

Our Story...

It all began in 1999 when a small group of philanthropists in Manhattan decided it was time to do something to help people who wanted to make charitable contributions to the community but avoid the trouble and expense of establishing private funds or foundations. The result was the creation of the Manhattan Community Foundation. It was renamed the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation in 2008.

Through 2013, more than \$5 million has been distributed back to the community in the form of grants and we have facilitated almost \$7 million in grants to the Riley County Health Department. And with invested assets of \$45.3 million and growing, the funds held at GMCF will continue to support charitable organizations and projects in our community forever.

Our Founders!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the GMCF's Founders, whose vision is realized every time a gift is made to the community through the Foundation:

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Our History...

1999

- Executive Board formed and 12 trustees named
- Bylaws approved, 501(c)3 application sent to IRS, logo approved
- EOY assets: \$202,232

2000

- Investment policy approved giving the Investment Committee authority to manage MCF assets
- Grants for Greater Manhattan grant program announced
- Founders Fund established calling for its donors to make a gift of \$10,000 over 4 years
- First donor advised grant issued in May
- EOY assets: \$1,202,965; Grants to community: \$94,150

2001

- **Staff: Annelee Donnelly, Executive Director; Glennis Carlson, Administrative Assistant**
- Executive Director and Administrative Assistant hired and operating budget approved
- Kansas Health Foundation's GROW initiative with Phase I & II offering a total of \$550,000 in challenge grants
- First annual meeting held and first annual report produced
- Dover Community Foundation signs affiliate agreement with MCF
- Kids Who Care grant program announced
- EOY assets: \$1,602,340; Grants to community: \$171,523

2002

- Volunteer of the Year and Professional Advisor of the Year awards given for the first time
- MCF website is launched (www.manhattancf.org)
- KHF awards bonus \$10,000 for early completion of Phase I
- First Semi-Annual meeting held
- MCF mission statement approved
- Youth Impacting Community-youth advisory board formed
- EOY assets: \$2,064,875; Grants to community: \$376,548

2003

- **Staff change: Melissa Lawrence, Youth Coordinator**
- Youth coordinator hired & Youth Impacting Community (Y.I.C.) grant cycle announced
- Legacy Club formed
- GROW Phase II completed and \$100,000 early completion grant is awarded by KHF
- EOY assets: \$2,393,922; Grants to community: \$262,548

2004

- **Staff change: Michelle Robben, Executive Director; C. Clyde Jones, Director of Community & Asset Development**
- KHF launches GROW Phase III providing capacity building grants of \$10,000
- KHF announces GROW Phase IV, an two-year endowment building challenge
- EOY assets: \$3,540,768; Grants to community: \$484,747

- 2005** **Staff change: Michele Rene Hart, Administrative Assistant; Heather Lansdowne, YIC Advisor**
- Y.I.C.'s Instruments for Interested Youth program begins
 - Frankfort Community Trust joins MCF as an affiliate
 - KHF GROW Phase IV challenge completed and a \$700,000 grant is awarded
 - EOY assets: \$4,000,776; Grants to community: \$435,702
- 2006** **Staff change: Sarah Saueressig, Executive Director; Laurie Ekart, Administrative Assistant**
- First Professional Advisors Breakfast held
 - Fairy Godmothers formed
 - Investment policy changed to allow donors to select their own fund manager/advisor
 - KHF announces GROW Phase V with 2:1 match up to \$350,000 plus 1:2 operating fund match up to \$100,000
 - EOY assets: \$5,423,391; Grants to community \$487,702
- 2007**
- First fund established with donors using their own independent fund manager
 - Y.I.C. holds its first annual youth services day
 - Benefactors campaign launched
 - EOY assets: \$8,339,648; Grants to community: \$656,674
- 2008** **Staff change: Elaine Dhuyvetter, Assistant Director**
- Executive Board announces goal of growing \$1 million endowment to address affordability of child care in Riley County
 - Out-of-cycle grant request process and policy is adopted
 - Benefactors campaign is completed and KHF awards \$100,000 to GMCF
 - GMCF is found in compliance with National Standards for community foundation by the Council on Foundations
 - EOY assets: \$8,372,842; Grants to community: \$354,556
 - Hired Assistant Director
- 2009**
- Five year strategic plan approved by Executive Board
 - KFH announces GROW II endowment challenge with 1:4 match up to \$800,000
 - The Community Foundation of the Flinthills, a supporting organization of the GMCF, is formed
 - EOY assets: \$11,945,079; Grants to community: \$360,688
- 2010** **Staff change: Liz Workman, Executive Director; Diana Taxted, Accounting Assistant**
- Completed Kansas Health Foundation GROW School Endowment Challenge
 - Received a \$600,000 GROW II matching grant award from the Kansas Health Foundation
 - GMCF had 128 funds as of yearend
 - EOY assets: \$12,925,659; Grants to community: \$353,794
- 2011** **Staff change: Amy Garman, Accounting Assistant**
- First year to administer the YES! Fund. In partnership with the Caroline Peine Foundation made YES! Fund grants totaling \$147,000 to 10 local organizations
 - Community Foundation of the Flinthills (CFFH) received Goldstein gift which enabled grants to the community of \$145,000
 - EOY assets: \$34,578,911; Grants to community: \$922,643
- 2012** **Staff Change: Marla Brandon, Accounting Manager**
- Added thirteen new funds, bringing the total number of GMCF funds to 147.
 - EOY assets: \$36,949,474.30; Grants to community: \$993,839.58
- 2013** **Staff Change: Vernon Henricks, President & CEO**
- Held first GROW Green Match Day with a local match of \$40,000. Donations collected that day were \$101,153.00 from 309 donors. Twenty four GMCF endowment funds participated.
 - 155 GMCF funds
 - Howe Family Fund, a supporting organization of GMCF, is formed
 - EOY assets: \$45,295,767.00; Grants to community: \$1,003,304.00
- 2014**
- 1st Annual Community Foundation Awards (CFA's) honoring local Time, Talent & Treasure. Over 400 in attendance.
 - 2nd annual GROW Green Match Day, local match of \$75,000, funds raised totaled \$228,600, Thirty-two funds benefitted
 - 171 GMCF funds
 - EOY assets: \$55,712,620; Grants to community: \$2,385,092
 - Marysville joined GMCF as affiliate
- 2015**
- EOY assets: \$57,484,188; Grants to community: \$1,834,931
 - 3rd annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$244,025, funds raised totaled \$358,606, Forty-one funds benefitted
 - Sabetha joined GMCF as affiliate
 - Started the Young Trustees program for area professionals under 40 years old
- 2016**
- Received a \$11 Million transforming gift to the community from the estate of Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl
 - Established the Grant Writing Assistance Program, providing grant proposal writing assistance to non-profits
 - Established the GMCF Intern Program to develop young professionals in the area of non-profit management
 - 4th annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$289,175, funds raised totaled \$421,808, Forty-six funds benefitted
 - Junction City joined GMCF as affiliate forming the Greater Geary Community Foundation
 - EOY assets: \$71,924,961; Grants to community: \$2,576,324

Current Staff: Vernon Henricks, President & CEO; Marla Brandon, VP of Finance; Elaine Dhuyvetter, VP, Marketing & Programs