

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

2015-16

Annual Report

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

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A Note from the Foundation Director



Darci Schields
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

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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

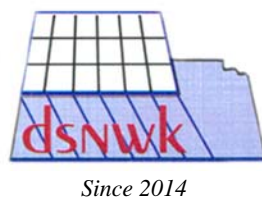
GNWKCF offers two types of services for community foundations. We also have working relationships with several Partner Organizations to help manage funds benefiting northwest Kansas.

- 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



Partner Organizations



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*)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Colette and Mick Miller Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Domsch Family Fund (*GNWKCF*)
- Jim and Lida Sharp Family Fund (*NCCF*)
- Kale and Darci Shields 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*)
- Cheylin E-Community Fund (*BCCII*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Funds (*GNWKCF*)
- Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community CLEAN-UP Grant Funds (*GNWKCF*)
- Fund for Grainfield (*GCCF*)
- 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 (*DSNWK*)
- 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*)



GNWKCF

Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2015*

Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2016*

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,581,743.20
Investments	\$7,544,857.09
Other Assets	\$4,210,061.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,336,661.59

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$96,788.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$96,788.37
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$13,239,873.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	
	\$13,336,661.59

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,060,124.77
Investments	\$8,326,266.97
Other Assets	\$4,192,821.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,579,212.81

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$197,213.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$197,213.25
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$14,381,999.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	
	\$14,579,212.81

*These are Finalized Statements of Financial Positions after the 2016 Annual Review.

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	Wade Carmichael
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Clint Bursch, Secretary	Cora House
Lori Janicke, Treasurer	Harry Joe Pratt
Rebecca Antholz	Ned Smith
Gary Brubaker	Rodney Young
Cindy Burr	Gail Boller, Associate
Sherry Carmichael	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.

2015 Awards—\$10,800

Anna-Lura (Allie) Frisbie	\$2,000
Jacob Brubaker	\$2,000
Mary Anne Orten	\$2,000
Shawn Pochop	\$1,800
Kalin Ritchey	\$1,500
Justice Wiley	\$1,500



2016 Awards—\$12,000

Reece Leonard	\$1,800
Devon Janicke	\$1,500
Ivan Kemp	\$1,500
Elizabeth Keltz	\$1,200
Diana Garcia	\$1,200
Kelsey Miller	\$900
Vaneza Castillo	\$900
ElsaCraig Burr	\$900
Danea Magnani	\$900
Derek Vandike	\$600
Itzel Cobos	\$600

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.

2016 Awards—\$3,000

Kylie Simon	\$1,500
Gage Hardiek	\$1,500

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.

2016 Awards—\$3,500

Terran Hoyt	\$1,750
Taylor Schamberger	\$1,750

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.

2015 Awards—\$8,000

Shawn Pochop	\$4,000
Kalin Ritchey	\$4,000

2016 Awards—\$8,000

ElsaCraig Burr	\$4,000
Ivan Kemp	\$4,000

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

County	Total 2015	Total 2016	2 Year Total
Cheyenne	\$ 71,605.96	\$ 67,724.17	\$ 139,330.13
Decatur	\$ 57,425.00	\$ 106,853.31	\$ 164,278.31
Gove	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,934.62	\$ 200,934.62
Logan	\$ 49,665.55	\$ 79,018.16	\$ 128,683.71
Norton	\$ 66,500.00	\$ 127,231.65	\$ 193,731.65
Rawlins	\$ 85,860.00	\$ 86,212.68	\$ 172,072.68
Sheridan	\$ 63,045.05	\$ 106,182.95	\$ 169,228.00
Sherman	\$ 51,010.00	\$ 125,927.40	\$ 176,937.40
Thomas	\$ 84,774.76	\$ 64,268.09	\$ 149,042.85
Wallace	\$ 57,050.00	\$ 56,164.97	\$ 113,214.97
TOTAL	\$ 686,936.32	\$ 920,518.00	\$ 1,607,454.32



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

County	Match Month	Hansen	Local	Total
Cheyenne	Dec-16	\$ 12,398.56	\$ 12,398.56	\$ 24,797.12
Decatur	Dec-16	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 117,806.22	\$ 167,806.22
Gove	Nov-16	\$ 41,595.58	\$ 41,645.58	\$ 83,241.16
Norton	Jul-16	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 132,767.01	\$ 182,767.01
Sherman	Nov-16	\$ 48,888.00	\$ 50,743.00	\$ 99,631.00
Thomas	Oct-16	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 64,662.00	\$ 114,662.00
Wallace	Dec-16	\$ 26,883.34	\$ 26,883.34	\$ 53,766.68
TOTAL		\$279,765.48	\$446,905.71	\$726,671.19

Impacting 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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