

**2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

**KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES
FOUNDATION**



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Dear Community Foundation Friends and Patrons:

What else can possibly be said about the year we have all experienced? Like all of you, we too have had to adjust to the “new normal” at the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation. While many things still feel unsettled, one thing is for certain: The Foundation is stronger than ever and is positioned to continue to deliver on our mission of supporting rural Kansas communities, especially in these difficult times. Our work would not be possible without the continued support of our donors and supporters. For that, we thank you!

Many positive moments occurred in 2020. One worth highlighting was the response by two communities that came together in the early days of the pandemic. KRCF was proud to be a part of the “Wamego Strong” and “St. Marys Together” Funds which collectively raised over \$90,000 for local charities and simultaneously generated gift card purchases in a similar amount for shuttered retail businesses. This effort helped struggling small retail businesses with immediate cashflow, while also giving local charities extra resources to help those in need.

Our portfolio, while uncertain in the early days of 2020, experienced very positive returns overall. 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 2020 we hosted our Annual Meeting virtually via Zoom. In addition to learning about new funds, growth of our portfolio, and meeting new board member, we were also able to hear from the Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund. This fund embodies what our Foundation stands for. With the help of dedicated volunteers, community members, and area businesses over \$400,000 has been raised to improve the county’s fair grounds. Their work today will be far reaching; impacting generations to come. We are proud to be a part of such a worthwhile effort!

We ask that you join us in supporting funds like the Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement 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 initial "J".

Joe Thomas
2021 KRCF Board President
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2020 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

12th Street Community Garden Fund	Friends of USD 329	Tri-County Area Chamber of Commerce
A Ride for the Wounded	Harveyville Park	VFW Dix-Day Post 1281
Abilene Farmer's Market Fund	Herington Annual Fireworks Fund	Wabaunsee County Cattlemen Fund
Administrative Fund	Herington Volunteer Fire Company	Wabaunsee County Community Foundation Fund
Admire Community PRIDE	J.A.K.E Fund	Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund
Ag Partners Cooperative	Junction City First Foundation Fund	Wabaunsee County Santa's Express
Amy's Angels Ending Domestic Violence Fund	Kansas Agents Association Fund	Walter Byer Scholarship Fund
Backroad Gals Major Medical Fund	Kansas Aqueduct Coalition Fund	Wamego Telecommunications, Inc. Fund
Baldwin Bulldog Clays	Kansas Coalition for Career Opportunities	Wamego Strong
Blue Valley Foundation Fund	Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest Fund	WestKan
Bonner Springs Arts Alliance	Kansas Culture Change Coalition	Westmoreland Community Improvement
BP Scholarship Fund	Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail Fund	William M. Kirk Rural Development Fund
Caring Neighbors Fund	Kansas Independent Telecommunications Fund	Women Managing the Farm Conference Fund
Citizens for (Pottawatomie County) Courthouse Conservation Fund	Kaw Valley State Bank Employee Donor Advised Fund	Woodbine Community Foundation Fund
Community CORE Foundation Fund	Marion County Fire District #3	
David J Karnowski Donor Advised Fund	Native Stone Scenic Byway Fund	
Delia Community PRIDE Fund	North Lyon County Historical Society Fund	*Denotes new fund established in 2020
Delia Rossville Czech Moravian Heritage Center Fund	Paxico Community Fund	
DeSoto Arts Council Fund	PCEDC Fund	
DeSoto Days Festival, Inc. Fund	Pete Darting Memorial Scholarship Fund	
DeSoto High School Band Boosters	Pott/Wab Regional Library Fund	
DeSoto Historical Society Fund	R Tech Scholarship Fund	
DeSoto Kansas Parks Foundation	Revive the Past Fund	
DeSoto Quarterback Club Fund	St. George Historical Preservation Fund	
Desoto Rotary Club Fund	St. Marys Community Foundation Fund	
Dwight Community Enhancement	St. Marys Historical Preservation Fund	
Education for Kansas Fund	St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund	
Edward Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund	St. Marys Together	
Endow Waterville Partnership Fund	Summerfield Business & Education Center Fund	
Eskridge Park Board Fund		
Flint Hills NEST, Inc.		
Flint Hills Tourism Coalition Fund		
Frank & Lorna Smith Scholarship Fund		

So much happened during 2020. Here are some of the highlights.

- **Wamego Strong**, a buy one, give one community relief program, raised nearly \$135k to help businesses and charities in the Wamego area.
- **St Marys Together**, another COVID-19 relief project, saw over \$40k raised between gift card sales and matching funds for business and charities in the St Marys area.
- **Delia Community Pride** received a grant from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Charitable Contribution Committee to pay for internet service for the Delia Community Library and provide free WIFI for the city of Delia and the surrounding area.
- The **Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund** raised funds for a new arena and beef barn; a rebuild of the fairgrounds that will serve Wabaunsee County's needs for the next several generations.
- After over a year of hard work, the **Herington Fireworks Committee** received the "green light", so to speak to hold their Herington 2020 Fourth of July Celebration. This was their first 4th of July event since reviving their fund.
- The **Eskridge Park Fund** received the Heritage Trust Fund Grant to go toward the restoration of the historic bandstand in the park. In 2020 they also completed and shared their master design plans for the Eskridge Park.
- Seventeen **Scholarships** were awarded to high school graduates and non-traditional college students from KRCF scholarship funds. KRCF works with fourteen high schools across the state to administer scholarships to worthy students. Anyone can establish a scholarship fund!

2020 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Alma Area Foundation	Hellebust, Lois & Gary	Nola Miller
Alpacas of Wildcat Hollow	Hendricks, Don & Rosa	Patzman, Sandra
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Benz, Matt & Amy	Howe, Nathan	Reece, Patricia & Jerry
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Downey Ranch, Inc.	Marstall, Tony	Sunflower Genetics LLC
Drippe Construction, Inc.	Martin McClelland	Tallgrass Family Ranch LLC
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Evans, Connie	Meinhardt, Jim	The Konza Media Group, Inc.
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Flint Hills Bank of Eskridge	Meseke, Bob	The Spot and Dining Car
Fourth and Pomeroy Associates Inc	Meseke, James	Thomas Shine
Frontier Farm Credit	Meyer, Ben and Kristi	Vernon Bohn
Gares, Eric	Michael Bohn	Wabaunsee Co Farm Bureau Assoc.
Gary and Barbara O'Neill	Michael Stubbs	Wamego Telephone Co.
Geary Community Healthcare Foundation	Michaelis, Clint & Jessica	Weaver Livestock, Inc
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Gress, Jr., John	Moravan Lodge 128	Wolff, Greg & Cynthia
Haahr, Jerry	New Boston Creative Group, LLC	XTO Energy, Inc.
	Nikkel, Janice & Mark	Zeller, Francis & Rita

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$300,580
Investment securities	<u>\$2,264,950</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$2,565,530

FIXED ASSETS

\$0

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,565,530

LIABILITY & EQUITY

Liabilities

Expense payable	<u>\$67</u>
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Total Liabilities

\$67

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$2,234,956
Net Income	<u>\$330,507</u>

Total Equity

\$2,565,463

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$2,565,530

*Note: To view the KRCF 990's, please visit www.thekrcf.org