



Celebrating 25 years of serving Franklin County

The Franklin County Community Foundation was formed in 2000 to foster the idea that Charitable giving should be the responsibility of many, not just a select few. Driven to improve the area, the Community Foundation has grown to become one of the largest and most entrepreneurial public charities of its kind in the area.

Today the Community Foundation manages more than \$8.3 million in assets and manages an endowment to ensure annual giving to local charities.

We provide Educational Scholarships to area residents.

Donors receive the simplicity and tax advantages of a public charity combined with the personal recognition, involvement, and flexibility of a private foundation.

The Community Foundation partners with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which provides cost-effective investment, management, and other guidance. The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation has met the National Standards of operational quality, donor service and accountability in the community foundation sector.

Our Values

- **Integrity** – We conduct our work in an honest and transparent manner, holding ourselves accountable to our commitments and for our words and actions.
- **Respect** – We value each person as an individual. We always ask “What’s important to you?”
- **Passion** – We believe in the mission of the Foundation. That belief translates into compassion for people and a commitment to our work.
- **Innovation** – We seek new ideas and approach our work with flexibility, urgency, enthusiasm, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Our Mission & Vision

The Franklin County Community Foundation is a public charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Its mission is to improve the quality of life in the area by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about and leading on critical community issues.

Community dreams are fulfilled through the power of philanthropy.

By the Numbers:

246 - Scholarships awarded in the past 25 years.

\$784,163 - Value of those scholarships. Average award was \$3,187.

29 - Number of local organizations helped with grants during the past 25 years.

\$268,567 - Value of these grants from our discretionary funds.

62 - Number of grants provided to the 29 organizations. Average amount \$4,332.

\$876,692 - Grants provided to designated organizations through five restricted accounts in the past 25 years.

\$1,929,422 - Total of grants and scholarships awarded in our first 25 years.

Local organizations provided support in the past 25 years includes the Ottawa Library, Franklin County Historical Society, Advent Health Hospital, Franklin County Services for the Elderly, East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging, Franklin County United Way, Hope House, Lifecare Center, Communities in School, COF Training Services, ECK Economic Opportunity Corp, City of Ottawa, CASA-4th Judicial District, Child Safety Council-Dare Program, Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, Richmond Museum, Ottawa Rotary, Chamber Foundation-Fireworks, Wellsville Historical Society, Gen. Edward Hand Chapter of DAR, Ottawa University, Williamsburg Community Club Building, Ottawa Community Partners, First United Methodist Church-FRETSA, Wreaths Across Kansas-Franklin County, Central Heights Honor Flight, Pleasant Valley Community Club and the Salvation Army-Franklin County activities.