



Smoky
Valley
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

2018

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRS

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) was established on July 23, 2002, and (in its short lifespan) has already exceeded \$4 million in total assets.

SVCF has granted over \$1 million back to charitable projects in the community. The board strives to help the members of Smoky Valley in every way that we can.

People want to feel a sense of community, a place to belong. The goal of SVCF is to make our donors, fund holders and residents feel like they belong to a broad community of support. Our board takes immense pride in the work we do for our community. Our parent organization, the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF) provides us with wonderful guidance in order to best serve our Smoky Valley community. GSCF also aids SVCF as we seek out the best investment opportunities and asset strategies.

We take the proceeds from the investments and award grants to the community. Recipients of these grants include the local hospital, local churches, youth programs and much more. We are thankful for the opportunity to enrich the lives of the incredible people who make up this great community. The Smoky Valley Community Foundation Board of Directors wishes to express our deepest gratitude to the donors and fund holders who make so many wonderful projects possible. We would not be able to succeed without your passion for our amazing Smoky Valley community.

**JEANNE LUCAS,
CO-CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**CASSIE JOHNSON,
CO-CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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OUR MISSION

is to build permanent endowment funds
and meet charitable community needs.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation was founded in 2002 to benefit the communities of northern McPherson County and southern Saline County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both current and future needs.

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

FOUNDING DONORS

Our founders inspired the creation and growth of the foundation. We are forever grateful for the support of these generous donors!

Individuals & 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Marc Anderson
Jade Banning

Amie Bauer
Sharon Bruce
Tricia Clark
Holly Myers

COMMUNITY IMPACT



Fiddler Project

A grant from the community foundation's Heritage Fund helped the **Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers** (LSFD) purchase a string bass and a battery-powered bluetooth speaker with two microphones. "The Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers are so very thankful for financial support from the Smoky Valley Community Foundation," said grantee Melinda Hansen. "SVCF support, encouragement and recognition of the LSFD members make a positive and profound statement to the youth of Lindsborg."



Who's Your Neighbor

With help from a community foundation grant, the KICK (Kids in Christ's Kingdom) program at **Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church** was able to host a "Who's Your Neighbor" class to teach students about diversity and other cultures. The grant also supported free, healthy meals for families, hosted by the program.

Art Education

The **Lindsborg Arts Council** received a community foundation grant to help send Jenny Davis to the National Art Education National Conference. She was able to attend many workshops, classes and speaking events about art education, which she has worked to implement in the community through various workshops. "The conference was beyond my expectations," Davis said. "I came back with some great ideas!"



Landmark Concerts

The **Lindsborg Landmark Concert Series** provides free musical concerts at unique venues in and around the community of Lindsborg. Grant funding from the Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund and Heritage Fund helped pay the performing musicians.

"The foundation grant allowed us to expand the number of concerts in 2018, and we were able to increase our audience size at all of our events," said grantee Mike Dreier.



Siren in Falun

The community of Falun now has an emergency storm siren, thanks to support from a community foundation grant and many other entities. The grant helped with installation costs. "Our community's safety has greatly improved by the storm siren and it has the potential to save many lives," said grantee Terry Mattison.



Chess School Carpet

The **Anatoly Karpov International School of Chess** received a grant to help replace 15-year-old carpet in their facility, which is home to the biggest chess library in Kansas. "Now, we have the beautiful new carpet, which changed the view and the first impression of the school," said grantee Anastasiya James. "Students and parents were very excited to have lessons in a fresh-looking and clean school."

Filling Fountain

A community foundation grant helped the **Lindsborg Community Library** purchase and install a new water fountain with adult and child fountain heights, as well as a reusable bottle filler function. "The most notable success of the project has been the dramatic change in drinking water usage at the library," said grantee Suzanna Swenson.



Automatic Doors

A grant from the community foundation allowed **Bethany Home** to install an automatic door opener on the south side of the building to create a more accessible facility. This has been a blessing for frequent visitors like Laura Slagle. "I live in the Bethany Home Cottages to be close to my husband, Don, who is in the home," she said. "I used to have to call staff and have them meet me at the door, so that I didn't have to face the cold north wind and walk around the building. Now, I can access the building without bothering staff or being in the weather longer than necessary."

GRANTEES 2017-2018

The following organizations received either donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:

- Bethany College
- Bethany Home Association
- Bethany Lutheran Church
- Circles of McPherson County
- Fort Hays State University Foundation
- International Chess Institute of the Midwest
- KICK-Kids in Christ's Kingdom
- Lindsborg Arts Council
- Lindsborg At Work Association
- Lindsborg Community Library
- Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers
- McPherson County Old Mill Museum
- Messiah Festival of the Arts
- Messiah Lutheran Church
- Midsummer Festival, Inc.
- Saline Rural Water District #1
- Smoky Valley After Prom
- Smoky Valley USD 400
- Smoky Valley Unified School Education Foundation
- Sprout House Learning Center
- Trinity United Methodist Church

2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

\$153,969 Total Grants & Scholarships

56 Number of Grants & Scholarships

\$29,112 Total Competitive Grants

19 Number of Competitive Grants

\$72,068 Total Donor-Directed Grants

10 Number of Donor-Directed Grants

\$52,789 Total Scholarships

27 Number of Scholarships

Sprout House Pizza Garden

A grant from the community foundation's Smoky Valley Community Enhancement fund helped **Sprout House Learning Center** plant a circle-shaped "pizza" garden! "Through gardening, not only do plants grow, but children grow, too," said grantee Christy Mai. "The Smoky Valley Community Foundation grant gave our Sprouts the tools to dig deep, and watch their garden grow!"



After Prom

Smoky Valley After Prom received a grant from the Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund to assist with costs of hosting the 2018 event. The grant was used to purchase new games, food and storage units for supplies." Students were entertained with plenty of games to play and many prizes to win, which enticed them to stay the entire night. There was plenty of food and drink for the kids to snack on. Everyone was very grateful!" said grantee Kelly Carlson.

Midsummer's Festival

A grant from the Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund supported the 2018 Midsummer's Festival. "We are especially proud of the fact that, with the generous grant from the Smoky Valley Community Foundation, we were once again able to offer free admission to our event," said grantee Julie Holk.



SCHOLARSHIPS 2017-2018

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program:

- **Kyle Anderson,**
Salina Area Technical College
- **Rilee Carson,**
Colby Community College
- **Avery Cooper,**
Macalester College
- **Laurence Dahlsten,**
William Jewell College
- **Katherine Evert,**
University of Wyoming
- **Autumn Frickey,**
Hutchinson Community College
- **Noah Hanson,**
Oklahoma State University
Institute of Technology
- **Brett Heitschmidt,**
Hesston College
- **Diana Hernandez,**
Wichita State University
- **Jordan Howard,**
Barton County Community College
- **Taylor Howard,**
Barton County Community College
- **Veronika Huse,**
Bethany College
- **Brandon Krehbiel,**
Tabor College
- **Elise Nelson,**
Bethany College
- **Seth Nelson,**
Salina Area Technical College
- **Tyler O'Dell,**
Wichita State University
- **Kevin Pope,**
Salina Area Technical College
- **Bret Sauvage,**
Hutchinson Community College
- **Ross Schrag,**
Kansas State University
- **Trace Scott,**
Bethany College
- **Kaj Sjogren,**
Hutchinson Community College
- **Elijah Waugh,**
Bethany College
- **Seth Yenni,**
Hutchinson Community College

2018 **DONORS**

Large or small, every donation contributes to the foundation's ability to serve the community. We make every effort to include all gifts made during this time frame. If you believe there is an error, or need to make a correction, please contact us.

The Associated Churches of Lindsborg

Broadway R.F.D., Inc.

Leon & Judy Burch

Benjamin & Angela Dolezal

Bill & Gay Lindholm

Cynthia Rahjes

Bill & Deniece Roth

Susie Ruggels

Smoky Valley U.S.D. #400

Smoky Valley Unified School Education Foundation

Larry & Rebecca VanDerWege

Roth Family Fund

Honorarium

Dr. Ben Dolezal



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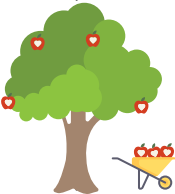
POWER OF **ENDOWMENT**

Endowed funds are an investment in the community's future and a powerful way to create a charitable legacy! Here is an example of how an endowed gift grows and gives over time:



A Gift Today...

Original Endowed Gift: \$10,000



In 15 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$15,500

Cumulative Grants: \$10,000



In 25 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$18,600

Cumulative Grants: \$19,000



In 50 years...

Endowed Fund Balance: \$51,000

Cumulative Grants: \$35,000

**Calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

HOW A GIFT BECOMES A FUND

Giving is easy when you have the right partner! When you open a fund at the community foundation, you gain access to custom services, professional staff and other resources designed to help you achieve your charitable goals and impact your community!

Contact the community foundation to learn more!

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DECIDE WHEN TO GIVE.

Give now, in the future or both! Many funds are opened with a current gift, then grow through gifts from a will or estate plan.



INDIVIDUAL
OR FAMILY



BUSINESS OR
CORPORATION

2

DECIDE WHAT TO GIVE.

Most funds are established with gifts of cash or stock, however, the foundation can accept a variety of assets, including:



CASH, CHECK
OR CREDIT CARDS



STOCKS, BONDS
& MUTUAL FUNDS



401K & IRA
ACCOUNTS



GRAIN & LIVESTOCK



LIFE INSURANCE



REAL ESTATE

CHOOSE A FUND TYPE.

- ▶ Foundation staff can help donors **select a fund type** to best achieve their charitable goals. Donors also **name the new fund!**
- ▶ Donor advised funds are a popular option, as donors have the ability to **recommend grants** from their fund to charities and pass their fund to **future generations!** These can be started by individuals, families, companies or by the rollover from a private foundation.



DONORS RECOMMEND GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

Donors make grants to causes that matter most to them, such as:



CHILDREN
& YOUTH



HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



SPIRITUALITY



ARTS & CULTURE



STUDENTS
& EDUCATION



WE HANDLE DUE DILIGENCE:

The foundation ensures viability, compliance and qualifications of recommended grant recipients.



CHECKS ISSUED:

The foundation can issue a check in any amount (\$250 or more) to any qualifying organization in the United States.



TRANSFER OF **WEALTH**

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure the future Smoky Valley generations can say the same?

Do you know anyone who was born and raised in the Smoky Valley area but has since left for a bigger city? Chances are, when this person's parents pass away, the money in their family's estate (which was built in our community) will leave this area forever. By designating just **5% of our estates** to our hometown needs, we could create **permanent funding** to support our schools, hospitals, parks, churches, nonprofits, libraries and so much more! It just takes a little bit of planning.

According to the Kansas Association of Community Foundations:

In McPherson County,
\$952 million
will pass from one
generation to the
next by **2029**.

5% of that, or
\$47.6 million
could be preserved
in a foundation
endowment.

This would create
\$2.1 million
in annual grants
to benefit our
community.



PLANNED **GIVING**

Planning your charitable legacy is simpler than you may think. Donors often establish charitable funds through deferred-giving arrangements—gifts that are planned today and realized upon the donor's passing. There are several ways to support the foundation with planned giving:

Charitable Bequests:

In your will or trust, you direct all or a portion of your estate, including certain money or property, to be transferred to the community foundation.

Life Insurance:

The foundation can be named as the irrevocable beneficiary of your life insurance policy. You can give a paid-up policy or continue to pay premiums.

Charitable Trusts:

Although the foundation does not serve as a trustee for charitable trusts, you can work with your professional advisor to set one up and support the foundation.

Need help with your estate plan?

Professional estate planning services are offered at **no charge** through a partnership with estate planning attorney John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling, LLC.

Once a month, John travels to Salina and provides comprehensive guidance to individuals and families who want to create or update estate plans that minimize potential gift, income and estate taxes. He helps develop the plan; then families work with their local attorney to finalize and file their documents.

To schedule an appointment,
call the foundation at 785-823-1800.



FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2018 are bolded.**

Donor Advised Funds

Enable donors to recommend grants to the charitable organizations or programs of their choice.

Chester G. & Jeanette G. Peterson Fund

Don & Dorene Anderson Fund

Rotary Club of Lindsborg Fund

Smoky Valley Athletic Association Fund

Smoky Valley Education Fund

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Clyde & Glenn Lindstrom Fund

Designated Fund for Lindsborg Arts Council

Designated Fund for Trinity United Methodist Church

Joyce Challans Memorial Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Smoky Valley

Lindsborg Art Council Scholarship Fund

Lindsborg Playground Improvement Fund

McPherson County Old Mill Museum Fund

Messiah Lutheran Church Fund

The Roth Family Fund

Administrative Funds

Supports foundation operations.

Smoky Valley Administrative Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Enable donors to support a designated cause or geographic area.
(e.g. the arts, a specific community, etc.)

Heritage Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Smoky Valley

Smoky Valley Healthy Living Fund

Organization Funds

Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.

Bethany Home Fund

Broadway RFD Fund

Lindsborg Arts Council Fund

Lindsborg Community Health Care Foundation Fund

Lindsborg Community Hospital Fund

Lindsborg Community Library Fund

Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancer Fund

The Associated Churches of Lindsborg Fund

Scholarship Funds

Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.

A. Jay Steinberg Music Scholarship Fund

Brandon Rogers Technology 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 Funds

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund

FOUNDATION SERVICES

Learn more at www.smokyvalleycf.org!

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

We make it a priority to understand donors' unique charitable goals and help them create a lasting charitable legacy.

Donors who establish a fund receive:

- ▶ **Grants administration**, which includes due diligence and payment distribution to recipient organizations.
- ▶ **Asset management** for long-term sustainability of funds.
- ▶ **Estate planning services**, in partnership with professional advisors, to help donors meet their charitable objectives.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Through the following services, we collaborate with area nonprofits to meet community needs and enhance our shared quality of life.

We provide nonprofits with:

- ▶ **Grant funding** for new and continuing projects and programs.
- ▶ **Organization fund management** for long-term sustainability.
- ▶ **Training and resources** on grant writing, planned giving, endowment building and more.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

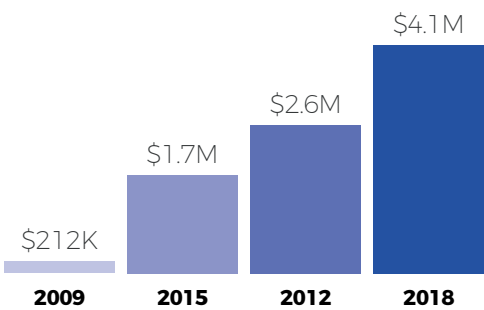
We work closely with professional advisors to help guide their clients through charitable giving today and after their lifetime.

We help professional advisors:

- ▶ **Identify** clients' giving interests.
- ▶ **Create** giving plans that fit clients' goals.
- ▶ **Inform** clients about community needs.
- ▶ **Facilitate** a variety of charitable gifts.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSET GROWTH



Total Assets:
\$4,161,101

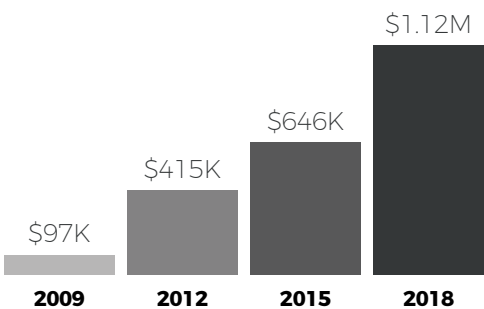
Number of Funds:
37

2018 Total Gifts:
\$649,011

2018 # of Gifts:
30

2018 New Funds
4

GRANTS MADE



Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception
\$1,125,144

Grants & Scholarships
Since Inception
408

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The great part about a community foundation is that anyone can participate in a variety of ways, making this truly a community effort!

1 Establish a fund to support your favorite charitable cause.

2 Donate to existing funds that match your charitable interests.

3 Contribute to the Smoky Valley Administrative Fund to support the community foundation's operations.

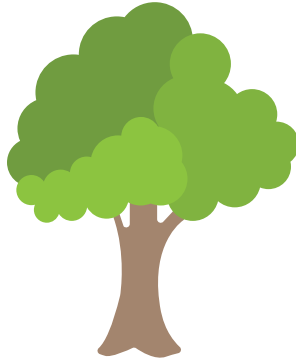
4 Make a gift to the Smoky Valley Community Enhancement Fund, which allows SVCF to respond to current local needs.

5 Encourage your favorite charity to establish an organization fund to provide them with ongoing support.

6 Apply for a grant from the Community Enhancement Fund or any of the other grants listed on our website!

7 Attend foundation events to learn more about estate planning, endowment building and charitable giving.

8 Tell your friends about the community foundation and the services we offer!



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