family Fund (BCCII)
- Kathy Bergin-Schiltz Memorial Fund (SDCCF)
- Robert Brubaker Family Fund (BCCII)
- Youth on the Move Fund (SDCCF)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
- Bird City 150th Celebration Fund (BCCII)
- Bird City Century II Development Foundation Business Incubator Fund (BCCII)
- Bird City Century II Development Foundation Community Initiative Fund (BCCII)
- Bird City Real Estate Fund (BCCII)
- Bird City Rural High School and Bird City Historic Preservation Fund (BCCII)
- Cheyenne County Home for Aging Tax Credit Fund (GNWKCF)
- Cheyenne County Impact Fund (GNWKCF)
- Lillian G. Lawson Memorial Fund (GNWKCF)
- Gove County Community and Economic Development Fund (GCCF)
- GROW Decatur County Foundation Fund (GDCF)
- Grow Gove County Fund (GCCF)
- Norton County Endowment Fund (NCCF)
- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative Fund (GNWKCF)
- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative II Fund (GNWKCF)
- NWKS Healthy Communities Initiative CDRR Fund (GNWKCF)
- Sheridan County Community Initiative Fund (SDCCF)
- Sherman County Community Initiative Fund (SHCCF)
- Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund (SHCCF)

ORGANIZATION FUNDS
- Bowling Alley Fund (NCCF)
- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Legacy Fund (DSNK)
- High Plains Museum Memorial Fund (SHCCF)
- High Plains Museum Fund (SHCCF)
- Kansas Wildlife Federation Foundation Fund (KWF)
- Norton County Community Foundation Heaton Building Fund (NCCF)
- Norton County Health Department Fund (NCCF)
- Sheridan County Health Complex Fund (SDCCF)
- Thresher Association Endowment Fund (BCCII)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
- Bird City Business Development Scholarship Fund (BCCII)
- BBBS of Sheridan County Scholarship Fund (SDCCF)
- Edgar and Mabel Robertson Scholarship Fund (BCCII)
- Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship Fund (SHCCF)
- Della Connell Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
- Glenn and Wilda Bowman Family Scholarship Fund (NCCF)
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City (GNWKCF)
- Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie (SDCCF)
- Willis and Imogene Toothaker Scholarship Fund (SDCCF)
- Wingfield Scholarship Fund (GNWKCF)
### Statement of Financial Position
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*These are Finalized Statements of Financial Positions after the 2016 Annual Review.

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### 2015 GNWKCF Board of Directors
- John Deeds, *Chair*
- David Hendricks, *Vice Chair*
- Clint Bursch, *Secretary*
- Lori Janicke, *Treasurer*
- Gary Brubaker
- Sherry Carmichael
- Jill Paugh
- Ned Smith
- Rodney Young

### 2016 GNWKCF Board of Directors
- John Deeds, *Chair*
- David Hendricks, *Vice Chair*
- Clint Bursch, *Secretary*
- Lori Janicke, *Treasurer*
- Rebecca Antholz
- Gary Brubaker
- Cindy Burr
- Sherry Carmichael
- Wade Carmichael
- Mitch Gillespie
- Cora House
- Harry Joe Pratt
- Ned Smith
- Rodney Young
- Gail Boller, *Associate Board Member*
### Scholarship Funds Highlights

**Edgar & Mabel Robertson Scholarship Fund**

The Robertson Scholarship is a memorial scholarship made available to Cheylin graduating seniors with primary emphasis being community service. This scholarship is paid to recipients over 2 years (4 semesters), providing a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained.

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<td>Anna-Lura (Allie) Frisbie $2,000</td>
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<td>Derek Vandike $600</td>
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<td>Itzel Cobos $600</td>
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**Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund***

*First year awarded for both was in 2016.

**Hill City USD 281**

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hill City USD 281 benefits graduates of Hill City USD 281, or students who are home-schooled and live within the Hill City School District. Special consideration is given to students from the Penokee and Morland areas of the district. This scholarship is paid over the course of two semesters.

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<td>Kylie Simon $1,500</td>
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<td>Gage Hardiek $1,500</td>
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**Hoxie USD 412**

The Opal and Adolph Harris Estate Scholarship Fund for Hoxie USD 412 benefits graduates of Hoxie USD 412, or students who are home-schooled and live within the Hoxie School District. This scholarship is paid over the course of two semesters.

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<td>Terran Hoyt $1,750</td>
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<td>Taylore Schamberger $1,750</td>
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**Wingfield Scholarship Fund**

The Wingfield Scholarship, established by Owen and Phyllis Wingfield, is a 4-year scholarship (paid over 8 semesters) made available to Cheylin graduating seniors who wish to continue their education, but need some financial assistance in doing so. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA to be considered.

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Grant Funds Highlights

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Grants

In 2015, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation initiated a grant opportunity for 26 Kansas counties as an avenue to financially help support charitable activities in Northwest Kansas. The Hansen Foundation partnered with Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation to administer ten of these funds and Greater Salina Community Foundation for the remaining 16 funds.

This initiative has been a transformative tool for both GNWKCF and all of Northwest Kansas. Since inception, the Hansen Foundation has continued to add opportunities to support northwest Kansas improvements.

Community Pass-Through Grants

Ten county-wide funds have been established under GNWKCF to provide funding awards from the Hansen Foundation to qualified organizations within each respective county. Qualifying counties eligible for participation through GNWKCF include: Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace.

In May 2015, the newly established funds were awarded $50,000 each. Local advisory committees or community foundation boards were identified in each of the counties for funding oversight. The Hansen Foundation generously extended this opportunity again in September 2015. By 2015 year-end, $686,936.32 had been awarded.

With the positive impact made by community pass-through grants, the Hansen Foundation once again funded two additional rounds of $50,000 in each of the counties in 2016. By 2016 year-end, $920,518.00 had been awarded.

Community Pass-Through Grant Summary

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<td>Rawlins</td>
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<td>$686,936.32</td>
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Community Clean Up Grants

In Fall 2016, the Hansen Foundation provided an additional $20,000 for each of the counties for “Community Clean Up” grants to encourage communities to engage volunteers for beautification efforts of towns and counties throughout Northwest Kansas. Of the $200,000 pledged, $6,900 was granted in 2016 and the remainder of the clean up grant funds were disbursed in 2017. A total of 31 projects within the 10-county area were funded.

Matching Endowment Fund Grants

The Hansen Foundation announced another initiative in 2016 which offered up to $50,000 in matching endowment funds to each eligible county in Northwest Kansas. Of the 10 counties in GNWKCF’s area, seven took part in this groundbreaking initiative by the end of 2016. The remaining three counties (Logan, Sheridan and Rawlins) participated in early 2017.

In 2016, affiliate community foundations raised more than $726,000 total for their county-wide funds; $446,000 from local donations and the Hansen Foundation contributed more than $279,000 in matching dollars.

Matching Endowment Grant Summary

Matching the Local Level

One of the first projects funded with the community pass-through grants in Gove County was the Friends of Grinnell Outdoor Movie Equipment. With a grant of $3,761, this community initiative created an environment to host outdoor family nights in the park which encouraged multiple generations to come together.
Our Vision Statement:
Bringing rural communities together for growth and success.

Our Mission Statement:
To revitalize your community and enhance the well-being of present and future generations.

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