



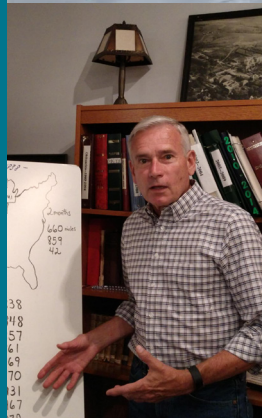
We rise
by lifting
others up.

2022

Fiscal Year Annual Report



Caring Community
Foundation, Inc.,
of Northeast Kansas




Message from the Caring Community Foundation Board Chair:

A Foundation is what other things are built upon; it has to be strong and supportive. It usually isn't the showy part, but everything else relies upon it. You might not notice its presence, working quietly in the background, but even a small Community Foundation, like the Caring Community Foundation, helps support a wide variety of community needs. From education to healthcare, from children to senior citizens, from preserving history to breaking new ground, the CCF has been quietly building a Foundation of support for the future of our communities.

But the CCF needs support too. Donating to our permanent community fund is a great way to help secure a positive future for both the CCF and the communities we serve. That's because the community fund pays our "stay afloat" operating expenses and funds our community grants.

Out of every dollar you donate to CCF, 99 cents is applied to current needs or invested in future community needs, and just one cent goes to operating expenses. We are proud of our efficiency. We rely upon the commitment and generosity of our community members to help us maintain it. We will always be grateful for the 100 People Who Care and our Expedition donors whose generosity and vision help support the permanent community fund.

All of us at CCF recognize that we rise by lifting others. We are all donors to the community fund. I hope you will join us. We won't always be here, but this year, ten years from now, and one hundred years from now, donations to the permanent fund will improve life in our local communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Rezac". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jay Rezac, President

Caring Community Foundation Board of Directors

The rising tide
lifts all boats.



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Stories of *Community Investment*

\$1,811,000

Dollar amount that the CCF has raised, together with our donors

\$390,171

Dollar amount that the CCF raised in 2022, including \$122,980 from fundraisers benefiting local non-profits

\$112,607

Dollar amount that the CCF distributed in 2022, including \$41,705 in scholarships and \$70,902 in grants and more to community non-profit organizations

Lee/Rosenfield Scholarship

The Cash for Cash Match and Onaga Football Alumni Golf Tournament this year demonstrated support for two of Onaga's finest coaches: Coach Ron R. Lee and Coach Richard J. Rosenfield. This coaching legacy raised \$15,710 for the Lee/Rosenfield Scholar Athlete Award, thanks to many generous donors.

The Lee/Rosenfield Athlete-Scholar Award was

established to continue their spirit of leadership and excellence in students. These generous donations will help ensure that Onaga students will always be able to have monetary support with secondary education.

"The Onaga Football Alumni plans to continue this support with a portion of our golf tournament funds every year," said Craig Boswell, Cool Springs Golf Course



Superintendent, "This is what paying it forward looks like!"



Beth Gerads Scholarship

The Beth Gerads Scholarship honors a beloved, cherished young woman who left this world much too soon, at the age of 19 years. Her family established this scholarship to St. Mary's Academy in her memory. Though Beth has been gone from this world

for ten years, she is not forgotten in the hearts of her friends and family. Many of them have subscription donations set up where they donate through PayPal monthly and automatically to Beth's scholarship. Many of these recurring donations are for \$19 a month.

Care Catalog Projects

A prime example of lifting others, the Care Catalog is a crowdfunding campaign held each fall to support local non-profit work. Thanks to sponsors, 100% of donations go to the projects.



CPR Class

I am so thrilled with the adult CPR mannequins that I was able to purchase with the funding through the Care Catalog! Hands on training provides feedback that helps CPR students see how effective their technique is and how hard the physical work of doing CPR is. I enjoy teaching these classes and have had positive feedback about the quality of the mannequins and how much students learned from the course.

- USD 323 Rock Creek Nursing

Anne Suther Outdoor Classroom

The Anne Suther Outdoor Classroom at USD 322 Onaga will be ready for students this fall! Thanks to the Care Catalog, lots of big and small donations made this a reality. We are grateful to the CCF, Farmers State Bank, Blue Valley Telecommunications, and many friends! The classroom has electricity, Wi-Fi, lighting, tables, seating, and shade sails. It will provide science, Ag, technology, and in the future can facilitate gardening, bee keeping, outdoor cooking, and more! This project is so important to our school, our students, and our community. Thank you, CCF!

- USD 322 Onaga Havensville Wheaton

Boys' Clubhouse

Restoring the Shed has not been simple, quick, or easy. Thanks to fundraising efforts such as the CCF Care Catalog, and the commitment of the Knights, it is happening! The dangerous rotting floor was jacked up and replaced, mostly by our senior boys, supervised by a construction professional. We still have some work to do, but the boys will have their clubhouse back soon. We met our goals of the boys doing most of the work themselves, and using the funds from our benefactors in the best way possible. Thank you!

- St. Mary's Academy
Knights of the Immaculata

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

It's great to see the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) receive funding through the Care Catalog! As an early childhood/ Parent Educator in the Westmoreland area, I have been able to offer this amazing free reading opportunity to many of my families. Each of them who have signed up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library rave about the program and are excited each month when they get their free book. This program is great for all young families in our community!

- Parent Educator

Historical Society Signage

Everything costs so much and there is always a need! Our signs were 27 years old and needed to be replaced. Funding was just not available so we chose to participate in the 2022 CCF Care Catalog. Through many generous donations, hundreds of people will benefit from our new signs for years to come! We are very grateful that this fundraising opportunity is made available through the Caring Community Foundation.

- St. Marys Historical Society



Community Grants

Mental Health

We all recognize the need for mental health. Community HealthCare System (CHCS) thanks the CCF and local schools for partnering to teach students and school staff about mental health. Our CCF grant helped us teach Teen Mental Health in our schools. Participants learned signs of anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance use challenges, how to interact with young people in crisis, and how to connect youth with help.

- Angie Sauvage



Onaga Historical Society

The Confirmation dress of a local person is displayed on one of the mannequins, along with her photo at Confirmation. One of her relatives visited the Museum and had tears in her eyes as she looked at her aunt's dress, bringing back the memories of a time when her aunt was still alive. As a volunteer, I am privileged to hear many of these shared memories. The proper display of an item brings the experience much closer to home. Thank you, CCF!

- Deborah Berges



Fun with Math

Here you see 3rd grade students at Westmoreland Elementary using Osmo Math kits to enhance math skills taught in the classroom. The Osmo Pizza unit allows practice with fractions, counting, money, and computation skills. This was attained through a grant from the Rock Creek Endowment Committee for 3rd and 4th grade students. Thank you!



Basketball Court

Attention Onaga Area Residents - Exciting news! The City of Onaga basketball court received \$5000 from the CCF to expand to a full-sized court and add a new goal! Enjoy and Happy Dunking!

- Jared Henneberg



Entryway Flooring

The Havensville Rural High School (HRHS) building continues to serve as the heart of our community - hosting its many events. The CCF grant for new entryway flooring extends a warm welcome to this highly utilized community facility. We are grateful for the CCF's support!

- Valerie Ramage



Stepping Up:

Permanent Fund for Our Communities

When the Caring Community Foundation (CCF) was just an idea over five years ago, Jim Moore enthusiastically said “yes” to being on the Board of Directors and working to get it started. Since that time, he has continued to serve on the Board, currently as treasurer, and watched as the foundation has grown and benefitted the participating small towns and non-profit entities in Northeast Kansas.

Both Jim and Jenni, his wife, are small town people. Jim grew up in Westmoreland. Jenni grew up on a ranch outside Olsburg. Coming from families that valued giving back, they have continued to try to practice those beliefs. They practice the idea that when they have enough, they share. This includes giving to many projects, including church, children’s charities, international food missions. Locally, at this time in their lives, Jenni volunteers with the local historical society and senior healthcare while Jim focuses on education and building a sustainable future for local communities through his career in banking.

The CCF has provided additional opportunities to give back, this time in funds that will be endowed to remain to help others way past their lifetimes. To that end, they have established a renewable scholarship for two nursing students annually in Jenni’s name. But even bigger than that, Jim and Jenni contribute to the CCF permanent fund. Money gifted here funds current needs with the flexibility essential for changing community issues. The CCF has very little overhead, including no paid employees, so this allows the CCF to help sponsor fund raising activities and local grants given to applicant organizations in our communities. Small, regular donations add up and Jim and Jenni continue to practice that principle in gifting to accounts through the Caring Community Foundation.

Jim and Jenni Moore,
Permanent Fund Donors since 2016

CCF Funds & Descriptions:

Funding Positive Change

Community Fund: **\$391,618**

Offers flexibility to address the needs of our communities and operations

Donor Advised Funds: **\$273,162**

Support broad charitable purposes specified by donor

- Wayne Stallard Family Fund and the Bruce Wayne Stallard Scholarship
- Onaga Football Alumni
- Onaga Area Veterans

Scholarship Funds: **\$563,775**

- Auxiliary for Community Hospital District #1 Scholarship
- CHCS Healthcare Scholarship
- Krouse Family Agricultural Scholarship
- Jennifer K. Moore Nursing Scholarship
- Onaga Alumni Scholarship
- Ron R. Lee and Richard J. Rosenfield Athlete Scholar Award
- Walter Byers Scholarship
- Westmoreland (Brill) Scholarship
- St. Marys High Alumni Scholarship
- Wilkerson Family Teachers' Education Scholarship
- Max and Sue Bayer Scholarship for St. Marys High
- Beth Gerads Scholarship for St. Mary's College
- Wayne Dunafon Memorial Scholarship

Designated Funds:\$353,426

Benefit one or more named charities or non-profits

- Carol & Robert Williamson/CHCS Endowment
- Friends of USD 322
- Onaga FFA Alumni Endowment
- Rock Creek FFA Alumni Endowment
- Onaga Area Fire Fighters Fund
- Rock Creek Endowment
- Wellsprings of Westmoreland
- St. Mary's Academy Teachers' Fund
- St. Marys World War 1 Memorial Arch Fund
- Ruby Zabel Memorial Fund for the Westmoreland Clinic

Acorn Funds:.....\$17,974

New funds intended to grow to \$10,000 investment within five years

- Onaga Golf Fund
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Westmoreland (66549)

Agency Funds:.....\$617,484

Professional investment of expendable funds to support area non-profit organizations

- Community HealthCare System Fund
- First Congregational Church of Onaga Fund
- Onaga Historical Society Fund
- Rock Creek Valley Historical Society Fund

Total Net Assets & Agency Funds as of 12/31/22.....\$2,217,439

Lifting Us Up: *CCF Supporters*

100 People Who Care- we are forever grateful to our first visionary benefactors who knew that we rise by lifting others. Each donated \$4000 to our permanent community fund.

Tracy & Sue Ahlquist, Bob Annan, George Annan, Anonymous, Pam & Bruce Bachman, Eugene & Deborah Berges, Berges Sisters, Bob & Jean Venneberg, Lanny & Nancy Bosse, Justin & Virginia F. Boswell, Rheva Boswell, Paul & Pam Budenbender, John & Annette Cline, Farmers State Bank, Jerome Fox, Joe and Karen Harder, Lester and Jo Harris, Milton Henneberg, Carol & Adrian Hudler, Jay & Maggi Kennedy, Joe & Marybeth Kennedy, Tim & Cindy Kite, Gerry & Roberta Kufahl, Jay & Susie Kufahl, Rosalind & Rick Lewis, Kevin & Tara Logan, Fred & Dena Marten, Pat & Marilyn McCourt, James & Barbara Meinhardt, Tammy & Alan Lierz, James & Jennifer K. Moore, Nicholas & Denise Novelly, Nina Oakes, Onaga Lions Club, Barbara Rezac, Johnny & Crystal Schlodder, Dan & Carol Pollock, Debra & Lance Rezac, Dr. Marcus & Meghan Weiser, Deborah Stallard, Nola Wilkerson, Jay & Stacy Rezac, Terry & Dena Schmitz, John & Paulette Simecka, Steve & Anne Suther, Linda Tessendorf, Todd & Nancy Willert, John Annan Family

Expedition Campaign-these donors have stepped up and committed to the five-year journey to secure a strong local future for our region. We are honored by your generosity and foresight.

\$10,000/yr	Community HealthCare System
\$5,000/yr	KanEquip, Farmers State Bank
\$1,000/yr	Charlson & Wilson Bonded Abstracters, Todd & Charlene Sheppard, Nathan Dressman, James & Jennifer Moore, Jay & Stacy Rezac, John & Paulette Simecka, Eugene & Deborah Berges, Susie & Jay Kufahl

Statements of Net Assets

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assets					
Cash on hand	197				
Checking	18,501	15,841	13,015	29,937	74,747
Investments	892,511	1,277,755	1,720,682	2,138,876	2,094,904
	911,209	1,293,596	1,733,696	2,168,813	2,169,651
Pledges Receivable	70,417	99,679	168,952	131,465	88,940
Total Assets	981,626	1,393,275	1,902,649	2,300,278	2,258,591
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Accounts Payable	1,488	3,559	7,967	12,103	41,152
Agency Funds	118,446	140,383	266,501	507,051	617,484
Total Liabilities	119,934	143,942	274,468	519,154	658,636
Prior year net assets	648,584	861,692	1,249,333	1,628,181	1,781,124
Current year change	213,108	387,641	378,848	152,943	-181,169
Net Assets	861,692	1,249,333	1,628,181	1,781,124	1,599,955
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	981,626	1,393,275	1,902,649	2,300,278	2,258,591

Board Members



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Jay Rezac, Chair (Onaga)

Jim Moore, Treasurer (Westmoreland)

Carol Pollock (Havensville)



Row 2:

Rebecca Rookstool (Wamego)

Eugene Berges, Vice Chair (Onaga)

Robert Ladner, Secretary (Onaga)



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Jeremy Lehning (Westmoreland/St. George)

John Simecka (St. Marys)



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