



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

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
- Goldstein Foundation supporting organization established, 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 an \$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

2017

- **Staff Change: Shanita Thomas, Accounting Assistant; Mike McCall, WCF Director; Leslie Scoby, Affiliate Coordinator**
- EOY assets: \$79,396,487; Grants to community: \$4,817,777
- 5th annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$422,617, funds raised totaled \$612,143, Fifty-one funds benefitted
- Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation joined GMCF as affiliate
- Made the first grants from the Lincoln and Dorothy Deihl Community Grants Program totaling \$174,043.31

2018

- **Staff Change: Edee Nichols, Scholarship Coordinator; Leah Hyman, Grant Writer**
- EOY assets: \$87,888,053; Grants to community: \$4,786,379
- 6th annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$528,328, funds raised totaled \$761,231.40, Fifty-five funds benefitted
- Match Days - Manhattan, Sabetha, Marysville, Clay Center, Doniphan County and Frankfort
- Blue Rapids Community Foundation joined GMCF as affiliate
- Launched MIDGE: Manhattan Information Directory, A Guide to Everything (named after the late Midge Jones)
- Established Butler Family Charitable Foundation supporting organization
- Created a Disaster Recovery Fund to address needs in the event of a local disaster. The fund was used to accept public donations for the 2018 Labor Day Flood and the money was used locally.

2019

- **Staff Change: Sally Braun, Accounting Assistant; Jessica Sondergard, Program Assistant**
- EOY assets: \$115,369,850; Grants to community: \$11,446,512
- 7th annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$528,328, funds raised totaled \$761,231.40, Fifty-eight funds benefitted
- Match Days - Manhattan, Sabetha, Marysville, Clay Center, Frankfort, Doniphan County, Wamego, Blue Rapids, & Geary County
- New Affiliates - Atchison, Jackson County, Valley Falls, Horton, and Armed Forces - totaling 14 affiliates
- Switched integrated software from FIMS to Foundant for Community Foundations
- Developed in-house Grants and Scholarships software, both allowing for online applications
- Launched GMCF Community Hour on KMAN, Mondays at 10 AM

2020

- **Staff Change: Gary Fees, Director of Investment Services; MaKenna Eilert, Program Assistant**
- EOY assets: \$131,604,675; Grants to community: \$11,604,719
- 8th annual GROW Green Match Day, local gifts of \$912,308, funds raised totaled \$1,279,216, Sixty-five funds benefitted
- Match Days - Manhattan, Marysville, Blue Rapids, Clay Center, Wamego, Geary, Armed Forces, Frankfort, Sabetha, & Doniphan
- New Affiliates - Hiawatha - totaling 15 affiliates
- COVID-19 Recovery Efforts: COVID-19 Recovery Fund; MHKTogether; Riley Co. CARES Non-Profit Grant administration

2021

- **Staff Change: Felix Jimenez, Digital Marketing Coordinator**
- EOY assets: \$215,413,469; Grants to community: \$16,904,991.28
- 9th Annual Grow Green Match Day, local gifts of \$1,108,902, funds raised totaled \$1,486,434, 69 funds benefitted
- Match Days – Manhattan, Marysville, Blue Rapids, Hiawatha, Clay Center, Wamego, Geary, Armed Forces, Frankfort, Sabetha, Jackson, & Doniphan
- Hosted a Virtual Community Foundation Awards

2022

- **Staff Change: Christine Benne, Military Relations Coordinator; Mitzi Richards, Director of Philanthropy**
- EOY assets: \$204,906,438; Grants to community: \$26,269,983.56
- 10th Annual Grow Green Match Day, local gifts of \$1,348,401, funds raised totaled \$1,772,350, 79 funds benefitted
- Match Days - Manhattan, Marysville, Blue Rapids, Hiawatha, Clay Center, Wamego, Geary, Armed Forces, Frankfort, Sabetha, Jackson, & Doniphan
- New Affiliates – Blue Valley – totaling 16 affiliates

Current Staff

Vernon Henricks, President & CEO; **Marla Brandon**, VP of Finance; **Sally Braun**, Accounting Assistant; **Edee Nichols**, Grants & Scholarships Coordinator; Leslie Scoby, Director of Partner Programs; **Mike McCall**, WCF Director; **MaKenna Eilert**, Communications Coordinator; **Gary Fees**, Director of Investment Services; **Christine Benne**, Military Relations Coordinator; **Kendra Kuhlman**, Director of Program Development; **Mitzi Richards**, Director of Philanthropy; **Felix Jimenez**, Digital Marketing Coordinator