



Your Giving Powers Wichita



WICHITA
FOUNDATION

2025 Impact Report

YOU BUILD COMMUNITY



Cover photo: Free movies at the Wichita Foundation Amphitheater (Exploration Place)

Inside cover photo: Intersensory art experience at Gallery Alley

Spark change in Wichita

The Wichita Foundation (WF) fuels bold ideas and drives long-term impact for our community. Created in 1986 by and for Wichitans, we invest in our city to strengthen nonprofits and partner with people who make generosity possible to spark change.

As Wichita's endowment builder, we grow permanent charitable resources that support Wichita today and sustain it for generations.

It starts with people who care

Meaningful impact begins with someone who believes Wichita can be more. We work alongside these community builders, like you and your professional advisors, listening first and learning what matters most.

Strengthen Wichita today & tomorrow

Your giving extends far into tomorrow, to strengthen Wichita for the long term.

Together, we:

- **Fuel bold ideas**
- **Support nonprofits**
- **Build long-term investments**
- **Invest in solutions**

Your generosity does more than strengthen our community. It propels Wichita forward.

Your impact

Since our inception in 1986

\$172M

Grants distributed

3,169

Grantees supported

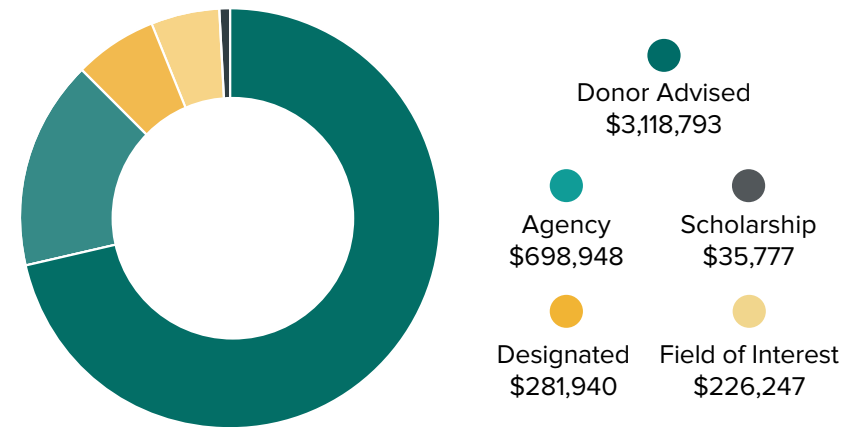
10,743

Donors

\$34.6M

Invested in the community from foundation-directed funds

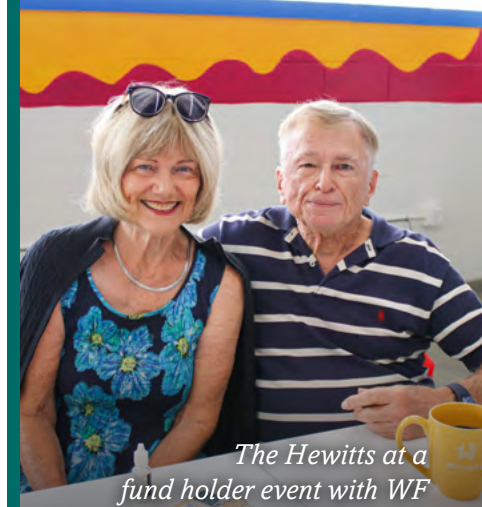
Donations by fund group in 2025



Change starts here

Fund 316 powers the work behind these numbers, strengthening WF's ability to serve our community. Your support gives us the flexibility to respond, invest and lead when it matters most.

Join us. Give to Fund 316 today.



The Hewitts at a fund holder event with WF



WF hosted the Rolph family at the McConnell Air Force Airshow



Community mural at Elevate Community Lab



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YOUR GIVING IN ACTION



Wichita State University athletes honor victims of flight 5342 (KSN News)

When Wichita needed you most, you stepped up

In moments that test a community, leadership matters. So does generosity. When tragedy struck with Flight 5342 on January 29, 2025, you stepped forward, making it possible for WF to respond with speed, care and intention through ICT Together.

ICT Together was a community-led response fund established by WF in the wake of the midair collision that took 67 lives. It was created to support families affected by the crash, aid first responders and coordinate recovery efforts with partners in Wichita and Washington, D.C. Your support helped transform a local effort into a nationwide commitment to compassion and healing.

This is what community foundations do best. We listen first, mobilize resources quickly and bring people together to meet urgent needs thoughtfully and responsibly.

ICT Together demonstrated WF's role as a convener and connector. In partnership with the

Greater Washington Community Foundation and its DCA Together Relief Fund, your generosity reached people efficiently and with intention. This collaboration showed what's possible when community foundations align across regions to meet a shared moment with purpose.

All eligible families had the opportunity to apply for financial support and all ICT Together funds have been fully disbursed. Your gifts were stewarded with care, ensuring help reached those who needed it most.



Scan to learn more about ICT Together.



A trusted partner in moments that matter

Because of fund holders and donors like you, the Wichita Foundation responds to urgent needs with care, coordination and a long-term perspective.

\$775,119

Total resources mobilized

\$24,337

Average support per family

563

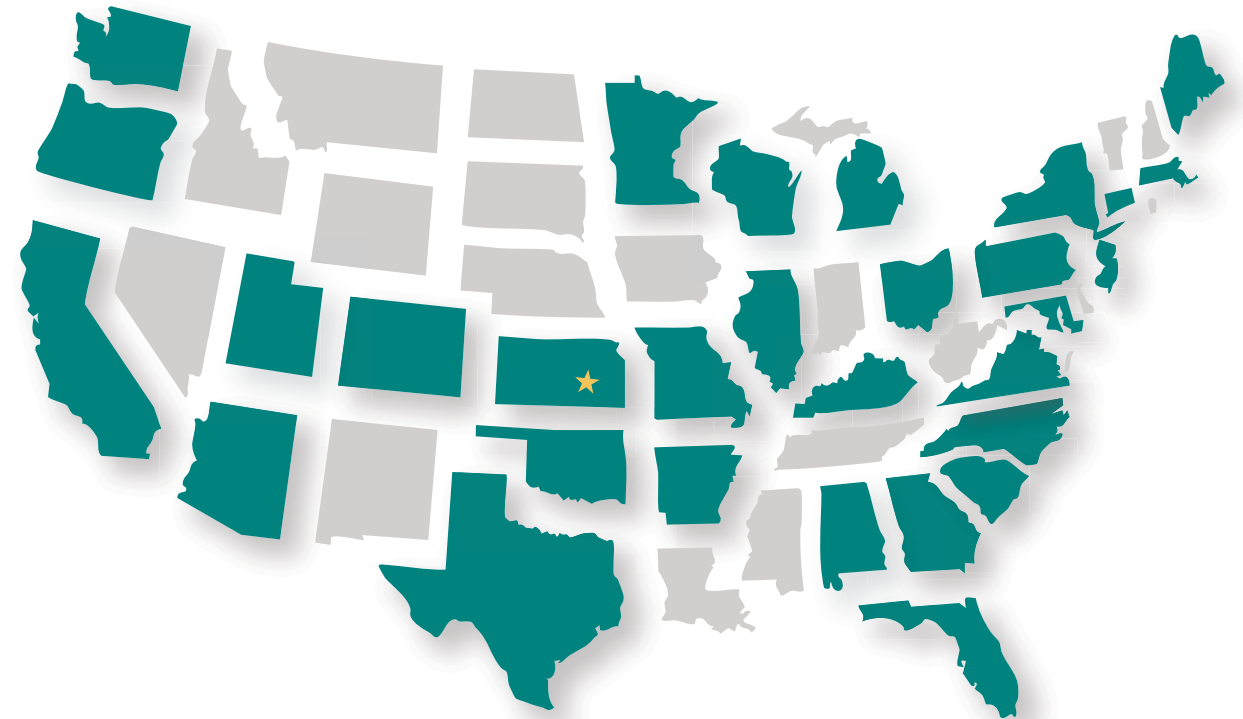
Donors

30

Families supported

1,000+

Meals to first responders



Donors across 30 states plus DC & Canada



"You have to fundamentally trust the Wichita Foundation to use their best judgment, and I do. I think they are moving the system forward and making a better future for the next two or three generations."

– Jill Docking, WF fund holder



YOU INVEST IN WICHITA'S BIG IDEAS

*Families gather for RiverFlix at the
Wichita Foundation Amphitheater
(Exploration Place)*

A riverfront destination that brings people together

Since opening in September 2025, the Wichita Foundation Amphitheater at Exploration Place (EP) has quickly become a destination for both Wichitans and visitors from across the country, showing what's possible when philanthropy invests in connection, access and civic life.

Sparked by an investment from WF and developed in partnership with EP, the amphitheater serves as a vibrant riverfront hub where Wichitans of all ages gather for free movies, live music, wellness activities and large public events designed to be accessible and inclusive.

RiverFlix, the Friday night outdoor movie series, has become a signature program, averaging 600 attendees per screening and drawing as many as 1,200 guests on peak nights. Its impact extends beyond attendance.

"A mom walked up to our staff, holding her phone with a question typed out to ask if RiverFlix would have closed captioning," said EP Vice President of Advancement Laura Roddy.

"After telling her yes, she shared that her daughter was also deaf and they usually can't attend public movies. She was so glad to be able to enjoy the evening together."

Throughout the year, the amphitheater hosts Riverside Yoga, which draws more than 1,000 guests; Shop & Grub festivals, which average 2,000 attendees; Parkrun 5Ks, which welcome more than 10,000 runners; and free concerts and events, including the Drone Light Festival.

"The addition of the Wichita Foundation Amphitheater has been significant for the community," Roddy said. "It is truly becoming a place where Wichita gathers."

With expanded programming planned for 2026, the amphitheater continues to grow as a lasting community asset.

Your impact

\$9.3M

Contributed to the Fund for Wichita since inception

Fund for Wichita

These gifts support WF's strategic investments.

Legacy donors

Wichitans who have listed the Fund in their estate plans

Clay & Kate Bastian
Doug & Suzanne Coin
Jim & Sharon Kincaid
Cameron & Shelly Prichard
Kelly Rundell
Craig & Laura Thompson

Founders

Wichitans who established the Fund for Wichita

Bank IV
Beech Memorial Foundation
S.M. & Laura H. Brown Charitable Trust
Elizabeth Hamilton & Edward Alexander Caredis
DeVore Foundation
Fidelity Bank

William L. & Mary Lynn Oliver
Richard & Harriett Price
Dale V. Reed
A. Scott & Carol Ritchie
Carl & Mildred Rohwer
Robert J. & Alice R. Sauer
Donna J. Schmid
Kenneth Wagnon
E. Lawrence & H. Lucile Wulfmeyer

Fund Builders

Wichitans helping grow the Fund for Wichita

Agnew & Associates LLC	Jack Focht & Gloria Farha Flentje	LaShonda Porter
Tammy Allen	Anne Gage	Cameron & Shelly Prichard
Vernon & Kathleen Bateson Fund	Debbie Gann & Kathy Beat	Rebecca Reynolds
Bokeh Development	Jennifer Green-Miracle	Pam Schrag
Kevin & Valerie Cowan	Klasing Family Charitable Fund	Gerry O. Sibley Trust
Steve & Janis Cox Charitable Fund	Mike & Susan Lamb	Margot B. Skinner
Todd & Margaret Dechant	Kaleigh Lauer	LaTasha St. Arnault
John & Julie Dombo Family Foundation	Lavender Family	Star Lumber & Supply
Jack D. Flesher	Charles & Cynthia McSwain	Pamela Swedlund
	James & Cynthia Nastars	US Bank

Invest in bold ideas

Join us in building Wichita's future. A gift to the Fund for Wichita creates a permanent endowment that fuels bold community investments and ensures opportunity grows for generations.



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Give to Fund for Wichita today.

YOU KEEP THESE ORGANIZATIONS MOVING FORWARD



Bob Goebel has been a member of the Rotary Club of West Wichita for 38 years

Giving that extends beyond a lifetime

At 92-years-old, Robert (Bob) Goebel continues a lifetime of service through giving. In July 2025, he established the Robert L. & Rosalie Goebel West Wichita Rotary Club Fund, a designated fund at WF that will provide steady financial support for the Rotary Club of West Wichita for 25 years.

“This is a way that I can still be a member for another 25 years through giving,” Goebel said.

Designated funds allow fund holders to support a specific organization long-term while WF manages investment, administration and distributions. Bob and Rosalie’s fund ensures the Rotary Club of West Wichita can rely on consistent funding to sustain its work.

“I want to help ease the burden of raising funds for their programs,” Goebel said.

When the Goebel’s fund completes its 25-year term in 2050, remaining investments will flow into WF’s Fund for Wichita, supporting future community needs.

Through his gift, Goebel strengthens the Rotary Club of West Wichita’s work today while helping prepare for what comes next. In time, the gift will also strengthen WF’s Fund for Wichita, a permanent resource for the community.

“In 25 years, there may be needs we haven’t even imagined,” Goebel said. “I trust the Foundation to decide where it works best.”

Your impact

85

Designated funds

185

Grantees supported

\$19.8M

Granted via designated funds

Designated Funds (85)

These funds benefit specific charities named by you. Funds created in 2025 are **bolded**.

Connie Claire Arnold Endowed Fund	Jean M. Hite Designated Fund	Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fund - Wichita Children’s Home
Vernon & Kathleen Bateson Fund	Ronald W. & Karen K. Holt Endowment Fund	Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fund - Wichita Symphony Society
Braun Family Fund	Ruth Houston Endowed Fund	Rose Mary Mohr Endowment Fund
Bruce & Jacquelin Buehler Memorial Fund	Johnson - Williamson Fund	Music Theatre of Wichita Endowment Fund
Joe & Donna Bunk Fund	Nancy & Doug Johnson Designated Fund	Norstad Memorial Fund
WF Capacity Endowed Fund	Kansas Children’s Service League Fund	Norstad Memorial Stock Fund
Maria J. Causey Fund	Barbara J. Keating Memorial Fund	Orpheum R & R Fund
Cerebral Palsy Research Fdtn of KS, Inc. Endowment Fund	Patricia Gorham & Jeff Kennedy Designated Fund	Cameron & Shelly Prichard Designated Fund
Class of Wichita, Inc. Fund	Kincaid Family CAVOK Fund	Cindy Pursell Memorial Fund
Doug & Suzanne Coin Designated Fund	Gary Kipp Insurance Fund	Dr. J. Stanley & Mildred J. Reifsnieder Memorial Fund
Harold W. & Mary Ellen Deets Designated Fund	The John Kenneth Kleinheksel Endowed Fund for the Advancement of Scouting	Kelly Rundell Designated Fund
DeVore Family Wickenburg Fund	John Lewis Kleinheksel, M.D. & Geraldine Sauer Kleinheksel Endowed Fund for Medically & Educationally Underserved Children in Wichita, KS	Colby Sandlian - Old Cowtown Museum Fund
Jill Docking Designated Funds	Sue Margaret Kleinheksel Endowed Fund for the Improvement to the Lives of People and Pets	Colby Sandlian - WAM Art Access Fund
East High Class of 1964 Fund	Mary & Delmar D. Klocke Charitable Fund	Major Kenneth Fredrick Sauer Endowed Fund
Pauline K. Eby Fund	Leadership Atchison County Fund	Sedgwick County Zoo Endowment Fund
ELF Project Fund	Leadership Independence Fund	Stella B. Shawver Fund
J. Eric Engstrom Fund	Leadership Junction City Fund	Margot B. Skinner Designated Fund
Ruth Ann Forsberg-Martin Designated Fund	Leadership Wichita Fund	St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church Fund
William & Deanna “Dee” Foshee Fund	Lions Vision Care Fund - Hank Rasmussen Endowed	Stannard Fund - BSA
Friends of the Wichita Art Museum Endowment Fund	Lions Vision Care Fund - Hank Rasmussen Passthrough	Lynn E. Stephan Designated Fund
Friends of the Wichita Art Museum Library Endowment Fund	Kent A. Mauk Endowed Fund for the Friends of the Augusta KS Public Library	Craig and Laura Thompson Endowed Fund
Friends University Fund	W. Tom Meredith KDA Fund	WF Capacity Passthrough Fund
FWAM Howard E. Wooden Lecture Series Fund	Robert C. Merfa Endowed Fund	Wichita Children’s Home Designated Endowment Fund
Robert L. & Rosalie Goebel West Wichita Rotary Club Fund	Carina P. Michel Memorial Education Fund	Wichita Grand Opera Endowment Fund
Tess Goodman & Brenda Dietzman Endowed Fund	Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fund - Botanica	Wichita Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund
James “Jack” C. & V. Madeline Graham Fund	Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fund - Wichita Art Museum	YMCA Endowment Fund
Karen & Jim Graves Fund		Young Life - Storms Legacy Fund
Marlene F. & William Hayes Charitable Fund		
Heather’s Camp Fund		

Field of Interest Funds (29)

Field of Interest Funds (FOI) allow you to support the causes you care about while WF manages grants and adapts to changing community needs. You select one of four focus areas. Funds created in 2025 are **bolded**.

Animal Welfare Fund

Alice Virginia White Endowment Fund for Dog & Cat Welfare

Floyd & Linda Oneslager Family Fund

Arts & Culture Fund

Gary & Marjorie Wood Fund

Frederick & Pat Hansen Charitable Fund

Education Fund

Chad McCune Fund

Paul F. & Pamela S. Masterson Field of Interest Fund

Health & Human Services Fund

Buddy Bear Fund

Cora Ellis Middlekauff Endowed Fund

Douglas H. Dees Fund for a Better Day

Gracie Varney Charitable Fund

Floyd & Linda Oneslager Family Fund

Frederick & Pat Hansen Charitable Fund

Harold W. & Mary Ellen Deets Endowed Fund

Specialty Interests

These long-standing funds support specific causes and continue the charitable intent of the donors who established them.

Authors In Schools Fund	The Gold Coin Society Fund	Wichita Public Schools Fine Arts Gift Fund
Authors In Schools Passthrough Fund	WF Emergency Fund	Wichita Public Schools Mini-Grant Gift Fund
Becky M. & Dick Loosen Endowed Fund	Wichita Public Schools Athletics Endowment Fund	Wichita Public Schools Mini-Grants Endowment Fund
Brian David Higby Fund	Wichita Public Schools Athletics Gift Fund	Wichita Wagonmasters Good Life Grant Non-Endowed Field of Interest Fund
Edward C. & Elizabeth M. Burns Fund	Wichita Public Schools Fine Arts Endowment Fund	

Your impact

Since inception

\$17.8M

Total FOI distributed

7,269

FOI grants

1,448

Nonprofits supported via FOIs

2025

\$1.2M

Total FOI distributed

122

FOI Grants

67

Nonprofits supported via FOIs



Doug Dees (center) with his fraternity brothers in Alaska

Creating a better day, long into the future

Douglas “Doug” Dees believes a meaningful life is measured by the difference you make for others. Guided by curiosity, lifelong learning and a deep care for the community, he established the Douglas H. Dees Fund for a Better Day, an endowed health and human services fund at the Wichita Foundation.

When he passes, his estate will flow into the fund, allowing WF to look broadly across the community and invest where help is needed.

“Knowing that my contributions can ease someone’s daily struggles feels like a simple but meaningful way to make a lasting impact,” Dees said. “One that can continue well into the future.”

Doug’s confidence in the Foundation grew through relationships and shared values.

“I came to see Shelly and her team at the Wichita Foundation as deeply trustworthy stewards,” Dees said. “Learning about the

Foundation’s history and long-term vision gave me confidence that my wishes will be honored well into the future.”

Life experience, and recent health challenges, have sharpened Doug’s sense of purpose. True to his nature, he sees his fund as a thoughtful, human gesture.

“What I leave behind today may have a far greater impact on people’s lives than if I were still around another 10 or 20 years,” Dees said. “If my fund allows someone to pause, take a fresh breath and feel just a bit more comfortable or hopeful in their circumstances, then it will have served its purpose.”

Note: Story developed in partnership with Doug’s friend and writer Kent Miracle.

YOU SHAPE YOUR IMPACT



Pam Swedlund, WF board member and fund holder, gives on a recurring, monthly basis

Honoring family through monthly giving

After the unexpected death of her brother and the loss of her mother soon after, Pam Swedlund began searching for a meaningful way to honor their lives and invest in the city where she grew up.

Philanthropy offered a natural path.

Swedlund established memorial donor advised funds at WF, drawn to the organization and its people.

“The Wichita Foundation felt like this hidden gem that people just didn’t know about,” Swedlund said.

Rather than making one-time gifts, Swedlund gives on a recurring monthly basis, a decision shaped by practicality and long-term impact.

“I don’t have a lot of money to give, so this was a way I could consistently give,”

Swedlund said. “It made it easier to budget and easier to give. You don’t have to think about it every month or every year.”

Over time, she has seen how consistent giving can add up.

“A little goes a long way,” Swedlund said. “Maybe not today or tomorrow, but over time.”

Her approach reflects a broader belief about philanthropy and community responsibility.

“Sometimes we don’t appreciate what we’ve gotten,” Swedlund said. “We don’t realize how we’ve gotten it and what others have done to make that possible for us. It’s an opportunity to pay it back or pay it forward.”

Your impact

Since inception

\$94.5M
DAF dollars granted

15,175
DAF grants

1,594
Nonprofits supported via DAFs

2025

\$4.3M
DAF dollars granted

746
DAF grants

311

Nonprofits supported via DAFs

Donor Advised Funds (118)

These funds allow you to suggest which organizations or programs should receive grants. Funds created in 2025 are **bolded**.

A Helpful Hand Fund - Bill, Donna & Mike Ard	Thornton E. & Kathleen Anderson Fund	Don & Lora Barry Fund
Jan & Jerry Aaron Charitable Fund	Armstrong Charitable Fund	Bastian Family Donor Advised Fund
Aero Club Fund	Edward W. & Mildred F. Armstrong Donor Advised Fund	Clark & Sharon Bastian Donor Advised Fund
Dr. Richard & Suzanne Ahlstrand Fund	Stephen M. Baker Donor Advised Fund	Clay & Kate Bastian Donor Advised Fund
Buck & Gladys Alley Family Charitable Fund	Douglas A. Baker Fund	Michelle & Aaron Bastian Fund

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Donor Advised Funds Cont.

Christine C. Bastian Fund	The Foulston Donor Advised Fund	Oatman Family Charitable Fund
Fred & Sue Berry Donor Advised Fund	Lawrence C. Freund St. Leo Church Cemetery Fund	Mary Lynn & William L. Oliver Jr. Fund
Boesen Family Fund	Gamm Family Donor Advised Fund	Tom & Mindy Page Fund
Bogue Family Fund	GBWEZ Fund	The PALS Fund
Braun Family Donor Advised Fund	Christopher J. & Mary C. Goebel Fund	George H. & Marilyn B. Pearson Fund
Bravely Onward Fund	Robert L. & Rosalie Goebel Fund	Jan & Steve Randle Charitable Gifting Fund
Bridget Fund	O.S. & Jaclyn Gossard Fund	Robert & Sharol Rasberry Fund
Mert & Connie Buckley Fund	Guthrie Family Charitable Fund	Scott & Betsy Redler Fund
Meribeth A. & Bruce R. Buhr Charitable Fund	Brock & Sarah Hampton Fund	Ritchie Corporation Charitable Trust Fund
Paul & Pamela Bush Family Fund	Janice & Bill Hanna Family Fund	Edward C. Ritchie Donor Advised Fund
The Carey Fund	Justin & Cammy Healy Family Fund	Janet Ritchie Smith Fund
Carney Family Charities Foundation Fund	Dave & Sharon Hewitt Fund	Janie & Hale Ritchie Fund
Charlie & Marla Chandler Charitable Fund	Hope & Grace Fund	David & Barbara Rolph Family Fund
Pat & Sylvia Do Charitable Fund	Nicholas H. Hunt Fund	Dennis L. & Ann M. Ross Charitable DA Fund
Coen Charitable Fund	Vernell & Celestine Jackson Fund	Joe & Devon Rothwell Fund
Coen Family Foundation Fund	William M. & Rhonda C. Johnson Charitable Fund	Russell & Breer Family Fund
Stewart B. Coffin Memorial Fund	Junior ROTC Fund	Dan & Kate Scheer Charitable Fund
Bill & Dorothy Cohen Charitable Fund	Richard M. & Hannah R. Kerschen Fund	Randall & Marilyn Schrag Fund
Jerry & Catherine Cohlma Fund	John S. & James L. Knight Foundation Fund	Barry & Cindy Schwan Family Fund
Compton/Brewer Agape Fund	The Knorr Family Advisory Fund	McClure & Mary Smith Endowed Legacy Fund
Linda K. Constable Fund	LacKamp Donor Advised Fund	Stang Family Fund
Dorth & Virginia Coombs Philanthropic Trust Fund	Eric & Debbie Larson Fund	Sunflower Ventures Fund
Hector & Shawna Cortez Family Fund	Thomas J. Lasater Family Fund	Eric L. Swedlund Memorial Fund
Cowan Family Fund	Brennen & Courtney Lucas Fund	Pamela A. Swedlund Fund
Steve & Janis Cox Charitable Fund	Eddy & April Lucas Fund	Tappan Family Fund
Cox Communications of Kansas Charitable Fund	Bill & Debby Lucas Fund	Textron Aviation Fund
Cox Communications of Kansas Reserve Fund	Errol A. & Suzanne Davis Luginbill Family Fund	Dr. George & Jeanne Tiller Fund
Davis Family Fund	Barbara A. Lyle Memorial Fund	Vermeeren Family Fund
Delta Dental Foundation Charitable Fund	The James A. Manry Family Fund	Byrne & Becky Vickers Fund
DeVore Family Fund	John & Barbara McCune Charitable Fund	Victor Murdock Fund
DeVore Heritage Fund	McCune Family Charitable Fund	Weatherson Family Fund
Docking Family Fund	The Louise DiPrampero McKay Charitable Fund	Wichita Committee of 100 Fund
Earth Wise Fund	McVay Family Fund	Dale & Alice Wiggins Charitable Fund
Fleeson, Googing, Coulson & Kitch Fund	Phil & Sharon Neff Charitable Fund	
	Joe & Sarah Nold Fund	



A gift from the Foulstons (center) supports ICT SOS (far left and right) and its Our Place campaign



We wanted to do something that made the most impact on people and on the future of the community.

– John Foulston, WF fund holder

Anonymous Funds (9)

Across WF, funds of various types support community needs, with fund holders choosing to give privately.

Agency Funds (63)

Nonprofits create these funds for a consistent income source to fulfill their charitable missions. Funds created in 2025 are **bolded**.

Andale District Library Endowment Fund	Center City Academy Fund	Extension Master Gardener Endowment Fund
Association of Fundraising Professionals Kansas Heartland Professional Development Fund	Children First CEO Kansas Fund	The Foundation for Andover Schools - Board Designated Fund
Association of Fundraising Professionals Sharon G. Miles Fund	Discovery Place Endowment Fund	The Foundation for Andover Schools - Founding Members Fund
Botanica Endowment Fund	Embrace of Wichita Endowment Fund	The Foundation for Andover Schools - Kimberly Jo Harmon-Wielhouwer Endowment Fund
Boy Scouts of America Quivira Council Fund	Episcopal Social Services Endowment Fund	The Foundation for Andover Schools - Naming Rights Fund
Breakthrough Clubhouse Endowment Fund	Extension Education Foundation Fund - 4-H	The Foundation for Andover Schools - Pat Terry Endowed Fund
Caldwell Area Hospital & Health Foundation Fund	Extension Education Foundation Fund - General	
	Extension Education Foundation Fund - Horticulture	

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Agency Funds Cont.

Friends of the Wichita Public Library Fund	Kansas Children's Foundation Fund	Shoaf, Odis Memorial Endowment Fund - Hospice, Inc.
Friends of the Wichita Public Library Marketing Fund	Kansas Humane Society Fund	Starkey, Inc. Fund
Great Plains Diabetes Research, Inc. Fund	Jean Kindel Garvey Orpheum Endowment Fund	TKAAM Building Fund
Guadalupe Health Foundation Fund	League 42 Fund	TKAAM Endowment Fund
Harvester Arts Ruth Ann Forsberg-Martin Fund	Legacy of Hope Endowment Fund/ARC	Wichita Area Girl Scout Council Fund
Heartspring Fund	Maude Carpenter Children's Center Endowment Fund	Wichita Art Museum Board Designated Fund
Heartspring Legacy Foundation Fund	Maude Carpenter Children's Home Endowment Fund	Wichita Art Museum Lois K. Walls Education Endowment Fund
Higher Ground Legacy for Recovery Fund	Dr. Patricia McDonnell American Art Endowment Fund	Wichita Art Museum, Inc. Endowment Fund
Historical Museum Fund	Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation Fund	Wichita Chamber Chorale Fund
Hospice, Inc. Fund	The Nature Conservancy Fund	Wichita Children's Home Challenge Endowment Fund
Jabara Family Foundation, Inc. Junior Achievement of Wichita Fund	Old Cowtown Museum Endowment Fund	Wichita Children's Home Endowment Fund
Junior Achievement of Wichita Fund	Rainbows United Charitable Foundation Fund	Wichita Community Theatre Fund
Kansas Aviation Museum Fund	Roots & Wings, Inc. Endowment Fund	Wichita Eye Foundation Fund
Kansas Children's Foundation Endowment Fund	Senior Services, Inc. Endowment Fund	Wichita Public Library Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund

Your impact

\$879,871

Granted from agency funds in 2025

46

Nonprofits supported through

65 funds



YOU BUILD STABILITY FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

Fund holders, Board members and partners enjoy a preview of the Orpheum's ongoing renovation

Supporting a community treasure

For more than a decade, Orpheum Performing Arts Center, LTD, (the Orpheum Theatre) has partnered with WF to steward donor support, manage philanthropic investments and help sustain one of Wichita's most iconic historic venues.

Preserving and operating a 100-year-old theatre requires restoration, long term philanthropic planning and trusted donor relationships. WF has supported that work behind the scenes.

An early tool in the partnership was the creation of the Orpheum Restoration and Renovation Fund in 2014, an agency fund established at WF, which managed charitable contributions for the theatre's upkeep and long term needs. Over time, the relationship grew beyond a single fund.

"The investments the Wichita Foundation has made as well as their management of investments are fundamental for a growing and thriving community," said Orpheum Theatre Executive Director, Stacey Olden.

"This partnership offers the ability to dive deeper into our philanthropic community."

WF staff have also supported the theatre's fundraising through relationship building, charitable guidance and advocacy across the philanthropic network. While the fund has fulfilled its purpose, the milestone reflects progress in the theatre's journey and an ongoing partnership.

In 2025, the theatre began a year-long restoration, one of the most significant in its 103-year history.

"We are thrilled for the future regarding adding educational programming opportunities as well as deeper community engagement," Olden said.

As restoration continues, WF remains a partner, investing in the artists, learners and audiences who will shape Wichita's cultural future.

YOU INVEST IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS



Charlotte Buerge (middle left) prepares for morning activities with residents at an orphanage in Albania

Supporting the next generation

Charlotte Buerge, a 2025 WF Optimist Memorial Scholarship recipient, is studying English at Benedictine College, where she immediately felt a strong sense of belonging.

Growing up in Newton and recently moving to Wichita with her family, Buerge said attending college several hours away has helped her become more independent while staying connected to home.

Her studies have also opened the door to service opportunities, including time spent volunteering at an orphanage in Albania.

The scholarship helped cover textbooks and class materials, easing some of the financial pressures of college.

“It has made the financial strain of college slightly easier to bear,” Buerge said.

“Without the scholarship, it would be a lot harder to obtain all of the materials I need to succeed in my classes.”

Buerge said local scholarships like the WF Optimist Memorial Scholarship allow students to focus more fully on learning rather than finances.

Applying through WF helped Buerge feel more connected to the community.

“I’m really thankful for anyone who puts their resources into the education of our generation,” Buerge said. “These donors start a chain of generosity. They create environments in which students like me can flourish.”

Your impact in 2025



\$64,500

Total dollar amount of scholarships awarded



24

Total scholarships awarded



53%

Students with financial need



23

Students received support

Scholarship Funds (19)

These scholarship funds support students pursuing higher education. Please note that we are not establishing new scholarship funds at this time.

Beth Alexander Memorial Fund

The Autobiography Scholarship Fund

Randy Banks Memorial Scholarship Fund

Olive Ann Beech Fund for Improved Health Care, Med. Education and Research

E. Eugene Carter Scholarship Fund

J.D. & Dorothy Edmiston Scholarship Fund for Track and Field Athletes

Evergy Scholarship Fund

Gregory Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund

Forget Me Not Scholarship Fund

Matthew Aaron Gamm Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doug Hays Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rich & Hannah Kerschen “Law Company Family” Scholarship Fund

Trevor McCoy Foundation Fund

James D. Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund

Optimist Memorial Scholarship Fund

James K. Pitetti Memorial Scholarship Fund

Timothy Seguire Wichita NW High School Scholarship Fund

Lorraine & Otis Smith Caddie Scholarship Fund

Victor Murdock Scholarship Fund

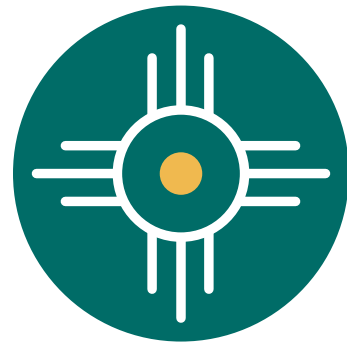
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Fund 316

Strengthening Wichita today

Fund 316 powers WF's ability to lead, convene and respond to needs right now.



Fund for Wichita

Investing in Wichita tomorrow

The Fund for Wichita is a long-term investment that strengthens our city's future.

Live on through your generosity

Through a legacy gift to WF, your commitment to Wichita and the causes you care about can continue strengthening our community long beyond your lifetime.

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Wichita River Festival (Darrin Hackney Photography)

INVEST IN WICHITA



Mickey Armstrong and James Woods connecting about charitable giving

A force for good and community

Mickey Armstrong had a presence that could not be ignored.

"She was a spitfire," said WF Director of Community Impact, James Woods. "She may have been petite, but she had a force about her."

Her connection to the Foundation began through her husband who established their donor advised fund at WF in 1988. After he passed away, Armstrong took the lead, shaping the fund according to her own passions.

"She knew exactly what she cared about, and she wasn't afraid to say so," Woods said.

Armstrong focused her giving on arts and culture, education and the Catholic Church. She supported the Catholic campus ministry at Wichita State University and helped create initiatives at the Wichita Art Museum.

Her giving was intentional and values driven.

"She very much operated in the mindset that you did it because it was the right thing to do," Woods said.

Armstrong's philanthropy reflected her character: intentional, thoughtful and always rooted in a desire to strengthen her community.

A longtime WF fund holder, Armstrong passed in November 2025. She and her family were steadfast supporters of the Foundation and true changemakers in our community.

Her memory continues to inspire the work WF carries forward and the generosity that strengthens Wichita for generations to come.

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