



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

2025

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DONORS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS



From My Desk to Yours

A letter from Vern Henricks, President & CEO of GMCF

The 2025 year has brought change, growth, and new opportunities. The board is nearing completion of its goals to build capacity, grow resources, and increase impact. Our Manhattan staff welcomed three new team members, and our affiliate executive director network expanded. Community grantmaking has reached new heights, and match day programs continue to set giving records across every community.

A major highlight was the planning, construction, and dedication of the Flint Hills Community Accelerator, along with the hiring of its Executive Director, Lisa Sederlin-Isaacson. This new facility has the potential to be a true game-changer for our region.

This year has been one of reflection, discussion, and careful planning to ensure the Foundation is positioned to best serve our communities. Through it all, one thing has remained constant—our commitment to service. Every effort centers on helping donors and partners support the causes they care about in the most effective way possible.

GMCF's continued growth has drawn attention and opened new doors for collaboration. Each day brings new opportunities to serve, strengthen, and make a difference in the communities we call home. And the year's not over yet—the best is still to come.



**MANHATTAN
TECH**



**KANSAS
WORKFORCEONE**



**MANHATTAN
FREE CLINIC**



**CHILDCARE
BUSINESS INITIATIVE**

www.flinthillscommunityaccelerator.com

“The FHCA is a groundbreaking hub where essential community services converge under one roof.”

2025 YTD* Grants Dispersed

**Programming,
Outreach, &
Expenses
\$9,268,623**

**Goldstein
Foundation
\$2,392,969**

**Deihl Arts &
Humanities
Grants
\$141,252**

**Scholarships
\$896,513**

**Howe Family
Foundation
\$200,000**

**Grants for
Greater
Manhattan
\$189,520**

**Donor Advised
Fund Grants
\$5,837,723**

**Designated
Fund Grants
\$7,343,118**

**Eichman
Family
Foundation
\$11,600
(Newly formed)**

**Ward &
Brenda
Morgan
Community
Grant
\$96,980**

**Butler Family
Community
Foundation
\$676,828**

**Deihl
Community
Grants
\$674,936**

**YES! Fund
Grants
\$227,000**

Total: \$27,957,062

***year to date**

Spotlight on IMPACT

70 Seconds, Big Impact: Hearing from the Heart of Our Community

Each year, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation hosts a semi-annual meeting that brings together our Board of Trustees, staff, and partners for a unique opportunity to hear directly from the nonprofit organizations supported through Grants for Greater Manhattan. Through their quick “speed reports,” each nonprofit shares a 70-second snapshot of their work, the lives they touch, and how GMCF’s grants help turn vision into reality. It’s an energizing experience—often called the fastest grant update in philanthropy—and a reminder of what community in action truly looks like.

These moments matter. Behind every grant is a story that transforms funding into meaningful change. Hearing directly from grantees keeps us grounded in the real needs and opportunities of the communities we serve. Each report reinforces our shared commitment to building a stronger, more connected region. When we listen, we don’t just hear updates—we witness impact in motion and the very reason GMCF exists.

“

When we take time to listen, we remember why this work matters — every number on a spreadsheet represents a story, a person, a ripple of change.

Beth Smoller, Board Chair

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Listen with **INTENTION**

As you listen to each presentation, consider:

- What challenge is this organization tackling, and why does it matter to our community?
- What impacts are they seeing in numbers, stories, or ripple effects?
- What partnerships or collaborations might strengthen their efforts?

Unable to attend?
Take a moment to
reflect on the following:

- How might I help amplify an organization's work?
- In what ways can I use my voice, network, or expertise to strengthen our community's collective impact?
- What inspired action can I take today to help the good work grow?

Full grant
stories here



2025 GMCF Grant Recipients

In the first half of 2025, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation awarded over \$189,000 in community grants to strengthen the arts, support basic needs, and create opportunities for local youth. Each project below represents a story of collaboration, compassion, and impact in action.

Arts & Culture: \$21,970

Friends of the Konza Prairie: \$3,000
Konza Summer Teachers' Workshop

Kansas Science Festival: \$5,000
Annual Kansas Science Festival

Manhattan Arts Center: \$8,520
Clay Creations Collective-From Earth to Art

Manhattan Symphony Orchestra: \$5,450
Celebrating All Voices

Basic Human Needs: \$96,500

Crisis Center: \$10,000
Riley County Police Response Advocate Program

Flint Hills Breadbasket: \$10,000
Dairy Dollars

Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice: \$10,000
Charitable Care

Habitat for Humanity: \$10,000
Hope ReStored Program

Laundry Love MHK: \$5,000
Monthly Events

Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.: \$10,000
Severe Service Needs Program

Pawnee Mental Health Services: \$10,000
Advancing Mental Health Care

Riley County Health Department: \$5,500
Community Baby Shower

Shepherd's Crossing: \$10,000
Prescription and Medical Equipment Program

The House Cafe. Inc: \$10,000
The Way Early Learning Center

UFM Community Learning Center: \$6,000
Project Excell

Youth: \$71,050

Boys & Girls Club Manhattan: \$10,000
Summer Programs

First Tee Manhattan: \$10,000
Manhattan Programs

Flint Hills EEA Chapter 1364: \$10,000
Youth Aviation Aircraft Build Project

Kids Bike Recycling/Bike Swap: \$6,000
Kids Bike Recycling & Bike Swap Events

Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy: \$2,500
EmpowerMe Program

MASA Club at Manhattan High School: \$800
American Rocketry Competition

Sole Reason Foundation: \$9,250
Manhattan Project

Special Olympics Kansas: \$5,000
State Basketball & Cheerleading Competition

Sunflower Children's Collective: \$10,000
CASA Advocate Support

Thrive! Flint Hills Foundation: \$7,500
Breaking the Cycle of Poverty for Youth

Funded by: Fund for Manhattan, Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund, Don Dodge Fund, Frances Van Scoyoc Fund, Florence Day Fund, Fund for Manhattan-Permanent, Jean Caul Fund, C. Clyde and Margaret S. Jones Fund, Manhattan Community Memorial Fund, Lois Blackman Fund, and Instruments for Youth Fund.

Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl Grants

COMMUNITY GRANTS \$674,936

Manhattan Emergency Shelter: \$12,119
Controlled Access Upgrade

Flint Hills Breadbasket: \$66,000
Building A Healthy Future

The House Cafe, Inc: \$25,000
Building Preservation

Downtown Farmers Market of Manhattan: \$10,000
Market Match

Manhattan Arts Center: \$15,500
Youth Tech Academy

The Wareham Hall: \$166,666
Renovation Project Committee Pledge

Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan: \$25,000
Outdoor Recreation Areas & Security Enhancements

Manhattan Free Clinic: \$10,000
Clinic Equipment at Flint Hills Community Accelerator

Flint Hills Summer Fun Camp: \$9,651.24
Summer Camp 2025

Sunflower Children's Collective: \$10,000
Strengthening Community Child Advocacy

Deihl Arts & Humanities Grants Fund: \$150,000
Distribute Community Arts & Humanities Funds for 2025

YES! Fund (Youth Empowerment for Success): \$75,000
After-school programs supported by the YES! Fund

Grow Green Match Day: \$100,000
Distribute funds for 2025 Match Day

ARTS GRANTS \$130,502

Frank V. Bergman Elementary School: \$40,000
Community Wave Sculpture and Beautification

Manhattan Arts Center: \$12,000
Outdoor Community Space

Museum of Art + Light: \$33,502
Projection Mapping Building Façade

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art: \$45,000
Projection Mapping Building Façade

HUMANITIES GRANTS \$10,750

Black Entrepreneurs of the Flint Hills: \$10,000
Echoes of Yuma

Bluemont Elementary School: \$750
Seed to the Future Sculpture



Lincoln and Dorothy Deihl were globally minded educators who made Manhattan their home in 1979. In 2010, they established the Deihl Endowed Fund at the Greater Manhattan Community

Foundation to improve quality of life in our region. Their legacy continues through the Deihl Community Grants program, which supports basic human needs, youth, and the arts and humanities.

Grants in Action!



Manhattan Symphony



Flint Hills EEA



First Tee



Kids Bikes Recycling

Supporting Organization Grants

Our supporting organizations operate under the GMCF “umbrella,” providing donors with the Foundation’s benefit while maintaining independent boards to manage their grantmaking and investments. These organizations hold public charity status due to their close connection with the Community Foundation, which elects their board members.



The Butler Family Community Foundation joined GMCF in 2018 through the generosity of the late Bernie Butler’s family. Supporting their hometowns of Manhattan, Minneapolis, and Seattle, the fund advances wellness, education, innovation, and creativity. Guided by inclusive, community-focused values, the foundation helps expand access to healthy and vibrant living.

Butler Family Foundation: \$676,828

North Carolina Disaster Relief Funds - \$75,000

North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund: \$50,000

River Arts District Relief Fund: \$25,000

Manhattan, KS - \$246,828

Yuma Street Cultural Center: \$12,000

Flint Hills Breadbasket - Capital Campaign: \$40,000

Grow Green Community Match - Arts Fund: \$49,828

Other: \$145,000

Minneapolis, MN - \$155,000

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota: \$10,000

Girls on the Run Twin Cities: \$20,000

Other: \$125,000

Seattle, WA - \$200,000

Northwest Film Forum ACTION!: \$35,000

Ballard Food Bank: \$20,000

Other: \$145,000



The Alfred J. Eichman Family Fund honors the family’s legacy of generosity and service to Wamego by supporting local organizations that strengthen community life. Their ongoing commitment helps keep Wamego a vibrant place to live for generations to come.



Eichman Family Foundation: \$11,600

Wamego Match Day Matching Funds: \$5,000

FOCUS, Jesse Brummett Missionary: \$6,600



Established in 2011 through a generous contribution from Jack and Joann Goldstein, the Goldstein Foundation Fund provides broad support for the Manhattan community. Jack's entrepreneurial legacy lives on through ongoing gifts that strengthen local nonprofits and reflect his deep commitment to the place he called home.

Goldstein Foundation: \$2,392,969

Big Lakes Development Center Capital Campaign: \$250,000
Bishop Stadium Improvements Fund, Video Board: \$241,969
Grow Green Match Day, Matching Fund: \$100,000
Clay Center Multi-Generational Life Center Campaign: \$500,000
Flint Hills Community Accelerator Campaign: \$150,000
Good Shepherd Foundation Campaign: \$125,000
Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc., Grant Match: \$53,000
Museum of Art and Light, Inc., Lobby Elevator: \$50,000
Stormont Vail Foundation, MRI Software: \$67,000
Wareham Hall Renovation Campaign: \$350,000
YES! Fund Grant: \$10,000
Mid-West Educational Center, Wonder Workshop Grant: \$21,000
Meadowlark Hills Foundation, Inc. Campaign: \$100,000
Grant approved; recipient TBA: \$250,000
Make A Difference Foundation Youth Facility: \$50,000
Flint Hills Breadbasket Emergency Food Funds: \$25,000
Honor Our Fallen Heroes Memorial: \$50,000



Established in 2013 through the generosity of Phil and Margaret Howe, the Howe Family Foundation helps strengthen essential services and youth-focused initiatives in Manhattan. Their ongoing commitment continues to build a stronger and more resilient community for all.



Howe Family Foundation: \$200,000

Wareham Hall Renovation Campaign: \$200,000



By the Numbers

Empowering Manhattan's future since 1999.

GMCF has reached

\$435
MILLION
IN ASSETS



\$27 M
INVESTED
IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
GRANTS

Grow Green Match Day: Giving Together

In 2025, over
\$2.4 M
Raised for
local nonprofits

With More Than
\$14.4 M
Raised for our community
SINCE 2013

SAVE
the
DATE

Wednesday,
April 22nd, 2026

Community
Cares Chest



Distributed More Than

\$5
MILLION
IN PRODUCTS SINCE
MARCH 2023

7
TRUCKLOADS
OF ITEMS
RECEIVED
EACH VALUED BETWEEN
\$100-300 K



Beyond the Numbers

5 little-known facts about our BIG impact!

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GMCF offers **5** flexible ways to give: community giving, outright gifts, planned gifts, income-producing gifts, and strategic asset transfers.

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GMCF's affiliate network expanded by **4** total executive directors at Clay Center, Marysville, Hiawatha, and Jackson County Foundations.

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According to the Community Foundation Census, GMCF is the **3rd** fastest growing community foundation with assets over \$100M.

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2 local giving circles, Fairy Godmothers and Guardians, provide financial support to local women and men striving for stability and opportunity.

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1 group of community ambassadors, the Trustees, helps share the Foundation's mission and identify community needs that guide future grantmaking.





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