

Post Rock Community Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Impact Today. Transform Tomorrow!



Mission

To help people invest in meaningful ways to make a difference in the community by building permanent endowment funds and meeting charitable community needs.



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From our Board Chair



Katie Meyer
Board Chair

Dear Friends of the Post Rock Community Foundation,

2025 was truly a year of celebration and growth! In February, we proudly celebrated our 15th anniversary. Since our inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships, strengthening local organizations and supporting students throughout our communities. This milestone reflects not only the longevity of the Foundation, but the generosity and commitment of those who believe in investing close to home.

February also brought another record-breaking Match Month. Donors contributed an impressive \$78,056.03, which was amplified through extraordinary matching support. The Dane G. Hansen Foundation generously provided a 200% match on gifts up to \$50,000, while The Patterson Family Foundation announced a 100% match on donations up to \$100,000. Together, these partnerships helped generate a total community impact of \$256,112—just over a quarter of a million dollars dedicated to strengthening our region.

We were also honored to receive a remarkable legacy gift benefiting young and beginning farmers. Barbara A. Wolford, a lifelong bookkeeper with deep roots in rural Kansas and a strong appreciation for the farming lifestyle, established a permanent endowed fund through her estate. Her vision was clear and meaningful: to help young or beginning farmers start or expand their operations. This fund will continue her legacy of stewardship and support for generations to come.

As a result of such generous giving, the Foundation's assets grew significantly—from \$2,716,609 in 2024 to \$4,368,927 in 2025. We extend our deepest gratitude to The Patterson Family Foundation, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, the late Barbara A. Wolford, and every donor who supported the Foundation this year.

To support and manage this growth, the Foundation hired its first part-time staff member through a staffing grant provided by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. We also experienced important leadership transitions on the board. We extend sincere thanks to Joe Biggs for his years of dedicated service as he steps off the board, and to John Baetz for his leadership as he wraps up his term as board Chair. I am honored to step into the role of Chair as we continue building on the strong foundation he helped shape.

On behalf of the board, thank you for your continued trust, generosity, and belief in the power of community philanthropy. Together, we are creating lasting impact across the Post Rock region.

With gratitude,

Katie Meyer

▶ In July 2025, Elisa Agler began serving as our first full-time Director.





FOUNDING DONORS

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Stan & Sandy Labertew
Tim & Janet Meyer

BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

The Bank of Tescott
The Bennington State Bank
Carrico Implement
Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.
Meyer Land & Cattle
Wilson State Bank

SUSTAINERS INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Marjorie Aufdemberge
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Michael & Lucille Heller
Marlin Dee Jeffers
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Leo & Joanne Klameth
Stan & Sandy Labertew
Frances Lopata
Steven Lopata
Dan & Lynne Metz

Lou Belle Meyer
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Tim & Janet Meyer
Barry & Jane Murphy
Joyce Shambaugh
Gary & Ruth Sorenson
Roger & Susan Staats
Derek & Ashley Vonada
Lewis & Janet Watson

SUSTAINERS BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

The Bank of Tescott
The Bennington State Bank
Blue Hill Masonic Lodge #198
Carrico Implement
Central Valley Ag
Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Grace Chapel United Methodist Church
Kansas Health Foundation
Lincoln County Historical Society
Lincoln High School Alumni Association
Lincoln Lodge #154
Mildred & Rolland Middlekauff Foundation
Salina Regional Health Foundation
Sylvan Area Foundation
Stanley L. & Luch Lopata Charitable Foundation
Wilson State Bank

GRANT IMPACT

Supporting Learners at All Stages



Little Leopard Sensory & STEM light table

- **USD #298 - Literacy Project for Little Leopard Learners**
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$2,791
- **Little Leopard Learners Sensory & STEM Expansion**
Patterson Family Foundation Fund - \$1,000

A grant made it possible to expand sensory and STEM exploration at Little Leopard Learners. These experiences are essential in early childhood development, supporting cognitive growth, motor skills, language development, and emotional regulation. The new materials are used in both guided lessons and open-ended play, helping spark curiosity, encourage problem-solving, and build early STEM foundations through hands-on learning.

The project successfully increased hands-on and inclusive sensory opportunities for the entire class. Children have shown strong enthusiasm for weekly sensory activities, and regular rotation of materials has helped improve their sensory processing and regulation. Exposure to a wider range of textures has also supported one child in becoming more comfortable with new textures during eating.

“The kids love the hands-on storytelling kits. Their attention span during story time has increased tremendously, and we use the book sets every day before nap time.” ~Krista Biggs, USD #298



- **USD #298 - High School Weight Room Upgrade**
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$4,000
Post Rock Healthy Living Fund - \$1,000
Patterson Family Foundation Fund - \$2,500

This grant modernized and improved the weight room to better serve the athletes, students, and community members. Coaches have been able to implement more diverse and structured training plans with the new, consistent setup. “We are deeply grateful to PRCF for helping us elevate our weight room and, by extension, our entire community. The grant has not only provided essential equipment—it has also sparked motivation, inclusion, and long-term benefits we couldn’t have imagined at the outset.” ~Colby Hamel, USD #298

GRANT IMPACT



▶ City of Sylvan Grove - Lincoln County Sylvan Grove Fairgrounds Tree Project

▶ Patterson Family Foundation Fund - \$1,083
▶ Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$829

The goal was achieved with the beautification of the fairgrounds. Newly planted trees will produce a variety of colorful blooms each spring, enhancing the visual appeal of the grounds and creating a more inviting entrance to the City of Sylvan Grove. "Many people have noticed and appreciated the new trees at the fairgrounds. It's great to see the public recognizing positive changes in our community." ~Sara Gier, City of Sylvan Grove



▶ USD #299 - Gas Ranges for Culinary Essentials Classes

▶ Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$1,589

The new ovens greatly improved the reliability and quality of the culinary classroom. Their enhanced power and precision allowed for a broader range of recipes and more engaging, hands-on learning. Minor timing adjustments were needed to adapt existing recipes, but these were easily refined through practice. The upgraded equipment ultimately strengthened instructional efficiency and helped students develop adaptable, real-world kitchen skills. "We all LOVE the new ranges! We are very grateful to the PRCF and all they have provided for us and our school." ~Jeff Starkey, USD #299



▶ Lucas Public Library - Programming for the Library

▶ Post Rock Community Action Fund - \$2,000
▶ Patterson Family Foundation Fund - \$1,200
▶ Sylvan Area Fund - \$400

The organization focused on delivering a lineup of programs and events designed to engage and support the community. A total of 44 events were held within a 12-month period, drawing 1,583 participants. Rising food costs presented an unexpected challenge, limiting menu options and increasing reliance on donated items. Individuals and local businesses stepped forward with spontaneous contributions during several events. Their support reflected a positive ripple effect, as community members recognized the impact of the programs and chose to help sustain future initiatives.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

07.01.2024 - 06.30.2025

COMPETITIVE

City of Beverly
City of Sylvan Grove
Denmark Evangelical Lutheran Community Church
Hunter Economic Development Corp
Lincoln Community Church
Lincoln United Methodist Church
Lucas Public Library
Luray Community Foundation
The Lucas Historical Society
Sylvan Historical Society
USD #298 Lincoln
USD #299 Sylvan-Lucas Unified

VFW Post 7928
World's Largest Things Incorporated

DONOR DIRECTED

First Presbyterian Church
Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden, Inc.
Grace Chapel United Methodist Church
Kansas State University Foundation
Lincoln Art Center
Lincoln County Hospital & Healthcare Foundation
Lucas Area Community Theater, Inc.
Lucas Medical Foundation
Sylvan Historical Society

Over \$175,000 was granted to 22 local organizations to support their missions and preserve our rural way of life. About \$165,000 awarded through a competitive grant process overseen by the Post Rock Community Foundation and \$10,000 was directed on behalf of donors who want to impact today and transform tomorrow!



\$175,061
AWARDED

DANE G. HANSEN FOUNDATION

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation serves the 26 most Northwest counties in Kansas – one quarter of the state. Through the Foundation’s initiatives to promote philanthropy at the county level, the Hansen Foundation has worked directly with the countywide community foundations in its service area.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation was established in 1965 with a generous estate gift from Dane G. Hansen. Mr. Hansen was an entrepreneur whose business interests over the course of his life included, among others, retail, lumber, road and bridge construction and oil. We join in celebrating 60 years of the Foundation, Mr. Hansen’s legacy, and the Foundation’s impact - from helping grow local community foundations to keep wealth in their communities, to awarding more than \$320 million in grants.

Dane G. Hansen was born on January 6, 1883, in Logan, Kansas, and spent his entire life in the community he loved. The son of Danish immigrant and entrepreneur Peter Hansen and former teacher and shop owner Alpha Gray Hansen, he was raised in a household built on hard work, service, and integrity.



Throughout his life, Hansen focused his efforts on strengthening Northwest Kansas. Although he maintained a demanding business career, he was equally known for his generosity to churches, civic organizations, educational programs, and youth initiatives. A steadfast advocate for education, he established the Dane G. Hansen Boy Scout Camp at Kirwin and created scholarships for graduates of Logan High School.

While he achieved considerable business success, Hansen remained sincere, principled, and grounded. He valued honest workmanship and cultivated strong relationships across all areas of the community and walks of life.



The Hansen Foundation began supporting countywide community foundations with direct assistance in 2014. They recognize that having dedicated professional staff can help these community foundations grow faster and better as they serve their communities. It is through a staffing grant that we have a Director, Elisa Agler (pictured).

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship

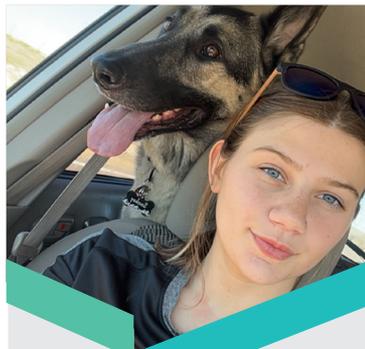
Levi Bates
Cooper Rathbun

Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray Academic Scholarship

Emma Cline
Taylor Fallis
MaKayla Murphy



\$3,896
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED FOR
2025-2026 SCHOOL
YEAR



“This opportunity not only helps me achieve my academic goals, but it also inspires me to give back to my community in the future—just as you have given to me. I plan to use my education to empower the next generation of students, especially those from small rural towns like mine, where resources and opportunities can be limited.”

Taylor Fallis
Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School
Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray Academic Scholarship



“Coming from a proud Lincoln Leopard family - both of my parents, as well as several aunts and uncles, are alumni of Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School, this award means even more to me. I am grateful to be part of a community that values its students and traditions, and I will do my best to make the most of this opportunity.”

Cooper Rathbun
Lincoln High School
Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Enriching Rural Communities

BARBARA A. WOLFORD FUND

Two young farmers are expanding their cattle operations in Lincoln County thanks to a grant from the Barbara A. Wolford Fund. Through a partnership with the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation, \$50,000 was awarded in grants to support two local operations, Wiebke Ranch & Luck Farms.

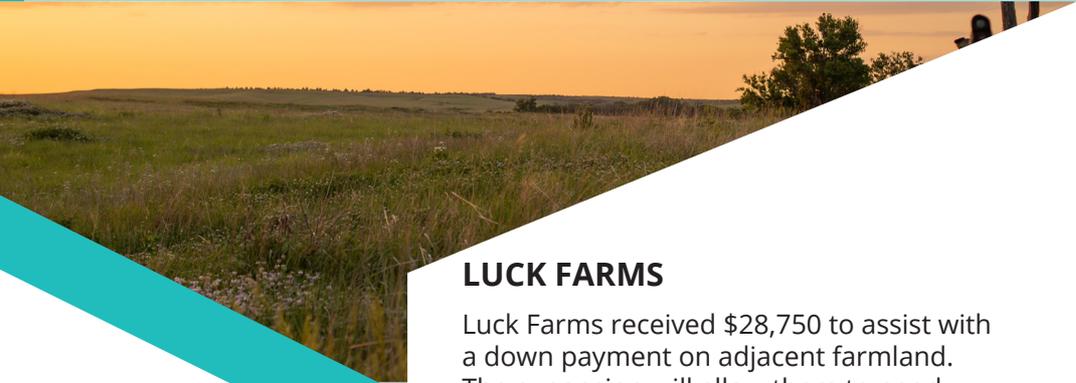


▲
Dylan & Kayler Wiebke

WIEBKE RANCH

Wiebke Ranch received \$21,250 to purchase and install essential infrastructure, equipment, and supplies to modernize and expand their ranch. This growth will also allow them to move into direct-to-consumer beef sales, supply local schools and restaurants, and establish an honor-system beef stand in town.

“ For us, ranching is more than a business—it’s a way to build lasting relationships and contribute to the vitality of rural life,” shared the Wiebke family. “We value the Post Rock Region not only for its land and resources, but for the people who make it home. Our goal is to create a sustainable operation that benefits our neighbors today and leaves a legacy for our children. ”
~Dylan & Kayler Wiebke, Wiebke Ranch

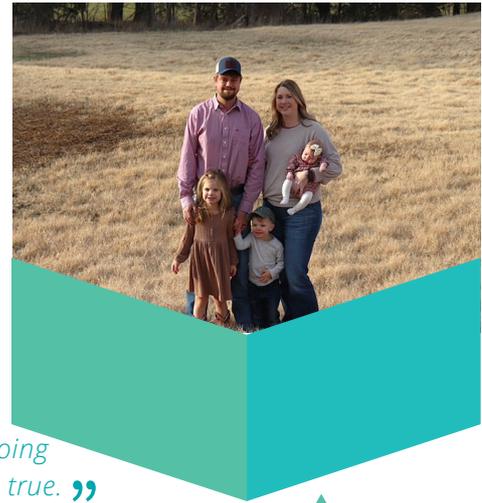


LUCK FARMS

Luck Farms received \$28,750 to assist with a down payment on adjacent farmland. The expansion will allow them to nearly double their herd size, increase acreage for rotational grazing, raise and maintain a healthy cattle operation, and boost the amount of feed and grain crops they can produce.

“ Getting to do what I love and raising my family doing this line of work is very rewarding and a dream come true. ”

~Austin Luck, Luck Farms



▲
Austin & Kayla Luck
Family

BARBARA'S LEGACY

Barbara was a lifelong bookkeeper who worked at an implement dealership in Dighton and later at several banks, including Beverly and Lincoln. Her career in bookkeeping, love for rural Kansas, and deep appreciation for the farming lifestyle inspired her to create a permanent endowed fund at the Foundation through her estate. Her vision was to help young or beginning farmers start or expand their farming operations.

“We are deeply honored and grateful to receive Barbara’s extraordinary estate gift,” said Elisa Agler, Director of the Post Rock Community Foundation. “Her generosity will have a lasting impact—empowering young farmers with the resources, opportunities, and support they need to thrive. In a small rural community like ours, this is more than a gift. It’s a lifeline.”

FOUNDATION FUNDS

This list includes all PRCF funds established as of June 30, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Post Rock Administrative Fund

DESIGNATED

Blue Hill Masonic Lodge #198 A.F. & A.M. Legacy Fund
Forrest D. Meyer Fund for the 1st Presbyterian Church
L. Eileen Broberg Designated Fund
Lincoln Masonic Lodge #154 Designated Fund
Robert Durham Trust for the Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden Fund
Robert Durham Trust for the Lucas Area Community Theater Fund
Sylvan Historical Society Designated Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Post Rock
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Post Rock
Post Rock Healthy Living Fund
Sylvan Area Fund
The Barbara A. Wolford Fund*
The Tim and Janet Meyer Fund for the Post Rock Area Fund

ORGANIZATION

Grace Chapel United Methodist Church Fund
Lincoln County Historical Society Fund

SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNATED

Oris & Barbara Kingery Community Scholarship Fund

TRADITIONAL

Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray

UNRESTRICTED

Patterson Family Foundation Fund - Post Rock
Post Rock Community Action Fund

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Jack & Kathie Crispin Fund For The Future

*Denotes new fund

USD #298, Flying Drones for the Future- Hands-on drone training introduces students to aviation rules and future dual-credit opportunities. ▶



2024-2025 DONORS

This list includes gifts made between July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025. If you believe there is an error, or we need to make a correction to how your name is listed, please contact us.

Individuals & Families

Jim and Stephanie Abbott
Elisa Agler
Rodney & Jan Ammons
Coleen Ancell
Marj Aufdemberge
Vernon Aufdemberge
Terry Ayers
John Baetz & Bree McReynolds-Baetz
Lea Ann Bell
Mark & Jane Berkley
Mike & Debbie Berkley
Joe & Krista Biggs
Michael & Patricia Biggs
Ronald & Mary Blase
Terry & Melinda Boeken
Thatcher & Breanna Brown
Wayne & Shirley Brozek
Bill & Joni Bunker
Greg & Wilma Burger
Maurita Cederberg
Kenneth & Jaynell Cole
Ray Coover
Justin Couse
Jack & Kathie Crispin
Art & Justine Dohl
Lorelei Dohl
Scott & Suzanne Erickson
Mitch & Sharon Errebo
Michael & Lisa Feldkamp
Ronald & Leesa Frederking
Tracy Frederking
David & Mona Gerstmann
Leigh Geyer
Dell & Cheryl Gier
Tyler Gier
Eunice Goldgrave
Kelly Gourley
Rose Gourley
James L. Hammer & Cindy Entriiken
Clay & Linda Haring
Joyce Harlow
Dorene Healy
Dan Healy
Jim & Tina Heier
Greg & Kathy Heinze

Jarrold & Kris Heinze
Michael & Lucille Heller
Terry & Ann Heller
Marlin Dee Jeffers
Wanda Jepsen
Max & Kally Keller
Ray & Richelle Keller
Mitchell Keller
Morgan Keller
Jay & Penny Kelly
David & Jill King
Oris & Barbara Kingery
Nancy Knapp
Ben & Jenna Kratky
Jerret & Tara Kubick
Ben & Angie Labertew
Stan & Sandy Labertew
Edward Larson
John & Rebecca Lester
Terry Lilak
Vernon & Martha Lohmann
Frances Lopata
Alan & Sharon Luck
Kelly & Diana Lyles
Jamie & Betsy Meeks
Clifford & Vivian Meier
Richard & Kay Mettlen
Daniel & Lynne Metz
Chris & Pam Meyer
Katie Meyer
Ryan and Kaitlin Meyer
Ralph & Marsha Mingle
Brock & Ruth Mueller
Barry & Jane Murphy
Jerry & Phyllis Oetting
Michel & Jennifer O'Hare
Royce Oppliger
Jerry & Becky Ostermann
Randall & Krystal Pickering
Sherry Pickering
Scott & Becky Rathbun
Glenn & Sharon Ringler
Mike & Sara Rosebrook
Thomas Schneider
Joyce Schneider
Steve Schneider, Jr.

Steven & Pamela Schneider
Joyce Shambaugh
Richard & Sarah Short
Ardene Smith
Gary & Ruth Sorensen
Roger & Susan Staats
Jude & Rachel Stecklein
Glenn & Carol Stegman
Craig & Mary Ann Stertz
Jean Stramel
Mike & Connie Street
Douglas & Geralyn Sulsar
Russell Tate & Lisa Manning
Angel Vath
Damon & Janet Vonada
Derek & Ashley Vonada
L. D. & Donna Vonada
Emilie Wacker
Loretta Waddell
Michael & Robin Ward
Lewis & Janet Watson
Mike & Kathy Weatherman
Bill & Beverly Wiese
Phillip & Anne Wilkerson
Jerry & Lleanna Wollesen
Ryan & Heather Wolting
David & Natalie Wood

Businesses & Organizations

181 AG Supply LLC
AgMark, LLC
Central Kansas Lawn & Tree Service
Central Valley Ag
Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.
City of Barnard
City of Hunter
City of Lincoln
City of Luray
City of Sylvan Grove
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Family Hair Flair, LLC
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit,
Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne
First Presbyterian Church
Home Oil Service & Convenience
Store, Inc.

Hunter Rural Fire Department
Insurance Works
Labertew Apiaries
Lincoln Building Supply
Lincoln County Economic
Development Foundation
Lincoln High School Alumni
Association
Luray Historical Society
Midway Coop, Inc.
Nex-Generation Round Up for
Youth, Inc.
Pack & Go Tours, LLC
Post Rock Realty
Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Ron Frederking Enterprises
Sarah Heller Photography, LLC
Schwerdtfager Masonry, LLC
Sixteen 60 Publishing Co.
Sylvan Sales Commission
Sylvan Grove Fair & Agriculture
Association
Sylvan Senior Center
Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School
The Bank of Tescott
The Bank of Tescott Lincoln Branch
The Bennington State Bank
United Ag Service, Inc.
Wilson Telephone Company, Inc.
Wireready, Inc.

Honorariums

L. Eileen Broberg

Memorials

Janice Bryan
Jim Gourley
Oris Kingery



OUR STATS



MATCH RESULTS

\$78,056 Raised

\$50,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Unrestricted Fund)

\$45,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Match (Administrative Endowment)

\$5,000 Dane G. Hansen Foundation (Operations)

\$78,056 Patterson Family Foundation Match

\$256,112 TOTAL IMPACT

Statement of Financial Position

(06.30.2025)

ASSETS	
Cash	\$71,048
Investments	\$4,297,879
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,368,927
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	(\$1,742)
Grants Payable	\$633
	(\$1,109)
Unapplied Payments	\$5,067
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,958
NET ASSETS	
Fund Balance Principal	\$2,391,833
Fund Balance Income	\$1,973,136
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,364,969
TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS	\$4,368,927

Statement of Activities

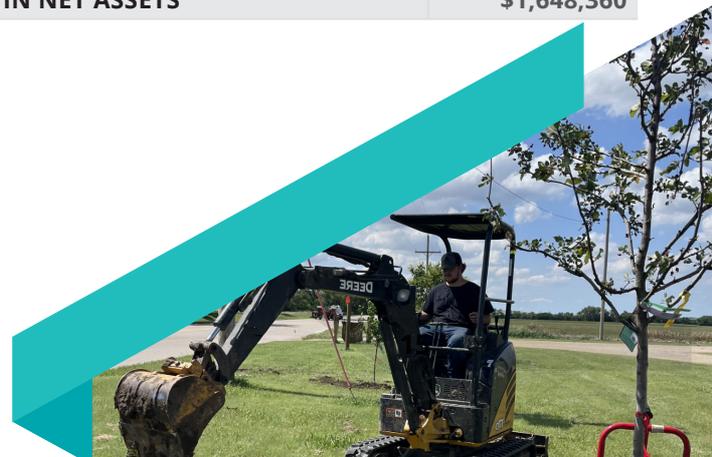
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REVENUES	
Gifts & Bequests- Principal	\$267,047
Gifts & Bequests- Internal	\$1,044,666
Dividend Income	\$66,725
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$366,297
Grant Income	\$165,489
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,910,224
EXPENSES	
Grants Authorized	\$175,061
Grants Authorized- Internal	\$44,666
Scholarships Awarded	\$3,896
Administrative Fees	\$23,282
Operating Expenses	\$14,959
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$261,864
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,648,360

Investment Performance (as of 06/30/2025)

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Expense Ratio
Vanguard Index Funds	13.8%	13.2%	10.8%	8.7%	.032%
Catholic Values SRI	12.08%	11.95%	9.02%	N/A	.47%
Benchmark	11.74%	14.07%	10.99%	9.17%	N/A

Note: Benchmark performance is based on a blended index consisting of 75% S&P 500 and 25% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Performance of Outside Invested Funds may vary but must remain in compliance with the Foundation's Statement of Investment Policy.





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