

# Annual

# Report

## 2024

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

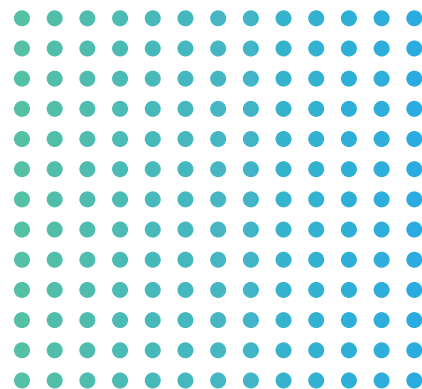


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## BOARD CHAIR'S LETTER



Happy 2025!

It's been another great year in the Smoky Valley as we were able to have another successful match event. As I finish my final year on the committee, I wanted to thank the community, my co-chair Melinda, our fantastic Treasurer Denise, and the entirety of our board.

We have had tremendous growth over the six years I've been on the board and I'm excited to see where we go next. Our goal is always to help local initiatives and increase opportunities in the Smoky Valley.

Again, thanks to all of our constituents, and here's to a happy 2025!

Adam Lackey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Lackey', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Board Chair

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help people invest in meaningful ways to make a difference in the community by building permanent endowment funds and meeting charitable community needs.

## ADVISORY BOARD



Melinda Hansen, Vice-Chair  
 Dana Byers, Secretary  
 Becky Anderson  
 Amie Bauer  
 Angelica Carrillo-Hernandez



Denise Peterson, Treasurer  
 Kris Erickson  
 Kellie Feistner  
 Spencer Greene  
 Olivia Peterson

## REGIONAL STAFF

*We are an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation.*

Jessica Martin, President & Executive Director  
 Rita Northup, Executive Assistant  
 Michael Chambers, VP of Community Impact  
 Brandee Mayginnes, Director of Operations  
 Kristin Blake, Director of Finance  
 Shanna King, Staff Accountant  
 Jessica Fuller, Director of Grants & Scholarships  
 Natalie Wood, Affiliate Relations & Grants Coordinator  
 Julia Diaz, Community Impact Team Assistant  
 Leah Wilson, Marketing & Communications Coordinator



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# Founding Donors

## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILIES

Maleta Forsberg  
Judy M. Neuschafer  
Ronald & Marsha Rolander  
Lee & Susie Ruggels

## BUSINESS ENTITIES

Bethany College  
Bethany Home  
Carlson Accounting, Inc.  
City of Lindsborg  
Clark, Mize & Linville, Chtd.  
Lindsborg Community Hospital  
Raymer Society  
Sandzén Memorial Art Gallery



# FEATURE GRANT STORY

## Back to School Bash

The Back to School Bash has been taking place in Lindsborg since 2012. The Lindsborg Community Hospital started by collecting school supplies from hospital employees and hosting a free community swim. Since then, it has grown to include personal hygiene items, free haircuts and a free hot dog meal thanks to a partnership with Bethany Village and USD 400. Staff and volunteers from these organizations, along with local hairdressers volunteering their skills, are what make this event possible.

"What started as an event for all to have fun, has become an event where three of our largest organizations come together to offer anyone in need—no questions asked—some of the things that are vital to a successful start in the school years," said Betty Nelson, Director of Marketing and Development for Lindsborg Community Hospital.

A \$500 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smoky Valley helped purchase personal hygiene items including feminine hygiene products, bars of soap,

deodorant, Kleenex boxes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hair combs and shampoo.

"The personal hygiene items are the first to disappear. Haircuts are in huge demand, and we never can get everyone through. Last year was the first time that people were lined up when we arrived to set up," said Nelson.

This year 200 people attended, and the bash ran out of school supplies before everyone was able to get through, demonstrating the large need in the community. "Hearing the stories of the need of some of our youngest citizens was tough. However, it was with great pleasure to see bright, young faces, excited to fill new bookbags with their own brush, and toothbrush/toothpaste, etc." said Nelson. "We start with the bash and conclude with the splash!"



"In the short term, our goal is to make all who come feel welcome and that they leave with needed school supplies, personal hygiene items, a warm meal and possibly a haircut. However, the long-term impact that we hope to make is that children will know this community cared enough to offer them a hand up." – Betty Nelson, Lindsborg Community Hospital



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## GRANTS AWARDED

The Community Foundation accepts and reviews applications twice a year to address current community needs. This year, the committee awarded over \$27,451 to 13 projects throughout the Smoky Valley area.

Note: These grants do not include grants from our donor-directed funds.



### Midsummer's Festival: Little Tykes & Vikes

Heritage Fund- \$3,000

Little Tykes - Kids World, the area dedicated to children is a highlight of the Midsummer's Festival and a favorite of many families. Grant funds were used for inflatables, the barrel train and other fun supplies for the children, along with the Vikes reenactment group, and a group performing traditional Swedish dances.



### Lindsborg Community Hospital- Stepping On

Smoky Valley Healthy  
Living Fund- \$1,536

Funding supports the Stepping On program that focuses on fall prevention including balance and strength training. Adjustable ankle weights were purchased for participants to wear and take home to continue the activities. "I have benefited greatly from the program and will continue to benefit from the lesson material and exercises," said program participant.



### Bethany Lutheran Church- SV Community CPR/AED Training

KS Health Foundation Fund  
- Smoky Valley- \$1,500

Bethany Lutheran Church was able to provide free CPR/AED training to 60 people in the Smoky Valley area with this funding, in an effort to get more people trained in these life saving skills. "If one life is saved because of this training - it would be a complete success," said Leanna Dewitt, Bethany Lutheran Church.



# GRANT RECIPIENTS

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**American Legion Emil Pinkall  
Post 140  
Bethany College  
Bethany Home Association  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
City of Lindsborg  
Dala Pantry  
Fort Hays State University  
Foundation  
Lindsborg Arts Council  
Lindsborg Community  
Hospital  
Lindsborg Community Library**

**Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish  
Heritage Museum, Inc  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
Midsummer's Festival  
Myanmar Lutheran Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Stormont Vail Foundation  
The Crown Gospel Church  
Trinity United Methodist  
Church  
USD 400**



**Over \$81,000 was granted to 19 local organizations to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. These grants are distributed annually from funds held at SVCF on behalf of our donors and generous people like you who are helping plant our future!**



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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### A. Jay Steinberg Music Scholarship Fund

Henry Wright

### Brandon Rogers Technology Scholarship Fund

Alyssa Holt

Tinley Scott

### Clyde & Glenn Lindstrom Scholarship Fund

Connor Barnes

Jacob Burgardt\*

Jakorian Crain

Nolan Dauer\*

Raven Enslow

Matthew Krehbiel

Kiera McMillan\*

Richard Zeller\*

### Dorothy J. Ziegler Music & Art Scholarship Fund

Nicholas Dreier

Noelle Peters\*

Henry Wright

### Dr. Charles Englund Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kort Sjogren

### Louis, Ron & Tom Westman Scholarship Fund

Ava Broxterman

Raina Dawn Decker

Hope Duncan

Addison Ebert

Jordyn Elseth

Adrian Hazelwood

Allison Hipp

Alyssa Holt

Breanne Peters

### Mona Peterson Community Service Scholarship Fund

Brynna Anderson

Sawyer Lysell-Alkire

### Smoky Valley Elementary Education Scholarship Fund

Adrian Hazelwood

Christa Hedberg

\*Scholarship Renewal

# \$78,877

AWARDED

# SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Not only does this scholarship benefit me, but it also benefits all of the other future educators to help explore their passion. I know for a fact this scholarship has taken a huge burden off of me for not only financial reasons, but has also made me more confident in my decision for my future.

**Adrian Hazelwood, Tabor College  
Smoky Valley Elementary Scholarship**



I am so thankful to be the recipient of the scholarship in honor of Mrs. Peterson. This is a wonderful way to honor someone who made such an impact in Lindsborg.

**Sawyer Lysell-Alkire, JCCC  
Mona Peterson Community Service Scholarship**



I cannot wait to use this scholarship as a way to motivate and push myself through college. I hope you see the amazing impact it will have on my education as I go off to college and do great things.

**Ava Broxterman, Bethel College  
Louis, Ron, & Tom Westman Scholarship**

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## OUR FUND TYPES

The Community Foundation offers several different fund types to help you meet your charitable giving needs. Contact us to talk more about which one is the best fit for you. See a list of our current funds on page 12.

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### **Designated Funds**

provide a permanent source of income to support your favorite charities long after you are gone. You select the charities you want to support and we make annual grants in your name forever.

### **Field of Interest Funds**

respond to current and future needs by letting you support a specific cause (arts, health, youth, etc.) or geographic area, rather than a specific charity. Grants are determined by a local committee.

### **Provisional Funds**

provide a short-term vehicle to collect charitable donations for a community project or public-private partnership.

### **Donor Advised Funds**

are simple and flexible "charitable savings accounts," that let you be involved in the grant making. You make a tax-deductible gift, and then recommend how the money should be granted each year.

### **Organization Funds**

offer a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission through permanent endowed and non-endowed funds for more immediate needs.

### **Scholarship Funds**

support student education and impact our future leaders. You help set the scholarship criteria and can also be involved in the selection process.

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## FUND FEATURE: Jenell Hulse

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Jenell Hulse established a fund for the future through the Give Back 5 Community Giving Pledge that will provide annual support to Svensk Hyllningsfest, a biennial celebration honoring the Swedish immigrants who settled in the Smoky Valley in 1869.

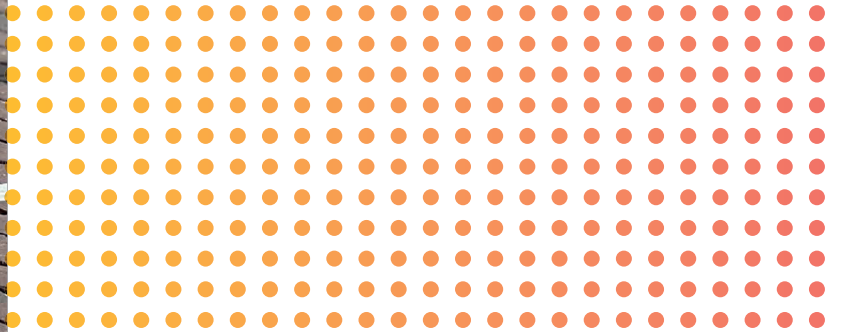


**"I love Hyllningsfest and Lindsborg, and want this event to continue forever."**

As a former Hyllningsfest co-chair, Jenell understands the work (and money) that it takes to put on Svensk Hyllningsfest every two years. That's why she decided to designate a portion of her 401K plan to the Smoky Valley Community Foundation at the end of her life to establish a designated fund that will make annual grants to support the festival in her name forever.

"Donating via my 401K allows me to give back to the Lindsborg community long after I am no longer able to physically serve," said Jenell.

Jenell also helped establish the Svensk Hyllningsfest Foundation Fund, an organization fund that anyone can contribute to, that provides long-term support to this community favorite festival that has been going since 1941.



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## FOUNDATION FUNDS

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2024)



*This list includes all SVCF funds established as of June 30, 2024. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction, please contact us.*

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Smoky Valley Administrative Fund

### DESIGNATED

Clyde & Glenn Lindstrom Designated Fund  
Designated Fund for Lindsborg Arts Council  
Designated Fund for Trinity United Methodist Church  
Joyce Challans Memorial Designated Fund  
Lindsborg Playground Improvement Fund  
Messiah Lutheran Church Designated Fund  
The Roth Family Fund

### DONOR ADVISED

Chester G. & Jeanette G. Peterson Donor Advised Fund  
Graceful Pursuits Donor Advised Fund  
Grant's Grace Fund\*  
Rotary Club of Lindsborg Donor Advised Fund  
Smoky Valley Athletic Association Fund  
Smoky Valley Education Fund

### FIELD OF INTEREST

Smoky Valley Pass Through Fund  
Heritage Fund  
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smoky Valley

### ORGANIZATION

Bethany Home Fund  
Broadway RFD Fund  
Lindsborg Arts Council Fund  
Lindsborg Child Development Center Support Fund  
Lindsborg Community Health Care Foundation Fund  
Lindsborg Community Hospital Fund  
Lindsborg Community Library Fund  
Lindsborg Midsummer's Festival, Inc. Fund

Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum, Inc. Fund  
Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancer Fund  
Raymer Society for the Arts Fund  
Smoky Valley Arts and Folklife Center Fund  
Svensk Hyllningsfest Foundation Fund  
The Associated Churches of Lindsborg (TACOL) Fund

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### DESIGNATED

Jordan Heimer Allied Health Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Korbe Family Nursing Scholarship Fund  
Lindsborg Art Council Scholarship Fund

#### TRADITIONAL

A. Jay Steinberg Music Scholarship Fund  
Brandon Rogers Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Clyde & Glenn Lindstrom Scholarship Fund  
Dorothy J. Ziegler Music and Art Scholarship Fund  
Dr. Charles Englund Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Judith K. Burch Scholarship Fund  
Louis, Ron & Tom Westman Scholarship Fund  
Mona Peterson Community Service Scholarship Fund  
Smoky Valley Elementary Education Scholarship Fund

### UNRESTRICTED

Patterson Family Foundation Fund- Smoky Valley\*  
Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund

### FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Jenell Hulse\*  
Larry and Rebecca Van Der Wege

\*Denotes new fund

# DONOR LIST

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*This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Please contact us with any errors on how your name is listed.*

## **Individuals & Families**

Jeremy Alkire & Ericka Lysell  
Betty Amos  
Allen L. Anderson  
Sara Sofia Anderson  
Anonymous Donor  
Pam Axelson  
Don & Kathey Bengtson  
Deborah Briggs  
Marilyn Brown  
Tom Buffington  
Jennifer Cantrell  
Andy & Kelly Carlson  
Patrick & Miriam Carlson  
Susan D. Carlson  
Ron & Terry Copeland  
Sue Dahlsten  
Jayne Daily  
Donna Dauer  
D. Gene Dikeman II  
Kelly & Greg DuMars  
Aaron Esping  
Debbie Farmer  
Maleta Ann Forsberg  
Scott & Karen Graham  
Mark A. Gruenthal  
Bill & Carol Gusenius  
Susan Guzek  
Allen Hall  
Steven & Melinda Hansen  
Maj-Britt Hawk  
Shelly Heimer  
Dale & Wilma Hilton  
Hipp Family  
Jenell B. Hulse

Arlen & Cecilia Johnson  
Marlin & Maurine Johnson  
Timothy A. Johnson  
Mark Kavitt  
Robert & Jane Klockars  
Kurtis & Sara Krehbiel  
Patricia Lertora  
Bill & Gay Lindholm  
Darrel & Mari Loder  
Mark & Nancy Lysell  
Barry Magnuson & Jana  
Litecka Magnuson  
Janelle Magnuson  
John & Darlene Magnuson  
Marilyn Malm  
Kathleen McCord  
Mike Messmer  
Loren Minnich  
Judith Murphy  
Jim & Betty Nelson  
Landvis Nelson  
Thomas Nelson  
Gregory Nucifora  
Charles E. & Diane S. Oleen  
Warren & Lynnda Olson  
William & Beth Olson  
Janis Oriente  
John & Sharon Palmquist  
James & Mary Parker  
Michael & Sandra Patrick  
Bryce W. & Gayle L. Peters  
Lisa Petersen  
Nancy Peterson  
Joyce Pigge  
Dale & Alice Pracht

Denton Rathke  
Eric & Charlotte Rathke  
Diane Reece  
Ronald & Marsha Rolander  
Mike Rose  
David & Ann Samuelson  
Joyce Shields  
Thomas Alexander Swift  
Ramona Tjaden  
Pastor Mandy Todd  
James & Janice Turner  
Larry & Rebecca Van Der Wege  
Todd Ware  
Freda Woodard

## **Businesses & Organizations**

All Saints Lutheran Church  
The Bank of Tescott  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Connected  
Dean Coughenour Trust  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Farmers State Bank  
First Bank Kansas  
First Baptist Church  
Floor Perfect, LLC  
Hemslojd, Inc.  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Lindsborg At Work  
Association  
Lindsborg Community  
Hospital Auxiliary  
Lindsborg Midsummer's  
Festival, Inc.  
Peoples Bank & Trust

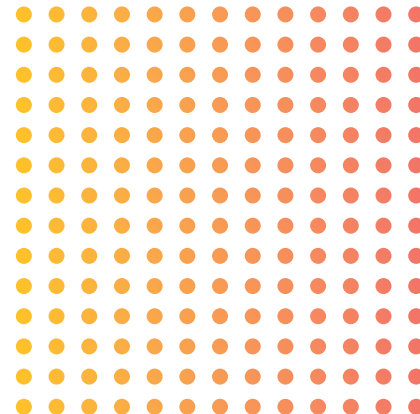
Peterson McNett Drilling, Inc.  
Svensk Hyllningsfest, Inc.  
Wimer Family Charitable  
Foundation, Inc.

## **Memorials**

Elly Rasmussen Briggs  
Leon & Judy Burch  
Lenore Eissfeldt  
Wayne Forsberg  
Joan Kimball  
Maridene Lundstrom  
Jozef Nadudvary & Bryce  
Daily  
Gary Sandbo  
Norma Verdon

## **Honorariums**

Deanna Hilton





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## OUR STATS



\$159.9K

GRANTS &  
SCHOLARSHIPS



\$6.03M

TOTAL ASSETS



\$109.3K

GIFTS RECEIVED



\$98.8K

MATCH DAY  
IMPACT

## Match Results

**\$67,380 Raised**

**\$31,380 Patterson Family  
Foundation Match**

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**\$98,760 TOTAL IMPACT**

# FINANCIALS

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(JUNE 30, 2024)

ASSETS	2024
Cash	\$15,001
Investments	\$6,014,439
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,029,640</b>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$6,617
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,029,640</b>
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance- Principal	\$4,070,114
Fund Balance- Income	\$1,947,909
Fund Balance- Spendable	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,023,023</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,029,640</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

(JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024)

REVENUES	2024
Gifts & Bequests- Principal	\$109,317
Gifts & Bequests- Income	\$121,130
Administrative Fee Revenue	\$4,632
Dividend Income	\$97,029
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$698,993
Grant Income	\$70,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,101,101</b>
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$81,076
Grants Authorized- Internal	\$119,580
Scholarships Awarded	\$78,877
Administrative Fees	\$65,405
Operating Expenses	\$3,641
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$348,579</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$752,522</b>

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

VANGUARD INVESTMENT POOL (as of June 30, 2024)

2nd Quarter 2024	+2.2%	Average Expense Ratio:
Calendar YTD	+8.42%	3 basis points (.03%)
Trailing 1 Year	+15.0%	
Trailing 3 Years	+3.2% Annualized	
Trailing 5 Years	+8.8% Annualized	
Trailing 10 Years	+7.8% Annualized	





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