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## DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support of the Heartland Community Foundation.

This year brought tremendous milestones, including surpassing \$1 million in each of our County Legacy Funds during Match Match — two years ahead of our 10-year goal! We also reached \$4.3 million in total grants awarded since our inception, with \$396,156 granted in just the past fiscal year to drive transformative projects across Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties.

Our first-ever giving day, Give Fest, in October brought incredible energy and excitement — raising more than \$240,000 communitywide. We also welcomed nearly 20 new funds in 2024, a testament to the lasting power and belief in endowment. The momentum of this year reflects the strength of our shared commitment to creating a brighter future.

This year, we were especially inspired by the enthusiasm of young leaders in our community. During Give Fest, 5th graders from Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties each received \$10 to donate to a local nonprofit, fostering early understanding of charitable giving. Additionally, our Youth Action Council, comprising dedicated teens, continues to engage in meaningful projects, demonstrating that the future of philanthropy is in capable hands. We also granted money to eight teen-led projects!

Thank you for helping guide us to these incredible achievements. Together, we're lighting the way forward, creating lasting impact for generations to come.

With immense gratitude,

**Sarah Meitner**  
Executive Director

**Josh Dreher**  
President of the Advisory Board



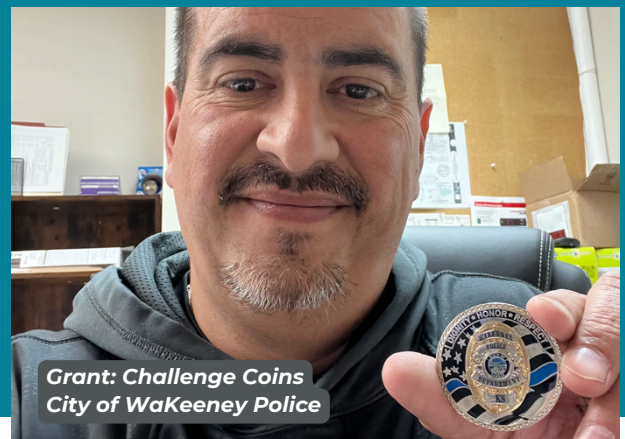
**Grant: Veterans Day Celebration**  
USD 208 KAYS



**Grant: Drive-In Screen Application**  
Trego Sky View Foundation



**Grant: New Brass Instruments**  
USD 208 Band



**Grant: Challenge Coins**  
City of WaKeeney Police

**Featured grant recipients on the Cover:**  
USD 208 Kays; Trego Community General Public Transportation; USD 208 Band

# '24 YEAR IN REVIEW

**\$9,057,598 TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$396,156 GRANTED, FY2024**

**\$96,372 GRANTED IN TREGO COUNTY, FY2024**

**\$4.3 MILLION TOTAL GRANTED, SINCE 2007**

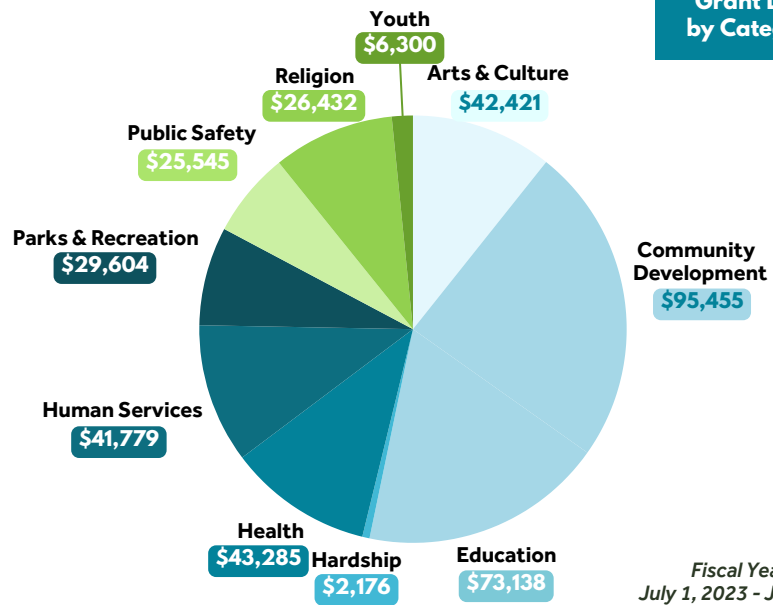
**\$1,046,060 TOTAL RAISED, 549 DONORS, FY2024**

<b>TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED YTD</b> <b>\$1,637,303</b>	<b>TOTAL DOLLARS GRANTED FY2024</b> <b>\$396,156</b>	<b>TOTAL GRANT \$\$ BY COUNTY FY2024</b> Trego County \$96,372 Ellis County \$148,025 Rooks County \$116,708 Other \$34,501	<b>KEY FUND BALANCES YTD</b> Trego County Legacy Fund \$1,126,615 Ellis County Legacy Fund \$1,102,368 Rooks County Legacy Fund \$1,079,312 Heartland Admin Fund \$1,785,645
<b>144 PROJECTS IMPACTED</b>	<b>101 NONPROFITS HELPED</b>	<b>Total Number of Donors YTD</b> <b>737</b>	
<b>Pooled Investment Performance, YTD</b> <b>+15.89%</b> <small>As of 9-30-24</small>	<b>Pooled Investment 10-year Annualized</b> <b>+8.5%</b> <small>As of 9-30-24</small>		

Heartland Community Foundation granted **\$396,156** to **101** nonprofits in fiscal year 2024, supporting their missions and advancing meaningful projects and programs. These grants are made possible by distributing from the investment growth of our action funds, including the County Legacy Funds, allowing the principal balance to continue growing.

Grant dollars were awarded in nine categories, including: **\$95,455** (Comm. Development); **\$73,138** (Education); **\$43,285** (Health); **\$42,421** (Arts/Culture); and **\$41,779** (Human Services).

Thanks to the support of our donors and generous community members, we can make a lasting impact today while ensuring sustainable support for the future.



Fiscal Year 2024 data:  
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024  
YTD ending Dec. 30, 2024

## IN 2024, WE WELCOMED TWO NEW EMPLOYEES TO HCF!



**Welcome Savannah Downing**  
Trego County Development Director

Residing in rural Trego County with her husband and five children, Savannah brings years of experience as an educator and a passion for community development. With a background in grant writing and a vision for strengthening rural areas, she is committed to fostering philanthropy and creating opportunities within Trego County.



**Welcome Deanna Hammerschmidt**  
Rooks County Development Director

Living in Plainville with her daughter, Mia, Deanna brings extensive experience in marketing, public relations, and engagement, having been a business owner and community volunteer. She is committed to building strong donor relationships and enhancing quality of life throughout Rooks County.

## "CAUGHT DOING GOOD" VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED!

In November 2024, HCF recognized 18 local individuals with "Caught Doing Good" awards for their contributions to the community as volunteers! Follow us on Facebook to see even more recipients in 2025!



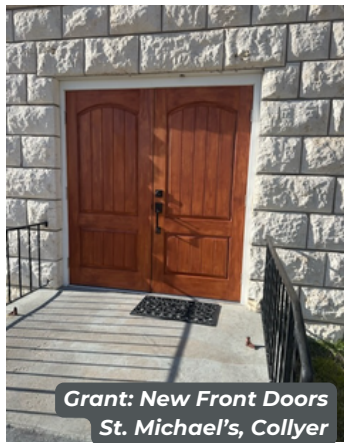
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# FROM GENEROSITY TO IMPACT



Grant: Popcorn Machine  
Trego High School



Grant: New Front Doors  
St. Michael's, Collyer



## Trego Co. Historical Society

"What a great benefit the grants received from the HCF have been for the Trego County Historical Society. We have created new displays and exhibits, added a new building to the museum grounds, and worked on preservation storage for our collection. We would not have been able to accomplish these projects to preserve our county history without the Foundation support through the grant opportunities." - Marjean Deines

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

HCF proudly awarded grant funds to the following organizations between July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

### TREGO COUNTY

- City of WaKeeney
- City of WaKeeney Transportation Service
- Heritage of Our Forefathers
- Lift Up Wakeeney
- The Well - Center for Hope
- Trego County
- Trego County Chamber of Commerce
- Trego County Historical Society
- Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital
- Trego Police Department
- Trego Sky View Foundation
- USD 208 Trego Grade Schoole
- USD 208 Trego High School
- USD 208 Trego Recreation Commission
- USD 208 Trego Special Education
- USD 208 School District
- USD 208 TCHS Wrestling Team
- WaKeeney Saddle Club

### OTHER

- Covenant Builders International Ministries.
- Decatur Area Development
- Pawnee County Econ. Development
- Scott Hospital Foundation
- Stafford County Economic Development
- Thomas County Community Foundation
- Thomas County Historical Society
- USD 293 Quinter High School
- USD 315 Colby Public Schools
- USD 428 Great Bend Public Schools
- USD 466 Scott County Schools
- Welcome Inn
- Western Plains Arts Association
- Youth Core Ministries

### ELLIS COUNTY

- Celebration Community Church
- City of Ellis
- City of Hays Parks Department
- DSNWK
- Downtown Hays
- Ellis County Historical Society
- Ellis County Youth Action Council
- Ellis Recreation Commission
- Ellis USD 388 - Ellis High School
- First Call for Help of Ellis County
- Fort Hays Tech | North Central Fdn.
- Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County
- Hays Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hays Arts Council
- Hays Community Theatre
- Hays Dog Park
- Hays Lions Club
- Hays Public Library
- Hays Recreation Commission
- Hays Senior Center
- HaysMed Foundation
- Jana's Campaign
- Leadership Hays at the Hays Chamber
- Hays Arts Council/FHSU Art Dept.
- St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellis
- St. Joseph Parish Hays
- St. Mary's Parish
- STEM Harvest
- The Arc of Central Plains
- Thomas More Prep-Marian High School
- USD 388 Education Foundation
- USD 489 Foundation Fund
- USD 489 Hays High School
- USD 489 O'Loughlin Elementary
- USD 489 Roosevelt Elementary
- USD 489 Special Education Cooperative

### ROOKS COUNTY

- City of Stockton
- City of Stockton Fire Department
- Damar Community Foundation
- City of Damar
- Downtown Stockton
- Downtown Plainville
- Fusion Christian Youth Center
- Plainville After Prom
- Plainville Community Foundation
- Plainville Fire Department
- Plainville Recreation Commission
- Plainville United Methodist Church
- Prairie Faith Shared Ministry
- Rooks County
- Rooks County Free Fair
- Rooks County Golf Course
- Rooks County Health Center
- Rooks County Healthcare Foundation
- Rooks County Historical Society
- Rooks County Sheriff's Office
- Rooks County Youth Action Council
- Rooks County EMS
- Sacred Heart School
- Stockton Methodist Church
- Stockton Methodist Church of Restoration
- Stockton Public Library
- Stockton Recreation Commission
- Stockton Rodders, Inc.
- The Stock Town Foundation
- USD 270 Plainville Schools
- USD 270 Plainville High School
- USD 271 Stockton Junior High School



# BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

## Fostering Growth Through Philanthropy and Partnerships

At the Heartland Community Foundation, community development is central to our mission. We believe creating vibrant, thriving communities requires a shared vision and collective action. Through strategic partnerships and investments, we address local challenges, empower organizations, and inspire lasting philanthropy. In 2024, we focused on initiatives that enhance quality of life in Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties. Our grants supported projects that met immediate needs and created opportunities for long-term growth.

From funding infrastructure improvements to supporting programs that build skills and foster connections, we are committed to uplifting our Heartland communities. Our work extends beyond financial support, as we bring people together to share ideas, tackle challenges, and celebrate progress. Through philanthropy and collaboration, we are proud to contribute to the resilience and prosperity of the communities we serve. Together, we are building a brighter future.



### Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital

In August 2023, Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital celebrated the ground breaking for an \$11.8 million expansion and renovation. Heartland Community Foundation granted \$2,827 to the Hospital Foundation for a new digital kiosk at the entrance, wall fans, and new raised garden beds for patients to enjoy.

## LEADING THE WAY WITH THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL



Joining YAC has allowed me to connect with students from other schools, creating a community where I can tackle community projects and build friendships while being taught about the grant process.

Mia Coleman

-- MIA COLEMAN, SENIOR  
TREGO HIGH SCHOOL

The Trego County Youth Action Council is making an impact with their own strategic granting, connecting the youth with community projects. This initiative was made possible by generous donations to their fund during our Give Fest event. They granted a total of \$3,000 to three organizations this fall. Beyond this, the council meets monthly to discuss topics related to leadership and community improvement. Members review grants and make recommendations for the fall funding cycle, assist with Match Month efforts, and contribute to other foundation activities, showcasing their dedication to community development.

### TREGO CO. YAC MEMBERS

- Mia Coleman, senior, TCHS
- Hunter Yingling, senior, TCHS
- Kallan Rothchild, junior, TCHS
- Carleigh Klitzke, junior, TCHS
- Aaron Samson, junior, TCHS
- Raegan Kastle, sophomore, TCHS
- Mason Yingling, sophomore, TCHS
- Lucas Dreher, sophomore, TCHS



### Trego County Fair

HCF granted \$8,000 for a new sound system for the grandstands. "We will be installing the system prior to the start of the [racing] season! Our goal is that this system works better with our live streaming, has better output for the live action, and can be utilized for other events as needed." - Barrett Wagoner, Grant Writer/WaKeeney Speedway



### The Well - Center for Hope

The Well received a grant for \$1,806 from HCF for a new espresso grinder. This helped to enhance their operations with additional equipment. They recently received a grant from the Trego County Youth Action Council for \$1,000 to support their counseling services.

# THE HEART OF GIVING



## DUSTIN & SKYLIN DAY

*"Without the support of Heartland Community Foundation in WaKeeney & Trego County, there would be many projects that would never get higher than an idea level. From our schools, to small organizations, to our churches, HCF has been a staple in providing needed funding to enhance these projects and turn them from an idea to reality."*



## DAN & BRIANNA LAMOTTE

*"We give because we know that our donation will stay local to Trego county. We know that by putting our dollars in HCF, that they are going to make the best decisions on which projects to help fund. By giving during Match Month and Give Fest, our donations were matched, which gives an even greater impact to our community to keep it thriving for our kids as they grow."*



## HARDY & DAWN HOWARD

*"It's not often that an individual, a family, or a business can make a multi-generational impact on the community that they call home. The Heartland Community Foundation gives donors multiple options to do just that!"*

## ESTABLISHED FOUNDATION FUNDS As of December 30, 2024

### ARTS & CULTURE

Damar Community Historical Foundation Fund  
 Ellis County Historical Society Fund for the Future  
 For the HeART of Hays Fund  
 Hays Arts Council Fund  
 Hays Community Theatre Fund  
 Hays Public Library Foundation Fund  
 Oktoberfest Hays VGCA Fund  
 The Society of Friends of Historic Fort Hays Fund  
 Trego County Historical Society Fund  
 Vocal Music & Theatre Fund

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Hays Development Corp. Fund  
 HACC Development & Civic Engagement Fund  
 Hays Beautification Fund  
 Kelly Plaza Project Fund  
 Leadership Hays Children's Fund  
 Leadership Hays Fund  
 "Let's Grow Victoria" Fund  
 Lift Up WaKeeney Fund  
 Plainville Community Foundation Leadership Fund  
 Plainville Community Foundation Youth Fund  
 Youth Action Council -- Ellis County Fund  
 Youth Action Council -- Rooks County Fund  
 Youth Action Council -- Trego County Fund

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Pass-Through Fund  
**Ellis County Legacy Fund**  
 Heartland Area Action Fund  
 Heartland Give Fest Match Pool Fund  
**Rooks County Legacy Fund**  
 Stockton Community Fund  
**Trego County Legacy Fund**

### EDUCATION

Ellis High School Booster Club Fund

Fort Hays Tech | North Central Foundation Fund  
 Fort Hays University Foundation Fund  
 Hays High Athletics Hall of Fame Fund  
 Hays Area Children's Center Fund  
 STEM Harvest  
 USD 489 Foundation Fund

### FAITH & RELIGION

First Baptist Church of Hays Fund  
 Sacred Heart Parish and School Fund  
 Stockton United Methodist Church Fund  
 Thomas More Prep-Marian School Fund

### HEALTH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Cancer Council of Ellis County Fund  
 Ellis County Disaster Relief Fund  
 First Care Clinic Fund  
 Hays Firefighters Fund  
 Hays Police Endowment Fund  
 HaysMed Foundation Fund  
 Heartland Healthy Living Fund  
 High Plains Mental Health Foundation Fund  
 Kansas Health Foundation for Heartland  
 Plainville Fire Family Legacy Fund  
 Rooks County Disaster Relief Fund  
 Rooks County Health Center  
 Rooks County Healthcare Foundation Fund  
 Trego County Disaster Relief Fund

### PARKS & RECREATION

ARC Park Fund  
 Coronado Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Fund  
 Hays Dog Park Fund  
 Hays Recreation Commission Youth Fund  
 Plainville Kids Wrestling Club Fund  
 Stockton Recreation Commission Fund  
 Trees for a Beautiful Hays Fund

### HUMAN SERVICES

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County  
 Cancer Council of Ellis County Fund  
 CASA of the High Plains  
 Catholic Charities of Northwest Kansas Heartland Fund  
 Feeding Hays at St. Michael's Fund  
 First Call for Help of Ellis County Fund  
 Hays Senior Center Fund  
 Humane Society of the High Plains Fund  
 Jana's Campaign, Inc. Fund  
 Options Hope & Healing for Victims Fund  
 Recreation Fund for DSNWK, Inc. Clients  
 The Arc of Central Plains Cares Fund  
 The Well - Center for Hope Fund  
 United Way of Ellis County Fund

### OPERATIONS

**Heartland Administrative Fund**

### SCHOLARSHIP

Paul & Terri Bowman Scholarship  
 Stockton United Methodist Scholarship

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Boeckner Family Fund  
 Ellis County Abstract Charitable Fund  
 Fred & Jean Berger, Insurance Planning Inc. Charitable Fund  
 Luke & Julisa Haines - Roofmasters Charitable Fund  
 Sarah Cearley-Windholz Family & Simply Charmed Fund



# MATCH MONTH

**MATCH MONTH**

**HCF Total Raised**

## \$619,389

Ellis County Total: \$89,363  
 Rooks County Total: \$80,913  
 Trego County Total: \$79,113  
 Hansen/Patterson Match: \$370,000



Heartland Match Month is an annual opportunity to amplify the power of giving across Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties. Thanks to generous matching funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation, every dollar donated to participating funds during February is matched, doubling the impact of each gift. In 2024, the community came together in an extraordinary way, raising vital funds to support nonprofit organizations, community projects, and initiatives that improve the quality of life in the Heartland. Match Month highlights the collective strength of our region, proving that when we give together, we achieve greater things.

# GIVE FEST 2024: OCT. 10 GIVING DAY

**Total Raised from Donors**

## \$243,877

HCF Match \$\$: \$160,347  
 Combined Impact: \$404,204

Give Fest brought the community together for our first-ever giving day, raising over \$240,000 to support local funds and initiatives. With 45 participating nonprofits, the day featured events and activities that engaged all ages, including local 5th graders who were introduced to the power of philanthropy. Donor dollars strengthened nonprofit endowments, while a match pool of \$160,347 from HCF was granted to organizations for immediate needs. Give Fest showcased the strength of our Heartland, highlighting the lasting impact of giving and the power of community support.



## OUR FOUNDING DONORS

*We are forever grateful to the founding donors who invested in Heartland Community Foundation in its formative years. Although the concept of a community foundation was new, these donors believed that together they would build the community of their dreams.*

Ross & Marianna Beach Fdn.  
Hays Medical Center  
Midwest Energy, Inc.  
Rural Telephone/ Nex-Tech  
Robert E. and Patricia A. Schmidt Foundation  
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Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball  
Adronics Elrob Mfg. Corp.  
America's Best Value Vagabond  
Anonymous  
Auto World  
Bank of Hays  
Best Western Butterfield Inn  
Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott & Pfeifer, L.C.  
Cerv's, LLC  
City of Hays  
In Memory of Martha Claflin  
Commerce Bank  
Jeff & Marla Copper  
Dennis & Susan Day  
Eagle Communications, Inc.  
Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development  
Emprise Bank  
First National Bank  
Glassman Corp.  
Great Plains Dermatology  
Hays Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hays Chevrolet  
Henry Schwaller & Associates  
Insurance Planning, Inc.  
Jeter Law Firm, LLP  
Kendall Krug OD PA  
Verlyn L'Heureux  
Lang Diesel, Inc.  
Lifetime Dental Care, PA  
The Meckenstock Group  
Patrick & Chardell Parke  
Steve & Julie Paul  
Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel  
RDH Electric, Inc.  
Dave & Jodi Schmidt  
Jeff & Stacey Seibel  
Simply Charmed  
Sunflower Electric Power Corp.  
United Way of Ellis County  
Wal-Mart Store #664  
Bob & Nancy Wertemberger  
Tim & Sandee Werth

## BUILDING A LEGACY

### Your Planned Gift Can Shape the Future of Our Community

Transfer of wealth plays a crucial role in legacy planning, ensuring that the assets accumulated over a lifetime continue to benefit charitable causes for generations to come. As an estimated \$2.7B is set to transfer to the next generation in our Heartland area before 2040, strategic planning is essential to preserve and grow these resources. Planned giving is a powerful way to shape the future. Whether your legacy includes supporting students, children, the elderly, animals, or the community at large, the Heartland Community Foundation is here to help.

1. [Legacy Guidance](#) – Work with our team and our network of local estate planning attorneys to integrate charitable giving into your estate plan. We also offer the opportunity to consult with stewardship consultant John Griffin at no cost.
2. [Impactful Strategies](#) – Explore tax-efficient strategies, such as donor-advised funds or charitable trusts, to maximize your charitable impact while supporting the causes you care about.
3. [Educational Workshops](#) – Attend our estate planning workshops, held throughout the year in Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties.

### NEW THIS YEAR — THE HCF PIE SOCIETY!

The Heartland Community Foundation is proud to introduce in 2025 the [Heartland Pie Society](#): a communitywide Legacy Giving Society for generous donors who have committed to leaving a portion of their estate — "a piece of their pie" — to charities in the area.

By partnering with the Heartland Community Foundation in their estate plans, members of the [Heartland Pie Society](#) ensure that their charitable wishes will be honored and their impact will endure for future generations. The amount of your gift and the charities are up to you!

#### *Just leave a piece. It's that easy!*

By pledging a portion of your estate and joining the HCF Pie Society, you can help strengthen the Heartland for generations to come.

**Reach out at [heartland@gscf.org](mailto:heartland@gscf.org) or call 785-621-4090 to get started.**



*We are working with Abraham Pfannenstiel to complete our will. A percentage of our estate will go to an established Donor Advised Fund in our family name. This is a gift to our communities but also a gift to our children; we're giving them the gift of philanthropy!*

**--Marc & Savannah Downing**

### Heartland Community Foundation Director Named Rural Innovator by the White House



**Sarah Meitner**  
Executive Director

Sarah Meitner, Executive Director of the Heartland Community Foundation, was recognized as a Rural Innovator by the White House in December 2024 for her leadership in rural community development. The sole Kansan honored at the event, Meitner was celebrated for her work in creating inclusive spaces, specifically the Hays ARC Park,

a \$2.1 million playground and splash pad inspired by her son with Down syndrome. Under her leadership, the Heartland Community Foundation has supported local nonprofits, engaged young leaders, and increased its impact on the community. Meitner's recognition highlights the importance of collaboration and innovation in rural areas.



# WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS

If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.

## INDIVIDUALS

From July 1, 2023-Dec. 30, 2024

Mark & Mary Ahlemeyer  
Sue & Tracy Ahlquist  
Dannie & Catherine Albert  
Doug & Laurie Albin  
Patricia Albrecht  
Nolan & GERALYN Allen  
Charles & Cathryn Allphin  
Chance Anderson  
Dave Anderson  
Anonymous  
Bruce & Amy Annett  
Mendi Anschutz  
Jill Arensdorf  
George & Nancy Arnold  
John & Sara Ashmore  
Jessica & Greg Atkins  
Greg & Debbie Augustine  
Frank Austin  
Joan Balderston  
Thea Baldwin  
Rex & Debbie Ball  
Jason & Megan Ball  
Cindy & Dennis Balthazor  
Mark & Melanie Bannister  
Dave & Lorraine Baughman  
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John & Wanda Jane Becker  
Joseph & Linda Becker  
Robert L. & Nancy Becker  
Keith & Amy Becker  
Cade & Jessica Beesley  
Eileen Bellairs  
Janice Benedick  
Gary & Sue Benisch  
Don & Linda Bennett  
Tim Benoit  
Kenneth & Barbara Beran  
Brian Berkley  
James E. Berkley  
Jonathan & Nicole Berkley  
John & Malee Berkley  
Mark & Jana Bieker  
Doug & Kori Bigge  
Tammy Billinger  
Brett & Erica Bittel  
Logan & Courtney Bittel  
Roger & Karla Bixenman  
Wesley & Stephanie Bjornstad  
Raile & Kaiti Blackburn  
Lexi Boeck  
Joseph & Jodi Boeckner  
Mark & Jenni Bongartz  
Gerald & Susan Boos  
Scott & Katrene Bormann  
Timothy & Karen Bouchey  
Kyle and Janet Brack  
Bryan & Courtney Brady  
Jerry Braun  
Samuel & Marilyn Braun  
Darla Braun  
James & Deborah Braun  
Edward & Mary Ann Breit  
Alexandra & Joseph Brewster  
Kaylene Brin  
Mike & Dianna Briney  
Shayne, Tierra, & Brogyne Brown  
Denise Brown  
Emery & Delores Brown  
Ernest & Janeen Brown  
Mary Lou Brown  
Nate & Sara Brown  
Jerod & Leann Brown  
Tierra Brown  
Jim & Anne-Marie Brull  
Jen & Chris Brull  
Jim & Michele Brungardt

Curt & Christie Brungardt  
Courtney Brungardt  
Darrin & Michelle Brungardt  
Joslyn Brungardt & Mike McIntyre  
Janice Bunker  
Roger & Leesa Butler  
Sharon Campbell  
Larry or Margie Capers  
Gordon Carlson  
Nichole Carrieri  
Jessica Casey  
Jerry & Karen Casey  
Justin & Megan Casey Family  
Courtney Casey  
Ryan & Traci Cellmer  
Dale & Sherry Chaffin  
Jaycee & Isaac Chambers  
Frank & Theresa Chvatal  
Jayme Clark  
John & Jayne Clarke  
Darrell & Mary Jo Clevenger  
Terrii Bowman Collins  
Adam & Ashley Comeau  
Chuck & Shirley Comeau  
Calvin Comeau  
Adam Conkey  
Larry Connor  
Susan Cooper  
Stan & Jolene Cooper  
Jeff & Marla Copper  
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Brenna & Berkley David  
Denise David  
Taylor & Kyle David  
Dustin & Skylin Day  
Dennis & Susan Day  
Kristal Dechant  
Marvin & Machele Dechant  
Amy Degenhardt  
Susan Deges  
E. Jay Deines  
Kent & Ruth Deines  
Gloria Deines  
Stanley Deines  
William & Donna Deines  
Edna Deines  
Ranita Deines  
Jack & Jessica Dennis  
Henry & Mary Desair  
James & Paula Desbien  
Shane & Jami Dewey  
Brian & Michelle Dewitt  
Kenneth & Marjorie Dinkel  
Kurt & Shanna Dinkel  
Taylor Dirks  
Max & Irene Dirks  
Alan & Susan Dirksen  
Andrea Dix  
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Myron & Monica Dreiling  
Frank Dreiling  
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C.L. & Mark Eilts  
Cindy Elliott  
C & J Fabrizius  
Chad & Jessica Fabrizius

Paul Fabrizius  
Earline Fairbank  
Lawrence Feldt  
Irene Fellhoelter  
James & Teresa Feyerherm  
Dennis Finney  
D.J. & Julie Fischer  
Mary Ann Fisher  
Ray & Joleen Fisher  
Fitzthum Family  
Kelly Flaska  
Kevin & Marci Flax  
Richard & Nancy Flax  
Wendel & Anna Folkerts  
Lorna Ford  
Connie Forssberg  
Jude & Tiffany Fox  
Richard & Brenda Frederking  
Ronald & Elaine Freeman  
Brian & Michelle Frickey  
Jay & Dana Friend  
Darien & Carrie Fritts  
Marie Froelich  
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Nichole Ganoung  
Sheldon & Linda Ganstrom  
Elizabeth Barton-Garnett  
Arlene Garrett  
Ashley Garrett  
Kent & Dava Gaschler  
Megan Gasper  
Monte & Lisa Gehring  
Brandon & Megan Geist  
Taylor Gordon & Whitney Gerstner  
James Gerstner  
Ida Gerstner  
LaVonne Giess  
Melane Gilbert  
Barry & Donna Gilliland  
Mary Lou Gilliland  
Harrison Gilliland  
Todd Gilliland  
Hope Gillis  
Kenneth & Lisa Gilmore  
Joseph & Linda Glassman  
Linda & Gorman Glaze  
Nathan & Julie Glendening  
Mark & Joni Glendening  
Jacki & Bret Glendening  
Randall & Annette Goering  
Heidi Goff  
Aryn Gosser  
Azlyn Grasser  
David & Tami Green  
Kirk & Stacey Green  
Brian Gribben  
Brent & Clare Gustin  
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Terry & Cheryl Hageman  
Pat & Karen Hageman  
Bart & Donna Hudson Hamilton  
Bob Hamilton  
Hammerschmidt Irrevocable Trust  
Betty Hansen  
Charles & Carol Hansen  
Christopher & Kelli Hansen  
S.C. & Debra K. Harvey  
William S. Harvey Revocable Trust  
Dallas & Dacia Haselhorst  
Daniel & Jennifer Hecker  
Kent & Debra Heckman  
David & Mary Hendricks  
Patrick & Felicia Henke  
Dave & Sonya Herl  
Joe & Cindy Hertel  
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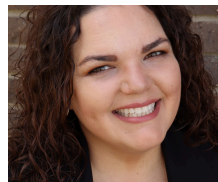
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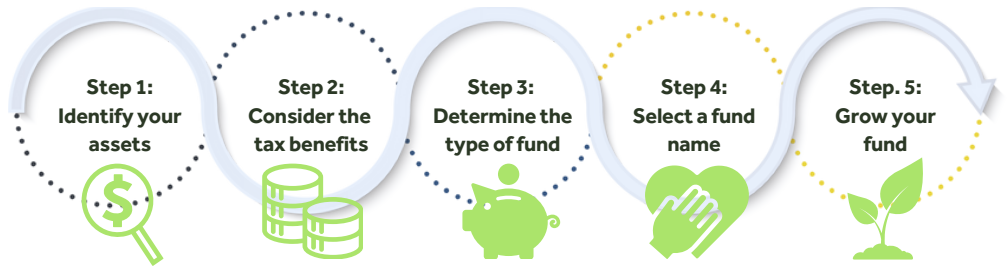
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Anyone! Whether you're an individual, family, business, or organization, you can start a fund at the Heartland Community Foundation. With a minimum of \$2,000, you can establish a fund tailored to your charitable goals, helping you make a lasting impact on the causes you care about most.

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We're here to make your giving meaningful and impactful.



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<b>Donor Advised Fund</b>	Give to the causes YOU care about while creating a lasting legacy in your name. You make grants from your fund to nonprofits now or in the future, ensuring your values continue to make an impact for generations.
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