



**ROOKS
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



Storage Shed for Stockton Food Pantry, Main Street Christian Church

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



Main StrEAT Downtown Dining Area, Plainville Community Foundation



New Outdoor tables and benches, Plainville Memorial Library

Community & Youth Partnership in Stockton



Taigen Kerr, Cappi Hoeting, Aubrey Kesler with Marlie Dobson

Teen Youth Action Council members, Cappi Hoeting, Aubrey Kesler, and Taigen Kerr, from Stockton, took on a big community project, with support from the Heartland Community Foundation. The girls raised more than \$50,000 to enhance current and new

community downtown events with overhead audio for music, entertainment, and announcements. The plan included the purchase of 18 state-of-the-art, commercial speakers, mounted on nine poles between the 200-block and 500-block of Main Street. The girls wrote grants, worked with the city, talked to the vendor, and asked donors for donations. They did a wonderful job!



Foot bridge renovation honoring veterans at Andreson Memorial Park

On the Cover, Junior High students assemble tables for the new Outdoor Learning Classroom, USD 271:

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

**\$144,485 GRANTED IN
ROOKS 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

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

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

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

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

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



Amanda Atkisson

Solomon Valley Manor

"Without the generous contributions from Heartland grants, we wouldn't have been able to add quality programs and activities to our facility. The support we receive locally allows us to continue to contribute to our community of Stockton, providing long term care services to those in need."



Jenny Molina

"We have seen firsthand the huge benefit the Heartland Community Foundation makes in not only Rooks County, but in the region they serve. One of the amazing things about community is how a small group can make a significant difference when each contributes what they can to make great things happen."

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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America's Best Value Vagabond
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Bank of Hays
Best Western Butterfield Inn
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Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development.
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Great Plains Dermatology
Hays Area Chamber of Commerce

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Insurance Planning, Inc.
Jeter Law Firm, LLP
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Lang Diesel, Inc.
Lifetime Dental Care, PA
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Simply Charmed
Sunflower Electric Power Corp.
United Way of Ellis County
Wal-Mart Store #664
Bob & Nancy Wertnerberger
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

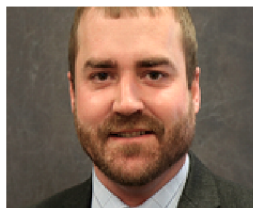
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8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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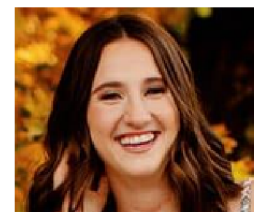
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WITH *gratitude* TO OUR DONORS

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

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