

2024



ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 25 Years

Building a Legacy





by the Numbers

empowering Manhattan's future since 1999

GMCF has reached

\$412
MILLION
IN ASSETS



\$114 M
INVESTED
IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
GRANTS

Grow Green Match Day: Giving Together

In 2024, over
\$2.1 M
Raised for
Local Nonprofits

With More Than
\$12 M
Raised for Our Community
SINCE 2013

SAVE
the
DATE
Tuesday,
April 22, 2025

Community
Cares Chest



Distributed More Than
\$3.5
MILLION
IN PRODUCTS SINCE
MARCH 2023

LEARN MORE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Vern Henricks

Every year, I am incredibly humbled by the support and trust given to GMCF. The only way to summarize my thoughts is by saying, "THANKS."

We continue to enjoy serving the numerous friends and charitable causes of GMCF and our twenty affiliates. This summer, we learned that our 2022 year-end assets positioned GMCF as the nation's 87th largest and 9th fastest-growing community foundation. This was based on research by the Community Foundation Research and Training Institute. These numbers were compared with over 1000 community foundations nationwide.

In 2022, the community foundation was asked to lead an effort involving Childcare. In October, a groundbreaking was held for the Flint Hills Community Accelerator/Childcare Business Initiative. This is a one-of-a-kind facility that we hope will make a difference in childcare support in our area and beyond. Special thanks should be given to Natalie Gordon, Kasey Kyle Wilkenson, and Melissa Bowles for all their efforts and Lisa Sederlin-Isaacson for her efforts as Executive Director.

In 2023, we were asked to help our area medical professionals by assisting MATC with resources to hire more nursing faculty. The goal is to provide them with more qualified nursing professionals for their teams.

In 2024, the Patterson Family Foundation's Capacity Building Grant program selected three of our affiliates (Atchison, Sabetha, South Brown, and Wamego) for three-year grants to hire full-time Executive Directors. We are also pleased that Clay Center, Hiawatha, Jackson County, and Marysville will receive the same grant in 2025.

In summary, GMCF is well-positioned to assist with the identified needs of our community, and we welcome the opportunity to do so. We have grown from three staff in 2013 to 18 in 2024 to 21 in 2025 to serve you. Again, "THANK YOU" for providing us with the support to help our communities.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Matt Crocker



It has been a true honor to serve as your board chair in 2024. This was a critical year for the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. It represented the beginning of our second quarter century and a year in which we focused on defining how the Community Foundation will create a positive impact in the future. I want to thank the board members for their willingness to invest time above regular board meetings and activities to work toward setting a refreshed strategy for your Community Foundation.

I also want to thank and celebrate the staff of the Community Foundation for their leadership in recognizing the needs of the community and embracing it as an opportunity to create a better life for Manhattan and our surrounding communities. Their devotion is reflected in the success of your Community Foundation.

I am pleased to report that your Community Foundation is strong. In fact, it is stronger than ever! Total assets exceeded \$400 million at the end of the year, and more importantly, the Community Foundation distributed nearly \$25 million in 2024 through grant programs and our supported organizations & Affiliates.

We continue to strive to tackle the important issues in our community through the dedication of the board & trustees, the continued efforts of the staff, and the support of volunteers. The generosity of our donors provides us with the resources to make a positive impact on our community.

As you explore the annual report, I hope you gain a better understanding of the important role the Community Foundation plays in our community. Our work at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is far from over, and I am excited to witness the incredible impact we will have in 2025 and beyond!



GROW GREEN MATCH DAY

The 12th Annual Grow Green Match Day raised \$2,193,183 for 90 local nonprofits. Donations totaled \$1,773,601, with \$419,582 in matching funds from the Butler Family Community Foundation, Phil Howe and the Howe Family Foundation, and an anonymous donor. This was a \$160,917 increase from 2023. Since its start, the event has grown from raising \$140,553 to a key funding source for local organizations. Each nonprofit received up to \$7,500 in matching funds, which were deposited into their endowment at GMCF to enhance their sustainability for years to come. Thank you to all who contributed to this year's event.



\$1,773,601
IN DONATIONS

\$419,582
IN MATCHING FUNDS

7,149
COMMUNITY GIFTS

90
NONPROFITS SUPPORTED





GMCF PARTNER MATCH DAYS

In 2024, GMCF and its partners raised \$8,239,207 through 17 Match Days. The Give to Grow Match Day in Sabetha more than doubled its 2023 total with \$1,338,934 raised. Pony Up Match Day in Marysville also made a significant impact, raising \$550,729.

Newer Match Days in Rural Riley County and Alma expanded GMCF's reach, reinforcing the power of partnerships in addressing local needs and supporting nonprofit success.



PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION RURAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MATCH

Through the Patterson Family Foundation's Rural Community Foundation Match Program, 12 GMCF partners received \$829,272 in matching funds for local Match Days. This initiative, in partnership with the Kansas Association of Community Foundations, strengthens philanthropy in rural Kansas and northwestern Missouri. By empowering local foundations to engage donors and distribute funds strategically, these grants ensure nonprofits receive support to sustain and expand impact.

Since the first Match Day in 2013, \$32,625,307 has been raised to benefit nonprofits serving our region.

1999

March 8

Executive board formed,
12 trustees named, bylaws
approved, 501(c)3 application
sent to IRS



Jim
Morrison



Mark
Knackendoffel



Jim
Gordon

Fairy Godmothers

formed to support
women in the community

2006

2011

Jack & Joann Goldstein Gift

\$20,728,364



2000

The Founders' Fund

was established to ensure
future Foundation operations

Over \$300,000

was pledged locally and matched
by the Kansas Health Foundation

2001

Kansas Health Foundation's
GROW initiative with Phase 1 &
2 offering a total of

\$550,000

in challenge grants

2013

1st Grow Green Match Day

\$141,000

First Affiliate



Dover

Community Foundation



Distributed over
\$1 million
in grants

\$1,003,304

2014

1st Annual
Community
Foundation

The Guardi

formed to sup
men in the cor

Started the

Young Trustees

program for area professionals
under 40 years old

2015



Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl
transformative gift

\$12,255,692

2016



Community
CARES CHEST

created to distribute donated
supplies to nonprofit organizations



PATTERSON
FAMILY FOUNDATION

matching
grant program
for rural
communities

2023



2019

Morgan Donor-Advised Fund
gift pushes the foundation to

over \$100M

in assets

2020

Grow Green Match Day
reaches over \$1 million in
donations

\$1,279,216

Thank you to Phil Howe –
since 2013, Phil has provided

over \$2.6M

in matching funds for
Grow Green Match Day

MHK
TOGETHER

supporting COVID-19
recovery efforts



Awards

ans

port
community



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

In 2024, GMCF hosted special events to celebrate 25 years of community impact. On March 13, GMCF hosted a Business After Hours at Colony Square Atrium, connecting with Chamber members over appetizers, drinks, and raffles while highlighting GMCF's role in shaping the community. At the Community Foundation Awards, GMCF unveiled the Legacy Ale, a 25th-anniversary collaboration with Manhattan Brewing Company, and recognized 25 Cornerstone Award recipients. On April 17, GMCF Trustees and Young Trustees gathered at Manhattan Brewing Company to celebrate their contributions. These events honored the dedication of supporters who have helped GMCF grow and thrive.





25TH ANNIVERSARY PODCAST SERIES

As part of GMCF's 25th anniversary, we explored the foundation's history and impact through a special podcast series. We interviewed 19 past Presidents and Board Chairs who shared their experiences, insights, and visions for GMCF's future. These conversations highlighted GMCF's growth from an idea into a cornerstone of local philanthropy. Each 20-minute episode offers a look at the foundation's evolution and the individuals who helped shape it. This series honors GMCF's legacy and the leaders who have made a lasting impact on Manhattan's nonprofit community.

Listen at mcfks.org/past-presidents-podcast



GMCF ANNUAL MEETING & COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2024 Community Foundation Awards, celebrating GMCF's 25 years of impact. This year's event honored individuals and families who have played a vital role in strengthening our community. It was an evening of recognition, reflection, and appreciation for those who have dedicated their time and resources to making a difference.

We appreciate our event sponsors and the record number of attendees who made this celebration special. Visit thecfas.com to learn more and watch the event recording.



25TH ANNIVERSARY CORNERSTONE AWARDS

For our 25th anniversary, the 2024 Community Foundation Awards introduced Cornerstone Awards honoring 25 key contributors across five categories:

VISION

those who saw the potential of what a community foundation could do for Manhattan



Jim Gordon



Jim Morrison



Mark Knackendoffel



Ed Seaton



Bob & Tracey DeBruyn

INFLUENCE

those who played an integral role in launching GMCF to success



Terry Arthur



Tom & Angie Fryer



Sue Maes



Therese Miller



C. Clyde Jones

CATALYST

those who inspire and drive transformative processes around them for GMCF's benefit



Dirk Daveline



Jo Lyle



Cheryl Grice



Polly Stoecklein



S. Lee Meigs

IMPACT

those who had a strong impact in making GMCF successful



Bill Richter



Mary Vanier



Neil Horton



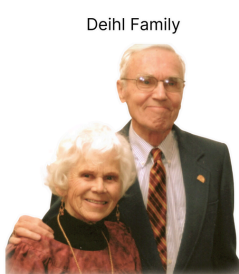
Ward & Brenda Morgan



Dennis Mullen

LEGACY

those whose commitment to GMCF will be long-lasting and memorable



Deihl Family



Coughenour Family



Butler Family



Howe Family



Goldstein Family

FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY ACCELERATOR

The Flint Hills Community Accelerator (FHCA) supports local businesses, childcare providers, and workforce development. Launched in 2024, FHCA connects entrepreneurs with training, funding, and resources.

Included in the FHCA, the CBI expands childcare access by helping providers start businesses. Manhattan Free Clinic improves healthcare availability, while KANSASWORKS and Manhattan Area Technical College focus on workforce training.

By expanding childcare, healthcare, and job training, it strengthens Manhattan's economy and supports long-term growth.



KEY PARTNERS

- Ascension Via Christi
- GMCF
- Heartland Works
- Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
- Manhattan Area Technical College
- Manhattan Free Clinic

FlintHillsCommunityAccelerator.org

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Potential for 96 new childcare slots annually
- Potential for 8 new businesses launched each year
- 1,400 additional childcare slots needed in Riley County
- Workforce development and business mentorship for childcare providers



CHILDCARE BUSINESS INITIATIVE

In 2024, the Childcare Business Initiative (CBI) took a major step in addressing Manhattan's childcare shortage. With \$5.6 million in funding and a land partnership with Ascension Via Christi, CBI broke ground on October 9, 2024, creating new opportunities for local childcare providers. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between demand and availability, ensuring more families can access quality early childhood education.

CBI offers eight fully equipped childcare suites, helping providers start and grow businesses with training and mentorship. Each year, 96 new childcare slots will be added, easing the strain on families and employers.

ChildcareBusinessInitiative.org



"I strongly believe that adding high quality family childcare options for families is a beautiful answer to the shortage of sustainable care in our communities. Access to healthcare and educational paths will undoubtedly lead to a better future for many."

**Lisa Sederlin Isaacson, Executive Director
Flint Hills Community Accelerator, Childcare Business Initiative**

GMCF INVESTMENTS

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is proud to work with a team of regulated professional financial advisors who are selected by each fundholder. The GMCF Investment Committee establishes an investment policy for each advisor to follow. The committee has created various levels of options with risk tolerance levels for fundholders to select that best meets their charitable objectives.

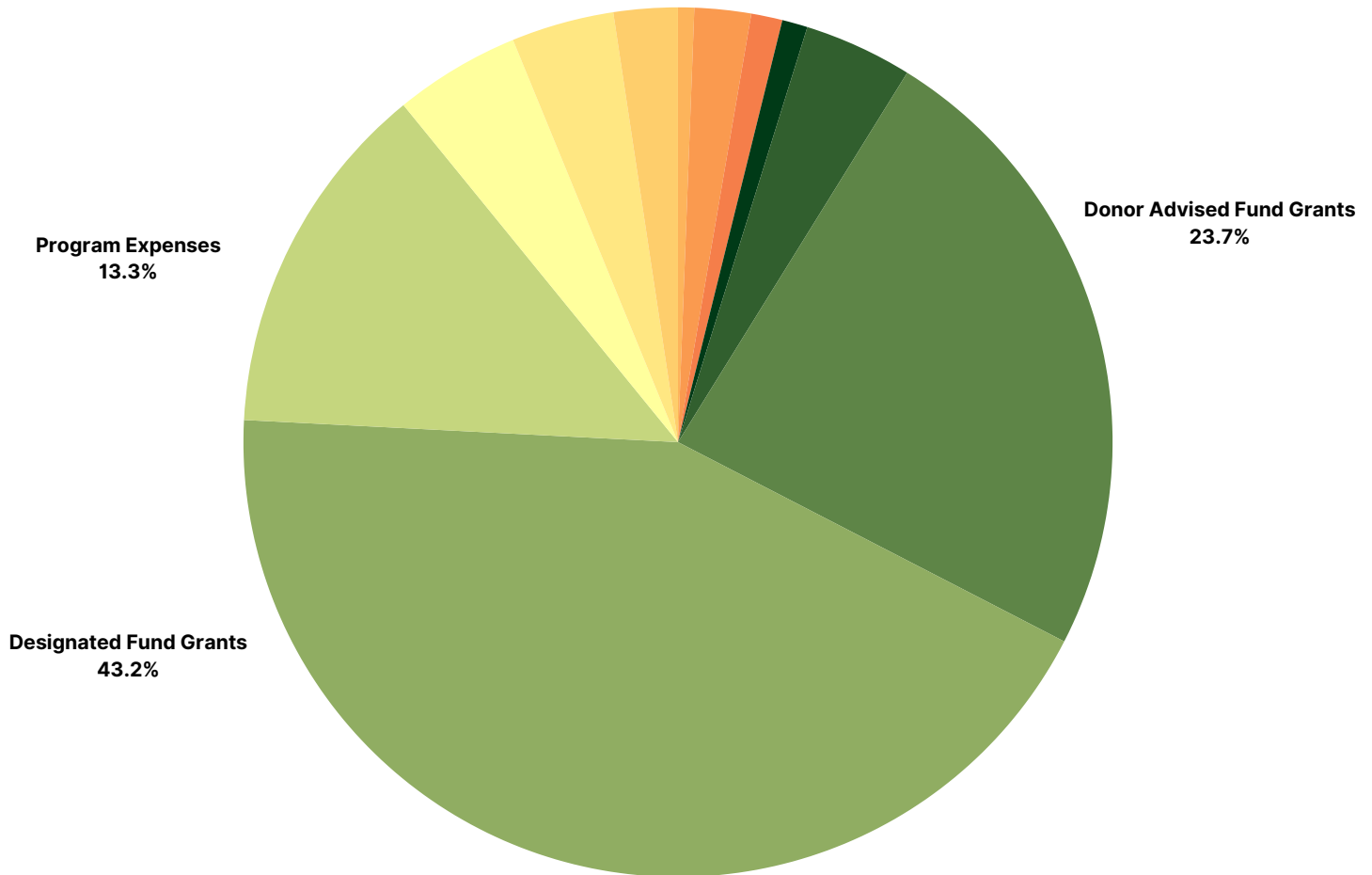
PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS

- Amber Bletscher – F4 Wealth Advisors
- Andrea Pedigo – Edward Jones
- Bill Wolf – Edward Jones
- Catherine McKinley – Edward Jones
- D.C. Hackerott – Edward Jones
- Dave Nelson & Adam Greenwalt – Edward Jones
- Duane Blythe – Central National Bank
- Emily Dixon – The Trust Company
- Gene Diederich & Pietro Nicastro – Moneta Group
- Gary Jones – Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Gregory Barron – Stifel
- Jeff Russell – Edward Jones
- Jill Mugler – Braden Financial Services
- Joe Hildebrand – Prime Capital Investment Advisors
- Kerri Spielman – Edward Jones
- Matt Paquette – Edward Jones
- Paul Nickel – Keating & Associates
- Sarah Pacheco – Edward Jones
- Scott Emley – CGN Advisors
- Shelley Carver – Edward Jones
- Todd Caudle – Caudle Financial Group

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Staff Changes: Derrick Jackson, Finance Assistant, Grace Sammoury, Executive Director, Atchison Area Community Foundation, and Ivy Stone, Executive Director, South Brown County Community Foundation
- EOY Assets: \$412,174,496; Grants to Community: \$24,955,876.37
- 12th Annual Grow Green Match Day: local gifts of \$1,773,601, matching funds of \$419,582, total funds raised equaled \$2,193,183, 90 funds benefitted
- Match Days: Alma Area, Armed Forces, Atchison Area, Blue Rapids, Clay Center, Doniphan, Frankfort, Greater Geary, Greater Sabetha, Hiawatha, Jackson County, Marysville, Rural Riley County, South Brown County, Valley Falls, Wamego
- New Affiliates: Gardner - totaling 20 affiliates

2024 GRANTS DISPERSED



Grant Programs

0.6%	Grants for Greater Manhattan
2.1%	Deihl Grants
1.2%	Deihl Community Arts Grants
0.9%	YES! Fund Grants
4%	Scholarships
23.7%	Donor Advised Fund Grants
43.2%	Designated Fund Grants
13.3%	Program Expenses
4.7%	Butler Family Community Foundation
3.8%	Goldstein Foundation
2.5%	Howe Family Foundation

Grants Dispersed

149,778.50
524,239.00
289,849.83
236,815.00
1,006,098.34
5,923,789.98
10,788,693.29
3,320,547.14
1,168,818.21
952,875.24
594,371.84

Total

\$24,955,876.37

GRANTS FOR GREATER MANHATTAN

\$149,778

ARTS & CULTURE
\$97,500

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS
\$73,028

Flint Hills Discovery Center	\$5,250
Everbright Exhibit: Funds will help purchase an Everbright, a large-scale LiteBrite for patrons.	
Manhattan Arts Center	\$4,500
MHK Creative Forces: Unite active duty & retired military for weekly arts opportunities led by veteran artists, fostering peer support and creative expression through hands-on and performing arts.	
Be Able	\$6,000
Collaborative Coaching Case Manager: Training coaches to help neighbors improve relationships, careers, and everyday lives. Coaches clarify goals and create strategies for overcoming obstacles.	
Crisis Center, Inc.	\$10,000
Riley County Police Response Advocate Program: This project between RCPD and Crisis Center assures victims of DV have access to services at the moment of law enforcement intervention.	
Flint Hills Breadbasket	\$7,500
Dairy Dollars: Funds are set aside for purchasing milk for families.	
Food & Farm Council of Riley County and City of Manhattan, KS	\$3,591
Flint Hills Food Recovery: Volunteers pick up leftover food from local restaurants at night and deliver it to non-profits or campus groups to prevent waste.	
Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice	\$10,000
Charitable Care: Subsidizes care provided to seniors, specifically those receiving assistance through the Older Americans Act, Senior Care Act, and Caregiver Grants.	
Laundry Love MHK	\$5,000
Monthly Events: Assistance to families experiencing a burdensome financial impact when doing laundry each month allowing the reallocation of laundry-specific funds to greater needs.	
Habitat for Humanity of the Northern Flint Hills	\$4,687
Restore Gift Card Program: Provide partner agencies with \$125 gift cards so clients can access furniture, paint, and home furnishings from the ReStore.	
Manhattan Free Clinic	\$3,750
Access to Healthcare: This project will maintain the website, social media, and print campaign, while also reaching out to the Spanish-speaking population.	
Manhattan Senior Center	\$1,500
Wage Supplements: Funds will sustain essential Friendship Meals program, providing a wage supplement to keep quality, experienced staff in service to Manhattan and Riley County Seniors.	
Morning Star, Inc.	\$3,750
Transportation Program: Van driver, who connects one of the most vulnerable populations in Manhattan to needed services, i.e. doctor appointments, pharmacies, free community dinners, etc.	
North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	\$6,000
Friendship Meals Employee Insurance Gap FY 2024: Provide health insurance for employees, monitor funding, and explore ways to maintain quality coverage while reducing costs.	
Pawnee Mental Health Services	\$3,750
Discovery Sober Living House: The House offers men with substance use disorder and mental illness a safe place to live, gain sobriety, and learn skills for employment and stable housing.	
Riley County Community Corrections	\$3,750
Mental Health Services and Stable Housing: Mental health/psychological and medication evaluations, and prescription assistance, drug and alcohol services, transition housing for clients.	
Riley County Health Department	\$3,750
Community Baby Shower: Expecting families and those with infants can connect with partners, learn safe sleep practices, and receive a bundle to reduce sleep-related deaths in Riley County.	

GRANTS FOR GREATER MANHATTAN

\$149,778

YOUTH
\$67,373

Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan	\$7,500
Summer Field Trip Program: Summer programming of educational/recreational opportunities to youth, i.e. Wildcat Fitness Mini-Golf, AMC Movies, and bowling at the KSU Union.	
First Tee - Manhattan	\$3,750
Manhattan Programs: Scholarships for golf program participation.	
Flint Hills EAA Chapter 1364	\$3,750
Youth Aviation Aircraft Build Project: Encourages youth to explore aviation by building a working airplane and using a flight simulator to learn takeoff, flight, and landing.	
Friends of the Konza Prairie	\$3,000
Konza Summer Teachers' Workshop: Flint Hills educators visit the Konza for a week to explore educational activities offered through the Konza Environmental Education Program.	
Girls on the Run of the Flint Hills	\$3,000
Curricula to Meet Adolescent Girls' Health Needs: This project introduces new 2024-2025 curricula with enhanced programming for 3rd-5th graders	
Kansas Science Festival	\$3,750
Kansas Science Festival: The annual festival unites research scientists, educators, and STEAM practitioners statewide to deliver interactive experiences for all ages.	
KS Big Brothers Big Sisters, Serving Riley County	\$5,250
Ten New Match Support Specialists: Match Support Specialists spend 25 hours per Big application and family contact, ensuring Littles' safety and supporting parents.	
Ogden Elementary School Panther Power Club	\$6,000
STEAMing Across Kansas: Summer program for 50 low-income Ogden Elementary students, featuring weekly visits to Living Water Ranch for hands-on, standards-based learning.	
Special Olympics Kansas	\$1,000
Volleyball and Health: This program offers health screenings in a fun, welcoming environment, providing athletes with one-on-one care and referrals for ongoing medical issues.	
Stormont Vail Foundation	\$1,125
Care Line-Emergency Assistance for Manhattan Area Families of NICU Babies: Supports needs not covered by insurance or charity care, such as prescriptions, medical equipment, transportation, meals, and temporary housing.	
Sunflower Children's Collective	\$7,500
Support: Child Advocacy Center, Sunflower Bridge, and Child Exchange and Visitation Center.	
The House Cafe	\$5,250
Operations 2024: Our goals are to use every resource to re-shape the mentalities of our kids and youth.	
Thrive! Flint Hills Foundation	\$5,625
Teen Thrive: Work with financially struggling teens (15-19) to teach life skills, helping them set and achieve goals to break the cycle of generational poverty.	
True Colors Flint Hills	\$7,500
Direct Client Assistance: Provide funds to provide mental health services to youth ages 12-18 experiencing depression, anxiety, and other severe mental illness at no cost to them.	
UFM Community Learning Center	\$3,375
Project Excell: This program provides personal enrichment and life skill classes to adults 18 years and older with developmental disabilities.	

The Grants for Greater Manhattan program is funded by the Fund for Greater Manhattan, Florence Day Fund, Jean Caul Fund for the Community, Don Dodge Fund for Youth and Aviation, Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund, and the Francis Von Scoyoc Fund.

LINCOLN & DOROTHY DEIHL COMMUNITY GRANTS

\$524,239

ADOPT Grant Fund	\$10,000
Deihl Committee Commitment	
Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan	\$25,000
A \$50,000 grant over two years to support the installation of new playgrounds	
Common Table	\$28,650
Lincoln Education Center Kitchen Project	
Deihl Community Arts & Humanities Fund	\$150,000
Distribute Community Arts Funds for 2024	
Konza Prairie Community Health Center	\$35,000
Purchase of a vehicle for Manhattan to meet those with health care needs in their homes, schools, and communities receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.	
Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity	\$35,000
Solar Housing	
Morning Star	\$13,922
Transportation Insurance	
Wareham Hall Renovation Fund	\$166,667
A \$500,000 grant spread over three years to help to cover renovation costs.	
YES! Fund (Youth Empowerment for Success)	\$75,000
After-school programs supported by the YES! Fund play a critical role in enhancing youth development.	

YES! FUND

\$236,815

Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan	\$70,000
First Tee - Manhattan	\$7,500
Flint Hills Volunteer Center	\$7,500
Girls on the Run of the Flint Hills	\$9,000
KS Big Brothers Big Sisters, Serving Riley County	\$20,000
Kansas State University Modern Languages	\$1,000
Manhattan Arts Center	\$9,000
Manhattan Basketball Association	\$4,000
Manhattan Marlins, Inc.	\$8,000
Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools Foundation	\$59,315
Pawnee Menta Health Services	\$7,000
PUMA FC Manhattan	\$3,500
The House Cafe	\$9,000
True Colors Flint Hills	\$3,000
Wonder Workshop	\$19,000

The YES! Fund is funded by Russ Briggs/Briggs Auto Group, The Master Teacher, The Deihl Fund, GMCF Goldstein Community Fund, Howe Family Foundation, 1988 Jack Goldstein Charitable Trust, KS Statebank, Edward & Karen Seaton Foundation, Ward and Brenda Morgan, and the Memorial Hospital Foundation.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

\$289,850

Bluemont Elementary School: Seed of the Future Sculpture	\$47,200
Empowering Women in Music: Featuring Katherine Needleman	\$6,850
Juneteenth Celebration	\$15,000
KSU Department of Art: From the Ashes: Printmaking, Preservation & Renewal	\$31,200
Landmark Bank Sculpture: Soteria	\$30,000
Manhattan Arts Center: MAC Tech Academy	\$7,000
Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department: Douglass Center Sculpture Project	\$87,208
Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art: Renewed Perspectives	\$45,019
Scheherazade Music Festival: A Musical Adventure with Creatures	\$15,653
Tap to Togetherness Across Populations: Junior's Program	\$4,720



SCULPTING MANHATTAN'S PAST

In 2024, Manhattan's Douglass Community Center and Annex unveiled sculptures honoring local African American history. Artist Tim Chapman depicted Lazone and Mozelle Grays, longtime residents, and Fort Riley service members, reflecting the center's World War II USO legacy. The Annex, a former segregated school, showcases sculptures of African American students inspired by historic photos. Funded by the Lincoln and Dorothy Deihl Endowed Fund, these statues celebrate our community's past, inviting visitors to experience their powerful stories and enduring historical significance.



SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

BUTLER FAMILY FOUNDATION - \$1,168,818

Manhattan, Kansas

Big Lakes Foundation, Solar Panel Project	\$162,500
Manhattan Arts Center, Murals and Stipends	\$16,200
Meadowlark Hills Foundation, Good Samaritan Fund	\$10,000
Other Manhattan Grants	\$306,618

Minneapolis, Minnesota

American Swedish Institute, General Support	\$60,000
Climate Generation, General Support	\$10,000
Tubman, Women's Shelter Domestic Violence Education	\$5,000
Other Minneapolis Grants	\$172,500

Seattle, Washington

Ballard Food Bank, General Support	\$10,000
Climate Solutions	\$20,000
Literacy Source, Citizenship Class and Instructor	\$30,000
Other Seattle Grants	\$366,000

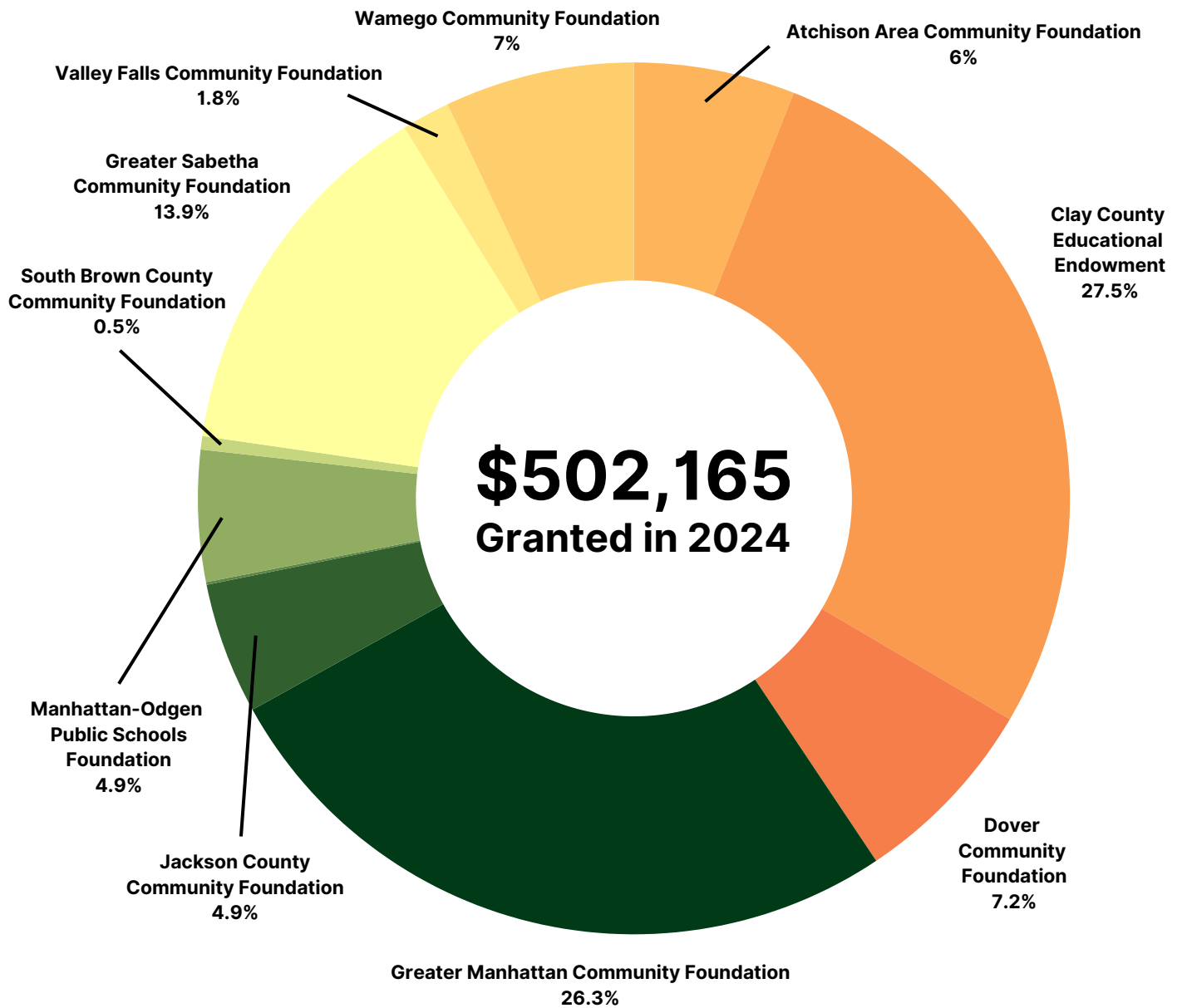
GOLDSTEIN FAMILY FOUNDATION - \$952,875

ADOPT Grant Fund	\$5,000
Flint Hills Breadbasket	\$250,000
Flint Hills Community Accelerator	\$100,000
Kansas State University Gardens	\$80,000
Manhattan Area Technical College	\$145,000
Manhattan Emergency Shelter	\$53,000
Manhattan School District - USD 383	\$59,875
Museum of Art + Light	\$50,000
Stormont Vail Foundation	\$100,000
Wareham Hall Renovation Fund	\$100,000
YES! Fund Donation	\$10,000

HOWE FAMILY FOUNDATION - \$594,371

Wareham Hall Renovation Fund	\$200,000
ADOPT Grant Fund	\$10,000
Grow Green Match Day	\$374,372
YES! Fund	\$10,000

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Programs

Amount Granted

Atchison Area Community Foundation	\$30,000
Clay County Educational Endowment Association	\$137,995
Dover Community Foundation	\$36,000
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation	\$132,170
Jackson County Community Foundation	\$24,500
Marysville Community Foundation	\$500
Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools Foundation	\$24,450
South Brown County Community Foundation	\$2,500
USD 113 Foundation - Sabetha	\$69,750
Valley Falls Community Foundation	\$9,000
Wamego Community Foundation	\$35,300

2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

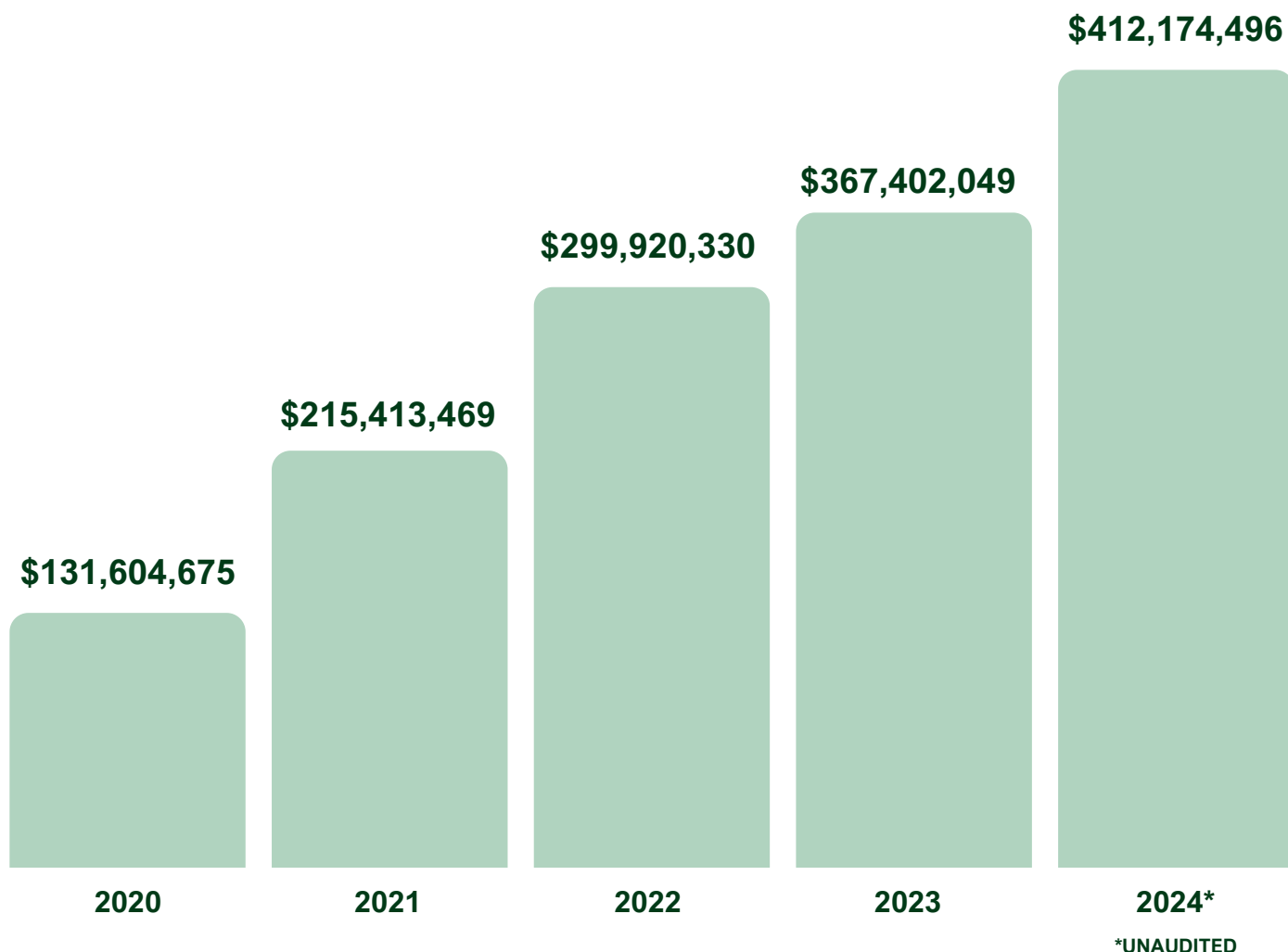
\$24,955,876

TOTAL GRANTS &
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$412,174,496

TOTAL ASSETS
AS OF 12.31.2024

ASSETS



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2024*

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,505,266.87
Other (Prepaid expenses, deposits)	4,245.48
Investments	181,687,059.36
Privately Held Stock	219,750,937.20
Annuities and Insurance	941,667.70
Real Estate (net)	1,336,500.00
Grants receivable - CCA	4,929,134.18
Fixed Assets (net)	19,685.39

Total	\$412,174,496.18
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Annuities payable ST	\$25,626.61
Annuities payable LT	146,937.03
Grants Payable CCA	4,929,134.18
Grants Payable	53,327.00
Payroll Withholdings Payable	10,043.22
Funds held for others	10,818,546.17

Total Liabilities	\$15,983,614.21
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Net Assets

Fund Balance - Endowed	\$57,063,229.73
Fund Balance - Expendable	339,127,652.24

Total Net Assets	\$396,190,881.97
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Total	\$412,174,496.18
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024*

REVENUES

Gifts and bequests	\$27,982,641.36
Investment performance	39,015,457.02
Other revenue	1,469,070.35

Total Revenue	\$68,467,168.73
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EXPENSES

Grants and program expenses	\$24,458,133.21
Management and general expenses	3,120,237.26

Total Expenses	\$27,578,370.47
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Increase in net assets	\$40,888,798.26
Management and general expenses	355,302,083.71

Net assets at year end	\$396,190,881.97
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MILITARY RELATIONS

In 2024, GMCF's Military Relations efforts expanded to better support active-duty personnel, veterans, and their families in the Flint Hills region. Christine Benne, Military Relations Coordinator, worked closely with local organizations, including the Military Relations Committee, Flint Hills Veterans Coalition, Association of the United States Army, and Fort Riley Museum Board, to strengthen partnerships and enhance community engagement.

GMCF also continued its support of the Armed Forces Community Foundation (AFCF), through Stand-To Match Day, raising \$118,000 to support funding for military-related programs and initiatives



COMMUNITY CARES CHEST

The Community Cares Chest (CCC) provides essential resources to nonprofits in Manhattan and surrounding areas. In 2024, CCC delivered five truckloads of supplies, each valued between \$100,000 and \$200,000. These shipments included laundry detergent, food, personal care items, and Amazon products, helping organizations meet community needs. Since its launch, CCC has distributed 22 truckloads, totaling \$4.7 million in donated goods. This effort is made possible with help from Manhattan Rotary Club, who assist with unloading and distribution.





YOUNG TRUSTEES

In 2024, the Young Trustees strengthened their impact through key fundraising events.

The 7th Annual Young Trustees Chili Cook-Off raised \$12,000 for local nonprofits. Steel and Pipe Supply Company Inc. won first place on behalf of Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, earning \$5,000. Other winners included Poo Squad Manhattan for Prairie Paws Animal Shelter and WTC Fiber for First Tee – Manhattan. An additional \$3,130 from ticket sales was distributed to 31 local charities.

The Third Annual Give Back to MHK Golf Tournament brought together local businesses and community members to support area nonprofits, raising \$3,015 for local nonprofit organizations.

During the holiday season, the Letters to Santa initiative responded to over 100 letters and provided gifts for 290 children, benefiting the Boys and Girls Club and Sunflower Children's Collective.



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 Mary Carter '21
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 Lowell Kohlmeier '18
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 -- Addie Bunnell '16 YT

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 --Jake Schulte '19, Co-Chair Elect
 --Lane Scroggins '24
 --Tyler Daveline '24
 --M.L. Latimore '20, Past Co-Chair
 --Addie Bunnell '16, Past Co-Chair

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 --Heather Peterson '19

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 --Preston Schotte '22

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 Christy Linders '23
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 Mary Jo Nelson '23
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 --Cody Blake '20
 --Chance Lee '16

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 Jo Lyle '06
 Chuck Lyman '15
 Barbara Nelson '12
 Derrick Roberson '16

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 Summer Ott-Dierks '19
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 Seth Gordon '24
 Tom Hintz '08
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 Dennis Mullin '02
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 Brad Sidener '19
 Dean Thibault '16
 Gail Urban '10
 Jake Wassenberg '23
 David Weaver '14

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Linda Cook '19, Chair
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 Bobbi French '20
 Doug Haverkamp '23
 Gordon Hibbard '17
 Karen Hibbard '23
 Cindy Penner '23
 Dustin Lobaugh '10-'12, '16
 Lorenzo Lockett '20
 Ashley Martin '22
 Doug Meloan '03
 Lori Rogge '23
 Matt Walters '22
 --Lauren Metheny '22
 --Kara Titus '20

Website

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 Steven Graham '21
 Dave Lewis '20
 Brad Roberts '22

Scholarships

Edee Nichols - Staff, Chair
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 Duane Dunn '03-'04, '16
 Mark Hatesohl '20
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 Michael Oldfather '02
 Karen Roberts '09
 Bruce Snead '12
 Sheila Walker '20
 --Emily Dixon '16
 --Gavin Schmidt '16

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Tracy Anderson '23 Co-Chair
 John Armbrust '17
 Grant Bannister '19
 Blake Bauer '22
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 Kristin Brighton '20
 Chris Eichman '18
 Ron Fowles '17
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 Bill Lansdowne '17
 Blade Mages '24
 Bruce McMillian '23
 Randy O'Boyle '19
 Tony Parker '19
 Randy Peterson '22
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 Tom Phillips '16
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 Harry Watts '08-'13 '19
 Linda Weis '14
 Jarrod Willich '18
 Kerri Winter '19
 --Cole Bachamp '20
 --Ross Metheny '22
 --Veronica Sims '16

Nominating

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 Stacy Kohlmeier '14
 Jan Marks '02

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Vern Henricks - Staff
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 Blake Kaus '16
 Bob Shannon '16
 Greg Wilson '23
 Dan Yunk '03

Partner Presidents

Alma Area - Trish Ringel
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 Atchison Area - Ethan Hausmann
 Blue Rapids - Will Clark
 Blue Valley - Melissa Geisler
 Clay Center - Morree Floerschl
 Doniphan Co - Ester Gormley
 Dover CF - Bruce Schlesener
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 Greater Perry - Wayne Ledbetter
 Greater Sabetha - Bill Simpson
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 S. Brown Co. - Steve Chartier
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 Wamego - Diane Hinrichs

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 @Mark Butler
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 George Slade '24
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 Eric Higgins '23
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 Vern Henricks, Secretary - Staff

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 ?? Initial Year as Trustee
 @ Board member, non-Trustee

WELCOMING CHANGE

As GMCF continues to grow, we welcome Derrick Jackson as Accounting Assistant. With over 14 years of accounting experience, Derrick will work alongside the VP of Finance to ensure responsible fund stewardship.

In 2024, GMCF also bids farewell to Gary Fees, Director of Investment Services, as he retires. Gary's leadership has strengthened GMCF's financial foundation, and his dedication has made a lasting impact. Throughout his tenure, he played a key role in managing investments and fostering donor trust.

"Gary has been a valued team member, dedicated professional, and great colleague," said Vern Henricks, President & CEO. "He will be missed by all who worked with him."

We thank Gary for his service and welcome Derrick to our team.



GMCF TEAM



Vern Henricks
President & CEO

Christine Benne
Military Relations
Coordinator

Marla Brandon
Vice President
of Finance

Sally Braun
Finance Assistant

MaKenna Eiert
Director of
Marketing

Derrick Jackson
Finance Assistant

Felix Jimenez
Digital Marketing
Coordinator



Edee Nichols
Scholarship
Coordinator

Mitzi Richards
Director of
Philanthropy

Leslie Scoby
Partner Liason

Stacy Smith
Executive Assist.
Grants Manager

Connie Joy
Greater Sabetha CF
Executive Director

Aimee Nelson
Wamego CF
Executive Director

Grace Sammoury
Atchison Area CF
Executive Director

Ivy Stone
South Brown Co. CF
Executive Director

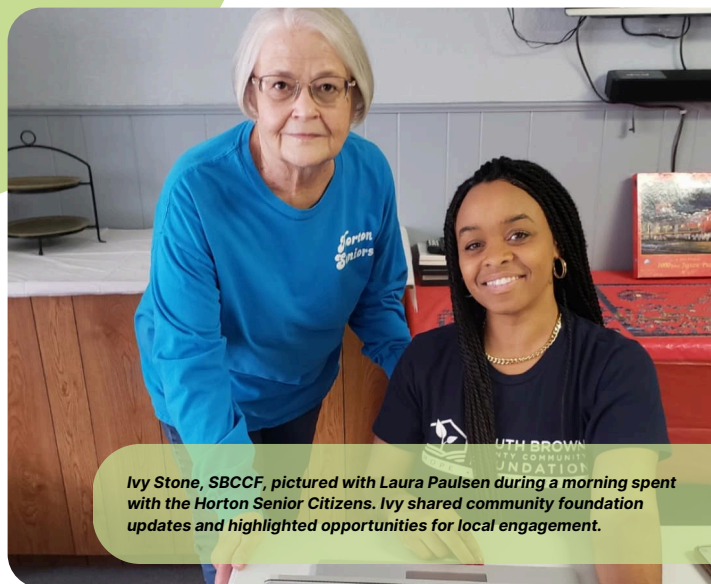
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The Patterson Family Foundation provided funding to support full-time Executive Directors at several GMCF partner foundations through their Community Foundation Capacity Building Grant Program. More than a year into the initiative, these directors have driven measurable growth.

Ivy Stone at South Brown County Community Foundation established its first community grant program. Connie Joy at Sabetha Community Foundation strengthened donor engagement, leading to a record-breaking \$1.3 million Match Day. Grace Sammoury at Atchison Area Community Foundation expanded donor education and endowment growth. In Wamego, Aimee Nelson revitalized donor-advised funds, increasing total assets by \$1 million in nine months.

Beyond financial milestones, full-time leadership has built stronger community trust and awareness. "People feel like they can come talk to us; they know us, and they trust us," Nelson shared.

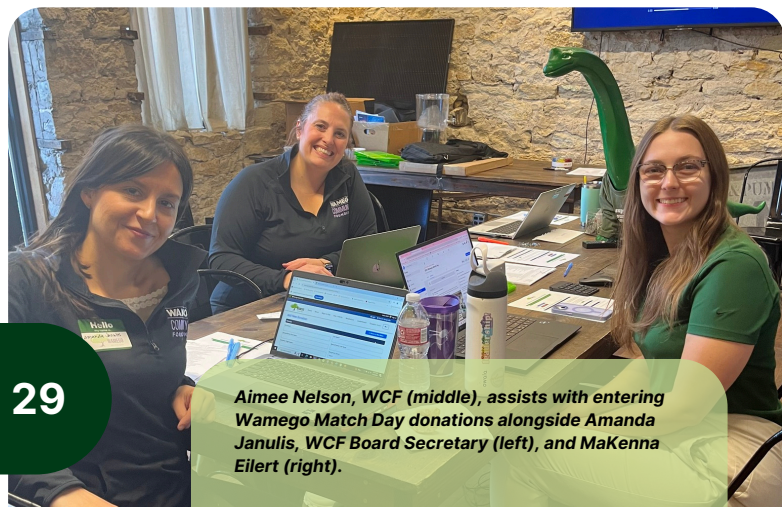
This investment is helping these foundations become self-sustaining, proving that dedicated leadership drives lasting impact.



Ivy Stone, SBCCF, pictured with Laura Paulsen during a morning spent with the Horton Senior Citizens. Ivy shared community foundation updates and highlighted opportunities for local engagement.



Connie Joy, GSCF, poses at the foundation's new office on 9th Street, formerly a dentist office, now leased through a generous partnership with foundation supporters.



Aimee Nelson, WCF (middle), assists with entering Wamego Match Day donations alongside Amanda Janulis, WCF Board Secretary (left), and MaKenna Eilert (right).



Grace Sammoury, AACF, poses with Sherry Swendson during the 2024 All Aboard Atchison Match Day. Sherry had just won the Match Day raffle, giving an extra \$250 to the charity of her choice.

GMCF PARTNERS

ASSETS

ALMA AREA*

Established: June 21, 2023
 # of Funds: 20
 Assets: \$841,873
 2024 Donations: \$208,171
 2024 Grants: \$138,721

ARMED FORCES**

Established: Dec. 27, 2018
 # of Funds: 39
 Assets: \$625,050
 2024 Donations: \$507,331
 2024 Grants: \$182,352

ATCHISON AREA*

Established: March 11, 2019
 # of Funds: 104
 Assets: \$2,509,258
 2024 Donations: \$955,000
 2024 Grants: \$420,074

DONIPHAN COUNTY**

Established: July 12, 2016
 # of Funds: 52
 Assets: \$287,400
 2024 Donations: \$17,105
 2024 Grants: \$113,342

GREATER GEARY**

Established: Dec. 19, 2016
 # of Funds: 123
 Assets: \$10,246,077
 2024 Donations: \$2,677,403
 2024 Grants: \$719,004

JACKSON COUNTY**

Established: March 15, 2019
 # of Funds: 56
 Assets: \$2,026,243
 2024 Donations: \$438,194
 2024 Grants: \$289,251

VALLEY FALLS**

Established: Nov. 12, 2018
 # of Funds: 55
 Assets: \$438,396
 2024 Donations: \$195,353
 2024 Grants: \$87,445

BLUE RAPIDS**

Established: Jan. 10, 2018
 # of Funds: 36
 Assets: \$848,096
 2024 Donations: \$210,431
 2024 Grants: \$80,691

DOVER**

Established: June 9, 2001
 # of Funds: 3
 Assets: \$1,419,720
 2024 Donations: \$17,105
 2024 Grants: \$63,334

GREATER PERRY**

Established: Aug. 15, 2023
 # of Funds: 6
 Assets: \$50,989
 2024 Donations: \$39,205
 2024 Grants: \$11,472

MARYSVILLE**

Established: June 2, 2014
 # of Funds: 87
 Assets: \$2,443,462
 2024 Donations: \$756,828
 2024 Grants: \$396,555

WAMEGO*

Established: March 1, 2016
 # of Funds: 167
 Assets: \$7,666,461
 2024 Donations: \$1,601,450
 2024 Grants: \$668,313

BLUE VALLEY**

Established: Sept. 26, 2022
 # of Funds: 9
 Assets: \$39,327
 2024 Donations: \$32,040
 2024 Grants: \$13,225

FRANKFORT**

Established: Nov. 15, 2005
 # of Funds: 61
 Assets: \$2,918,384
 2024 Donations: \$226,911
 2024 Grants: \$263,453

GREATER SABETHA**

Established: Nov. 11, 2015
 # of Funds: 152
 Assets: \$17,893,356
 2024 Donations: \$2,629,351
 2024 Grants: \$1,623,056

RURAL RILEY COUNTY**

Established: Aug. 15, 2023
 # of Funds: 23
 Assets: \$205,271
 2024 Donations: \$172,747
 2024 Grants: \$12,917

MANHATTAN-OGDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION***

Established: Dec. 11, 2019
 # of Funds: 27
 Assets: \$3,405,374
 2024 Donations: \$229,012
 2024 Grants: \$209,436

CLAY CENTER*

Established: March 8, 2017
 # of Funds: 117
 Assets: \$8,042,570
 2024 Donations: \$1,305,817
 2024 Grants: \$1,453,074

GARDNER**

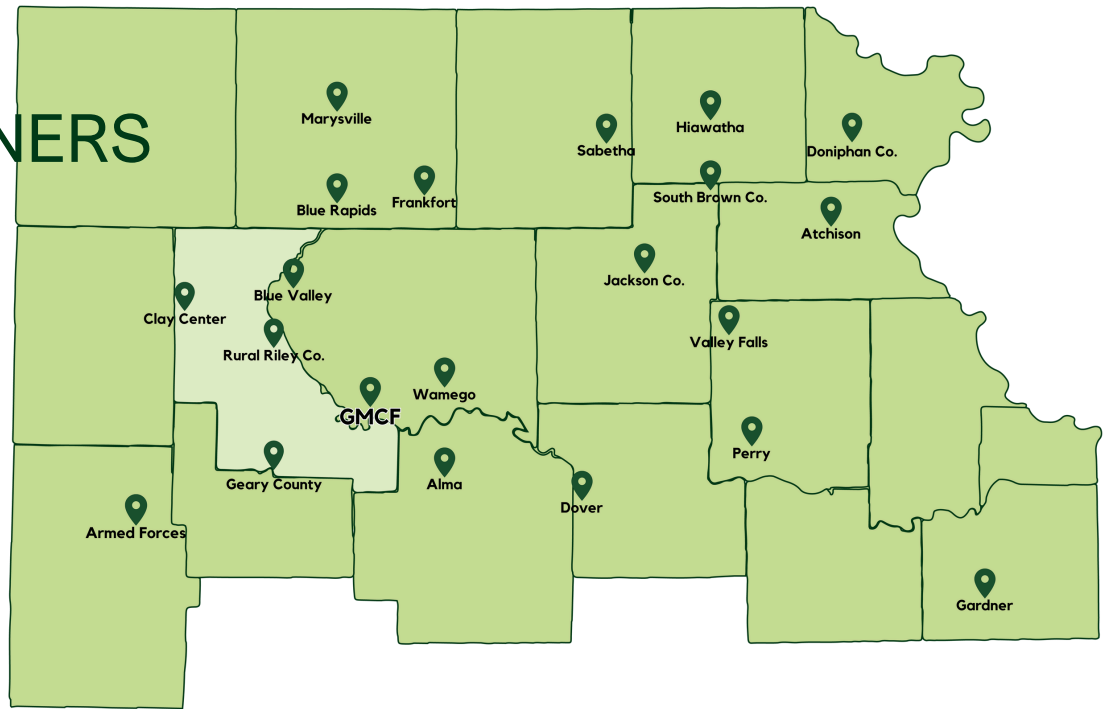
Established: Dec. 11, 2024
 # of Funds: --
 Assets: --
 2024 Donations: --
 2024 Grants: --

HIAWATHA**

Established: Dec. 11, 2019
 # of Funds: 70
 Assets: \$1,095,657
 2024 Donations: \$709,217
 2024 Grants: \$410,007

SOUTH BROWN COUNTY**

Established: Dec. 11, 2019
 # of Funds: 52
 Assets: \$519,551
 2024 Donations: \$263,950
 2024 Grants: \$91,177





MISSION

To build relationships between donors and community needs

VISION

Enhancing quality of life through philanthropic giving

VALUES

Service with accountability, integrity, quality, respect, and transparency



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