



**ELLIS
COUNTY
2023**



Heartland
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An Affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation

Serving Ellis, Rooks, & Trego Counties since 2007

**THE
POWER OF**
Giving

2023 Fiscal Year Report to the Community

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

THIS IS WHERE *Giving* HAPPENS

DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

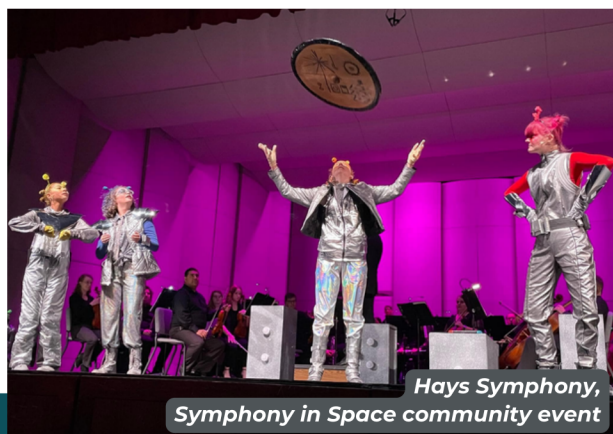
In reflecting on the remarkable journey of 2023, I'm filled with gratitude for your steadfast support of the Heartland Community Foundation.

Your generosity made February's Match Month a success, securing vital dollars from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation. This allowed us to amplify our impact across Ellis, Rooks, and Trego counties.

Together, we directed over \$390,000 to local organizations, driving innovative projects that are transforming our community. We also welcomed some new funds, reinforcing the power of endowment for long-term sustainability and community prosperity.

This year, we unveiled a new logo and a new mission statement — representative of our evolving commitment to the communities we serve. Your support fuels our mission, connecting donors with meaningful causes and ensuring their contributions create a lasting legacy of change. Thank you for being instrumental in our success.

— Sarah Meitner, Executive Director



Hays Symphony,
Symphony in Space community event



Maternity Training Mannequin,
NCK Tech, Nursing Department



Night To Shine,
Celebration Community Church

Community & Youth Partnership in Ellis



In Ellis, English teacher Savannah Downing assigned her senior class a unique project: learn how to write grants. Partnering with the Heartland Community Foundation, students attended a workshop to understand the intricacies of grant proposals.

In the following weeks, they were paired with groups in Ellis to develop grant applications for projects in need of funding. The result: seven applications, four funded projects, and a powerful example of student-community collaboration. This initiative not only equipped students with practical skills but also empowered organizations to submit new grant applications. Great job to all!



STAR Room Smart Screen,
Roosevelt Elementary, USD 489

On the Cover:
STAR Summer, Horseback riding outing,
Bethesda Place

GIVE, GROW, GRANT!

Over **\$393,564** was granted to **79** nonprofits to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. These grants are distributed annually from funds held at HCF on behalf of our donors and generous people like you who are helping impact today and transform tomorrow!



YEAR-END SNAPSHOT

\$6.5 MILLION IN TOTAL ASSETS

\$393,564 TOTAL GRANTED

\$134,900 GRANTED IN ELLIS COUNTY

147 PROJECTS IMPACTED

2023 COMMUNITY Impact AWARDS

- **Victoria Community Coalition**, St. John's Place Revitalization
- **ROCO Arts**, Quilt Mural Project
- **The Well - Center for Hope**, Coffee shop, counseling hub
- **USD 270, Plainville Schools**, The Nest Childcare Center

Awarded by HCF annually to groups that made remarkable impact in the year prior.

HCF TOTAL GRANTS
Since 2007

\$3.6 million

THE POWER OF Granting

ELLIS COUNTY

Bethesda Place, Inc.
Celebration Community Church
City of Ellis
City of Hays
City of Hays Parks Department
Community Foundation of Ellis
Cottonwood Extension District
DSNWK
Downtown Hays Development Corp.
Ellis County Historical Society
Ellis County Junior Free Fair
Ellis Nutrition Center Inc.
First Call for Help of Ellis County, Inc.
First United Methodist Church
Fort Hays State University Foundation
Hays Area Chamber of Commerce
Hays Arts Council, Inc.
Hays Community Theatre, Inc.
Hays Public Library
Hays Recreation Commission
Hays Symphony Orchestra Guild

HaysMed Foundation
Heartland Parish - St. Anthony Church
High Plains Mental Health Center
NCK Technical College
STEM Harvest
Thomas More Prep-Marian High
USD 388- Ellis Jr./Sr. High School
USD 489 - Hays Public Schools
USD 489 Foundation
Victoria Community Coalition, Inc.
Victoria Recreation Commission

TREGO COUNTY

American Legion Moore Post 197
Heritage of Our Forefathers
Showing for a Cause
The Well - Center for Hope
Trego County Historical Society
Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital
Trego Hospital Endowment Foundation
USD 208 - Trego Community Schools
USD 208 Recreation Commission

HCF proudly awarded grant funds to the following organizations between July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023.

ROOKS COUNTY

City of Stockton
Damar Community Foundation
Fusion Christian Youth Center
Heartland Community Foundation
Main Street Christian Church
Plainville Community Foundation
Plainville Fire Department
Plainville Memorial Library
RoCo Arts Council, Inc.
Codell Community Service Club
Rooks County
Rooks County Free Fair
Rooks County Health Center
Rooks County Healthcare Fdn.
Stockton United Methodist Church
USD 270 - Plainville Public Schools
USD 271 - Stockton Public Schools

OTHER

Kansas Food Bank
Kansas Rural Communities Fdn.
Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth
USD 103 Cheylin
USD 215 Lakin High School
USD 467 Wichita County
Wichita County Economic Dev.

WHY *Giving* MATTERS



Dallas & Dacia Haselhorst

"The generous support of the Heartland Community Foundation has been a transformative force for **STEM Harvest** and our mission. Their unwavering commitment to advancing learning opportunities has enabled us to introduce cutting-edge technologies and further our overall reach, empowering the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers."



Drs. Jarrod & Stacey Jones

"It's important to give back to the community that supports us. By supporting a foundation like Heartland Community Foundation, we feel confident that there will be long-term growth that will continue to support important initiatives in our community long after we are gone."

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.

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Midwest Energy, Inc.
Rural Telephone/ Nex-Tech
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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
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In Memory of Martha Claflin
Commerce Bank
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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
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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 Wertenberger
Tim & Sandee Werth

ESTABLISHED FOUNDATION FUNDS As of June 30, 2023

ARTS & CULTURE

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Let's Grow Victoria" Fund
Downtown Hays Development Corp. Fund
HACC Development & Civic Engagement Fund
Leadership Hays Children's Fund
Leadership Hays Fund
Lift Up WaKeeney Fund
Plainville Community Foundation Leadership
Fund

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Pass-Through Fund
Ellis County Legacy Fund
Heartland Area Action Fund
Rooks County Legacy Fund
Stockton Community Fund
Trego County Legacy Fund

EDUCATION

Fort Hays University Foundation Fund
Hays Area Children's Center Fund
NCK TECH Foundation Fund
USD 489 Foundation Fund

FAITH & RELIGION

Stockton United Methodist Church Fund

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County
Fund
Cancer Council of Ellis County Fund
Catholic Charities of Northwest Kansas
Heartland Fund
Coronado Area Council, Boy Scouts of
America Fund
Ellis County Disaster Relief Fund
First Call for Help of Ellis County Fund
First Care Clinic Fund
Hays Senior Center Fund
HaysMed Foundation Fund
Heartland Healthy Living Fund
Humane Society of the High Plains Fund
Jana's Campaign, Inc. Fund
Recreation Fund for DSNWK, Inc. Clients
Rooks County Disaster Relief Fund
Rooks County Health Center Fund
Rooks County Healthcare Foundation
Fund
The Arc of Central Plains Cares Fund
Trego County Disaster Relief Fund
United Way of Ellis County Fund

OPERATIONS

Heartland Administrative Fund

PARKS & RECREATION

ARC Park Fund
Hays Dog Park Fund
Hays Beautification Fund
Hays Recreation Commission Youth
Programs Fund
Trees for a Beautiful Hays Fund

TO CREATE IMPACT, WE ...

Prioritize Our Mission: Inspire philanthropy with tools and resources to create community prosperity through the power of giving in Ellis, Rooks, and Trego Counties.

Lead By Our Core Values:

- Integrity, Trust, & Transparency
- Intentional & Innovative Impact
- Collaboration & Partnership
- Compassion & Community Pride
- Building Legacy & Sustainability for Generations



Proudly Serve:

3 COUNTIES

2,695 SQ. MILES

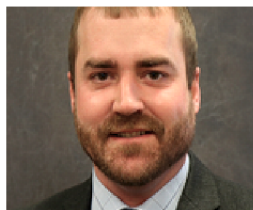
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8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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WITH *gratitude* TO OUR DONORS

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

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From July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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Equity Bank
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