

**2018  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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**KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES  
FOUNDATION**



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# Kansas Rural Communities Foundation

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January 2019

Dear Community Foundation Friends and Patrons:

The Kansas Rural Communities Foundation Board and staff are dedicated to providing a vehicle by which individuals, families, businesses and organizations can financially support the needs of their communities. We are advocates for rural Kansas.

In April 2018, we hosted a Meet and Greet for the funds of KRCF in Wamego, Kansas. About 25 KRCF board members, staff, and fund holders attended to learn about other funds, share fundraising ideas and make connections.

After serving KRCF for six years, four of those as Executive Director, Kally McConkey left us in July 2018 to a battle pancreatic cancer diagnosis. Kally will finish chemotherapy treatments in February and her prognosis is positive. Kally's legacy with KRCF continues, evident from her close connection with us and the ultra-smooth transition between staff. We are grateful for Kally's contributions to KRCF.

We were fortunate to retain two previous board members as staff to ensure effective service to both existing and new funds. Working on a minimal part-time basis, Abby Amick manages the books and Audrey Williams handles all other duties as Executive Director. We are glad to have Abby and Audrey, who truly believe in our mission and provide the necessary operational oversight for KRCF.

Our operations and fund performance in 2018 was mostly positive. Overall, our portfolio continues to perform well. To ensure growth in returns, we will continue to work closely with The Trust Company who manages our portfolio. Our Board of Directors take great pride in being stewards of the Foundation, and we believe our investment strategy is sound and will provide excellent long-term results for our donors and funds.

We ask for your continued support by contributing to our administrative fund or any of the funds whose purposes you value, or by establishing a new fund. The process is simple for you or someone you know to establish a scholarship in honor of a loved one; create a community improvement fund; start an endowment fund for the arts; or contribute real estate proceeds, insurance proceeds, stocks, or other assets through the Foundation. The possibilities are endless! Contact the Foundation to get started.

Under the direction of our board and executive director, the Foundation is positioned to provide our donors and funds the support and expertise they need. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation and the recipients of your generous contributions, thank you for giving to your Kansas communities!

With Sincere Gratitude,



Kayla Savage  
2018 & 2019 KRCF Board President  
kosavage13@gmail.com

## 2018 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

12th Street Community Garden Fund	Linwood Community Center
A Ride for the Wounded	*Little Stranger Christian Church
Abilene Farmer's Market Fund	Lucas Community Foundation
Administrative Fund	Muscotah Community Foundation Fund
Amy's Angels Ending Domestic Violence Fund	Native Stone Scenic Byway Fund
*Backroad Gals Major Medical Fund	Nemaha County Cooperative Association Fund
Baldwin Bulldog Clays	North Lyon County Historical Society Fund
Blue Valley Foundation Fund	Paxico Community Fund
Bonner Springs Arts Alliance	PCEDC Fund
BP Scholarship Fund	Pete Darting Memorial Scholarship Fund
Caring Neighbors Fund	Pott/Wab Regional Library Fund
Citizens for (Pottawatomie County) Courthouse Conservation Fund	R Tech Scholarship Fund
Community CORE Foundation Fund	Revive the Past Fund
David J Karnowski Donor Advised Fund	St. George Historical Preservation Fund
Delia Community PRIDE Fund	St. Marys Community Foundation Fund
Delia Rossville Czech Moravian Heritage Center Fund	St. Marys Friends of the Park Fund
DeSoto Arts Council Fund	St. Marys Historical Preservation Fund
DeSoto Days Festival, Inc. Fund	St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund
*DeSoto High School Band Boosters	Summerfield Business & Education Center Fund
DeSoto Historical Society Fund	The Barn at Kill Creek Farms Fund
DeSoto Quarterback Club Fund	The Volland Store Fund
Desoto Rotary Club Fund	Wabaunsee County Cattlemen Fund
Dwight Community Enhancement	Wabaunsee County Community Foundation Fund
Education for Kansas Fund	Wabaunsee County Fair Association New Building
Edward Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund	*Wabaunsee County Santa's Express
Endow Waterville Partnership Fund	Walter Byer Scholarship Fund
Eskridge Park Board Fund	Wamego Telecommunications, Inc. Fund
*Flint Hills NEST, Inc.	WestKan
Flint Hills Tourism Coalition Fund	Westmoreland Community Improvement
Frank & Lorna Smith Scholarship Fund	William M. Kirk Rural Development Fund
Friends of Banner Creek	Women Managing the Farm Conference Fund
Harveyville Park	Woodbine Community Foundation Fund
Herington Annual Fireworks Fund	
J.A.K.E Fund	
Junction City First Foundation Fund	
Kansas Agents Association Fund	
Kansas Aqueduct Coalition Fund	
Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest Fund	
Kansas Culture Change Coalition	
Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail Fund	
Kansas Independent Telecommunications Fund	*Denotes new fund established in 2018
Kaw Valley State Bank Employee Donor Advised Fund	

So much happened during 2018 to enhance and support communities in Kansas!

- The **Kansas Agents Association** held a silent auction at their annual convention in February. The proceeds from this annual event are donated to a non-profit in the State of Kansas. This year's donation of \$13,370 was given to the Kansas FFA Foundation.
- Land O' Lakes awarded an employee match grant to **Nemaha County Coop Association**. Proceeds were distributed to food pantries in the Nemaha County Coop service area.
- Cowboy poets from across Kansas beyond competed for the trophy buckle at the 2018 **Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest** held in June.
- **The Volland Store Fund** was very active with events throughout the year. Visitors were able to learn about Kansas weather, take an arched-roof cellar tour, or listen to poetry.
- The **Wabaunsee County Cattlemen Fund** put on their annual Cattlemen's Ball and hosted a Ranch & Range Tour in the early fall.
- The **De Soto Historical Society Fund** was able to raise funds to purchase a new microfilm machine to archive over 100 years of local De Soto newspapers.
- **Scholarships** are awarded to high school graduates and non-traditional college students from several scholarship funds. Anyone can establish a scholarship fund!
- The **Caring Neighbors Fund** held a successful fundraising auction in October. Later in the year they selected their first cancer patients to receive funds to help defer medical costs.
- The **Citizens for Pottawatomie County Courthouse** held a membership drive and appeal to help raise funds to save the historic courthouse in Westmoreland.
- The **Paxico Community** continued their annual tradition by holding their fifteenth annual Blues Festival on 15 September. Festivalgoers enjoyed dancing, music, local food and antiquing.
- The **DeSoto High School Band Boosters** purchased a new equipment trailer in August to support their local high school band.
- The **Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir** held its annual Rise and Shine Breakfasts on Memorial Day and Labor Day as well as their 5K run 2K walk in June. They continue to raise funds for a new community building at the Banner Creek Reservoir.

## 2018 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Alma Co-operative Oil Assoc	Dzewaltowski, Kathy	Kern Sales & Marketing Company
Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce	Ediger, Mark & Avis	Kolde Construction Inc.
Aron, Suzanne Gordon	Eileen Cohen Rev. Trust	Land O'Lakes Foundation
Ascension Health Ministry	El Dorado Architects Foundation	Levin, Joseph
Aska, Cecil W.	Emporia Convention & Visitors Bureau	Lietz Construction, LLC
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Bank of the Flint Hills	Farmers & Drovers Bank	Manhattan Commission Co. Inc.
Barleycorn's	Fateley, Kevin & Beth	Marquette, Jay
Benien, Reva L.	FBL Financial Group	Mathies, Iris & Donald
Binns, Hugh	Ferguson, Richard & Sharon	McConwell, Edward & Linda
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Brazil, Patrick & Harriet	Filinger, Brian	Meinhardt, Jim
Breckenridge, Tina	Fisher, Virginia	Merck & Co., Inc.
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Building Wise Homes LLC	Frontier Farm Credit	Miller, Jenni
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C & R Manufacturing	Gaston, Harold	Montgomery, John G.
C.R.'s Tire & Muffler	Gayner, Thomas	Murdock Health & Wellness, Inc.
Campbell, Dorothy J.	Genstler Eye Center	Myer, Carroll
Campbell, Michelle J.	Gnadt, Ken	Neilsen, Mitchell & Rebecca
Capitol Federal Foundation	Gray, Kevin & Caroline	Nelson, Gary
Carlson, Richard & Cheryl	Gress, Jr., John	Newell, Henry & Cara
Chase County Chamber of Commerce	Heigert, Don	Nextgen Chophouse, LLC
Chelz, Anthony & Carole	Hellebust, Lois & Gary	Orbis Vacations LLC
CHS	Hendricks, Don & Rosa	Ostermann, Timothy & Rebecca
City of Paxico	Hendricks, Gwendolyn	Patriot Outfitters LLC
CKC Holdings, LLC	Huff, Annette & Steven	Pearl, Claire M.
Columbia Capital Management LLC	J. B. Pearl Sales & Service	Peeters Plumbing LLC
Cox Bros, LLC	Johnston, Steve	Pembleton, Ed & Sil
Crawford, Anthony	Jones, Alan & Joan	Pfeifer, Jason & Beth Ann
Curtis, Catherine S.	Junghans, Maxine	Phillips, James
Custom Woods	K.G. Moats & Sons Engineering Inc	Pickens, Alyson
Dave's Electric, Inc.	KanEquip, Inc.	Piper Funeral Home
Davis, Pamela & Duane	Kansas Broadband Internet, Inc.	Powell Agency Inc
Denton, Mary	Karnowski, David	Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation
Dinkel, Danny	Kaw Valley Bancshares, Inc.	Priority Payments
Dinneen, Richard	Kaw Valley Exterminator LLC	Prorenata Consulting, Inc.
DM Sutherland CO LLC	Kaw Valley State Bank	Puff, James & Patricia
Drippe Construction, Inc.	KEDO LLC	Ray's Apple Market #450
	Kendall, Juanita	Redler, Robert S.

2018 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Reece, Patricia & Jerry	Walter Byers Living Trust
Reese & Novelty CPAs	Walter, Lyle & Ann
Regina, LLC	Washington County
Regnier, Robert D.	Weaver Jr., Dewey F.
Rehrig Pacific Co	Wertzberger Ranch Equipment, LLC
Rezac Livestock Commission Co. Inc.	Whitebread, Donald
Roll Products, Inc.	Willette, Robert & Nanette
Romig, Thomas	Wilson, Larry
Ross, Richard D.	Wingman Realty LLC
Rutledge, John-Paul & Jennifer	Yeager, Patricia & Kent
Sage, Robert L.	Zabel, Ruby
SBL Charitable Trust	
Schowengerdt , Marjorie	
Schulte, Lawrence & Barbara	
Schultz, Cleo & Julie	
Shamrock Angus Farms	
Shipley, William R.	
Short, Whitney & Steven	
Smith, Suzanne	
Solberg, Betsey & Rick	
Sorensen, Joyce	
Southern Star Cafe	
Spencer, Brenda	
St Marys State Bank	
St. Mary's Auto Sales Inc.	
St. Marys Lumber	
St. Marys Veterinary Services	
Stewart Funeral Home	
Stockgrowers State Bank	
Stubbs, Michael E.	
Sunderland, Linn	
Teresa Boeken Agency, Inc.	
Thomas, Joe	
TransCanada PipeLine U.S.A. Ltd.	
Triplett, Inc.	
UP Railroad Company	
Valero	
Visit Wichita	
Vohland, Janiece	
Wabaunsee County Economic Dev	
Wabaunsee County Historical Soc	
Wabaunsee County Conservation District	
Wagner, Daniel F	

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$218,837
Investment securities	<u>\$1,713,786</u>

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**

\$1,932,623

**FIXED ASSETS**

\$0

**TOTAL ASSETS**

\$1,932,623

**LIABILITY & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Expense payable	<u>\$25</u>
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**Total Liabilities**

\$25

**Equity**

Retained Earnings	\$1,897,245
Net Income	<u>\$35,353</u>

**Total Equity**

\$1,932,598

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

\$1,932,623

\*Note: To view the KRCF 990's, please visit [www.thekrcf.org](http://www.thekrcf.org)