



Celebrating  
**10 Years of Impact.**

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Solomon  
Valley  
Community  
Foundation

An affiliate of the  
Greater Salina Community Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

## 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.

## Leadership & Staff

### Local Staff

**Colleen Eberle**, Executive Director

**Julia Rabe**, Director of Donor Relations & Community Initiatives

### 2021-2022 Advisory Board

**Curt Frasier**, Board Chairperson

**Barb Wise**, Board Vice-Chairperson

**Darcel McPeak**, Board Secretary

**Jim Gates**, Board Member

**Kelli Hake**, Board Member

**Heather Hartman**, Board Member

**Debra Houghton**, Board Member

**Margaret Moore**, Board Member

**Annie Moritz-Nicholson**, Board Member

**Phyllis Oetting**, Board Member

**Mark Palen**, Board Member

**Dorothy Wilson**, Board Member

**Jeff Zimmer**, Board Member



# Director's Letter

## Celebrating 10 Years!

### 10 years of impact, philanthropy, leadership, vision, passion and commitment from the community



Dear Donors & Friends,

As we approach 2023, and Solomon Valley Community Foundation's 10-year anniversary, I am even more inspired by the vision, passion and generosity of the people who are invested in Mitchell County today, along with the efforts of those who came before us.

As you will see in this year's annual report, we have a lot to celebrate! Ten years of impact. Ten years of philanthropy. Ten years of leadership, vision, passion and commitment from volunteer board members, donors, non-profits, and community leaders.

In this year's annual report we will celebrate milestones, hear from Founding Donors, revisit past grant awards, and honor those who have made the commitment to create a lasting legacy that will forever impact the lives of those who choose to call Mitchell County their home.

If the success of this past year is any indication of what is to come, I can confidently say the future looks bright for Mitchell County! Last year we celebrated our largest Match Month campaign to date, bringing in over \$81,000 in local donations. With the help of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation we were able to award not one, but two Dream Big projects totaling \$100,000 in grants that will put into motion over \$1 million in improvements. Mitchell County

Strong officially obtained their 501c3 non-profit status and celebrated with the launch of Murals of Mitchell County. And finally, we hired our first full-time position, welcoming Julia Rabe as our new Director of Donor Relations and Community Initiatives.

In my biased opinion, Mitchell County continues to lead the way as a shining example of what can be accomplished when communities, organizations, and invested citizens come together to push the boundaries of what it means to be rural, and simply dream big!

Our Founding Donors, early fundholders and original board members truly paved the way for us. The ripple effect of the decisions they made ten years ago will forever carry on.

Join us as we celebrate those who forged the path and those who continue to offer up their time, money, and talents to keep us moving forward.



**Colleen Eberle**

Executive Director

Solomon Valley  
Community Foundation

# Building a Foundation

## 2013

April 2013

### Community theatre project inspires a desire to do more

As with the creation of most community foundations, SVCF's roots stem back to community driven philanthropy. However, interestingly enough, the Foundation's initial focus was not the creation of permanent endowments, but a campaign to raise funds for a community theatre under the name of Mitchell County Community Foundation.

In 1993, a community campaign sparked the desire to build what is now known as Solomon Valley Cinema.

Through these efforts Mitchell County Community Foundation was established, offering a vehicle for donors to contribute to the project. After the completion of the Solomon Valley Cinema, excess funds were used to award nominal grants, typically in the range of \$500, to various projects throughout the county.

Although MCCF was developed for the benefit of the entire area, little

was known by most citizens of its existence. Although it anticipated it could receive gifts from donors desiring to benefit the community, there was no programming or development that allowed the Foundation to compliment the communities of Mitchell County to its fullest.

Recognizing the opportunity and the generosity of the Solomon Valley Region, a number of citizens, including many original MCCF board members gathered in 2013 to discuss the future of the Foundation, and what possible benefits may be obtained by an affiliation with Greater Salina Community Foundation. It was from these inquiries, and eventual partnership, that their eyes were opened to all of the possibilities a local community foundation can provide for its communities. It was these individuals, whose visionary aspirations, sparked the creation of Solomon Valley Community Foundation. In the Spring of 2013, a group of community volunteers met and elected a Board. The initial Board included Curt Frasier, Barbara Wise, Darcel McPeak, Jim Gates, Heather Hartman, Debra Houghton, Phyllis Oetting, Mark Palen, Bob Severance, John Yeary and Jeff Zimmer.

Long before the creation of SVCF, Mitchell County Community Foundation used excess funds from the Cinema project to award relatively small grants throughout the county. In June of 2001, Mitchell County Community Foundation awarded its first grant in the amount of \$500 to Mitchell Co. Rescue Squad, Jaws of Life project.

In the fall of that same year, Mitchell County Community Foundation awarded two additional \$500 grants. The first going to the Mitchell Co. Courthouse Centennial Committee for the purchase of a time capsule container, and the second going to the Waconda Heritage Village for the purchase of sitting benches along the path leading to the proposed replica of Waconda Springs at the Glen Elder State Park.

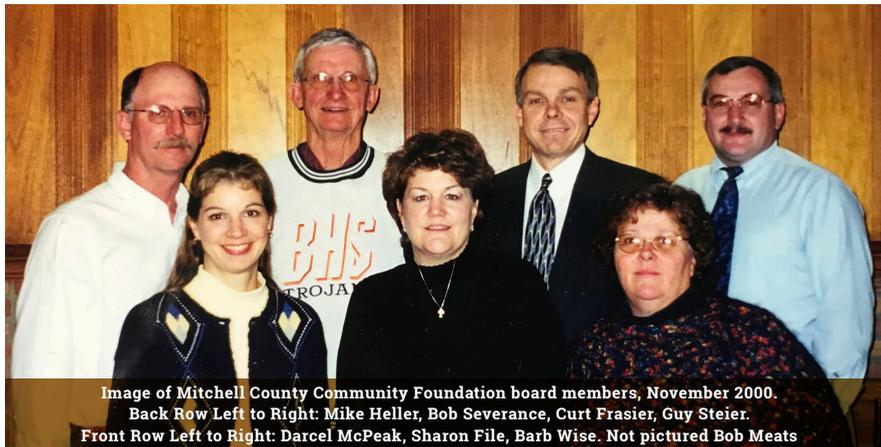


Image of Mitchell County Community Foundation board members, November 2000.

Back Row Left to Right: Mike Heller, Bob Severance, Curt Frasier, Guy Steier.

Front Row Left to Right: Darcel McPeak, Sharon File, Barb Wise. Not pictured Bob Meats

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May 9, 2013

**FIRST DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Harold & Eileen Frasier Scholarship Fund**

The Harold & Eileen Frasier Scholarship fund was the first designated scholarship fund within SVCF. Designated Scholarship funds support the financial need of students and are automatically sent to the institutions of the donors choosing. Every year this fund supports scholarships at NCK Tech, NW Kansas Tech College and Seward County Community College.

in an effort to raise initial dollars into a Fund that would generate revenues for grants to charitable organizations in the communities of Mitchell County.

Many area community foundations had established campaigns with donor levels of \$3,000 to \$5,000 for founding donors, however in true SVCF style, the initial Board had greater aspirations and set their sights on a goal of \$500,000.

The Board established a Corporate/Business Level and an Individual Level to qualify as Founding Donors. To be a Corporate/Business Donor a commitment needed to be made to contribute \$25,000 over a 5 year period.

On an individual basis, a person or couple could become Founding Donors by committing to contribute \$7,500 to the Impact Fund, or they could establish an endowed fund of \$10,000 by making a commitment of \$12,500.

By September, just one month after the launch of the campaign, SVCF had already secured \$246,895!

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October 24, 2013

**FIRST DONOR ADVISED FUND**

**Carrico Implement Co., Inc. Fund**

As a Founding Donor, Carrico Implement was the first to establish their Donor Advised Fund. Donor Advised Funds enable donors to recommend grants to the charitable organization or programs of their choice.

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October 31, 2013

**FIRST ORGANIZATION FUND**

**First Christian Church of Beloit Endowed Fund**

First Christian Church of Beloit was the first to establish an Organization Fund within SVCF. Organization Funds provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.

Residents of Mitchell County will benefit from the formation of a new community foundation. The SVCF will provide the area with important tools to build endowments, increase philanthropy, and provide ongoing support to essential area nonprofits, programs and events. Rural communities, such as those in the Mitchell County service area, will be strengthened by their ability to preserve wealth and serve today's citizens and future generations.

Press Release, Beloit Call  
August 2013

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August 2013

**SETTING THEIR SIGHTS HIGH**

**SVCF establishes founders campaign**

A community foundation is a permanent, steady, and secure source of grantmaking that addresses present and future community needs. The kicker is, you have to have assets.

Quickly after the formation of Solomon Valley Community Foundation the board went to work on launching a Founder's Campaign



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November 26, 2013

**FIRST DESIGNATED FUND**

**First Christian Church  
Missionary Fund**

The First Christian Church Missionary Fund was established to support missionary needs and was the first Designated Fund to be established within SVCF.

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December 30, 2013

**FIRST SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Fine Arts Future  
Development  
Scholarship Fund**

Established by donors who wish to remain anonymous, the Fine Arts and Future Development Scholarship Fund provides two annual scholarships to students within the Solomon Valley area, including Mitchell, Cloud and Jewell Counties. The first, Fine Arts & Future Development Higher Education Scholarship, is available to graduating seniors who are pursuing a major in Instrumental Music or Art. The second, Fine Arts Future Development Summer Camp Scholarship, is available to junior and senior high school students that are pursuing a summer music or art camp.

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## 2014

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March, 2014

**SVCF exceeds \$500,000  
founders campaign goal!**

In a press release within the Beloit Call, SVCF announces that, "the founding campaign of the Foundation has now raised over \$550,000 which is in excess of the \$500,000 goal it set last year. Many local citizens and companies have shown a passion for their community and their desire for it to remain extremely viable for future generations."

**"Future generations will benefit from the visionary actions of current and future donors who want to pass forward what our communities mean to them."**

**-Darcel McPeak**

## Our Founding Donors

**Individuals & Families**

Curt & Sherry Frasier  
Harold & Eileen Frasier  
Jim & Lynn Gates  
Max & Michele Heidrick  
Keith & Debra Houghton  
Kris & Melinda Kimple  
Tom & Beverly Porter  
Robert Severance/Severance  
Children  
Mike & Kathy Thompson  
John & Eleanor Yeary  
Donor that chose to remain  
anonymous

**Corporate & Business:**

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 and Trust  
Co.  
Ringneck Ranch, Inc.



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December 2014

## SVCF accepts first round of grant applications

In its first grant cycle Solomon Valley Community Foundation had approximately \$3,000 to award. The Community Impact Fund, an unrestricted community grant fund supported through donations from our Founding Donors and other members of our community, was used to generate the available grant funding.

Currently the Community Impact Fund is \$984,337 and generates approximately \$30,000 annually in spendable revenue.

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December 22, 2014

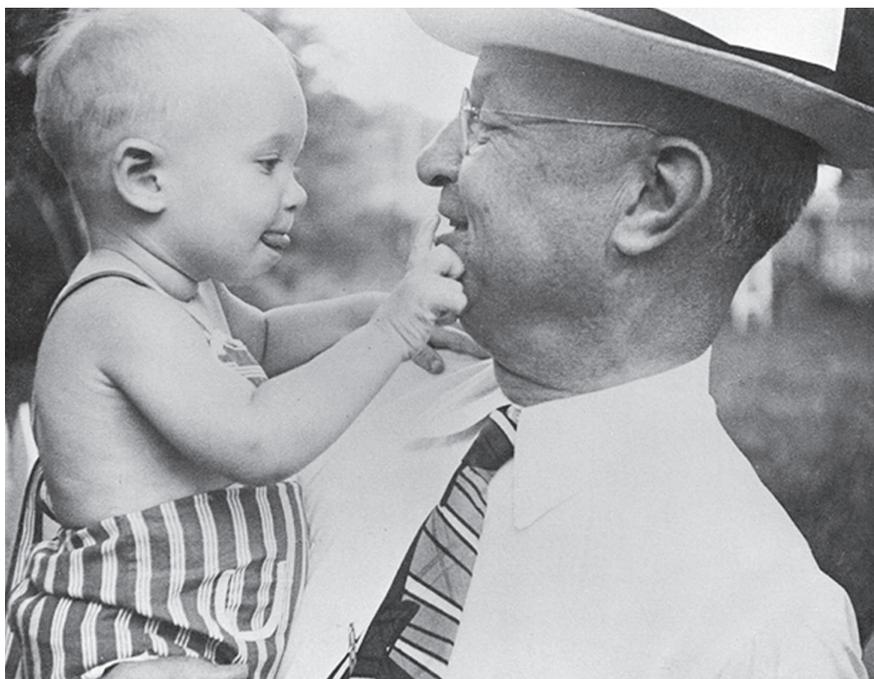
## FIRST FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

### Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund

In December 2014, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation announced it would provide \$50,000 to SVCF to award grants up to \$5,000 each to local nonprofits during the following year. This marked the first of many opportunities to come from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in their desire to strengthen and support local community foundations in Northwest Kansas.



DANE G. HANSEN



DANE G. HANSEN

## A Legacy To Last The Ages

If you are looking for an example of philanthropy, legacy and impact, look no further than Logan, Kansas, (population 900), where the generosity of one man dramatically changed the lives of those who call Northwest Kansas their home.

Dane Gray Hansen was born in Logan, KS, on January 6, 1883. He lived his entire life in Northwest Kansas and had a true love for his family and his community. He was a successful entrepreneur with a keen ability to seek out, and develop profitable business opportunities. He was known throughout his community as a generous man. Dane was civic minded and although he never married or had children of his own, he displayed a special interest in promoting education and helping youth succeed.

You would be hard pressed to find any community or organization, located in the 26 county, "magic corner" of Kansas who have not in some way, shape or form been impacted by the vision and charitableness of Dane G. Hansen.

Mr. Hansen passed away in 1965, leaving \$8 million in a trust. That gift today grants between \$20-\$24 million each and every year; and has supported local community foundations through community grants, match month programing, staffing initiatives, strategic doing and more. Through his gift, the Hansen Foundation also supports programing in arts & culture, early childhood development, leadership, community education & planning, and economic innovation.

You don't need \$8 million to make an impact. 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. Never underestimate the power of a planted seed!

# 2015

## March 2015

### First grant awardees

SVCF announced its first grant recipients from the Community Impact Fund. This was the first year grants were available from the fund. Ten applications were received with over \$18,000 in requests and only \$3,239 available, making it a very competitive process. Those recipients were:

- **\$825** - Heart Choices, Pregnancy & Parenting Education Technology & Curriculum
- **\$1,000** - Mitchell County Partnership for Children, Mitchell County Early Learning Center for Expansion
- **\$500** - Cawker City Hesperian Historical Society, Cawker City Archive Preservation Project
- **\$850** - Port Library, Community Room Improvements

The Foundation also partnered with Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc. to fund two requests from the Tipton area:

- **\$1,800** - Tipton Christian School, Inc., Tipton Christian School Technology Grant
- **\$1,225** - Tipton Heritage Association, Tipton Heritage Museum Building Repair



## May 2015

### Spreading the love

By 2015, knowledge of the Foundation began to grow and was greatly enhanced when the Dane G. Hansen Foundation initiated a program to fund worthy projects in the counties of Northwest Kansas, including Mitchell County, by utilizing local community foundations in each county as a vehicle to award grants to worthy projects. The initial funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation began at the level of \$50,000 per year per county in Northwest Kansas. In the program's first year, SVCF accepted 38 grant applications from Mitchell County charitable organizations, and the Board was able to award 25 grants with a total of over \$56,000 from combined funds.



## 2016

### March 2016

### Match Month

Dane G. Hansen Foundation announced the launch of their Match Month initiative which gave local community foundations the opportunity to maximize donations by receiving a match on the first \$50,000 raised locally. Initially the program matched \$1 for every dollar raised. In later years, the match increased to \$1.50 for every dollar raised, up to \$50,000. The implementation of this initiative has significantly impacted and increased SVCF's granting ability through the growth of their Community Impact Fund.



Thank you!

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May 09, 2016

## **SVCF awards USD 273 Beloit Schools \$3,013.92 for the purchase of AED**

During the 2016 spring grant cycle, SVCF received an application from Beloit USD 273 for the purchase of AED equipment. In her application Tami Roberts stated, "as the District School Nurse I want every school building where there is a public event or sports functions to have AED's available in case of a life-threatening cardiac emergency." She went on to write, "Without warning, someone's heart can stop. Time is essential and as a school district we need to be prepared. An AED needs to be available in a gym or area where sports functions are held and people are present. Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at anytime."

Because of Tami's application, and because of the generous donors who helped build SVCF's grant giving ability, SVCF was able to award the school \$3,013.92 to purchase the equipment. This equipment will prove to become vitally important just a few short years later.

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May 2016

## **Tipton Community Center gets a big boost**

In one of SVCF's largest bi-annual grant cycle awards, the City of Tipton was able to make repairs to their historic Community Center. With an \$8,000 grant from the Foundation, they were able to tuck-point bricks on the exterior of the building, repair the entry and walk way into the gymnasium, replace old floor & ceiling tiles, and upgrade interior doors.



## **2016 AED GRANT HELPS TO SAVE STUDENT'S LIFE**

### **Days before state, Beloit coaches, teacher save student-athlete's life**

On Wednesday, February 26th, Beloit junior Cooper Adams lightly rolled around with a teammate just before practice started. Adams, a JV wrestler who had been injured, was not yet dressed out

They stood up, and about a minute later, Adams collapsed. Beloit head coach Andy Niemczyk and assistants, Wyatt Frohling and Ryan Malay, quickly administered CPR. Gary Lowry, a Beloit teacher, rushed in with the AED.

The quartet saved Adams. As of Friday night, the family had not learned a diagnosis. He went to Wichita and is expected to go to Denver for further testing.

By Conner Nicholl  
Published: Feb. 28, 2020  
catchitkansas.com

The Tipton Community Center hosts an estimated 2,500 people per year and is used for weddings, funerals, family reunions, holiday celebrations, senior citizens meal service, blood drives, voting booths, local school volleyball and basketball practice, student music & band programs, and fundraising events.



## JAMES "BUDDY" LOUTHAN

### Buddy leaves a legacy

In 2016, the communities of Simpson and Glasco received word that lifetime resident, neighbor, and friend, James "Buddy" Louthan, made a generous decision that would forever impact their communities.

Buddy was raised on a farm between Simpson and Glasco and was the only child of Frank and Lila Maxine Louthan. Buddy never married, he had no children and when it came time to think about the future of his estate, he chose to leave a legacy in the two small towns that supported him all his life.

It was Buddy's desire, that upon his passing, the farm in which he had inherited, would benefit the communities he loved. Today, two funds, one for each community are named in memory of Buddy and his parents and annually support each town with an average amount between \$21,000-\$30,000 individually.

The first grants from Buddy's funds were awarded in 2017 and were used to make street improvements and purchase new electric doors for the fire station. Since that time, funds have supported the purchase of new playground equipment, the removal of dilapidated and hazardous structures, along with improvements to a pump house and other city buildings. Grants have been made to the Glasco preschool, library, senior center, VFW Hall and more.

Because Buddy's funds are permanently endowed, his gift will not only continue to grow, but will provide funding each and every year. The legacy of Buddy and his family will live on forever, and the generosity of his gift will be felt throughout both communities for years to come.





## 2017

September 2017

### Solomon Valley gets strategic

SVCF invited community members all across Mitchell County to participate in a county wide Strategic Doing session. Strategic Doing, another initiative coming from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, is a process that mobilizes community members to create measurable outcomes quickly by asking the questions, what should we do, what could we do, what will we do in the next 30 days? Over 80 people attended to brainstorm ideas and take action on projects throughout the county. Committees such as Downtown Development, Lake Development/Waconda Springs Replica, and the Little Red Schoolhouse are still acting on ideas that were brought to light during this session.



May 2017

### SVCF supports local leadership

SVCF granted Leadership Mitchell County (LMC) \$3,995 to purchase a tour-guide radio system including 30 receivers, a transmitter, and carrying case.

Each year a new LMC class undergoes a 9-month program where an educational session is hosted once a month in various communities throughout north central Kansas. During seven of the eight sessions, LMC classes tour local businesses, community downtowns, and facilities to gain a better perspective of leadership, community, and networking. The tour-guide radio system ensured that each class member could hear the tour guide and allowed for the best educational experience possible.



Leadership Mitchell County is now in its 22nd year and boasts over 300 area alumni. In a recent study by the Huck Boyd National Institute it was found that the additional volunteerism shown by graduates of LMC provides an estimated \$427,000 of value to our community every year!

Solomon Valley Community Foundation is one of few foundations within Hansen's 26 county region to meet their \$50,000 match goal every year. To date the Match Month campaigns have generated over \$311,000 in local donations. When factoring in the match from the Hansen Foundation, a total of over \$686,000 dollars has been raised!

	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Hansen Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2017</b>	\$50,473	\$75,000	\$125,473
<b>2018</b>	\$57,087	\$75,000	\$132,087
<b>2019</b>	\$58,102	\$75,000	\$133,102
<b>2020</b>	\$63,687	\$75,000	\$138,687
<b>2021</b>	\$81,874	\$75,000	\$156,974



## WE DON'T PREDICT WE PREPARE

A LETTER FROM MITCHELL COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Have you ever driven upon an accident on the highways you travel daily, trying to notice the severity, seeing the emergency crews working?

How about seeing us in the middle of a field working next to a piece of farm equipment? Maybe seeing us making our way down steep terrain not knowing what is at the bottom, or maybe you have just seen us in route going through your small town, lights and sirens just hoping that everything is going to be okay.

Being able to do our job is no easy task but I can promise you that having the right equipment for the job is one of the most important things to us at that moment. Whether it be our hydraulic line tools like our jaws of life, our cutters, ram, combination tool, our lifting bags, rescue jacks, generators or saws every piece of equipment is vital.

In 2017 the Mitchell County Rescue Squad was able to purchase some of the above mentioned hydraulic tools. These tools have been literally lifesaving tools for Mitchell County and the people that we serve. Having been used approximately fifteen times, we have untangled people from wreckage of cars, pickups and semi-trucks. One of these incidents, which we have received permission to highlight, is of a single occupied vehicle that had rolled over several times landing on its top. Our radios drop a rescue tone that get our hearts pumping for a moment, off to the station we head to grab our trucks with the extrication equipment. When we arrive on scene, our patient is still inside the vehicle, but not completely... The patient has been partially ejected from the vehicle but while his body was coming out, the door closes on his abdomen and his feet are under the vehicle. While we access the situation, we know what we need. We grab our cutters our spreaders, cribbing and stabilization jacks. The patient is having a hard time breathing with the door crushing his body but the freeing of the feet must come first so the stability of the vehicle is not compromised when we cut the body of the car possible moving the car on his feet even more. The jacks stabilize the rear of the vehicle while we use the lifting capability of our jaws to slightly lift the car to free his feet. After his feet are free our efforts are focused on getting his body out from between the door and the body of the car. With a few cuts we can free the victim. This is just one of many scenarios we have utilized these tools for.

We have cut roofs of overturned semis to free people, cut away doors to lift dashboards from patient's legs and many others. We have even spent a long night freeing and large number of cows from an overturned cattle pot. That night in particular was a night where we tested ourselves and our equipment. About halfway through, I took a moment to notice that almost every tool that we keep on our trucks were out and being utilized in some capacity. Even the trucks themselves were providing stability of the trailer with winches and our integrated light tower that can be extended up to 30 feet in the air to supply scene safety for responders.

Every time we complete a job whether it be a lifesaving situation or an unfortunate fatality situation, we know that we couldn't have done it without the tools. So, as you can see, having the right tools is essential. We say something on the Rescue Squad to remind us of why we train. This saying is "We don't predict, we prepare." These calls are going to happen. Its OUR call. We can't pass it off, we can't give it up. We have to own it because we are the ones with the tools and skills to save you, your family member, your teacher or neighbor. Yes, this equipment is expensive, but how can you put a price of saving a life?

Well thankfully, you did not put a price on it. You saw the need. For that, we thank you. The Mitchell County Rescue Squad thanks you, your community thanks you for allowing us to be provided with the tools that have proven themselves worthy of the name "Jaws of Life".

*- Mitchell County Rescue Squad*

"Yes, this equipment is expensive, but how can you put a price of saving a life? Well thankfully, you did not put a price on it. You saw the need.

**For that, we thank you."**

**- Mitchell County Rescue Squad**

May 2017

### Mitchell County Rescue Squad receives funding for jaws of life

SVCF awarded the Mitchell County Rescue Squad \$3,000 for the purchase of a high pressure pump that would update the current jaw system and allow for it to handle the stronger materials that are now being used in newer model vehicles.

2018

September 2018

### Missoula traveling children's theatre camp puts spotlight on local youth

Mitchell County Communities That Care, Inc. was awarded \$3,500 during SVCF's fall grant cycle to bring the Missoula Traveling Children's Camp to the Beloit area. This is a musical theatre camp that provides a week-long, full-theatre experience to kids in first through twelfth grades. The camp sends two professional actor/directors with everything needed to put on a play, including a set, lights, costumes, props and makeup.

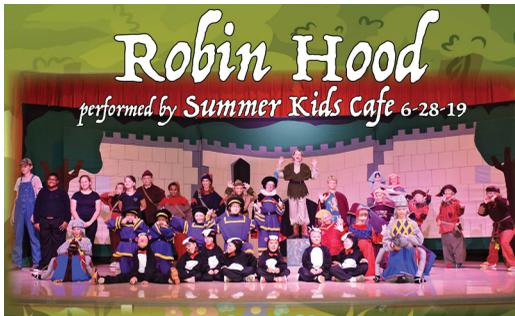
The summer Missoula Traveling Children's Camp was a huge success. Grantee Catherine DiNuzzo mentioned the impact the camp had on the children who partook in the program, "Many of the kids who participated displayed new-found confidence in themselves as they stepped out of their comfort zones."

The community as a whole was impacted from this opportunity. Several new families interacted with the Summer Kids Cafe program, parents attended public performances, and many other collaborations between several community entities to help make the project happen.



## July 2018

With the retirement of Bob Severance and John Yeary from the Board of Directors, new Board members Annie Mortiz-Nicholson and Dorothy Wilson were added. Also this same year, the Board hired Vanessa Martin as a part-time coordinator to help with conducting and recording board meetings.



## December 2018

By the end of 2018, the assets of the Foundation had grown to almost \$2.9 million. During this year, the Foundation received 110 gifts and established five new funds that would have long-term impact on the community.



# 2019

## May 2019

### SVCF hires first part time Director, Colleen Eberle

In 2019, the SVCF Board expanded the Foundation's capacity with the addition of Colleen Eberle as a part-time Executive Director.



COLLEEN EBERLE

## July 2019

### Hake and Moore join the board

SVCF increased their board capacity in 2019 and welcomed Kelli Hake of Tipton and Margaret Moore, of Beloit as the newest additions to the Board.



KELLI HAKE



MARGARET MOORE

# 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!

## September 2019

### SVCF surpasses \$1M in total grants and scholarships

SVCF surpassed \$1M in grants and scholarships for a total of \$1,002,659.51.

- Fun Fact: The grant that pushed the organization over the \$1M hump was a \$4,000 grant to Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc. for the sponsorship of 10 Mitchell County children to attend S.T.A.R.S. Camp.

## Feature Story

# Keith & Debra Houghton

Entrepreneurs, business owners, Master Pilot awardee, dance instructor. Committed citizens, generous neighbors and mentors. These are just a few of the hats that SVCF Founding Donors Keith and Debra Houghton have worn for over 40 years, serving the Tipton community. Beyond the many hats they wear, Keith and Debra also have permanent endowed funds at the community foundation that will forever benefit the people, communities and professions that have been so meaningful to them.

Keith, a Tipton native, and Debra from Alton, Illinois, met in 1979 on a blind date in St. Louis. As Keith puts it, "he was lucky to have met Debra just as fat cowboys were going out of style."

The couple married in 1985 and later returned to Keith's hometown of Tipton, Kansas. There, they built a successful business, pursued airline careers, and became impactful members of their communities.

### An Opportunity to Give Back

When the Solomon Valley Community Foundation was formed in 2013, Debra happily accepted a position as one of its first board members. Keith and she also

decided to become Founding Donors and established two Donor Advised Funds—The Ringneck Ranch Foundation Fund and the Keith & Debra Houghton Fund.

Keith and Debra founded Ringneck Ranch on their family's 5th generation homestead in 1983. The ranch is located on the land that the Houghton family homesteaded in 1872 overlooking the Blue Hills range where herds of buffalo once roamed. The ranch offers pheasant, quail, prairie chicken and dove hunting, but the specialty is ringneck pheasants (hence the name Ringneck Ranch). Keith and Debra are quick to credit the success of the ranch to the participation and support by local communities. Because of the community their business has flourished, and creating a donor advised fund at the community foundation is their way of giving back.

Through the Ringneck Ranch Foundation Fund, the Houghtons have been able to support various projects throughout the years including grants to Tipton Schools, Tipton Fire Department and the Mitchell County Trap & Skeet Range. The grant to the Tipton Fire Department helped purchase thermal imaging equipment which ended up playing a vital role in stopping the 2021 Four County Fire from reaching and potentially destroying the ranch.

The Keith and Debra Houghton Fund was established after Debra saw there was "a need for the kids to see what was going on outside of Tipton." Debra shared that, "I was visiting with a high school student one evening and said, 'The International Space Station flies over us tonight! Let's go see!' When the student replied with 'What space station?' Debra was astounded that the kids didn't know of the STEM advancement of our international space community, which had been around for 20 years. "So, we started a fund with the idea that the kids would go to the Cosmosphere and learn about space technology every two or three years, with other field trips interspersed to help round out their experience and explore outside our community." Since 2015, the school has received annual grants for student field trips.

### A Passion for Aviation

In 2021, Keith and Debra established the Keith Houghton Family Aviation Fund which supports students interested in studying aerospace and technology at Kansas State University Salina. Keith, who studied Animal Science at Kansas State University, took his first airplane ride the week he graduated, and the rest is history!

Keith went on to receive his professional pilot license and even spent two years teaching people to fly at their ranch





in Tipton in the early '70s. Keith later took a job as instructor and chief pilot in Salina at Aircraft Services, Inc., and flew Learjets out of Wichita. He spent over 30 years flying commercial aircraft, working for Ozark, TWA and American Airlines, and in 2022 he was honored with the prestigious FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Debra also made a career in aviation and spent many years traveling the world as a flight attendant and is a licensed pilot.

For years, Keith has served as a mentor to youth who are looking to get into aviation. "The professional aviation industry is not something that the rural population is exposed to," said Keith. "It's a wonderful opportunity if you are willing to make the commitment." However, the investment can be expensive, which is why the Houghton's decided to establish the Scholarship Fund—to reduce financial barriers and provide opportunities for future generations.

### A Legacy of Giving

In addition to having their own funds at the Solomon Valley Community Foundation, the Houghtons, along with Keith's sister, Dr. Paty Houghton, PHD Animal Science, established their own Houghton Family Foundation. The Family Foundation will ensure that the Houghton family homestead ground will remain intact while giving back to support local communities.

The story of the Houghtons—their passions, love for their community, and desire to give back—will live on forever through these permanent funds. The "seeds have been planted," and because of their generosity community projects will be funded, aviation dreams will be realized, and the memory of Keith and Debra will be there supporting these causes every step of the way.

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## September 2019

### Area schools for the win

SVCF was able to award grant dollars to ever school district in Mitchell County!

- **Tipton Christian School:** iPads
- **USD 273:** 3D printers for Jr/Sr High STEM class; weight room plyo boxes; elementary school virtual reality kits
- **USD 272:** Robotics and engineering program
- **St. John's Catholic School:** Meet the Masters multi-media elementary art education program; class room enhancements



**STRONGER  
TOGETHER**



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## December 2019

By the end of 2019 the community's awareness of the Foundation continued to grow. Not only did SVCF continue to add more funds, allowing for the distribution of grants directed by the desires of donors, but more and more charitable organizations were also being assisted through grants made by the Board of Directors. In 2019, over 72 grants and scholarships were awarded totaling almost \$340,000!

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## 2020

### March 2020

#### THE CREATION OF MITCHELL COUNTY STRONG

#### Foundation partners with local Chamber and Economic Development

Mitchell County Strong started as a collaboration between Solomon Valley Community Foundation, the Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce, and Solomon Valley Economic Development as a way to support local businesses, nonprofits, and the residents of Mitchell County during the COVID-19 pandemic. What started with a "Buy 1, Give 1" program soon expanded to a Disaster Relief Fund, Hungry Hungry Heroes program and a MCS Online Auction.

Within 48 hours, \$10,550 dollars had been raised for local businesses through the purchase of gift cards. At the same time grocery assistance applications were being processed and fulfilled.

By the end of July, Mitchell County Strong had generated over \$100,000 back to local businesses in the form of Gift Cards and an #MCS Online Auction, secured over \$48,000 in partnerships, created a Disaster Relief Fund and distributed disaster

relief mini grants to area nonprofits, and fulfilled every grocery assistance application it received.

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### August 2020

#### SVCF participates in Kansas CPIN program

With the overwhelming success of Mitchell County Strong, SVCF started to explore additional opportunities to take on greater roles in community and economic development efforts and as such, applied to participate in the Kansas Community Philanthropy Innovators Network (CPIN).

SVCF was 1 of 3 Community Foundations selected in Kansas to participate. In August, SVCF formed a CPIN committee comprised of Foundation board members and community citizens and embarked on a 2-year CPIN journey.

One of the cornerstones of the CPIN program was the task of creating an Economic Development Action focus that the group could work on during their 2-year cohort. Team Solomon Valley come up with the following as their action focus: Foster a prosperous and thriving region through the retention and recruitment of North Central Kansas residents, while promoting the opportunities and advantages of choosing rural.

Since its inception, SVCF is proud to have granted nearly \$70,000 to area schools.



By the end of the fiscal year of 2020, the assets of the Foundation had grown to over \$5.4 million with grants and awards made by the Foundation for that fiscal year of over \$935,000.

## 2021

April 2021

### Staffing initiative

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation announced another initiative aimed at helping local community foundations build capacity. Because it is readily recognized that professional staff deepens and broadens the outreach of foundations, and the impact they are able to have, the Hansen Foundation launched a staffing initiative that allowed SVCF to bring on Julia Rabe to assist with Foundation projects on a limited basis. As the success of the Foundation and donor levels continued, the position held by Julia greatly expanded and one year later Julia accepted a full-time position with the Foundation.

May 2021

### QUALITY OF LIFE

#### Home to a new standard of living

In conjunction with Solomon Valley Community Foundation's CPIN efforts, an "Alumni Brag" sheet was developed to promote all the good happening throughout the county. Traditional values, pace of life, security and a sense of community are now paired with high quality broadband, remote working opportunities, award winning schools and exceptional healthcare. Love where you live and make your dreams a reality in Mitchell County.

"Our action focus was based around the belief that Mitchell County's strongest potential for future development lies with our people. The people who live and work here and who choose to invest their time, talents and efforts into making Mitchell County a thriving place. There are wonderful opportunities and advantages of choosing rural and we want our children and alumni to know Mitchell County is a great place to be!"

-Colleen Eberle, SVCF Director

September 2020

### Connecting through technology

Mitchell County Hospital Health System, like many others, was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the daily lives of its residents in the Resident Care Center nursing home changed dramatically.

Through a grant from SVCF, the Resident Care Center nursing home facilities were able to purchase two technology carts that allowed their residents to interact with the outside world. This technology enhanced residents' lives and lifted their spirits. Nothing could replace an in-person visit from their loved ones but giving the residents the opportunity to interact and connect daily was imperative for them.

December 2020

SVCF had its most successful Match Month to date, raising over \$63,000 during the month of November!



SVCF PRESENTS

# REASONS TO LOVE MITCHELL COUNTY

A community that dares to dream

## COMMUNITY THAT CARES

#MitchellCountyStrong



If you're from Mitchell County you know our residents face challenges head-on with positive approaches, a willingness to partner and a desire to do good. Nowhere is this more apparent than with the implementation of Mitchell County Strong, a program created to support local businesses, non-profits and residents during the COVID shutdown. What started as a Buy 1, Give 1 program soon expanded to a Disaster Relief Fund, Hungry Hungry Heroes and a MCS Online Auction which by the end generated over \$100K back to local businesses in addition to providing Disaster Relief Mini Grants and grocery assistance.

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

Successful completion of 2020-2021 in person learning



Mitchell County continues to provide families with the opportunity to attend award winning schools including Beloit USD 273, St. John's Catholic, Waconda USD 272, Tipton Catholic High School and the NCK Technical College Trailblazers.

## INVESTMENTS TO INFRASTRUCTURE

Looking to the future



Within the past 5 years Mitchell County has invested over **\$10 MILLION** into public infrastructure projects, with another **\$16+ MILLION** slated for a future water plant. Over **\$5 MILLION** has been invested into fiber optic making our area a certified smart rural community with high quality broadband. In addition, **\$28 MILLION** has been invested into private capital improvements with revitalization programs throughout the county.



## REGIONAL HEALTHCARE HUB

Quality healthcare close to home

Mitchell County boasts award winning healthcare for short term, long term and transitional health needs. MCHHS is a level IV Trauma Center that was awarded an Athena Health "My Hospital My Community Award" and has recently opened two new services including an Outpatient Surgical Clinic and Senior Life Enrichment Program. Beloit Medical Center, P.A., consists of 5 family practice physicians, one Internal Medicine Specialist, and an APRN-C. The hospital also partners with over 15 specialty care providers offering satellite clinics in Beloit.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Home to a new standard to rural living



Mitchell County continues to push the boundaries of rural living. Traditional values, pace of life, security and a sense of community are now paired with high quality broadband, remote working opportunities, award winning schools and exceptional healthcare. Love where you live and make your dreams a reality in Mitchell County.



Solomon Valley Community Foundation  
A Division of SVCF  
Serving Mitchell County Residents

In the fiscal year of 2021, Solomon Valley Community Foundation's impact only continued to grow with over \$1.3 million distributed in grants and scholarships.



## September 2021

One year into Solomon Valley Community Foundation's CPIN cohort, the group began work on a concept they called "Dream Big". In an effort to encourage place based community and economic development, the group secured a commitment of \$30,000 from the SVCF Board, and an additional \$20,000 from Solomon Valley Economic Development within the area to think outside of the box and Dream Big!





June 2022

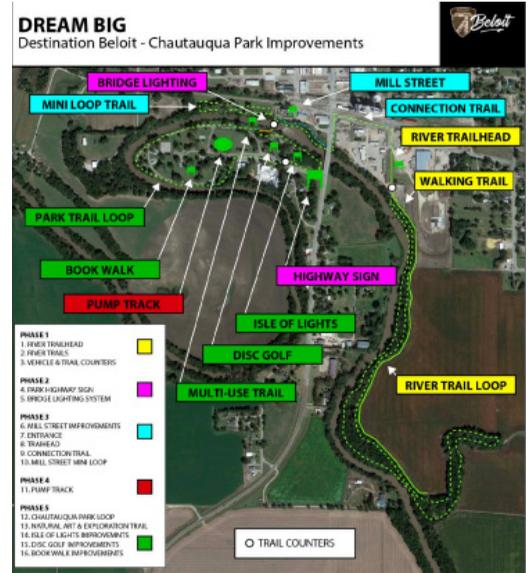
### SVCF awards \$50,000 Dream Big grant

Nine months after the official launch, Solomon Valley Community Foundation awarded its first ever \$50,000 Dream Big grant to fund the development of a Main Street Plaza pocket park. The concept will take a vacant lot in the heart of downtown Beloit and transform it into a beautiful, useable space complete with outdoor seating, a public restroom, amphitheater, splash feature, removable movie screen and more.

July 2022

### SVCF awards second \$50,000 Dream Big grant

In a surprise announcement, NCK Outdoors was informed that they too would be receiving \$50,000 to move forward with their plans of developing a multi-use trail in, and around Chautauqua Park. As a result of a generous grant by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, SVCF was able to not only fund their initial \$50,000 Dream Big grant but double it to get both final grant applications off the ground! At completion, the Chatauqua Park Enhancements project will introduce trailheads at each of the critical entry points including; the Chautauqua Park proper, The River Trails area, and the Mill Street entrance. It will also dramatically improve the downtown commercial connection with the park. In its final stages, the trail system will provide 6 miles of new trails.



## Dream Big Chautauqua Park Improvements

- PHASE 1**  
1. RIVER TRAILHEAD  
2. RIVER TRAILS  
3. VEHICLE & TRAIL COUNTERS
- PHASE 2**  
4. PARK-HIGHWAY SIGN  
5. BRIDGE LIGHTING SYSTEM
- PHASE 3**  
6. MILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS  
7. ENTRANCE  
8. TRAILHEAD  
9. CONNECTION TRAIL  
10. MILL STREET MINI LOOP
- PHASE 4**  
11. PUMP TRACK
- PHASE 5**  
12. CHAUTAUQUA PARK LOOP  
13. NATURAL ART & EXPLORATION TRAIL  
14. ISLE OF LIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS  
15. DISC GOLF IMPROVEMENTS  
16. BOOK WALK IMPROVEMENTS

## SVCF adds Julia Rabe as Director of Donor Relations & Community Initiatives

After one year with the Foundation, Julia Rabe officially accepts a position with Solomon Valley Community Foundation and becomes the Foundation's first full-time employee.

What started as a \$50,000 Dream Big grant initiative sparked the potential for over \$1 million dollars of improvements within Mitchell County!

# A Note From **Donor Services**

Celebrating 10 years as the Solomon Valley Community Foundation is a great accomplishment!

Founding donors, the original board of directors and initial fund holders paved the way 10 years ago. The success of the Solomon Valley Community Foundation is a reflection of the philanthropic members of Mitchell County. A group of people with compassion for all people, deep gratitude for the place they call home, or did at one time, and invested community partners. What an impact all our donors have already had in this great community.

We see the ripple effect of grant monies awarded: school improvements, program development for youth, mental health outreach, and many community programs improved or expanded. The bi-annual grants have been a critical factor in the success of hundreds of projects that have benefited Mitchell County.

The creation of Mitchell County Strong during unprecedented times showed the willingness of the SVCF to act in new and progressive ways. To lead the charge in supporting our community at a critical time. The continuation of new thought emerged with the launching of the Dream Big Initiative and the call to the community to "THINK BIG" and come together across organizations to create long lasting impact. That train of thought has sparked community-wide initiatives and collaboration that will allow Mitchell County to be a leader in the region.

As we approach the next ten years, leadership is what will take our community into the future. Transformational planning not just transactional solutions take careful thought, problem solving and foresight. We seek to work closely with our non-profits and grassroots efforts that are addressing daily issues and tackling difficult community problems. As we work together our impact is greater and more long lasting.

Also, we look forward to leaving a legacy and thinking about how the "Keep 5% in Kansas" initiative can impact our region for generations to come. The gifts of our donors will ensure the future of Mitchell County is bright and full of opportunity. "Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit."

My roles in Donor Services and Community Initiatives excites me as we continue to build an ecosystem of leadership at all stages of life and an attractive, desirable community to live and thrive and continue to pave the way for the bright future of Mitchell County.



## **Julia Rabe**

Director of Donor Services & Community Initiatives

Solomon Valley Community Foundation

# 2021-2022 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

## **Families & Individuals**

Paul Abram  
Charles & Barbara Axtell  
Tyler & Keegan Bailey  
Mark Banker & Mariah Crumbaker  
Jeffrey & Jeri Bates  
Chris & Amy Bell  
Shelia Birch  
Jarold & Barbara Boettcher  
Charles & Linda Bowers  
Carlton Broadbent  
Marion & Jean Brown  
Joanne Brummer  
Janice Bryan  
Mike & Diane Budke  
John & Pat Cashatt  
Scott & Mary Jane Chapman  
Linda Clover  
Edward & Alberta Cordel  
Janice Cornely  
Patrick & Rolenda Corpstein  
Barbara Corpstein  
Craig Cousland  
Dallas & Linda Cox  
John & Janet Cunningham  
Terry & Crystal Cunningham  
Brent & Jessica Cunningham  
Dwight & Dolores Daniels  
Robert & Venette Davis  
Brian & Susan Dillner  
Matthew & Catherine Dillon  
Bonnie Donley  
Robert & Mary Dubbert  
Ryan & Brandi Duskie  
Bernita Eberle  
Cole & Colleen Eberle  
Ted & Roberta Eberle  
Leon & Janet Eck  
Mark & Cherie Eck  
Allen & Tammy Eilert  
David & Carolyn Ellenz  
Roger & Ruth Emerson  
Bonnie File  
B & Mandy Fincham  
Larry & Genice Fouts  
Joel & Christie Fouts  
Curt & Sherry Frasier  
Kenny & Brigit Gasper  
Craig Gasper  
Kim & Kay Gaston

Jim & Lynne Gates  
Craig & Jolene Gengler  
Larry & Billie Golladay  
Mary Greiner  
Kent & Kelli Hake  
Braden & Trisha Hake  
Marie Hake, LLC  
Ronald & Lorraine Harris  
Scott & Heather Hartman  
Steve & Cheryl Hartman  
Steven & Dinah Heidrick  
Michael & Lucille Heller  
Nancy Hennes  
Wilfred & Susanne Hoestje  
Robert & Dana Hollerich  
Bob & Janet Holway  
Curt & Debra Horton  
Keith & Deb Houghton  
James & Denise Jackson  
Jeffrey & Lorraine Jensby  
Douglas & Janet Johnson  
Robert Jones  
Michael & Joyce Jordan  
Patrick Kelley  
Kris & Melinda Kimple  
Phillip & Kathy Kirchoff  
Diane Kohlman  
Greg & Connie Kopsa  
Gary & Jean Krier  
Jessica Krier  
Robert & Andra Lampert  
Rusty Lueger  
Craig & Diana Marcotte  
Jim & Lanette Marshall  
Harold & Rose Matous  
Paul & Carole Matter  
Ryan & Lori May  
Douglas & Joyce McKinney  
Darcel McPeak  
Martin & Carla McPeak  
Jamie & Stephanie Meier  
Leo & Denelle Mick  
Marlene Mispagel  
Richard & Margaret Montgomery  
Don & Virginia Montgomery  
Margaret Moore  
Joe Moritz  
Greg & Annabeth Nicholson  
Shirley Nothern  
Jerry & Phyllis Oetting

Mark Palen  
Byron & Barb Palen  
Randy & Sheila Paxson  
Gene & Kathleen Pestinger  
Dan & Tami Pruitt  
Jason & Julia Rabe  
Kathryn Roberts  
Jay & Rita Rowh  
Phyllis Schmitt  
Dean & Katie Schroeder  
Roy & Pam Scoggan  
Bob Severance  
Lynn & Terry Shamburg  
Karen Shumate  
Jerry & Gaylene Sorell  
Mike & Kathy Thompson  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Virginia Thull  
Rex & Pat Waggoner  
Anita Walsh  
Ross Weber  
Larry & Dorothy White  
David & Janet Wilcox  
Dorothy Wilson  
Maxine Winkel  
Dorothy Winkel  
Barb Wise  
Patrick & Cathy Ziegler  
Jeff & Brandi Zimmer

## **Businesses & Organizations**

Adrian's Service LLC  
AGCO Corporation  
AgMark, LLC  
Allen Kee Agency, LLC  
Asher Creek Farm Tire Service  
Becker Autos & Trailers, Camper SuperCenter  
Beloit Greenhouse  
Boettcher Supply Inc  
Buffalo Creek Analytics  
Carrico Implement Co., Inc.  
Cassiopeia Club  
Cawker City Community Club  
CoBank  
Cunningham Communications, Inc.  
Dane G. Hansen Foundation  
Dental Designs of Solomon Valley, PA  
Ellenz of Tipton

Estate of Betty Hoffman  
EZ Stor  
Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne  
First Bank of Beloit  
Fouts Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC  
Glen Elder Community Club  
Glen Elder Friends Church  
Great Plains Landscape & Design  
Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.  
H&R Block Beloit  
Hansen Auction & Realty  
Heart Choices, Inc.  
Hometown Insurance Agency  
Knights of Columbus Tipton  
Landoll Corporation  
Leadership Mitchell County, Inc.  
Linton Insurance Agency  
LockIT Technologies, LLC  
Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation  
New Life Assembly of God of Beloit KS, Inc.  
Oak Creek Building & Design, Inc.  
Owen Chiropractic, PA  
Pack & Go Tours LLC  
Ray's Apple Market #466  
Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Ron Tice Farms  
S&S Drug  
Schmitt Family Farms and Feedyard  
Senger Construction, LLC  
Seven Stars, LLC  
Shamburg Farms  
Solomon Valley Community Foundation  
Summerland Farms, LLC  
The EyeCare Center  
Winkel Manufacturing Co.  
Xi Theta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

# Foundation Funds

**Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. This list contains funds opened prior to July 1, 2022. If you believe an error has been made, please contact the foundation.**

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**Simple and flexible “charitable savings accounts,” that let you decide when and where to give.**

Anonymous Donor Advised Fund\*  
Betty J. Huffman Fund for Green Mound Cemetery Association\*  
Betty J. Huffman Fund for ISIS Shriners Fund\*  
Carrico Implement Co., Inc. Donor Advised Fund  
Cunningham Communications, Inc. Donor Advised Fund  
Curt & Sherry Frasier Family 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  
Our Lady of Good Remedy Donor Advised Fund  
Ringneck Ranch Foundation Donor Advised Fund  
Tom & Beverly Porter Donor Advised Fund

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Provide a permanent source of income to support your favorite charities even long after you are gone.**

First Christian Church Missionary Fund  
Helen L. Marcotte Operating Fund  
Keith Houghton Family Aviation Fund\*  
Kent & Kelli Hake Designated Fund  
Leadership Mitchell County Community Service Award Fund  
Little Red Schoolhouse Fund\*  
Scouts of Beloit Kansas Designated Fund  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Beloit, Kansas Seminary Designated Fund  
St. John the Baptist Evangelization & Education Fund  
Thomas J. Shaffer Designated Fund  
Waconda Heritage Village Fund

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

**Enable the Foundation to fulfill its mission and provide long-term sustainability to the organization.**

Solomon Valley Administrative Fund

## FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

**These donors have designated a gift to SVCF in their estate.**

Craig & Lorelle Boxler

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**Supports current and future needs of the community.**

Community Impact Fund for Solomon Valley

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

**Respond to current and future needs by letting you support a specific cause or geographic area rather than a specific charity.**

Broadbent Cemetery Fund\*  
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Solomon Valley  
Pleasant View Community Fund  
Solomon Valley Disaster Relief Fund

## ORGANIZATION FUNDS

**Offer a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission.**

First Christian Church of Beloit Fund  
Glen Elder Friends Church Endowment Fund  
Heart Choices of Beloit Fund  
Leadership Mitchell County, Inc. 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

**Support student education and impact our future leaders.**

**DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**  
Harold & Eileen Frasier Scholarship Fund  
Severance Children's Scholarship Fund

### TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Fine Arts Future Development Scholarship Fund  
George Hoy Scholarship Fund

# How it Works



## GIVE

You make a gift to the community foundation to establish your fund.



## GROW

We grow your fund by investing the assets for long-term growth.



## GRANT

You recommend a grant to support a charity or cause you are passionate about and we distribute the grants in your name or anonymously.

[CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE](#)

# Regional Staff

## Solomon Valley Community Foundation is a member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate network in north central Kansas

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.



**Jessica Martin**  
President &  
Executive Director



**Lisa Newman**  
Director of  
Regional Affiliates

- Rita Northup**, Executive Assistant
- Chris Lehecka**, Director of Donor Services
- Jessica Allen**, Donor Services Coordinator
- Brandee Mayginnes**, Director of Operations
- Cole Graham**, Director of Finance
- Shanna King**, Staff Accountant
- Jessica Fuller**, Director of Grants & Scholarships
- Natalie Wood**, Grants & Scholarships Coordinator
- Taylor Urban**, Grants & Scholarships Coordinator
- Annika Wilson**, Director of Marketing & Communications
- Jeree Hughbanks**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

## Affiliate Foundations

- Community Foundation for Cloud County
- Heartland Community Foundation
- Jewell County Community Foundation
- Osborne County Community Foundation
- Ottawa County Community Foundation
- Post Rock Community Foundation
- Republic County Community Foundation
- Smith County Community Foundation
- Smoky Hills Community Foundation
- Smoky Valley Community Foundation
- Solomon Valley Community Foundation
- Washington County Community Foundation

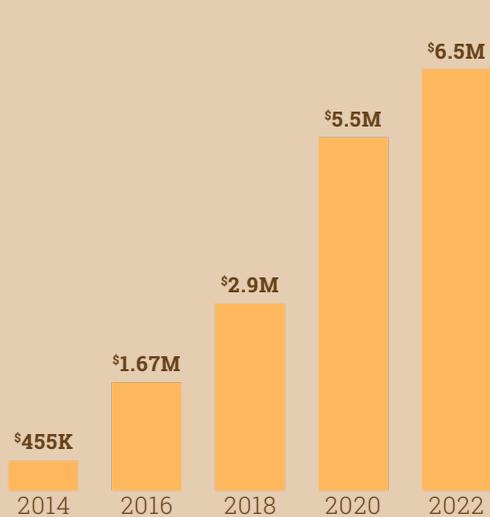


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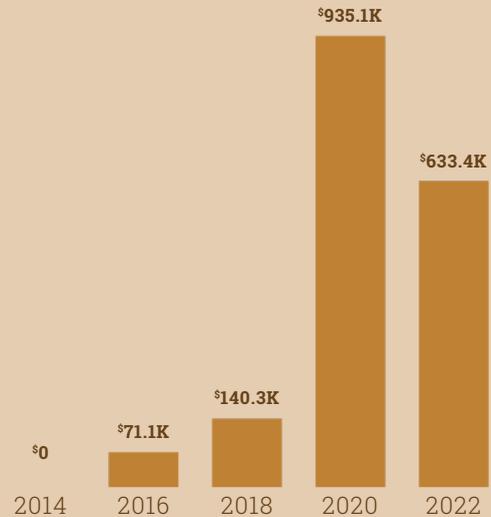
Total Grants and Scholarships awarded since inception

**\$3,621,378**

## ASSETS



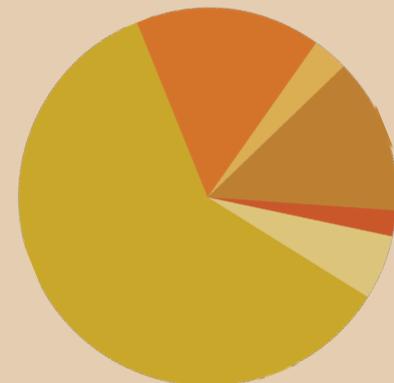
## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



**“Our communities, full of thoughtful givers, are changing our area, forever”**

Curt Frasier  
SVCF Board Chair

## GRANTS BY AREA OF IMPACT



- 5.4% - Health & Human Services
- 2.4% - Parks & Recreation
- 13.4% - Youth & Education
- 2.9% - Arts & Culture
- 16% - Community Development
- 59.9% - Faith & Religion

# Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cash - Bennington State Bank	\$101,546
Pooled Investment - Vanguard	\$5,566,427
Pooled Investment- Catholic Faith & Values	\$846,678
Oil/Gas Investment	\$15,000
Undeposited Checks/Cash	\$9,020
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,538,671</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$361
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$361</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Fund Balance- Principal	\$8,748,831
Fund Balance- Income	\$(2,210,521)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,538,310</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,538,671</b>

# Statement of Activities

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2022</b>
Gifts & Bequests - Principal	\$2,264,743
Gifts & Bequests - Income	\$80,179
Gifts & Bequests- Internal	\$7,228
Administrative Fee Revenue	\$12,808
Dividend Income	\$108,183
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$76,310
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$(1,211,316)
Royalty Income on Investments	\$58,076
Miscellaneous Income	\$2
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,396,213</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Grants Authorized	\$629,200
Grants Authorized- Internal	\$7,228
Scholarships Authorized	\$4,250
Administrative Fees	\$65,934
Operating Expenses	\$49,607
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$756,219</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$639,944</b>



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