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— 2020 Annual Report to the Community —



Smoky
Valley
Community
Foundation
An affiliate of the
Greater Salt Lake Community Foundation

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.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Donors and Friends,

The year 2020 has been tumultuous, but your friends here at the Smoky Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) are continuing to serve our beloved community. It is an honor to serve as board co-chair. Our donors and board are committed to enhancing the quality of life in the beautiful Smoky Valley and have done so this year in new and unique ways.

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation has continued awarding competitive grants, donor-directed grants, and scholarships. Additionally, we have been working on a public awareness campaign we call "Fika with the Foundation". We served coffee and tea rings at the 2019 Hyllningsfest event and spread our philanthropic message to a large audience. In February of 2020, we honored grantees at a Smoky Valley High School basketball game. It was exciting to see the court filled with so many different groups that SVCF has directly impacted.

We had an April event scheduled, entitled "Plant our Future, Watch it Grow". This was intended to be a matching event to "grow" our Community Enhancement Fund, coinciding with Lindsborg in Bloom. When Lindsborg in Bloom was cancelled due to the novel coronavirus, we redirected matching funds straight into the community during a time of great need. We took the money earmarked for "Plant our Future, Watch it Grow" and hosted a modified matching event that immediately benefitted the Dala Pantry, Lindsborg-At-Work Association, and TACOL. That event amassed over \$2,000 for each organization. Our new goal is to present an engaging matching event annually.

The 2020-2021 Smoky Valley Community Foundation Board of Directors will continue to support our community during this unprecedented time. We look forward to continuing our work to grow the endowment, serve our community, and build a legacy that will benefit our community, both now and for many generations to come. We invite you to become a part of this legacy too!

Take Care,

Jeanne Lucas
Board Co-chairperson





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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR AFFILIATION

We are a member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate network in north central Kansas.



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This network helps us effectively pool resources with other foundations for community growth. We benefit from experienced investment and administration services, marketing support, ongoing training and technical assistance from GSCF staff. Our local advisory board provides leadership on decisions that directly impact our community!

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

Business Entities

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



2019-2020 DONORS

Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.

Bill & Carolyn Brock
Sharon Bruce
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Shelly Heimer
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Adam Lackey
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Linda Butler
Michelle Heimer
Luke Johnson

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Larry & Rebecca VanDerWege Fund



FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving.

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
Graceful Pursuits 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
Jordan Heimer Allied Health Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joyce Challans Memorial Fund
Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Smoky Valley
Korbe Family Nursing Scholarship Fund
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

Support foundation operations.

Smoky Valley Administrative Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Support community grantmaking.

Smoky Valley Community Enhancement 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

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Larry & Rebecca VanDerWege Fund

..... GIVE. GROW. GRANT.

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree! Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide "fruit" for the community through grants and scholarships.



Today...

You decide to make a permanent gift of **\$10,000**.



After 15 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$15,000** and given **\$10,000** to charity.



After 25 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$18,600** and given **\$19,000** to charity.



After 50 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$51,000** and given **\$35,000** to charity.

SPROUT HOUSE UPDATES

Sprout House Early Learning Center has recently been re-structured, changing from a child care center to a family child care provider, which has allowed the center to simplify the structure of caring for toddlers in the 'workshop' and preschoolers in the 'house'. With the change, Sprout House was in need of furnishings and materials age appropriate for the children in care.

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation awarded the center a grant to purchase two toddler tables, two sensory tables and four new chairs. "The tables and chairs have been so helpful in the toddler room," said grantee Casi Scriven. "The toddlers are now able to touch the floor with their feet and sit in a chair correctly! The sensory tables have been a blast. We love pulling them outside and putting water in them over the summer. It was a great way to cool down on hot summer days!"



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KATHY PETERSON

PRINTS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Smoky Valley Middle School Library is home to three historic Birger Sandzen prints. With art taking a bigger role in the library's atmosphere, it is important that these prints are preserved to keep on display for students to appreciate. The Smoky Valley Community Foundation awarded USD 400 funds to mat, frame and clean the three prints so that they could be displayed in the middle school library.

"The timing of the cleaning, matting, and framing was right on as the framer mentioned that if we did not have these prints cleaned that they would have soon started to fall apart," said grantee Kathy Peterson. "We are so thankful that she could clean and save these beautiful works of art due to your generous funding."





YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Steps to End Poverty of McPherson County (STEPMC) holds a youth development program, providing crucial learning at a foundational stage of development to kids living in poverty who may not otherwise receive certain opportunities. The goal is to provide kids with a safe space to learn, develop and challenge themselves. Recently, the community foundation awarded STEPMC grant funding to assist in this program.

"We were thrilled to receive your support and be able to continue providing quality programming for the kids in our community who are living in poverty. Having this funding has allowed us to be much more creative with our activities and programming," said grantee Austin Regier.

With this grant youth were able to participate in experiential learning activities like, navigating the local library, and flying in an airplane. "The program also supports kids being kids by providing activities like pumpkin carving, getting sno-cones, going to the pool, and decorating Christmas cookies. Many of our kids constantly live in crisis and we want to allow them to be kids," said Regier.



SCENTRAL BARK DOG PARK

In 2014 the City of Lindsborg recognized a need for a dog park to be utilized by patrons in the community. With unforeseen circumstances and other city needs, the budget for the park was utilized for other community projects. A dedicated committee of community members helped to make this concept a reality with their own fundraising efforts, as well as collaboration with the community foundation.

The foundation awarded a grant to the city to purchase pergolas and benches for the facility. This project allows residents to exercise their dogs off-leash in town, in a safe and secure environment. "The area is a significant addition to the City of Lindsborg park system, providing a place for many dog owners to gather and socialize," said grantee Hayley Samford.

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2019-2020 Grant Recipients

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

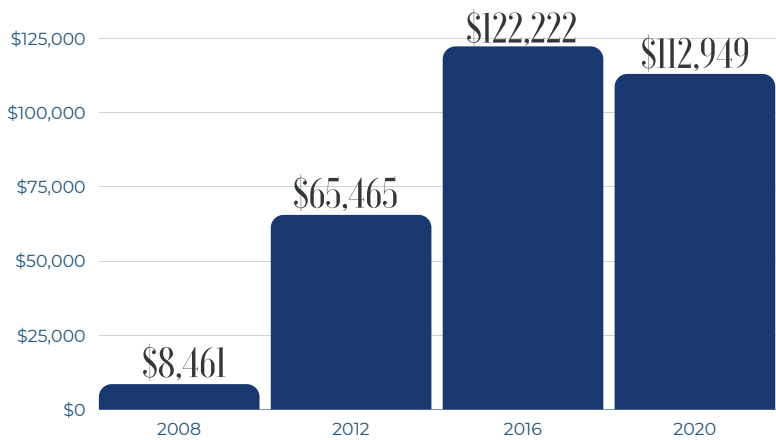
- Bethany College
- Bethany Lutheran Church
- Broadway R.F.D., Inc.
- Fort Hays State University Foundation
- Lindsborg Arts Council
- Lindsborg At Work Association
- Lindsborg Community Hospital
- Lindsborg Community Library
- Lindsborg Midsummer's Festival, Inc.
- Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers, Inc.
- Marquette Learning Center
- McPherson County Community Foundation
- McPherson County Old Mill Museum
- Messiah Lutheran Church
- Smoky Valley High School
- Sprout House Learning Center Inc.
- Stormont Vail Foundation
- The Associated Churches of Lindsborg
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- USD 400 Smoky Valley

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IMPACT NUMBERS

In 2020, \$112,949 total grants and scholarships were awarded to 67 organizations and students throughout the fiscal year. Since inception, \$1,348,993 has been awarded on the behalf of generous donors, making our community a better place to live!

GRANTS AWARDED PER FISCAL YEAR





2019-2020

Scholarship Recipients

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program with funding from the Brandon Rogers Technology Scholarship, Clyde and Glenn Lindstrom Scholarship, Dorothy J. Ziegler Music & Art Scholarship, Judith K. Burch Scholarship, Louis, Ron & Tom Westman Scholarship, Mona Peterson Community Scholarship and Smoky Valley Elementary Education Scholarship.

ADAM TILLBERG
Friends University

AHNYA STAMBAUGH-TUBBS
Bethany College

ASHLYN BRYANT
Washburn University

CHANCE KRUCKENBERG
Pratt Community College

CHANTEY NICHOLS
Bethany College

ELAINA MCMILLAN
Western Michigan University

EMILY JONES
Hillsdale College

GRACELYN GASKILL
University of Tulsa

GRACIE LOTT
Grand Canyon University

HELAYNA MADER
Bellus Academy

ISABELLE WRIGHT
University of Missouri

KYLIE WEIS
Hutchinson Community College

LOGAN BODENHAMER
Wichita State University

MACIE CARLSON
Hutchinson Community College

MACY SIMS
Hays Academy of Hair Design

MATTHEW LUCAS
Bethany College

RACHEL YENNI
Hutchinson Community College

TAYLOR BARNES
Johnson County Community College



PLAN TODAY TO GIVE TOMORROW

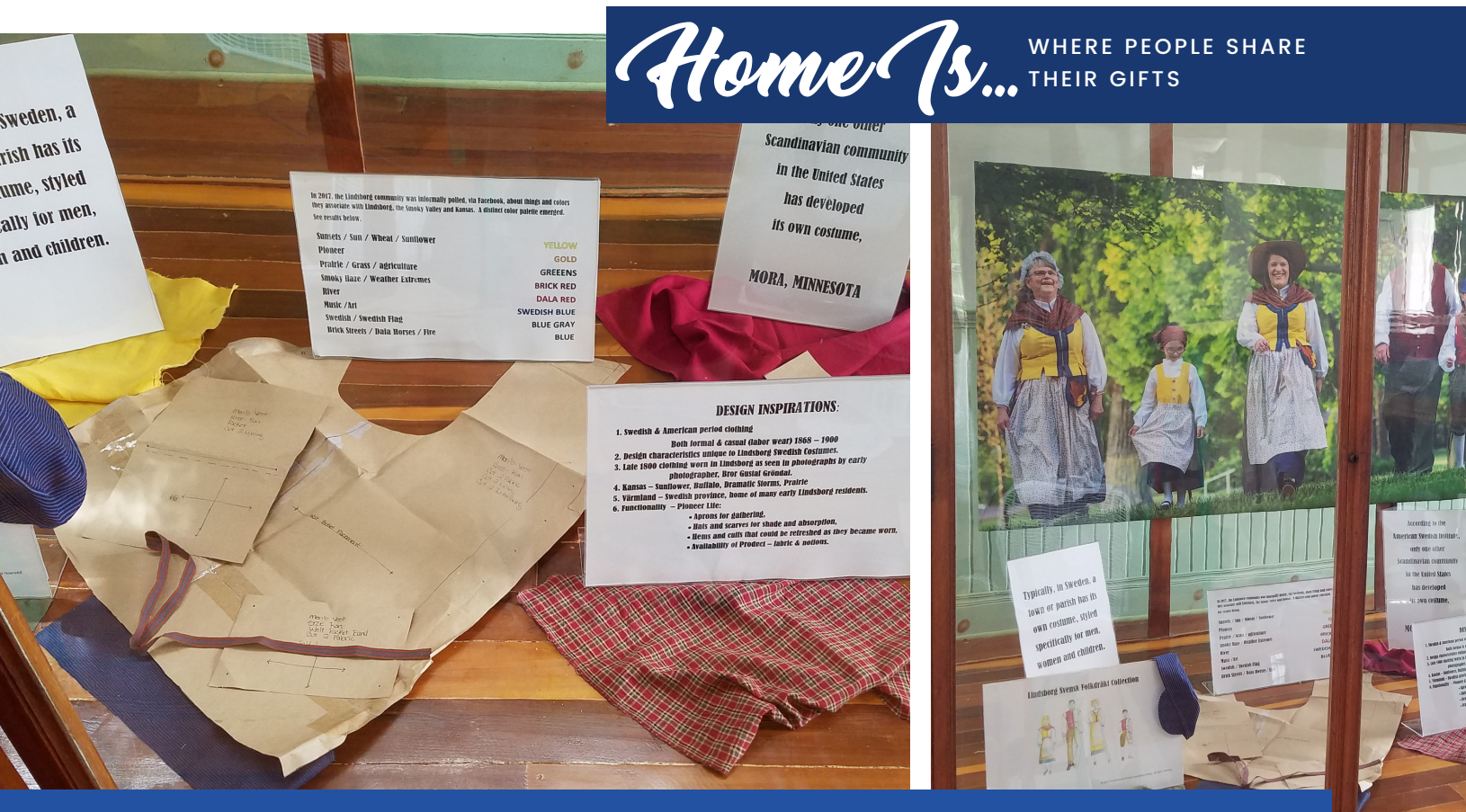
CREATE YOUR LEGACY THROUGH YOUR WILL!

Including the community foundation in your will or trust is a simple, significant way to support one or many causes close to your heart, forever.

When you make a planned gift to the community foundation, you plant an investment that will continue to **grow over time** and benefit your community, far beyond your lifetime!

IT'S EASY AND ANYONE CAN DO IT.

Giving through your will is easy and you don't have to be wealthy to do it. Whether your nest egg is large or small, your gift will ensure the good work of charitable organizations continues in your name.



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CARLA WILSON

LINDSBORG SVENSK FOLKDRAKT

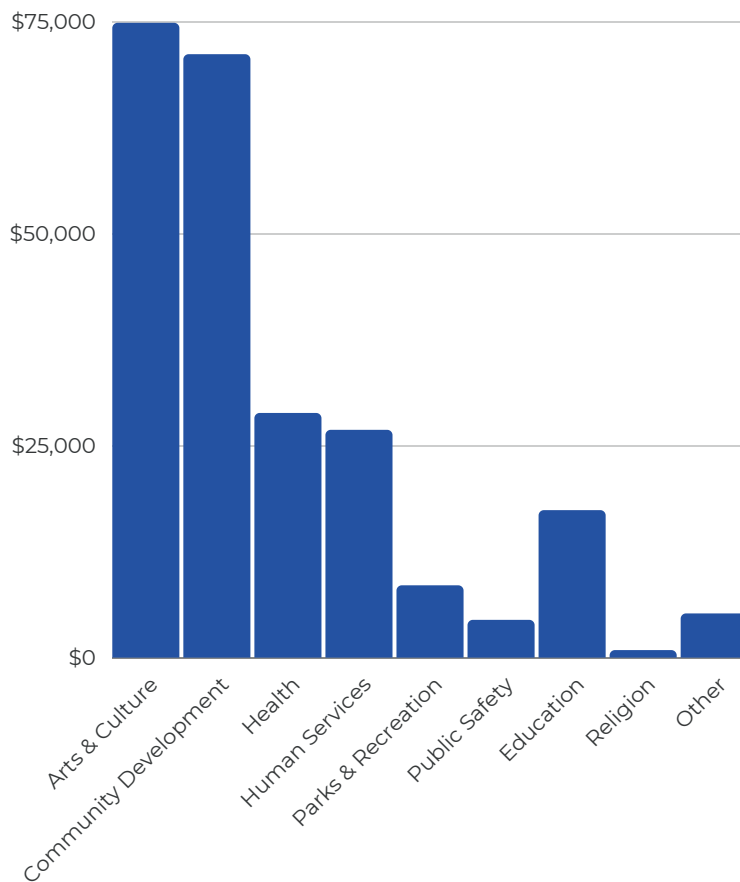
Lindsborg is noted for its Swedish immigrant heritage and has officially adopted an official folk costume. The costume is inspired by local clothing styles in rural Sweden provinces between 1868 and 1900, when Lindsborg was founded. Svensk Hyllningfest, Lindsborg's bi-annual celebration of Swedish heritage, attracts thousands of visitors each festival. Many patrons come dressed in Swedish-inspired folk costume.

The Lindsborg Svensk Folkdrakt is a collection of Swedish Folk costumes designed by two local artists. Recently, the Lindsborg Arts Council was awarded a grant from the community foundation to produce patterns of these costumes. "After Tara and I unveiled the collection designs and enthusiasm grew, it truly became a community project as individuals generously gave their time and talents bringing the project to fruition," said grantee Carla Wilson. These patterns were available two weeks before the festival, where twelve women and two men celebrated wearing the costumes. "The grant monies were one of several contributions that made this project a reality. Having a community costume strengthens our living Swedish heritage sustainability," said Wilson.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

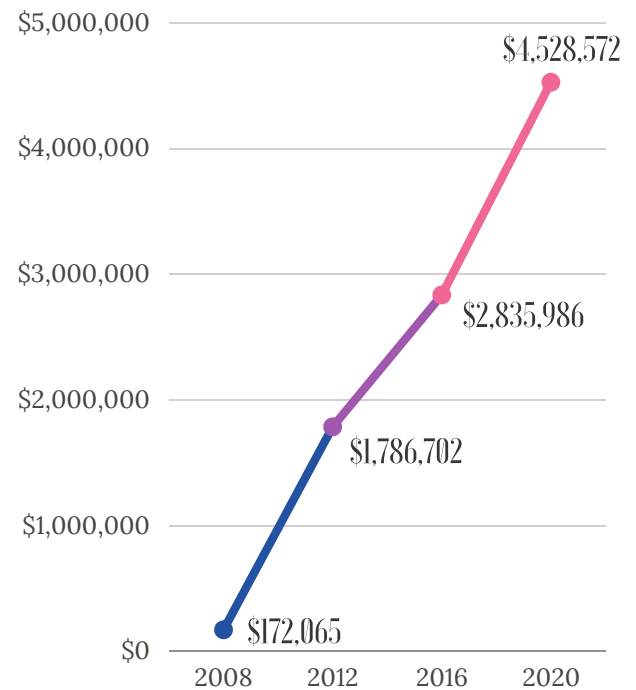
None of this would be possible without people like you! Your support makes a meaningful difference in the communities of northern McPherson County and southern Saline County, both now and in the future.

COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING SINCE INCEPTION



ASSET GROWTH SINCE 2008

As of June 30, 2020, the foundation's total asset size reached \$4,528,572 with 40 funds.



\$32,924

was donated from 17
generous donors in the
2020 fiscal year.



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