



## **1. What is the Greater Salina Community Foundation?**

The Greater Salina Community Foundation is a permanent collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. It is a public charity that was formed in 1999 and that has received formal approval from the Internal Revenue Service as “501(c)(3) organization.” The GSCF is an independent charity, not an arm of any other organization.

The Foundation promotes and supports charitable giving in the greater Salina area by assisting individuals, families and organizations in the creation of charitable funds; building resources to provide for unmet community needs; making grants to charitable causes and providing a platform for long-term development for non-profit organizations and smaller neighboring communities.

Together with our donors, the Foundation strives to enhance all areas of life including, but not limited to, education, environment, civic and human services, health care and the arts. The GSCF is managed by a 21-member board of volunteer directors drawn from the greater Salina area.

## **2. Is the United Way a community foundation?**

Both the Community Foundation and the United Way serve charities and charitable needs in our community. They are different in that the United Way is geared toward short-term giving, whereas a community foundation, by design, is geared toward long-term giving. Also, the United Way operates from an annually re-generated asset base, whereas a community foundation operates from an endowed, permanent asset base. The United Way traditionally serves health and human service needs whereas the Community Foundation serves those and other charitable projects such as the environment or the arts.

## **4. Doesn't a community foundation compete with existing charities?**

A community foundation does not compete with or detract from other charities; on the contrary, it nurtures and enhances them. The community foundation often operates as the endowment arm for existing charities. More than 65 local charities have done just that. See the [Current Fund List](#) page for examples.

The Foundation offers annual grant opportunities to local charities from our Fund for Greater Salina and other field of interest funds. The Foundation also offers annual education programs in the areas of fund raising, development and governance for local nonprofits. In addition, the Foundation works with individual donors who wish to make charitable grants to various local charities.