

**2019
ANNUAL REPORT**

**KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES
FOUNDATION**



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February 2020

Dear Community Foundation Friends and Patrons:

As the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation embarks on our 14th year of operation we hold true to our mission of enriching the lives, providing a financial vehicle to support, and bringing awareness to the needs of all Kansas communities. Without the continued support of our donors and supporters we would not be able to continue our work on behalf of our funds. For that, we thank you!

Under the direction of our new Executive Director, Audrey Williams, the Foundation worked diligently to re-evaluate fee structures and fund activity for 2019. This work, while a little mundane, was necessary for the long-term sustainability of our Foundation. The new fee structure encourages funds to operate more efficiently allowing us to keep administrative costs down. Unbeknownst to us at the time, the importance of this change was also reiterated at the annual state-wide conference for the Kansas Association of Community Foundations. Sustainability of community foundations was a topic of concern. We are confident our Foundation is now in a better position than ever before to work on behalf of rural Kansas.

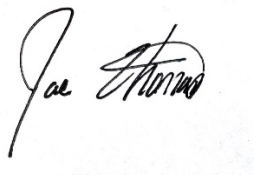
Our portfolio, overall, experienced very positive returns for 2019. We continue to work with our partners at The Trust Company in Manhattan, KS to manage our portfolio. Our Board of Directors understands the importance of making sound investment decisions and takes this responsibility very seriously.

In November of 2019 we hosted our Annual Meeting in Wamego, KS. In addition to learning about new funds, growth of our portfolio, and meeting new board members, we were also able to hear from the Eskridge Park Fund. This fund embodies what our Foundation stands for. As their work set-out to improve the communities' only park, their fundraising efforts have engaged community members and added new life to this small, rural Kansas community. We are proud to be a part of such a worthwhile effort!

We ask that you join us in supporting funds like the Eskridge Park Fund or our administrative fund so we can continue our work in supporting rural Kansas communities. Together we are fueling local economies, engaging leaders, and inspiring generous Kansans to reinvest in their communities.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our Foundation and your community!

With Sincere Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "T".

Joe Thomas
2020 KRCF Board President
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2019 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

12th Street Community Garden Fund	Kansas Aqueduct Coalition Fund
A Ride for the Wounded	*Kansas Coalition for Career Opportunities
Abilene Farmer's Market Fund	Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest Fund
Administrative Fund	Kansas Culture Change Coalition
Amy's Angels Ending Domestic Violence Fund	Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail Fund
Backroad Gals Major Medical Fund	Kansas Independent Telecommunications Fund
Baldwin Bulldog Clays	Kaw Valley State Bank Employee Donor Advised Fund
Blue Valley Foundation Fund	Little Stranger Christian Church
Bonner Springs Arts Alliance	Native Stone Scenic Byway Fund
BP Scholarship Fund	Nemaha County Cooperative Association Fund
Caring Neighbors Fund	North Lyon County Historical Society Fund
Citizens for (Pottawatomie County) Courthouse Conservation Fund	Paxico Community Fund
Community CORE Foundation Fund	PCEDC Fund
David J Karnowski Donor Advised Fund	Pete Darting Memorial Scholarship Fund
Delia Community PRIDE Fund	Pott/Wab Regional Library Fund
Delia Rossville Czech Moravian Heritage Center Fund	R Tech Scholarship Fund
DeSoto Arts Council Fund	Revive the Past Fund
DeSoto Days Festival, Inc. Fund	St. George Historical Preservation Fund
*DeSoto High School Band Boosters	St. Marys Community Foundation Fund
DeSoto Historical Society Fund	St. Marys Historical Preservation Fund
DeSoto Quarterback Club Fund	St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund
Desoto Rotary Club Fund	Summerfield Business & Education Center Fund
Dwight Community Enhancement	The Volland Store Fund
Education for Kansas Fund	Wabaunsee County Cattlemen Fund
Edward Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund	Wabaunsee County Community Foundation Fund
Endow Waterville Partnership Fund	*Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund
Eskridge Park Board Fund	Wabaunsee County Fair Association New Building
Flint Hills NEST, Inc.	Wabaunsee County Santa's Express
Flint Hills Tourism Coalition Fund	Walter Byer Scholarship Fund
Frank & Lorna Smith Scholarship Fund	Wamego Telecommunications, Inc. Fund
Friends of Banner Creek	WestKan
Harveyville Park	Westmoreland Community Improvement
Herington Annual Fireworks Fund	William M. Kirk Rural Development Fund
J.A.K.E Fund	Women Managing the Farm Conference Fund
Junction City First Foundation Fund	Woodbine Community Foundation Fund
Kansas Agents Association Fund	*Denotes new fund established in 2019

So much happened during 2019. Here are some of the highlights.

- **Caring Neighbors**, a fund focused on helping cancer patients with costs associated with treating their illness, helped their first patient in January and several more throughout the year.
- The **Kansas Agents Association** held a silent auction at their annual convention in February. Each year, the proceeds from this event are donated to a non-profit in the State of Kansas. This year they donated over \$30,000 to two non-profits.
- The **Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement**, a new fund this year, raised funds and renovated bathroom facilities on the Wabaunsee county fairgrounds just in time for the fair.
- The **Herington Fireworks Committee** regrouped this year and held several fundraisers focused on raising money for fireworks in 2020.
- The **Eskridge Park Fund** launched their '110 Campaign' celebrating the 110th anniversary of the historic bandstand in the park. This year they completed the Veteran's memorial in the park. Their future plans include a playground, sidewalks, lighting, picnic areas and more.
- **Scholarships** were awarded to high school graduates and non-traditional college students from several scholarship funds. Anyone can establish a scholarship fund!
- Two small towns invited everyone to join them at their annual festivals. The **DeSoto Days Festival** fund raised money to throw their annual festival 'Livin it up in a Small Town'. While the **Paxico Community** fund held their annual blues festival 'Keep the Blues Alive'.

2019 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Allen, Rodney and Marilyn	Figge, Janet L.	Kansas Contractors Association, Inc
Alma Area Foundation	Figge, Travis	Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation
Alma Co-operative Oil Assoc	First Choice Meats, Inc	Kaw Valley State Bank
Anderson, Carmen	First National Bank of Hope	Kay's Pharmacy
Anderson, Matt and Julia	Fleming, Robert E	Knupp, Dan & Linda
Ann Walter	Flint Hills Bank of Eskridge	Kolde Construction Inc.
Arlene Taylor	Flint Hills Stone, Inc.	Kraus, Carol
Aska, Cecil W.	Flowers by Vikki	Ladonna Junghans Insurance Agency Inc
Atmos Energy	Foster, John and Benetta	Larson, Connie
Baty, Lee and Ellen	Fraunfelter, Thomas and Roxanne	Manhattan Commission Co. Inc.
Bennett, Ben & Peggy	Friends of Banner Creek	Margaret Mizes
Boatwright, Paul	Frontier Farm Credit	Marjorie Conklin.
Bradley, James	Fry, Dahl	Marshall County Development Corp
Brazil, Patrick & Harriet	Gaskill, Rick and Susan	Martin, V. Marie
Brown Chevrolet Buick, Inc.	GFWC Shakespeare Club	Maxine Junghans Revocable Trust
Bundy, Michael & Donna	GMCF	McConkey, Kally
Burgen, Ron and Linda	Graen, Ryan and Erica	MEI Total Elevator Solutions
Campbell, Dorothy J.	Great American Bank	Mercer, Joe or Louella
Campbell, Michelle J.	Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	Merck & Co., Inc.
Carpenter, Joseph D.	Gress, Jr., John	Merril and Joan Manor
Chaffee, Michal & Joann	Hamilton, Rose	Meseke, Tony
Chase County Chamber of Commerce	Hargrave, Ellen	Michaelis, Clint & Jessica
Chelz, Anthony & Carole	Heigert, Don	Michele H Jacobs
City of Abilene	Helen Converse	Mill Creek Campground & RV
City of Bonner Springs, Kansas	Hellebust, Lois & Gary	Mill Creek Veterinary Services
City Of Manhattan	Heller, Larry and Lacinda	Miller, Marie and Jay Dee
City of Marion	Hendricks, Don & Rosa	Moore, Gloria
City of Paxico	Hendricks, Gwendolyn	Murray Agency LLC
City of Winfield, Kansas	Herington Fireworks Committee	New Boston Creative Group, LLC
Clark, Beverly	Hier Ins Services	Newell, Henry & Cara
Clark, Don and Iva	Hill's Diner	Newell, Michael and Rita
Clement, Laurence	Hoch, Corona M.	Paramour Coffee LLC
Cohen, Peter & Sue	Hormel Foods Corporation	Paxico Merchants Association
David Stadler	Hot Sauce 2 Infinity	Paxton Welding
Dawson, Geff & Dawn	Huff, Annette	Poppin Squeeze
De Noble, Anne & Timothy	Humanities Kansas	Post, Peggie
Dillner, Timothy and Debra	Hupe, Randal	Powers, Martha and John
Early Romine	JB Pearl Sales & Service Inc.	Prairiewood Retreat Inc.
Ediger, Mark & Avis	Jilek, Julia	Rainbow Ice Company
Eileen Cohen Rev. Trust	Johnson, Janice	Reece, Patricia & Jerry
Ensey, Tammy	Jumper, Rebecca	Rezac Livestock Commission Co. Inc.
Farmers & Drovers Bank	KanEquip, Inc.	Romig, Thomas
Ferguson, Richard & Sharon	Kansas Broadband Internet, Inc.	Rutledge, Patrick & Cindy

Sage, Robert L.
Salsbury, Janie and Gene
SBL Charitable Trust
Shamrock Angus Farms
Sharon Simpson
Smith, Kay
Smoky Hill Vineyards
Sorensen, Joyce
Southern Star Cafe
Spaw, Marci & Christopher
Spencer, Brenda
Spencer, Mary Reed
Stacey Walter
Stewart Funeral Home
Stewart, Luranell
Stockgrowers State Bank
Stop 2 Shop
Stormont-Vail Health Care
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
The James Waters Agency, Inc
Timothy Marshall
Turnbull, Diane
Umbehr, Helen
Vanderbilt's Management Co
Wab Co Conservation Dist
Wab Co Fair Association
Wabaunsee County Title
Walter, Lyle & Ann
Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce
Wamego Drug Store
Warren, James M.
Waugh, Bruce B
Waugh, William III
Wayne & Elaine Theel
Wertzberger Ranch Equipment, LLC
Zeller, Francis & Rita

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$131,391
Investment securities	<u>\$2,103,597</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$2,234,988</u>
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FIXED ASSETS	<u>\$0</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$2,234,988</u></u>
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LIABILITY & EQUITY

Liabilities

Expense payable	<u>\$41</u>
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Total Liabilities	\$41
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Equity

Retained Earnings	\$1,937,703
Net Income	<u>\$297,244</u>

Total Equity	<u>\$2,234,947</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$2,234,988</u></u>
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*Note: To view the KRCF 990's, please visit www.thekrcf.org