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— 2020 Annual Report to the Community —



Post Rock
Community
Foundation

an affiliate of the
Greater Tulsa Community Foundation

Our Mission

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

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

The Post Rock Community Foundation was formed in 2010. It was established to develop a charitable community endowment for the areas served by the USD 299 and USD 298 school districts. In only 10 years, the Foundation has awarded over \$619,000 in grants to the area served by the Post Rock Community Foundation and has made our section of the country a better place to live. With this 10-year birthday, we are also joyfully noting the significant growth of this organization.

The Post Rock Community Foundation Board members want to say thank you to those who have cared about the Post Rock Community Foundation (PRCF) area and have helped build its growth in assets. Some benefactors have contributed to the Action Fund, the grant fund used to fund activities and interests across the entire PRCF area. Other benefactors have established their own funds to help impact and sustain special interests of the benefactor. No matter the size of the gift, every gift has helped grow the Foundation to what it is today. Every gift has already benefitted the area, and will continue to do so in years to come.

Over the past year the Post Rock Community Foundation granted over \$103,000 toward organizations and activities in Sylvan Grove, Lincoln, Lucas, Luray, Vesper, and Hunter. Both schools were granted significant funds to improve learning facilities for our future citizens. The county hospital was granted funding to help provide better healthcare for now and the future. Other funding was directed toward community buildings and activities, in order to enhance the social atmosphere of our rural area.

The residents of the PRCF area have seen improvements in the past 10 years. In addition, the residents have, without doubt, noticed the benefit of both the Post Rock Community Foundation and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation endowments.

What will be our future in providing grant funds to maintain and nurture our area? We look around at the many projects still needing funding, projects that will enhance or sustain life as we now know it, and we realize that our current level of assets will need to grow in order to keep providing for and improving this area so many of us have grown to love. We are excited to see an increase in the number of individuals who are annually contributing to PRCF and those considering the development of new funds. In 2019, during Match Month, PRCF received \$43,000 in gifts from 113 donors. We are excited that we gained the support of 27 new donors during the Match Month campaign. Thank you for being a part of the Post Rock Community Foundation and this area's success story!

Ruth Sorensen
Board Chair





ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Post Rock Community Foundation was founded in 2010 to benefit the communities of Lincoln County and those served by USD 298 and USD 299. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both current and future needs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ruth Sorensen, Chair
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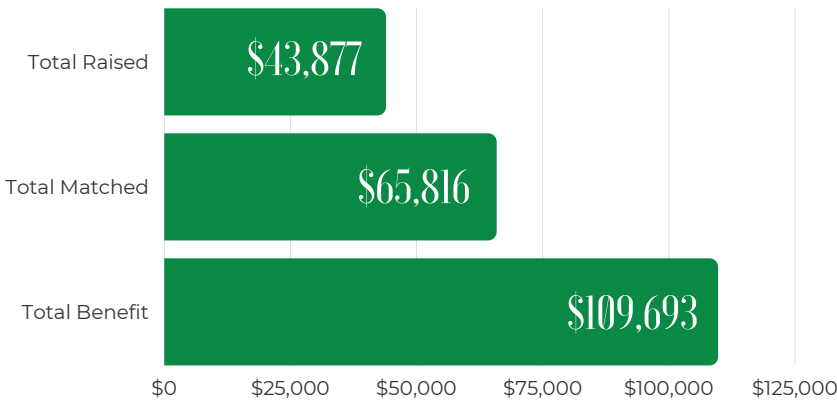
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2020 MATCH MONTH SUCCESS

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in February 2020, the community foundation raised over \$100,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at 150% by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Over the last four years Match Month has raised \$283,924.



Founding Donors

Our founders inspired the creation and growth of the foundation. We are forever grateful for the support of these generous donors!

Individuals & Families

Stan & Sandy Labertew
Tim & Janet Meyer

Business Entities

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



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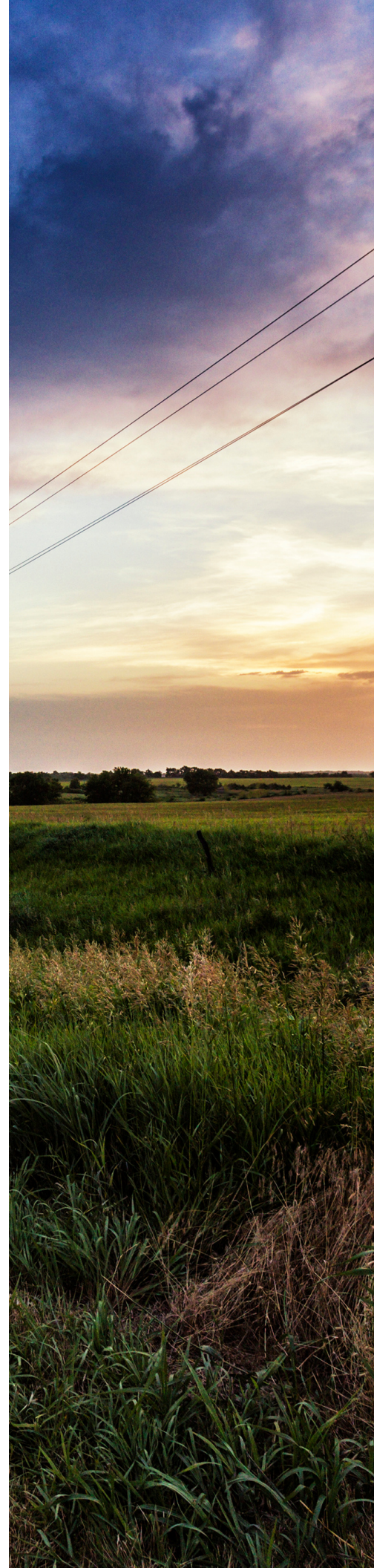
Sustainers made a significant financial commitment to the operations of the community foundation.

Individuals & Families

L. Eileen Broberg
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Stan & Sandy Labertew
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Carrico Implement Co.
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Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Grace Chapel United Methodist Church
Kansas Health Foundation
L. Eileen Broberg Trust
Lincoln County Historical Society
Lincoln High School Alumni Association
Luray Alumni Association
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Salina Regional Health Foundation
Wilson State Bank



2019-2020 DONORS

Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

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Sylvan Senior Center
Dean & Eunice Thaumert
The Bank of Tescott Lincoln Branch
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Mary Tuttle Sulsar
United Ag Service, Inc.

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Rick & Phyllis Vaupel
Damon & Janet Vonada
Derek & Ashley Vonada
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Kirk & Karen Meyer
Lou Belle Meyer
Tim Meyer
Matt & Jennie Ohmie
Roger, Susan & Connor Staats
Mr. Ted Turner & Ms. Nancy Dyer

MEMORIALS

Skip Florence
Junior Sorensen
Duane Vonada



PLAN TODAY TO GIVE TOMORROW

CREATE YOUR LEGACY THROUGH YOUR WILL!

Including the community foundation in your will or trust is a simple, significant way to support one or many causes close to your heart, forever.

When you make a planned gift to the community foundation, you plant an investment that will continue to **grow over time** and benefit your community, far beyond your lifetime!

IT'S EASY AND ANYONE CAN DO IT.

Giving through your will is easy, and you don't have to be wealthy to do it. Whether your nest egg is large or small, your gift will ensure the good work of charitable organizations continues in your name.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST,
contact your professional advisor or call us at 785-823-1800!

OUR AFFILIATION



We are a member of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's affiliate network in north central Kansas.

This network helps us effectively pool resources with other foundations for community growth.

We benefit from experienced investment and administration services, marketing support, ongoing training and technical assistance from GSCF staff. Our local advisory board provides leadership on decisions that directly impact our community!



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR AFFILIATION

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or contact one of our affiliate staff members

COMMUNITY SIGN FOR HUNTER

The only way to get community events and news out to the City of Hunter and tourists driving through was a single blackboard by the community center that could only be seen if you were already in Hunter and from one direction. The Hunter Economic Development Corporation wanted to change that. "Our goal is to highlight our community café and the many hunting operations in the area that bring outside business to the community," said grantee Steven Schneider. With the support from a Post Rock Community Foundation grant, the development corporation was able to purchase a community sign and hardware for this project. The new sign is located at the corner of Highway 181, 1st Street and Main Street for maximum visibility.

"The community sign has become a focal point of Main Street Hunter, Kansas. We have had many comments on how well the sign is positioned for everyone to read from four different directions," said Schneider. "The sign allowed us to reach and be a small part of the lives of everyone in town and the outside communities."



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JACQUE BECKMAN



A DAY IN "TOWNE" FOR FIFTH GRADE

The future of the community depends on the students who are currently enrolled in K-12. These students need to be exposed to the community around them and understand how it works, so they can learn about their local economy as well as learn about jobs that will be available to them when they are adults. The Young AmeriTowne program showcases to youth the possibilities around them while exposing them to business and community development activities. With school budgets being tight, the Post Rock Community Foundation awarded a grant to bring a Day in Towne to the Sylvan and Lucas 5th grade classrooms.

After the Day in Towne, it was proven successful with the improvement in test scores jumping from 20% to 90%. "We are amazed at the growth and attainment of knowledge in the students. Not only can we see it by their eyes lighting up, but by the way they carried out tasks and completed projects while in Towne," said grantee Jacque Beckman. "This program benefits the community by emphasizing the concept of buying local, remaining in the local area, the impact of donating to non-profit organizations and it also contributes to the overall feeling of community pride."



RELOCATING THE SENIOR CENTER

Half of the Sylvan Senior Center building was once a vacant storefront. It was rife with mold infestation due to a failing roof that was not able to protect the interior from weather. Thanks to an anonymous donor who purchased and gifted the Farmer's Elevator building, the senior center could be moved to a new location. However, the new location needed some maintenance before the group could move. The Post Rock Community Foundation awarded a grant to support this project, in collaboration with dollars from the senior center's project account.

The replacement of the roof was crucial to the renovation of the building. With this stage complete, the group can prepare to move forward with the rest of the improvements. "The new space will be a great asset to the community and transition to the new building provides a positive goal for the seniors. We have more work ahead, but it finally feels as if we are making progress to have Phase 1 of the project completed. Thank you so much for your financial contribution and support for this project," said grantee Lorelei Dohl.

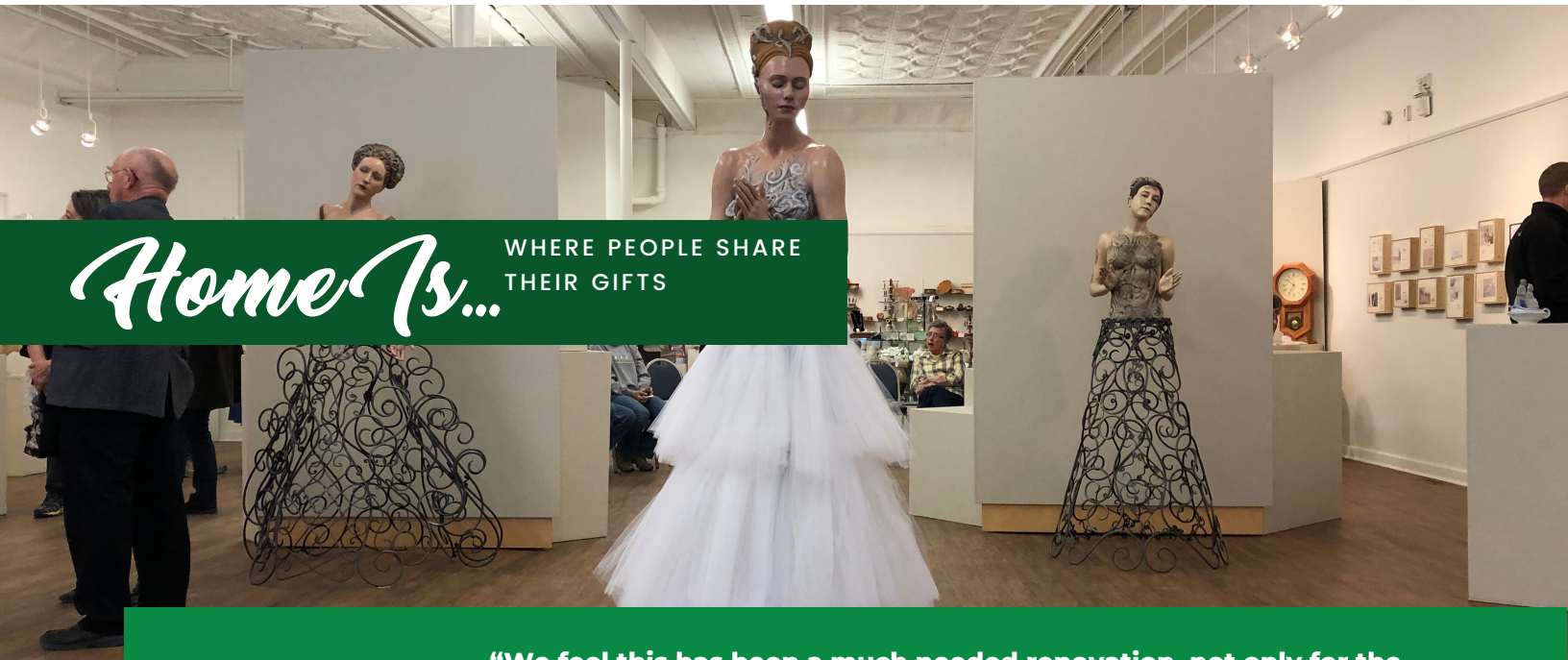


DINING WITH DIABETES

The Post Rock Extension District recently held a 'Dining with Diabetes' program. This program helps individuals learn different strategies to manage their diabetes, whether it is through carbohydrate counting, portion control or meal planning. Those who participate have the opportunity to sample healthy foods made through the concepts that are taught. The community foundation awarded a grant to assist in the cost to hold this program. "With the help of partnerships through K-State Research and Extension, the Lincoln County Health Department and the Post Rock Community Foundation, we gave these individuals the tools they needed to boost their confidence and self-efficacy to better self-manage their diabetes through diet and exercise," said grantee Ashley Svaty.

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ASHLEY SVATY



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WHERE PEOPLE SHARE
THEIR GIFTS

"We feel this has been a much needed renovation, not only for the visual appearance but for the safety of our staff, artists and visitors."

JOYCE HARLOW

NEW FLOORING FOR ART CENTER

The 50-year old flooring at the Lincoln Art Center was showing wear and discoloration and was full of broken and missing tile. Visitors were commenting on its condition and it was distracting attention from the quality art exhibits.

With a grant from the community foundation, the art center was able to install new flooring and update the space with new paint. The space feels more modern and is also safer with even flooring throughout. "Comments from guests have been positives such as, 'The gallery looks so much warmer and cleaner with the new floor and new paint,'" said grantee Joyce Harlow. "The art center could not have accomplished this project without the grant funding. We feel this has been a much-needed renovation, not only for the visual appearance, but for the safety of our staff, artists and visitors."



GIVE. GROW. GRANT.



By creating a permanent fund at the community foundation, you can accomplish your charitable goals, now and forever. As your partner in giving, we will always take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree! Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide “fruit” for the community through grants and scholarships.



Today...

You decide to make a permanent gift of **\$10,000**.



After 15 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$15,000** and given **\$10,000** to charity.



After 25 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$18,600** and given **\$19,000** to charity.



After 50 years...

Your gift has grown to **\$51,000** and given **\$35,000** to charity.

2019-2020 *Grant Recipients*

The following organizations received either donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:

- American Legion Post #359
- Central Kansas Mental Health Center
- First Presbyterian Church
- Fort Hays State University
- Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden, Inc.
- Hunter Lions Club
- Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition
- Kansas State University Foundation
- Lincoln Art Center
- Lincoln County
- Lincoln County 4-H
- Lincoln County Hospital
- Lincoln Senior Center
- Lucas Area Community Theater, Inc.
- Lucas Medical Foundation
- Luray Craftique Association
- Sylvan Historical Society
- Sylvan Senior Center
- USD 298 - Lincoln
- USD 299 - Sylvan - Lucas
- Vesper Community Center

2019-2020 *Scholarship Recipients*

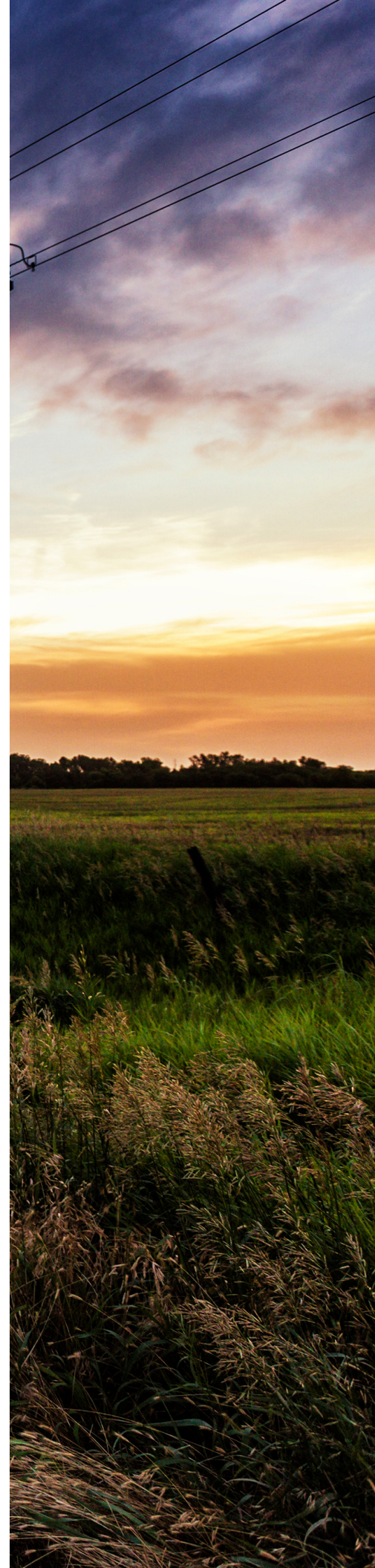
The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program with funding from the Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship and the Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray Student Academic Scholarship.

AUNDREA HABERER
Fort Hays State University

CARSON WALTER
Kansas State University

MACEY WINTERS
Fort Hays State University

MARISSA WINTERS
Fort Hays State University

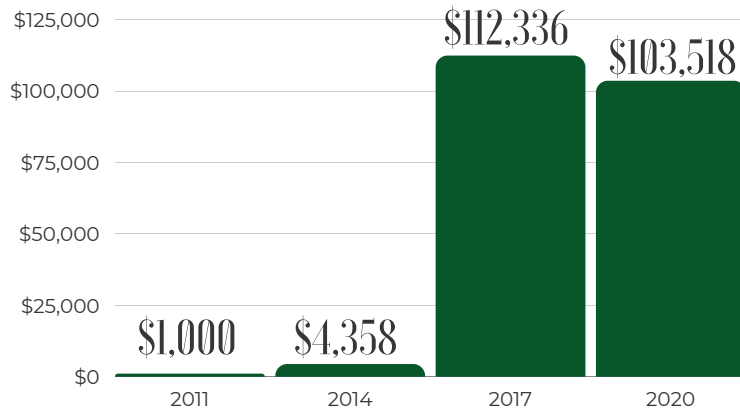




IMPACT NUMBERS

In 2020, \$103,518 total grants and scholarships were awarded to 40 organizations and students throughout the fiscal year. Since inception, \$619,263 has been awarded on the behalf of generous donors, making our community a better place to live.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED PER FISCAL YEAR



THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without people like you! Your support makes a meaningful difference in the Post Rock Area, both now and in the future.



FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Blue Hill Masonic Lodge #198 A.F. & A.M. Legacy Fund
Forrest D. Meyer Fund for the 1st Presbyterian Church
Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund
L. Eileen Broberg 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 FUNDS

Enable donors to support a designated cause or geographic area. (e.g. the arts, a specific community, etc.)

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Post Rock
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Post Rock
Post Rock Healthy Living Fund
Sylvan Area Fund
Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray

ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.

Grace Chapel United Methodist Church Fund
Lincoln County Historical Society Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.

Lincoln High School Alumni Association
Scholarship Fund

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Supports foundation operations.

Post Rock Administrative Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Supports foundation community grantmaking.

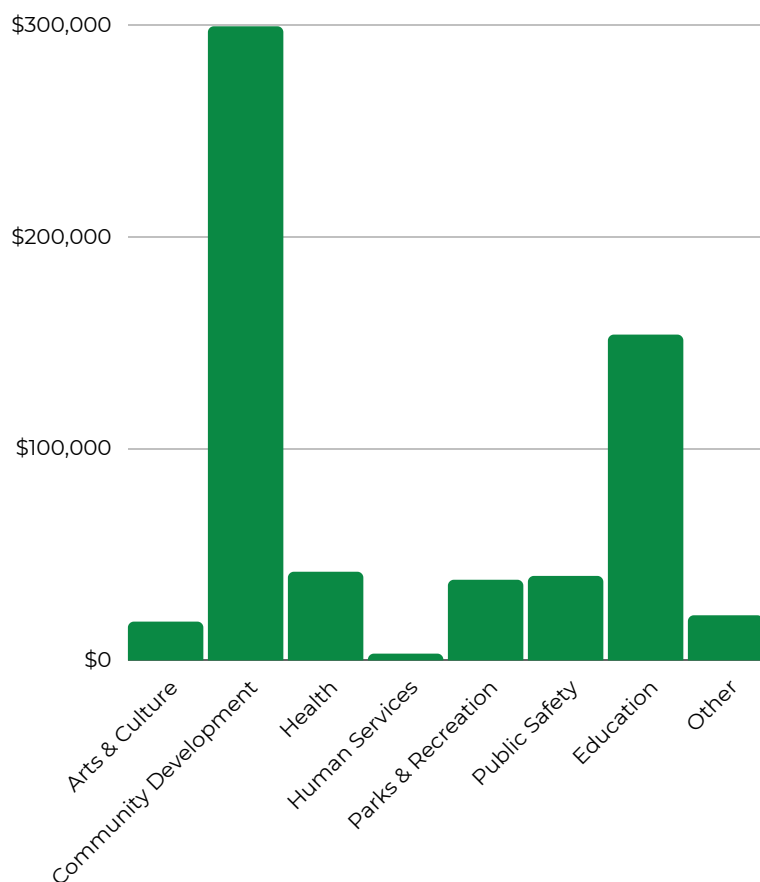
Post Rock Community Action Fund



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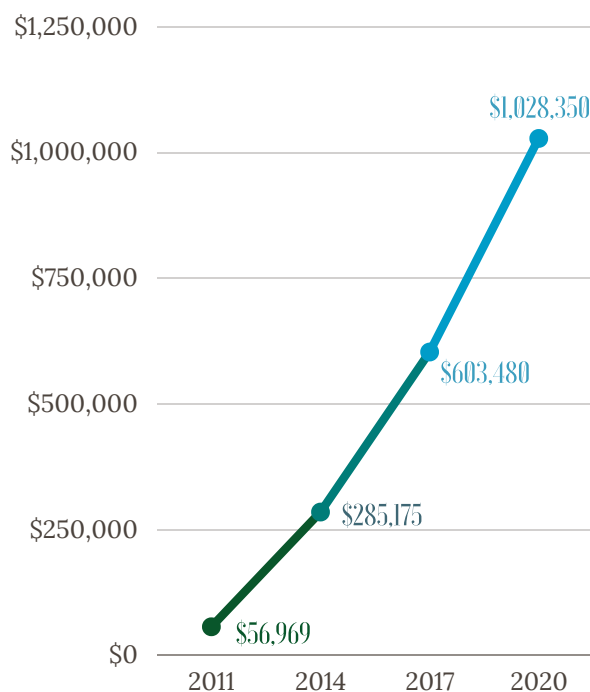
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COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING SINCE INCEPTION



ASSET GROWTH SINCE 2011

As of June 30, 2020, the foundation's total asset size reached \$1,028,350 with 17 funds.



\$232,411

was donated from 169 generous donors in the 2020 fiscal year.



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