

2018
**REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY**

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Donors & Friends,

Your local community foundation has had another exceptional year! Due to your efforts and those of your neighbors, the Foundation has been able to continue to grow in establishing and expanding funds that will have a long-term impact on our communities.

As you know, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation has been an integral part in the continued growth and development of opportunities in our area. They challenged our local organization to raise \$50,000, which they matched with an additional \$75,000 that brought over \$125,000 of benefit to our communities. These dollars will have continued impact for generations.

Our board is excited to be able to offer to local organizations a match program that would match dollar for dollar the first \$2,000 that is put into an Organizational Fund with the objective that the Fund must reach \$10,000 by the end of five years. This is a great opportunity for organizations to assure their longevity of funding, knowing that some immediate efforts will develop a reserve for these organizations that will generate income to support causes forever.

This annual report provides a little insight to the positive impact the Community Foundation is having on our communities. Please review this report and do not hesitate to call any of our Board members should you have questions or special interests. We would also like to recognize the impact two of our retiring Founding Directors have had on our Foundation. We thank both Bob and John for their many years of dedicated service and insight to the Board.

Again, thank you for all you do. It is through this team effort that we are seeing great success in our area! Please pat yourself on the back, which we know seldom happens but should be done. You are what makes our communities special.

Sincerely,

CURTIS A. FRASIER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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OUR MISSION

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

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Solomon Valley Community Foundation was founded in 2013 to benefit the communities of Mitchell County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet the current and future needs of our county.

The Solomon 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

Anonymous
Curtis & Sherry Frasier
Harold & Eileen Frasier
Jim & Lynne Gates
Max & Michele Heidrick
Keith & Debra Houghton
Kris & Melinda Kimple
Tom & Beverly Porter
Robert Severance/Severance Children
Mike & Kathy Thompson
John & Eleanor Yeary

Business Entities

AGCO
AgMark, LLC
Carrico Implement Co., Inc.
Catlin's Friendly Apple Market
Cunningham Telephone & Cable
Farmway Co-op, Inc.
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne
Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC
Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
Ringneck Ranch, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COMMUNITY IMPACT



Blessing Box Benefits Beloit

Boost Ministries recently received a grant from the community foundation's Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund to support the Blessing Box program. The grant will be used to keep the box filled with basic supplies for community members in need.

The Blessing Box is located at the Boost Ministries building at 120 N. Campbell in Beloit. The program's motto is "Take what you need, leave what you can."

"It is a wonderful resource for the community that provides toiletries, household items and non-perishable food for families in need, and it's proving to be a necessity," said grantee Kristi Arasmith. "Since the Blessing Box was installed, we have seen a great need for items to be replaced, leading us to believe there are many people benefiting from this resource."

Pictured above with the Blessing Box are Mandy Gerstner, Darsey Offutt, Kristi Arasmith and Lacy Wichers.

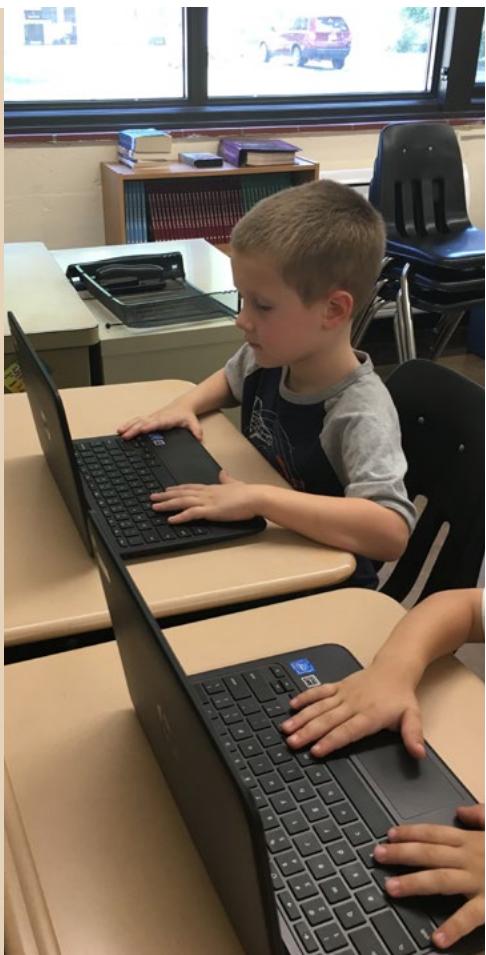
Thank You

Join Solomon Valley Community Foundation in expressing our deepest gratitude to retiring board members **Bob Severance** and **John Yeary**. As founding donors and members of our first board, these gentlemen have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the creation, development and growth of this foundation and its ability to serve the community. We are truly thankful to both of them!

Technology for the Future

St. John's Catholic School in Beloit received a grant from the community foundation to purchase 10 Chromebooks for their elementary technology program. These Chromebooks are used by students throughout the school day for projects, research and testing. The elementary technology upgrade has also benefited the school's upper-level students.

"By adding 10 additional Chromebooks to our elementary school, it allowed us to move the existing desktop computers to our high school computer laboratory to maximize their use," said grantee Marcy Kee. "This has allowed more access to high-speed computers in our high school business and technology classes."





Grand Opening at Waconda

The newly renovated **Waconda Visitor and Education Center** was opened on June 30, 2018. A grant from the community foundation helped fund various aspects of this project, including front door glass, tinting of windows, acrylic panels, landscaping and an iPad kiosk with speakers.

"This grant was instrumental for the opening and overall success of this project. The money received helped with a large part of the financial burden of this project," said grantee Tyler Bletscher. "Without it, we would still be in the process and slowly piecing this building together over a longer period of time."

The center, which was re-purposed from a meeting room to a full-fledged education center, aims to educate visitors about Waconda Springs, Native American history and the geology of the Waconda Lake area. Displays include artifacts, text, auditory and visual displays. The project's goal is to increase tourism and preserve the area's history.

"I truly believe this project will have a long-lasting effect and will be well received by our local communities and visitors," said Bletscher. "Without our volunteers, this project would not be as successful as it is now. These volunteers also recognize the importance of this project and what kind of impact this will have."



New Displays Visitors enjoy looking at artifacts and displays during the grand opening of the newly renovated Waconda Visitor and Education Center.



Window Tint A grant helped cover the cost of tinted windows.



iPad Kiosk A new iPad kiosk provides an interactive experience.

Landscaping Master Gardeners helped plant the center's new flowers!



Master Gardeners Leave Mark

Last fall, **Kansas State University Research and Extension** received a grant from the community foundation to expand the local Master Gardener program. The grant covered tuition for four gardeners to attend basic training and three to attend advanced trainings, as well as allowed the program to purchase educational resources.

"The project was very successful," said grantee Cassie Homan. "After they completed this eight-week course, they come back to our communities and volunteer. They help with community beautification projects and share their new gardening expertise with friends and neighbors."

One of these community projects involved grounds beautification at the **Perdue Hospitality Home** next to Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems.

A community foundation grant helped fund this project by covering the cost of plants, landscaping materials, signage and lighting. The Master Gardeners volunteered to plant flowers and shrubs and lay mulch.

"It was great to not only work alongside them, but also connect them to the purpose that the Perdue House serves," said grantee Stephanie Simmons. "This project allowed us to create a more welcoming environment for Perdue Hospitality Home guests and families while their loved one is in the hospital."



Exciting Experiments

A grant from the community foundation was used to purchase two new science kits for **Tipton Christian School**. The kits, which contain items such as test tubes, seeds, microscope slides and petri dishes, allow third through sixth grade students to do hands-on experiments, labs and STEM activities.

"These kits have worked great to help students use a hands-on approach to learning science," said grantee Jennifer Brummer. "The excitement for learning is seen as these students are actively learning science."

Launching Robotics

The need for job skills related to technology and the understanding of how technology works are essential in today's ever-changing world. **Beloit Jr. Sr. High School** received a community foundation grant to help launch a new robotics program for junior high students. Grant funds were used to purchase robots, which have been incorporated into the technology curriculum. "The program is an absolute success," said grantee Casey Seyfert.



Let's Play Outside

In partnership with the Early Learning Center Parent Team, **Mitchell County Partnership for Children** received a grant from the community foundation to fund improvements at the Early Learning Center. Improvements included a commercial grade dishwasher, outdoor storage bins and play equipment for the children!



Strategic Doing

An initiative of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Solomon Valley Community Foundation, Strategic Doing guides Mitchell County residents through the process of prioritizing, planning and implementing sustainable community improvement projects. Projects and ideas that develop from these sessions will be eligible to apply for funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund at the Solomon

Valley Community Foundation or directly to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Through a series of open community meetings, participants brainstormed about the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities of the community, then came up with project ideas. Subsequent meetings have included prioritizing project ideas, forming working groups, and moving projects forward into action.

Dane G. Hansen Match Month Campaign

Through a month-long matching gift initiative offered by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the community foundation was able to raise over \$125,000 for community grants and operations in November 2017. Thank you!

During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at a ratio of 1:1.5 by the Hansen Foundation. These matching dollars support community grants and operations.

\$50,473

Donated

\$75,000

Hansen Match

\$125,473

Total Benefit

GRANTEES 2017-2018

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

- Beloit Arts Center LTD
- Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce
- Beloit Elementary, Junior & Senior High School
- Beloit Parks & Recreation
- City of Beloit
- City of Cawker City
- City of Simpson
- First Christian Church, Beloit
- First United Methodist Church, Glen Elder
- Glasco Community Foundation
- Glen Elder Friends Church
- Glen Elder State Park
- Heart Choices, Inc.
- Kansas Dept of Wildlife & Parks
- K-State Research & Extension, Post Rock District
- Mitchell County Community Development
- Mitchell County Fair
- Mitchell County Historical Society
- Mitchell County Partnership for Children
- Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation
- NCK Technical College
- NCK Tech College Endowment Association
- North Central Kansas Genealogical Society
- North Central Regional Planning Commission
- Northwest Kansas Technical College
- Port Library
- Beloit Youth Football
- Seward County Community College
- Smoky Hills Public Television
- Solomon Valley Transportation, Inc.
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- St. John's Catholic Middle/High School
- Tipton Christian School, Inc.
- Tipton Heritage Association
- Tipton Recreation, Inc.
- USD 272
- USD 273

SCHOLARSHIPS 2017-2018

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program with funding from the Fine Arts Future Development Scholarship Fund and the George Hoy Scholarship Fund:

- **Adam Bates,**
Kansas State University
- **Jasmine Blue,**
High Plains Music Camp
- **Clara Eilert,**
Emporia State University
- **Parker Gates,**
Fort Hays State University
- **Elizabeth Overmiller,**
Fort Hays State University
- **Hailey Princ,**
Fort Hays State University
- **Makenna Stauffer,**
Hand-Drawn Illustration Camp
- **Josie Wilson,**
Kansas State University
- **Samantha Zimmerman,**
High Plains Music Camp

2018 IMPACT NUMBERS

\$140,566 Total Grants & Scholarships

58 Number of Grants & Scholarships

\$101,848 Total Competitive Grants

33 Number of Competitive Grants

\$34,814 Total Donor-Directed Grants

15 Number of Donor-Directed Grants

\$3,904 Total Scholarships

10 Number of Scholarships

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.

1st National Bank of Beloit

Paul Abram

AGCO Corporation

AgMark, LLC

Betty Anderson

Asherville Achievers 4-H Club

Charles & Barbara Axtell

Beloit Auto & Truck Plaza, Inc.

Beloit Greenhouse

John & Pat Cashatt

Central Valley Ag

Jason L. Chancellor

Janice Cornely

Barbara Corpstein

Cunningham Communications, Inc.

Terry & Crystal Cunningham

Dwight & Dolores Daniels

Elaine Dean

Dental Designs of Solomon Valley, PA

Robert & Mary Dubbert

Ryan & Brandi Duskie

Leon & Janet Eck

Eilert Farms

Ellenz of Tipton

Roger & Ruth Emerson

Farmway Credit Union of Beloit,
Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne

Bonnie J. File

Fouts Insurance Agency, Inc.

Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC

Curt & Sherry Frasier

Harry & Marge Gantenbein

Craig Gasper

Kenny & Brigit Gasper

Jim & Lynne Gates

Betty Gentleman

Glen Elder Friends Church

Robin Gregg

Mary Greiner

Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation

Ronald & Lorraine Harris

Scott & Heather Hartman

Max & Michele Heidrick

Michael & Lucille Heller

Nancy Hennes

Will & Sue Hoestje

Bob & Dana Hollerich

Bob & Janet Holway

Curt & Debra Horton

2018 **DONORS** (continued)

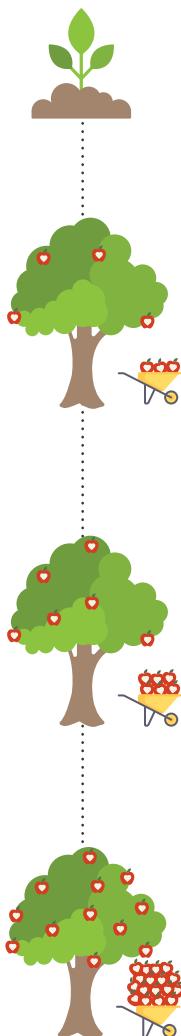
Julia Inskeep
Susan Inskeep
Dr. Kris & Melinda Kimple
Phillip & Kathy Kirchoff
Mary Kralicek
Robert & Andra Lampert
Landoll Corporation
Jacqueline F. Larson
Linton Insurance Agency
Craig & Diana Marcotte
Jim & Lanette Marshall
Ryan & Lori May
McGrath Publishing Co.
Barry & Darcel McPeak
Marty & Carla McPeak
Jamie & Stephanie Meier
Mitchell County Communities That Care Inc.
Mitchell County Community Foundation
Margaret Moore
Marlene Moritz
NCK Wellness Center Inc.
Dr. Bernard David Neubert
James R. & Shirley Nothern
Tyler & Angie Odle
Jerry & Phyllis Oetting
Michael Olson
Mark Palen
Randy & Sheila Paxson
Ray's Apple Market #466
Jay & Rita Rowh
Phyllis Schmitt
Clarence A. Scoggan Trust
Senger Construction LLC
Thomas J. Shaffer Estate
Karen Shumate
Stephanie Simmons
Jerry & Gaylene Sorell
Stephanie Meier Photography
Mike & Kathy Thompson
Virginia Thull
Lawrence & Mary Ellen Tripp
Bill & Anita Walsh
David & Janet Wilcox
Dorothy Wilson
Joe & Barb Wise
Xi Theta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
John & Eleanor Yearly
Jeff & Brandi Zimmer

Memorials

James T. Moore II

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!**

1

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.



Giving Back

With a strong desire to support his hometown communities of Simpson and Glasco in Mitchell County, James "Buddy" Louthan provided in his estate planning to establish a fund in memory of his parents, Lila Maxine and Frank Louthan, which will generate funding for those communities forever!

TRANSFER OF WEALTH

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

Do you know anyone who was born and raised in Mitchell County 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 Mitchell County,
\$211.5 million
will pass from one
generation to the
next by **2029**.

5% of that, or
\$10.5 million
could be preserved
in a foundation
endowment.

This would create
\$476,000
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?

Several options are available to provide guidance to individuals and families who want to support the foundation with planned giving. First, see your local legal or financial advisor.

If you have questions or want to learn how to get started on facilitating a plan, please contact Solomon Valley Community Foundation at (785) 534-1126 or Greater Salina Community Foundation at (785) 823-1800.

Donor information is also provided on the foundation's website at www.solomonvalleycf.org.



FOUNDATION SERVICES

Learn more at www.solomonvalleycf.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.

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.

Carrico Implement Co., Inc. Donor Advised Fund

Cunningham Communications, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

Farmway Credit Union of Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne Fund

Frank, Lila Maxine & James Louthan for Glasco, KS Donor Advised Fund

Frank, Lila Maxine & James Louthan for Simpson, KS Donor Advised Fund

Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC Fund

Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. Donor Advised Fund

Keith & Debra Houghton Donor Advised Fund

Max & Michele Heidrick Donor Advised Fund

Ringneck Ranch Foundation Donor Advised Fund

Tom & Beverly Porter Donor Advised Fund

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

First Christian Church Missionary Fund

Harold & Eileen Frasier Scholarship Fund

Helen L. Marcotte Operating Fund

Leadership Mitchell County Community Service Award Fund

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Beloit, Kansas Seminary Designated Fund

St. John the Baptist Evangelization & Education Fund

The Severance Children's Scholarship Fund

The Waconda Heritage Village Fund

Thomas J. Shaffer Designated Fund

Field of Interest Funds

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

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Solomon Valley
The Pleasant View Community Fund

Organization Funds

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

First Christian Church of Beloit Fund
Glen Elder Friends Church Endowment Fund
Heart Choices of Beloit Fund
Mitchell County Communities That Care, Inc.-Summer Kids Cafe Fund
Mitchell County Community Foundation-Leadership Mitchell County Fund
NCK Wellness Center Fund

Scholarship Funds

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

Fine Arts Future Development Scholarship Fund
George Hoy Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Community Impact Fund for Solomon Valley

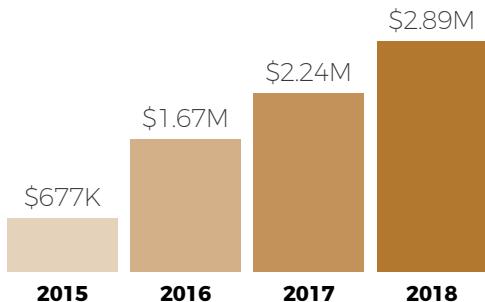
Administrative Funds

Supports foundation operations.

Solomon Valley Administrative Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ASSET GROWTH



Total Assets:

\$2,897,156

Number of Funds:

33

2018 Total Gifts:

\$557,769

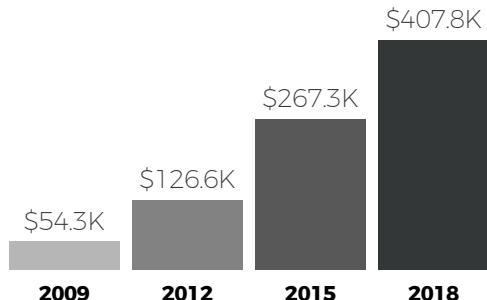
2018 # of Gifts:

110

2018 New Funds

5

GRANTS MADE



Grants & Scholarships Since Inception

\$407,876

Grants & Scholarships Since Inception

181

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 Solomon Valley Administrative Fund to support the community foundation's operations.

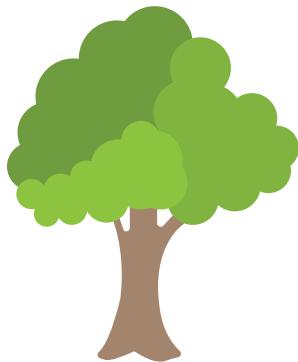
4 **Make a gift** to the Community Impact Fund for Solomon Valley, which allows SVCF to respond to current local needs.

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

6 **Apply for a grant** from the Community Impact 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!



"The **true** meaning of life
is to **plant trees**
under whose **shade** you
do not expect to sit."

Nelson Henderson



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An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation



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