

# Russell County Area Community Foundation

An affiliate of the  
Greater Salina Community Foundation



Enhancing the quality of life,  
today and in the future.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation is a vehicle for charitable giving capable of benefiting the entire Russell County area. The Foundation is a permanent source of charitable assets to meet emerging, as well as existing, needs of the community.



*Annual Report  
June 30, 2008*

Russell County Area  
Community Foundation  
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## *From the Executive Director*

Every day becomes more exciting as we realize the importance of having our own local community foundation. We are growing by leaps and bounds, have increased our donor list, have gained several new funds and are providing more funding opportunities to local students and non profits, as well as making a difference in the county.

This year, scholarships were given to thirty-five college bound students totaling \$34,500, and grants were given to eleven area non-profit organizations totaling \$4,500. Year by year, the community becomes more aware of our purpose. Without the support of our donors, this would not be possible!

Our twenty-four month goal of \$700,000 of new donor funds was completed in only twelve months. This qualified us for matching funds of \$350,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation. This money will provide at least \$17,500 of yearly grants to local youth projects to enrich the quality of life in the Russell County area. Can you imagine the possibilities of what we can do? This is only the beginning of great things to come.

Our twelve founding donors shared the same goals and together agreed to support those goals financially. Starting with \$38,495 in 2002, and as I am currently preparing this report, we have now surpassed \$2.5 million in assets. Our vision is to be the leader in philanthropy and continue to grow into a stronger organization so that we may support the future of the Russell County area.

Thanks to Theresa Wagner, our new Office Assistant, we were able to launch our Apple Seed Endowment Program for teachers on July 1. We will be contacting high school graduates of Russell, Lucas, Luray, Paradise, and Natoma to grow endowments for each school. The dollars raised will be matched by the Kansas Health Foundation.

Congratulations to our Governing Board on a great year an for meeting every new challenge set before them. It has been a busy and exciting year and we look forward to more challenges in the future. The Board will again be underwriting our annual donors and fund holders reception on October 16, 2008 at the Deines Cultural Center. This reception gives us an opportunity to bring everyone up to date on our current funds and future goals. It's a great way to look back on our short history, see how far we have come, and discuss issues which promote community philanthropy.

Together we are making a difference!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Byrne Wood".

Byrne Wood, Executive Director



# Benefits of Giving Through the Foundation

## *FLEXIBILITY AND SIMPLICITY*

It's easy to establish a fund in the Foundation. With guidance from the Foundation, individuals, families, companies and charitable organizations can create a fund that is tailored to their specific needs. Donors who wish to establish their own philanthropic fund can avoid the complexity of setting up a private foundation, yet enjoy similar benefits in grant making with a Donor Advised Fund. Fund minimums do apply when creating a new fund. Gifts of any size are welcome additions to an established fund.

## *RECOGNITION OR ANONYMITY*

Most donors create a permanent legacy by setting up a fund in their name or the name of their family. However, the Foundation will also protect the identity of donors who wish to remain anonymous.

## *THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT*

The foundation offers a variety of giving options, both endowed and nonendowed. However, it is the power of the endowed fund that sets community foundations apart. The Foundation offers the opportunity to benefit the community forever. Endowed funds are invested and earnings are used to make grants addressing community concerns. These funds are a permanent source of community capital—helping to meet important community needs both today and in the future.

## *COST-EFFECTIVE GIVING OPTIONS*

There is no cost to set up a fund. With annual board approval, an annual administrative contribution is assessed from each fund. The foundation manages a pooled investment fund under the guidance of the GSCF Finance Committee. By pooling funds, the Foundation is able to provide donors the advantage of diversified investments and economies of scale in investments and fees. Donors who establish funds of \$25,000 or more may request an outside fund manager.

## *TAX BENEFITS*

Our status as a public charity ensures that contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the highest extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

## *RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP*

A 12-member volunteer board of directors governs the Foundation. An Executive Director and Office Assistant manage the Foundation on a day-to-day basis. Donors can donate to and through the Foundation with confidence because of the affiliation with the Greater Salina Community Foundation. The Greater Salina Community Foundation was one of the first community foundations in the state and even the country to be recognized by the Council on Foundations for meeting stringent national standards. In addition, the Foundation is annually audited by an independent firm. Tax returns and public disclosure of grants provide confidence as to the proper use of Foundation funds.



# Grants for 2008

## *Fund for a Better Russell County Area*

*Fund for a Better Russell County Area grants are awarded once a year through a competitive application process. Funding for these grants comes from the generosity of donors who contribute to the Foundation's unrestricted grant fund.*

**\$4,250.00**

\$300 *USD 399 Paradiese/Natoma/* \$250

*Waldo*—To support the WeatherBug Schools Program through KSN-TV in the school system.

\$250 *Russell High School*—To support \$250

the RHS Music Department Spring 2009 Chicago trip for students.



*A grant for the music trip.*

\$250 *Natoma Heritage Seekers*—For \$250

the restoration of the walls and floor of the Pohlman building in Natoma.

\$450 *Russell Public Library*— \$250

Assistance for the summer reading program.

\$500 *Big Brothers Big Sisters of* \$500

*Russell County*—To help with the implementation of a school mentoring program for at risk children and youth.

*Gorham Community Development*

*Association*—To improve restrooms for handicapped accessibility in Gorham Café community building.

*Waldo Heritage Center*—To help

with operating expenses to maintain the Heritage Room.

\$250 *Safe Night After Prom*—Funding

for senior scholarships that are given out during after prom party.

\$250 *Lucas Arts & Humanities*—To

help with the purchase of an office copy machine.

\$1,000 *Post Rock Family Services*—

Funds for new games, equipment, craft supplies and snacks for the Breaktime After School Program.

\$500 *Smoky Hills Public Television*—

To assist with the Literacy Leadership for Russell County program that provides books to children in the area.



*Channel Cat books for beginning readers.*



# Current Funds

\*denotes new fund

## *Donor Advised Funds*

*Donor Advised Funds give donors all the benefits of their own private foundations without the hassle and with better tax advantages. Once the fund is established, donors suggest grants to support their favorite charities or charitable programs. The Foundation handles investment, administration and correspondence.*

Dolores Y. & Robert L. Earnest  
Mike & Nancy Holland  
Max T. Horn Family  
\*Montague  
Myers Family Memorial  
Henry & Marjorie L. Pohlman  
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\*Michael S. Holland for Russell Reg. Hospital  
Leon & Christina Huxman  
\*Murphy Family  
Edwin W. Olson Family  
Jay & Micki Sweeney  
Wallace N. Weber, MD

*In FY 2007-08 the Foundation awarded \$312,675.00 in grants from donor advised funds to the following charities:*

Citizens Caring for Children, Inc.  
Lutheran Braille Workers  
Otterbein United Methodist Church  
Russell Arts Council, Inc.  
Russell Celebration, Inc.  
Russell County Historical Society  
Russell Public Library  
U R Special Ministries, Inc.

Infant Crisis Services, Inc.  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Post Rock Family Services, Inc.  
Russell Boy Scout Troop 118  
Russell County Free Fair  
Russell Cub Scouts, Pack #118 (on cover)  
Trinity United Methodist Church

## *Field of Interest Funds*

*Field of Interest Funds provide annual grant support to an area of interest or geographic area without designating specific charities. Donors can create funds for a specific aspect of grant making, such as the arts, early education, youth sports or music.*

Girls Scouts of Russell, Kansas  
Helen A. Hampl Student Aid Fund  
Dr. Earl D. Merkel Honorary  
\*Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Fund  
\*Russell Schools Apple Seed Fund (picture on cover)

*In FY 2007-08 the Foundation awarded \$3,959 in grants from field of interest funds to the following charities:*

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, Inc.  
Summer Kids Intervention Program



# Current Funds

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## Scholarship Funds

*Scholarship Funds allow donors to provide educational opportunities for graduates of certain schools, for specific fields of study, or for study at particular institutions. With guidance from the Foundation, donors can outline eligibility and selection requirements.*



*Top Joshua Scholarship Winner.*

- \*Randyl Becker
- Boehler Student Aid
- \*Doran & Bina Dole
- Kenneth V. Dumler Memorial
- Joshua
- \*Murphy Memorial
- David Ochs Memorial
- \*Pohlman Family
- R.H.S. Class of 1952
- \*Paul E. Ruggels Memorial
- Ervin & Denzell Zimmerman Memorial

*In FY 2007-08 the Foundation awarded \$34,500 in scholarships:*

- Amy Phillips
- Ben Griffin
- Rex Soldan
- Justin Weigel
- Brianna Berens
- Brandi Florian
- April Ostmeyer
- Tyler Saryerwinnie
- Bessie Harp
- Adam Carey
- Megan Cline
- Miles Detrixhe
- Alexa Heier
- Megan Phillips
- Andrew Schultz
- Shayla Ryan
- Jonathan Ulrich
- Jessica Scarborough
- Catlin Webber
- Tristan Walters
- Kyla Reinhardt
- Rena Detrixhe
- Jacqueline McKune

- Kelli Ogle
- Lukas Bretz
- Abby Bradford
- Jordan Harrison
- Loriann Stoughtan
- Margartia Caulfield
- Amanda Dreher
- Lindsey Fields
- Stephanie Nuss
- Jessica Pruitt
- Carol Ridgley
- Ashton Archer



*Lucas-Luray Scholarship winners.*



## Current Funds

\*denotes new fund

### *Organization Funds*

*The Foundation works with nonprofit charitable organizations which are making a difference in our community through direct service to our neighbors. Charitable organizations can establish endowments that provide an income stream to further their charitable work, or that can continue to grow for future needs. Contributions to these funds come from donors and from the organizations themselves.*

Catholic Church, St. Mary's of Russell, Kansas  
Grassroots Arts Center Rare Visions of Eccentric Kansans  
Russell Public Library  
Russell Regional Hospital  
St. John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas

### *Pass-Through Funds*

*A Pass-Through Fund allows a donor to contribute assets to the Foundation and make recommendations as to the charities which will receive grants. Pass-Through Funds work much like Donor Advised Funds, but with a separate fee structure and no endowment.*

\*Henry & Marge Pohlman

*In FY 2007-08 the Foundation awarded \$32,272.67 in grants from organization funds to the following charities:*

Natoma Heritage Seekers

### *Funds for the Future*

*With the help of the Foundation, donors use a variety of estate planning methods to establish a fund which will leave a legacy that will survive them after they are gone. If you have named the Foundation in your estate, please let us know so that we can recognize your future generosity. If you are interested in learning more about how the Foundation might fit into your overall estate plan, please give us a call.*

\*Gordon & Joyce Gorton  
Bruce M. & Paula R. Hachmeister  
\*Dick Phinney & Joy Phinney Jillson



## Current Funds

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### *Designated Funds*

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The Friends of the Deines Cultural Center  
Emma M. Gaines Memorial  
Keep the Dream Alive  
Hazel A. Olson Trinity United Methodist  
Helen Polcyn St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gorham Cemetery  
\*Natoma Heritage Seekers Pohlman Building Fund  
\*Natoma Presbyterian Church Preservation (picture on cover)  
\*V. Frankie & Reba M. New  
\*Russell City Cemetery  
\*David M. Shumaker Memorial Geology Fund  
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gorham, KS, Building & Grounds



*SKIP Grant—summer program for K-5*

*In FY 2007-08 the Foundation awarded \$19,449 in grants from organization funds to the following charities:*

Fort Hays State University Foundation  
Russell Arts Council, Inc.  
St. Mary's Church of Gorham, KS  
Trinity United Methodist Church

### *Russell Administrative Fund*

*A general unrestricted fund that provides funding that allows the Governing Board to operate the Foundation. Donations to this fund allow us to continue our mission of serving the Russell County area. Donor support provides that this area will continue to be supported into the future. No gift is too small for this fund.*

***Total Grants Awarded since July 1, 2007: \$407,105.67***





# Donors

## *Our Mission*

The mission of the Russell County Area Community Foundation is to enhance quality of life, both today and in the future, by:

*Enabling* donors to fulfill their charitable desires

*Building* a permanent endowment

*Facilitating* prudent management and care of funds

*Meeting needs* through grants, awards, and scholarships

## *Founding Donors*

*The Founding Donors are these individuals, businesses and families who believed in the mission and took the initiative to contribute to the Foundation. The Founding Donors enabled the Foundation to become a reality. Let their generosity be the seed to grow the Foundation into a field of unlimited dreams.*

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| Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Schulz                               | Seth J. Swoboda                  | Mike & Diane Waymaster                             |
| Glenn & Ella Mae Schulze                                | Thomas & Janet Taggart           | Reesa L. Waymaster                                 |
| James & Geneva Schumacher                               | W. C. Talbott                    | Cecil & Ruth Weigel                                |
| Elzina Scott  | Mickey Teel and Jerod Long       | Fred & Joan Weigel                                 |
| Steve & Carla Scott                                     | T. Alan Templeton                | Allen & Sue Weimaster                              |
| Virginia L. Scott                                       | Norma L. Thielen                 | Dale & Joan Weimaster                              |
| Milton & Polly Scoutaris                                | Susan M. Thielen                 | Regis & Connie Weiss                               |
| Ernest & Kristy Seay                                    | Armella M. Thompson              | David & Judith Wells                               |
| Everett & Charlotte Shaffer                             | Stephanie L. Tipton              | Esther T. White                                    |
| Kaye Shaffer  | Marie E. Tirre and Fern Hess     | Ward & Shelia White                                |
| Robert R. Shaffer                                       | Mary Jane Townsley               | Michael & Shelly Whitmer                           |
| Carol Shafter   | Robert Trapp                     | Clifton & Jane                                     |
| Harvey & Jamilee Shank                                  | William T. Tripp                 | Frances M. Wilhelm                                 |
| Shawnee Regional Prevention &<br>Recovery Services Inc. | David M. Trowbridge              | Larry & Ellen Willets                              |
| Dick & Gerri Shields                                    | Steven & Kendra Trueblood        | Barbara B. Williams                                |
| Chris & Lana Shults                                     | Ralph & Muriel Tufts             | Charles & Margaret Willson                         |
| Richard Sieker  | Wayne & Mary Ulrich              | Dr. Charles B. Wilson and Frances S.<br>Petrocelli |
| Cheryl L. Siemers                                       | Pat & Velma Underwood            | Richard Wilson                                     |
| Angel Siler   | Ron & Nancy Underwood            | Wayne E. Windholz                                  |
| Agnes Sims  | United National Bank             | Robert & Dorothy Wire                              |
| Herbert & Georgeanne Skillman                           | Donald & Sharon Urban            | Anthony H. Witt and Susan Neil                     |
| David & Lavada Small                                    | USDA Service Center Employees    | Cecil & Barbara Witt                               |
| Edna I. Small   | Dick & Fae Vaupel                | Donald & Darlene Woelk                             |
| Beverly A. Smith Billings                               | Clifford & Nevada Veter          | Mary L. Woelk                                      |
| Sterling & Sandra Smith                                 | Jack & Sharon Vincent            | Donnelly & Elizabeth Wolf                          |
| Catherine Smith-Gaines                                  | Eileen Vldar and Theresa Vldar   | Byrne & Rosalie Wood                               |
| Mrs. Robert W. Snyder                                   | Rathbun                          | Maurine Yeager                                     |
| Thomas & Carla Soukup                                   | Alan & Carmen Vonfeldt           | Gina Rae Yost                                      |
| Joyce Specter   | Harold & Constance Vopat         | Wayne & Patricia Young                             |
| Sarah Springer-Kotelnikov                               | James & Kathy Vopat              | D.M. & D. Zachman                                  |
| St. John Lutheran Church                                | Brad & Theresa Wagner            | Leo & Wilma Zeigler                                |
| Conrad & Sonja Staab                                    | Clarence & Frances Wagner        | Charles & Hazel Zeman                              |
| Don C. Staab  | Dale & Connie Wagner             |  |
|   | Colleen Walizer                  |  |

*Total Gifts Received since July 1, 2007:  
\$1,261,872.20*

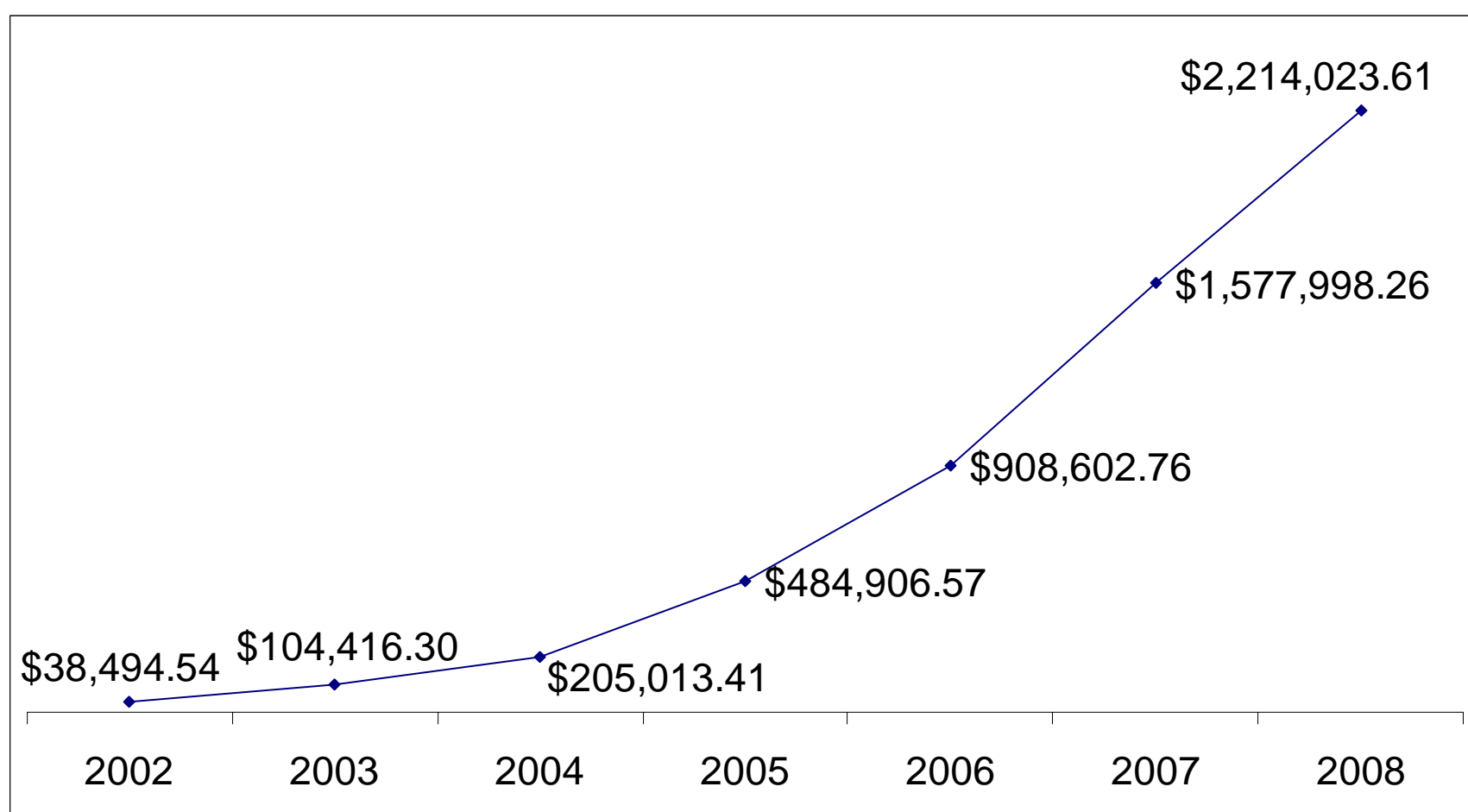


## Foundation Staff

Byrne Wood, *Executive Director*  
Theresa Wagner, *Administrative Assistant*

## Governing Board

Dennis Davidson, *Chairman*  
Brad Wagner, *Vice Chairman*  
Pam Gudenkauf, *Treasurer*  
Odetta Marietta, *Secretary*  
Rev. Roger Dennis  
Vickie Elliott  
Nancy Holland  
Tonya Murphy  
Marty Myers  
Henry Pohlman  
Thurlene Ruggels  
Steve Schultz





## Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2008

### ASSETS

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wachovia CMM                         | 29,032.72           |
| Pooled Investment-Vanguard           | 2,184,327.02        |
| Office Equipment                     | 12,133.60           |
| Accum. Depreciation—office equipment | <u>(1,304.99)</u>   |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  | <b>2,224,188.35</b> |

### LIABILITIES

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Accounts Payable         | <u>10,164.74</u> |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>10,164.74</b> |

### FUND BALANCES

|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fund Balance—Principal             | 2,271,353.50               |
| Fund Balance—Income                | <u>(57,329.89)</u>         |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>         | <b><u>2,214,023.61</u></b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Funds</b> | <b>2,224,188.35</b>        |

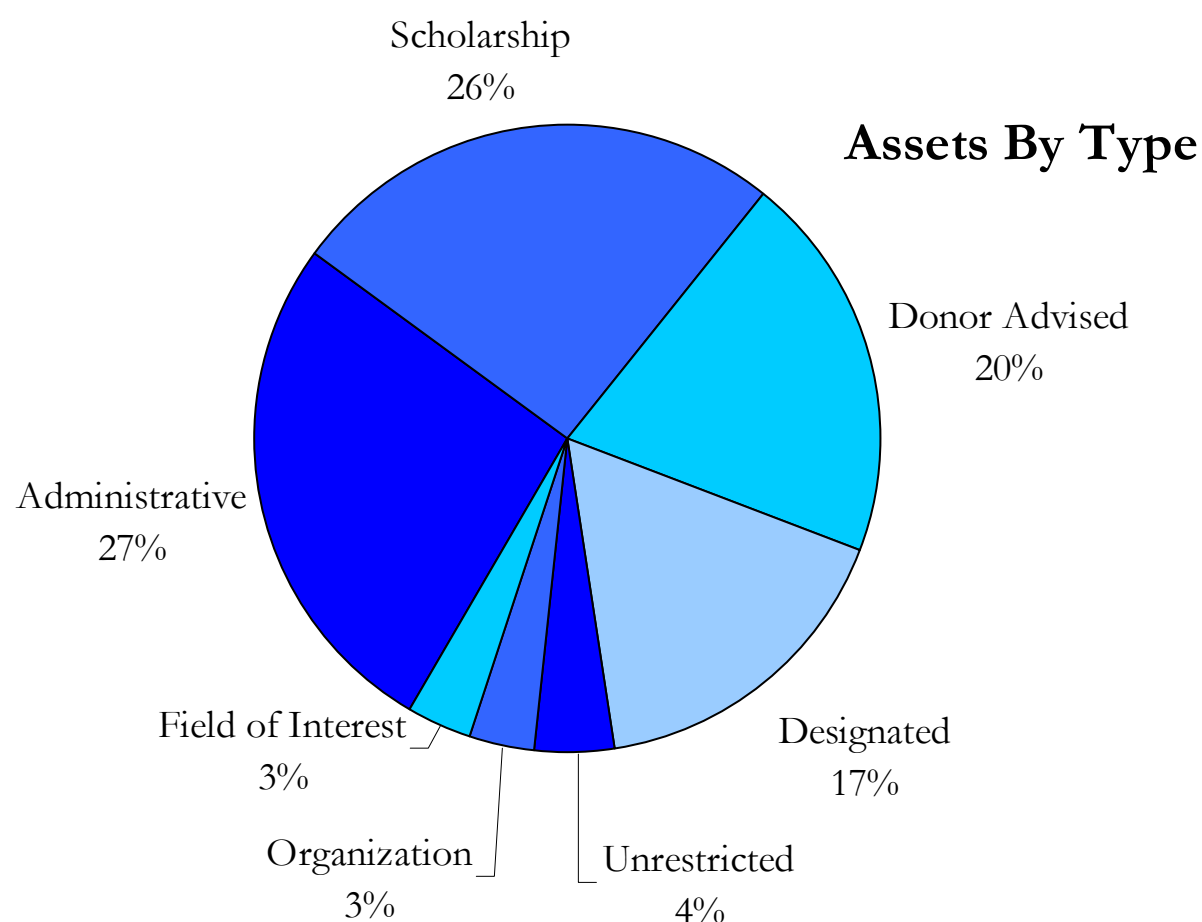
## Statement of Activities

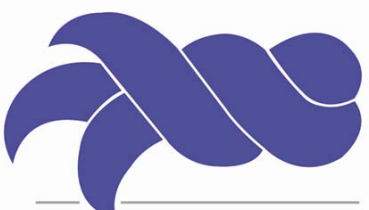
### REVENUES

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Gifts & Bequests—Principal     | 905,096.61          |
| Gifts & Bequests—Income        | 356,775.59          |
| Dividend Income                | 46,965.43           |
| Money Fund Dividends           | 989.53              |
| Unrealized Gain on Investments | <u>(232,359.39)</u> |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>          | <b>1,077,467.77</b> |

### EXPENSES

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants Authorized             | 401,605.67               |
| Foundation Admin Contribution | 12,155.53                |
| Management & General          | <u>27,681.22</u>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b><u>441,442.42</u></b> |
| <b>Net Activity</b>           | <b>636,025.35</b>        |





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