

2021
ANNUAL REPORT

KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES
FOUNDATION



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Dear Community Foundation Friends and Patrons:

In 2010, I participated in the HomeTown Competitiveness Training (HTC) program, a holistic, community-driven economic development strategy based on homegrown assets. The program is based on four pillars:

1. Leadership - to mobilize communities with a long-term vision for prosperity
2. Entrepreneurship - to support innovation and economic growth
3. Youth Engagement - to cultivate a sense of belonging and opportunity
4. Philanthropy - to provide financial resources for community and economic development

This same program led to the creation of the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation and its charge of connecting donors with community and economic development needs.

In 2021, the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation celebrated fifteen years of philanthropy. And, despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation, its donors and community leaders continue to facilitate many impressive and important community projects.

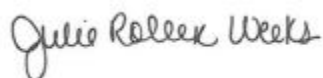
These projects are possible because of community champions, volunteers, philanthropic donors, and a mechanism to connect them: the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation.

I first joined the KRCF board in 2012 and rejoined in 2018. My passion for this organization keeps me engaged and committed to seeing your funds succeed. The KRCF fills a need for many communities, and I am so proud that we can be part of your success.

Like many of you, while our staff may be few, our passion is great. The KRCF board of directors is committed to facilitating positive growth and change in Kansas communities. Whether establishing scholarships, building new community playgrounds, assisting families in need, helping with historic preservation or community events, each fund is different and still very important to its beneficiaries.

Thank you for trusting the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation with your funds and donations, and thank you for all you do to make Kansas rural communities a great place to live, visit and work. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



Julie Roller Weeks

2022 KRCF Board President

2021 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	HirePaths	Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund
Ag Partners Cooperative	J.A.K.E Fund	Wabaunsee County Santa's Express
Amy's Angels Ending Domestic Violence Fund	*Joseph Flerlage, Paxico Knights	Walter Byer Scholarship Fund
Backroad Gals Major Medical Fund	Junction City First Foundation Fund	Wamego Telecommunications, Inc. Fund
Baldwin Bulldog Clays	Kansas Agents Association Fund	Wamego Strong
Blue Valley Foundation Fund	Kansas Aqueduct Coalition Fund	WestKan
Bonner Springs Arts Alliance	Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest Fund	Westmoreland Community Improvement
BP Scholarship Fund	Kansas Culture Change Coalition	William M. Kirk Rural Development Fund
Caring Neighbors Fund	Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail Fund	Women Managing the Farm Conference Fund
Citizens for (Pottawatomie County) Courthouse Conservation Fund	Kansas Independent Telecommunications Fund	Woodbine Community Foundation Fund
Community CORE Foundation Fund	Kaw Valley State Bank Employee Donor Advised Fund	
David J Karnowski Donor Advised Fund	Marion County Fire District #3	
Delia Community PRIDE Fund	Native Stone Scenic Byway Fund	
Delia Rossville Czech Moravian Heritage Center Fund	North Lyon County Historical Society Fund	*Denotes new fund established in 2021
DeSoto Arts Council Fund	Paxico Community Fund	
DeSoto Days Festival, Inc. Fund	PCEDC Fund	
DeSoto High School Band Boosters	Pete Darting Memorial Scholarship Fund	
DeSoto Historical Society Fund	Pott/Wab Regional Library Fund	
DeSoto Kansas Parks Foundation	R Tech Scholarship Fund	
DeSoto Quarterback Club Fund	Revive the Past Fund	
Desoto Rotary Club Fund	St. George Historical Preservation Fund	
Dwight Community Enhancement	St. Marys Community Foundation Fund	
Education for Kansas Fund	St. Marys Historical Preservation Fund	
Edward Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund	St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund	
Endow Waterville Partnership Fund	St. Marys Together	
Eskridge Park Board Fund	Summerfield Business & Education Center Fund	
Flint Hills NEST, Inc.		
Flint Hills Tourism Coalition Fund		
Frank & Lorna Smith Scholarship Fund		

So much happened during 2021. Here are some of the highlights.

- **VFW Dix-Day Post 1281** had a great 2021. They now have a brand-new roof on their building, and a freshly sealed and painted parking lot thanks to the fundraising efforts of their members, and their partnership with the KRCF.
- **Marion County Fire District #3** poured the foundation, stem wall, and floor of their new 54' x 80' fire station. They are hoping to get the building up yet this year.
- The **Ag Partners Cooperative Fund** gave out over \$50k in the last year to support local food pantries and other community projects in rural Kansas communities.
- The **Wabaunsee County Fair Association Improvement Fund** had a great fair this year as they held the 2021 Wabaunsee County Fair in their new KanEquip Arena. They continue to raise funds looking forward to installing a heating system in the new arena.
- The **KS Agents Association** raised over \$13k at their annual charity auction. This year's proceeds were given to charities helping children and teenagers.
- The **Eskridge Park Board Fund** finished the restoration of the historic bandstand this year and were able to host two live music festivals in it. One of those was their 97th Annual Fall Festival, which had an unprecedented turnout. They also installed two of the four outer edge sidewalks around the city park and will install the remaining two in the coming year.
- Eighteen **scholarships** were awarded to high school graduates and non-traditional college students from KRCF scholarship funds in 2021. KRCF currently works with fifteen high schools across the state to administer scholarships to worthy students. Anyone can establish a scholarship fund! Ag Partners Coop Inc

2020 KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Ag Partners Coop Inc	Flint Hills Stone, Inc.	Kenny Vilander
Allen, Rodney and Marilyn	Flint Hills Tourism Coalition, Inc.	Kolde Construction Inc.
Alma Area Foundation	Foster, John and Benetta	Kraus, Robert and Vicki
Alma Co-operative Oil Assoc	G & W Ranch LLC	Krause, Patricia
American Family Brokerage, Inc.	Gares, Eric	Larson, Connie
American Legion Auxiliary	Gaskill, Rick and Susan	Lashelle, Daniel
Arlene Taylor	Geary Grain	Lawyers Title of Kansas Inc
Bank of the Flint Hills	Gehrt Farm Inc	M R McQuay
Barnes, Austin	Gehrt Ranch, Inc	Marsha and William Ridinger
Barnes, Kendra	Gerald and Carol Henderson	Marshall County Development Corp
Bill's Plumbing	Gerald and Debora Buser	Max Fuller
Blair Spiker Spencer	GMCF	Mayer, Mitch and Karaline
Blasnitz, Wanda	Gnadt Brothers, Inc	Mercer, Joe or Louella
Boatwright, Paul	Goehring, Janice	Mertz, Mary and Robert
Breiner, Chad	Gorman, Matt	Michele H Jacobs
Bryan, Rick and Zina	Grand Central Hotel, LLC	Michelle Campbell
Burns, Pat	Gray's Auto Repair	Mill Creek Lodge at Volland Point, LLC
Carl and Mary Ice	Greater Manhattan Community Foundation	Mill Creek Mercantile
Carrie Alt	Gress, Jr., John	Moravan Lodge 128
Central National Bank Trust	Harry E Bovay Jr Foundation	Neuberger, DJ and Virginia
Chase County Chamber of Commerce	Hellebust, Lois & Gary	Neufeld, Kelly
Cindy Vogel Agency	Hendricks Hardware & Supply	Newell, Michael and Rita
City of Abilene	Hendricks, Don & Rosa	Norma Jean Vilander
City of Eskridge	Herington CVB	Pacheco, Wrenn
City Of Manhattan	Hier Ins Services	Pamatjen Investments LLC
Clark, Don and Iva	Historic Preservation Corp	Pamela Dolton
CoBank	Hoch, Corona M.	Pfeifer, Jason & Beth Ann
Coover, Julie	Hot Sauce 2 Infinity	Philip and Barbie Flick
Darrell and Erin Rush	Hubert, Tim	Pioneer Bluffs
Davis, Danny	Jan Brown	Poppelreiter Farms
D'Earl Dunn	Jan Bruene	Powell Agency Inc
Deb Proffitt	Janssen, Justin & Mary	R.E. Adams III LLC
Delane Fritzson	JB Pearl Sales & Service Inc.	Randall and Erin Debler
Diamond L Supply	Jenny Powell	Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Mission
Dinkel, Danny	Joe and Tiffany Wayman	Reinhardt, Susan
Downey Ranch, Inc.	Joe Capoun	Renee Larson
Dr Gary Cleveland	Johnson, Steven R.	Rent Me Tents
Duane Bauer	Jones Family Angus	Rezac Livestock Commission Co. Inc.
Ed and Marta Howe	Jones Vanarsdale Funeral Home	Rita Newell
Emporia Convention & Visitors Bureau	Judy Bastemeyer	Robert and Donna Warren
ERichsen Agri-Motive	Julie Holmes	Rock Hill Ranch Inc
Filinger, Brian	KanEquip, Inc.	Rush Enterprise
First National Bank of Hope	Kansas Broadband Internet, Inc.	Rutledge, Patrick & Cindy
Flint Hills Bank of Eskridge	Karnowski, David	Sage, Robert L.
	Kaw Valley State Bank	Satana Carr

Schmidt Seed
Schossow, Judd
Shipley, William R.
Shirley and Richard Theurer
Shumate, Carol
Sparke, Scott
Spencer, Mary Reed
St. Mary's Auto Sales Inc.
St. Marys Teamworks
St. Marys Veterinary Services
Stockgrowers State Bank
StoneX
Stop 2 Shop
Stuewe, Bob and Shirley
Teresa Boeken Agency, Inc.
The James Waters Agency, Inc
The Signatry
The Volland Store
Timothy Marshall
Tower Metal Works, Inc
Tri County Waste
Turnbull, Diane
United Church of Eskridge
United Methodist Women
Virginia Warren
Wab Co Conservation Dist
Wabaunsee County Fire Dist No 5
Wagner, Daniel F
Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce
Wamego Drug Store
Wamego Telephone Co.
Warren Kraus
Warren, Robert
Washington County
Wayne and Phyllis Bennett
Wertzberger Ranch Equipment, LLC
Wiederholt, Patrick and Janel
Wilton & Anita Osborn

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$51,458
Investment securities	<u>\$2,351,252</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$2,402,710

FIXED ASSETS

\$0

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,402,710

LIABILITY & EQUITY

Liabilities

Expense payable	<u>\$1,190</u>
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Total Liabilities

\$1,190

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$2,565,463
Net Income	<u>-\$163,943</u>

Total Equity

\$2,401,520

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$2,402,710

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