

Building a brighter
**RUSSELL
COUNTY AREA**

2014 Annual Report

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Our mission
*is to meet
charitable
community
needs through
leadership, grants,
and services.*

2013-2014

Board of Directors

Vance Ruggels, *Chairman*
Radonna Brandenburg, *Vice-Chairman*
Roger Dennis, *Past-Chairman*
Katrina Woelk, *Treasurer*
Jon Birky
Kenneth Cole
Ward Craig
John O. Farmer, IV
Mollie Haberer
Michael Murphy
Mark Popp
Curtis Sohm

Staff:

Angela Muller, *Executive Director*

13 Years of Impact

The Community Foundation has awarded over \$1.2 million in grants since our inception in 2001.

TOTAL ASSETS

2002 \$38,495

2014 \$9,275,670

ANNUAL GRANTS

2004 \$2,000

2014 \$176,753

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2002 \$39,945

2014 \$2,496,258

We have a new website!
Check it out at:
www.rcacf.net

Letter from the Executive Director

Creating a Brighter Future

Dear Friends,

This year we celebrate the centennial year of community foundations, a movement that began in the Midwest in 1914, and gave rise to a new way of philanthropic giving. Today, more than 700 community foundations in the United States collectively manage more than \$66 billion in assets and exist to improve life in their communities.

Here at home, the Russell County Area Community Foundation works with donors to give back to their favorite charitable causes, such as education, the arts, historical preservation, park development, and more. Since our inception, we have returned more than \$1.2 million in the form of grants and scholarships, making us the area's largest charitable provider.

Throughout this annual report, you will find many examples of charitable giving and inspirational stories about friends and neighbors who make a difference. We hope you will join us in investing in our rural way of life, so future generations can stay here to raise families, enjoy strong schools, participate in vibrant recreation and arts programs, and much more.

Together, let's create bright future for the people that call the Russell County area home.

Sincerely,



Angie Muller, Executive Director
Russell County Area Community Foundation

Donors

The most important element in the Foundation is our donors because without them we would not exist. They are what keeps the Foundation strong and successful. Some gifts are small and some large, but when combined, they all work towards one common goal—building a brighter Russell County area.

- Anonymous Donor
- Roger & Cynthia Anschutz
- Aldean Banker
- Dean & Betty Boxberger
- Derril & Marvel Castor
- Larry & Sandra Daugherty
- Fred & Cynthia Day
- Roger & Barbara Dennis
- Tess Dunkel-McKnight
- John & Dianne Farmer
- John & Michelle Farmer
- Eric & Mollie Haberer
- Catherine Holland
- Ethel A. John Estate
- Kansas Health Foundation
- Rick & Robin Kilian
- Richard & Susan Krug
- Viola Kuhn
- Beth Marbach & Jarrod Krug
- McDonald's of North Hays
- Brett & Carol Murray
- Martin Myers
- Jerry & Pam Nowak
- Kurtis & Theresa Nuss
- Michael & Julie Panagakos
- Janet Peerman
- Harlan Ralph
- Rotary Club of Russell
- Rural Telephone Service
- Russell City Cemetery Association
- Starr F. Schlobohm Revocable Trust
- Brandon & Mason Schmitt
- Robert & Lyla Schmitt
- James & Geneva Ann Schumacher
- Philip & Jean Sedo
- St. John Lutheran Church
- Charles & Barbara Stinchcomb
- Stone Post Chapter of Thrivent Financial
- Sunflower Bank
- Mary Jane Townsley
- Alex & Seth Underwood
- Brad & Theresa Wagner
- Frances Wagner
- Esther Tague White
- Byrne & Rosalie Wood
- Glenn Zwegyardt

Memorials

Memorials are a great way to preserve a friend or family member's legacy after they are gone. This year the Foundation received gifts in memory of:

Myra Ann Chrisler
Mae Dumler
Anna Jacobs
Wayne Luff

Lawrence Nestler
Reba M. New
Esther White

Honorariums

A charitable gift is a wonderful way to remember someone you love or admire. The foundation received gifts made in honor of others throughout the year. This year, gifts were received in honor of:

Kent Michel
Bob & Lyla Schmitt

A "Pink" Legacy

Ethel Arlene Coffeen "Pink" John

Ethel Arlene Coffeen John was born April 2, 1922, in Dorrance, KS, and was the ninth of eleven children born to Frank and Adelia (Weaver) Coffeen. Ethel, or "Pink" as she was called by everyone, attended schools in Dorrance, graduating from Dorrance High School with the Class of 1940.

On September 24, 1942, Pink married Ernest M. John of Natoma, KS. Following World War II, the couple settled in Natoma where they became owners of a business later known as Natoma Motor Sales, Inc. During their marriage, Pink and Ernie enjoyed playing cards and going to the lake with their friends and cats. They were active members of the Peace Lutheran Church, and Pink was involved in the Natoma Legion Auxiliary.



Pink passed away July 21, 2013 at the age of 91, but her legacy and love for Natoma will continue to live on forever through two designated funds established at the Foundation—the Ethel A. John Fund for the Natoma Community Center and the Ethel A. John Fund for Peach Lutheran Church, Natoma.

Funds & Grants

Part of our mission in making the Russell County area a brighter place to live is to meet charitable community needs through grants. Since inception, RCACF has awarded over \$1.2 million in grants that support a broad range of charitable causes—some donor directed and some determined by our board of directors. It is the opportunity to make an impact that makes us feel blessed to be part of this organization.

Fund for a Better Russell County Area

The Fund for a Better Russell County Area is an unrestricted grant fund that provides the board of directors the flexibility to respond to the changing needs of the community. Grants from this fund are awarded through a competitive application process and support a wide variety of charitable causes and nonprofit organizations. Donations of any size to this fund will continue to make our area a brighter place to live.

Significant donors to the Fund for a Better Russell County Area endowment of \$5,000 or more include:

Floyd L. Bear Estate
First Baptist Church
Catherine Holland
George Holland

Nancy Holland
Martin H. Myers
Russell High School Class of 1943
United National Bank

Bickerdyke Elementary-\$2,665.86: *iPads- 2nd & 3rd Grade Classrooms*

Bunker Hill Historical Society-\$650: *“Heritage I” book printing fees*

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK)-\$5,000: *Pioneer Developmental Center HVAC*

Gorham Community Development Association-\$2,000: *Gorham City Park Improvements*

Natoma Heritage Seekers-\$1,500: *Bathroom Renovation*

Russell PRIDE, Inc.-\$5,000: *Community Clean-up and Painting*

Russell Regional Hospital-\$995: *Physio-Control LifePak 1000 Trainer*

Russell Regional Hospital-\$5,495: *Life Clinic 300 Blood Pressure Station*

Simpson Elementary-\$3,000: *Enhancing Kindergarten Instruction with iPads*

Smoky Hills Public Television-\$475: *Literacy Leadership for Kansas Children in Russell*

Designated Funds

Supporting your favorite charity is easy to do with a designated fund. A donor can designate one or more charities within one fund and the Foundation administers annual grants from the fund in the donor's name, forever. If the charity designated no longer exists in the future, the funds will be redirected to a similar charitable need, ensuring that your community's future will be bright no matter what happens.

Current Funds

The Dean C. Banker Fund for the Russell County Historical Society
The Friends of the Deines Cultural Center Emma M. Gaines Memorial
The David Goddard Fund for the Russell Boy Scouts
The Ethel A. John Fund for the Natoma Community Center*
The Ethel A. John Fund for Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma*
Hazel A. Olson Trinity United Methodist Church Fund
Helen Polcyn St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gorham Cemetery Fund
Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Russell County
Keep the Dream Alive
Natoma Heritage Seekers Pohlman Building Fund
Natoma Presbyterian Church Preservation Fund
V. Frankie & Reba M. New Fund
Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund
Russell City Cemetery Fund
David M. Shumaker Memoiral Geology Fund
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gorham, KS, Building & Grounds Fund

Designated Fund 2013-2014 Grantees-\$31,202 total grants

City of Russell
First Christian Church
Fort Hays State University Foundation
Fund for a Better Russell County Area
Natoma Heritage Seekers
Russell Administrative Fund
Russell Arts Council, Inc.
Russell Boy Scout Pack 118
Russell County Historical Society
St. Mary's Church of Gorham, KS
Trinity United Methodist Church

* Designates new fund

Funds & Grants

Scholarship Funds

Helping students achieve success and have a bright future is a rewarding experience for many donors. Scholarship funds allow donors to provide educational opportunities for graduates of certain schools, for specific funds of study, or for study at particular institutions.

Current Funds

Sean Paul Banks Memorial Fund
Boehler Student Aid Fund
Doran and Bina Dole Scholarship Fund
Kenneth V. Dumler Memorial Fund
Joshua Fund
Murphy Memorial Fund
David Ochs Memorial Fund
R.H.S. Class of 1952 Fund
Paul E. Ruggels Memorial Fund
Pohlman Family Scholarship Fund
Ervin & Denzell Zimmerman Memorial Fund

Scholarship Fund 2013-2014 Grantees-\$35,417.14 grants awarded (Scholarships paid July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014)

Sadie Arnet	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Nathanael Barney	<i>Utah State University</i>
Madison Beagley	<i>Iowa Western Community College</i>
Brooks Berens	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Bailey Boomhower	<i>Kansas State University</i>
Jessica Boomhower	<i>Butler County Community College</i>
Breanna Brumlet	<i>NCK Technical College</i>
Margarita Caufield	<i>University of Pennsylvania Law School</i>
David Crawford	<i>Kansas State University</i>
Kayla DeWald	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Abigail Dreher	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Corey Dunlap	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Dalton Ginther	<i>Sterling College</i>
Danika Ginther	<i>Sterling College</i>
Lauren Garland	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Jessica Gudenkauf	<i>University of Kansas</i>
Kelli Gudenkauf	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>
Alexa Heier	<i>Univeristy of Kansas Medical School</i>
Savanna Huff	<i>Fort Hays State University</i>

Garrett Keith
Ethan Kaufman
Kira Kreutzer
Shae-Lyn Krug
Lacie Langhofer
Coady Morris
Kale Morris
Clayton Moubry
Jordan Moubry
Kaci Nuss
Roxanne Ochs
Taylor Ochs
Taylor Pennington
Tayton Pennington
Amy Phillips
Anna Plante
Chantal Prester
Joshua Richards

*Fort Hays State University
Utah State University
Bethany College
Colby Community College
Colby Community College
Kansas State University
Kansas State University
Connors State College
Connors State College
Hutchinson Community College
Kansas State University
Kansas State University
Barton County Community College
Barton County Community College
Fort Hays State University
Pratt Community College
Dodge City Community College
Kansas City University of Medicine &
Bioscience*

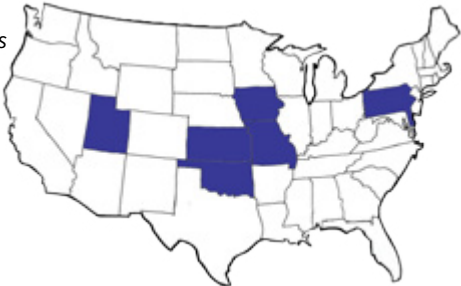
Alan Rourke
Kelli Rourke
Taryn Schmidt
Chelsea Sells
Nicholas Sells
Brooklyn Sidebottom
Loriann Stoughtan
Clayton Theleman
Dylan Walker
Regis Weiss

*Kansas State University
Kansas State University
Barton County Community College
Fort Hays State University
Fort Hays State University
Colby Community College
Wichita State University
University of Kansas Medical School
NCK Technical College
Fort Hays State University*

A Brighter Education

50 Scholarships awarded
**Some students received multiple scholarships*

19 Schools across the country represented by Russell County students



Funds & Grants

Field of Interest Funds

Field of interest funds allow donors to support a specific cause or geographic area without having to choose a specific organization. Grants are made through an application process administered by the Foundation and a grants committee work together to determine the grants all while making the future brighter.

Current Funds

Girl Scouts of Russell, KS

Helen A. Hampl Student Aid Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Russell County

Russell Area Youth Activities Fund

Russell Schools Apple Seed Fund

Field of Interest Fund 2013-2014 Grantees-\$47,004 total grants

Bickerdyke Elementary

Delta Kappa Gamma- Beta Delta Chapter

Fort Hays State University

Girl Scouts of Kasnas Heartland, Inc.

Natoma Elementary

Post Rock Family Services, Inc.

Russell Arts Council, Inc.

Russell High School

Russell Recreation Commission

Russell Recreation Center

Russell Roughnecks

Russell Track Club

Salina Salvation Army (for Russell youth football)

St. John Lutheran Church

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Standley (for youth wrestling program)

Summer Kids Intervention Program

Dixie Thompson (for youth piano lessons)

Trinity United Methodist Church

USD 399 Paradise, Natoma & Waldo

USD 407 Russell

Shooting Hoops for A Brighter Future

A dream that every boy in the Russell County area could participate in youth basketball camp regardless of their financial situation came true this summer. With the help of a generous donation by a local donor, the Russell Area Youth Activities Fund was able to make a \$20,000 grant to the Russell Recreation Commission to fully fund a youth basketball summer camp for boys, free of charge.

The camp was divided into different age groups ranging from 1st-12th grade. The participants were able to hone and craft their skills in 12 afternoon sessions and 5 evening sessions with the help of 3 Russell High School coaches and 8 Russell High School basketball players. This grant is a great example of how working together can make a brighter future for the youth in our community. Or in basketball terms, it was a SLAM DUNK!

The STATS:

- 1 Dream
- 1 Grant
- 1 Gym
- 3 RHS basketball coaches
- 8 RHS basketball players
- 40 Youth



Funds & Grants

Donor Advised Funds

Donor advised funds give donors the opportunity to make the future brighter by actively engaging them in the grantmaking process. It is similar to a private foundation but with less hassle and better tax advantages. Donors can choose what charities to support through their fund while the Foundation handles the investment, administration and correspondence.

Current Funds

The Derril and Marvel Castor Fund
Dolores Y. & Robert L. Earnest Fund
Patrick R. & Elaine M. Hilger HOPE Fund
Michael S. Holland Fund for Russell Regional Hospital
The Max Horn Family Fund
The Leon and Christina Huxman Fund
The Murphy Family Donor-Advised Fund
The Myers Family Memorial Fund
The Edwin W. Olson Family Fund
Henry and Marjorie L. Pohlman Fund
Rotary Club of Russell Fund
The Jay and Micki Sweeney Donor-Advised Fund
The Fred and Joan Weigel Fund
The Wallace N. Weber, MD Fund

Donor Advised Fund 2013-2014 Grantees-\$20,030 grants awarded

Bickerdyke Elementary
Capuchin Province of Mid-America, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas
Catholic Diocese of Salina
Christian Foundation for Children & Aging
City of Luray
City of Paradise
City of Waldo
Kansas Explorers Club
Lucas Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.
Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging
Post Rock Family Services, Inc.
Russell Celebration Inc.
Russell County 4-H Council
Russell County Community Partnership
Russell High School

Russell Original Art Review
Russell PRIDE
Russell Relay for Life
Safe Night After Prom
Special Olympics- Kansas
St. Boniface Parish
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish
Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School
USD 407 Russell
USD 432 Victoria
Victoria High School
Victoria Recreation Commission

Connecting Donors with Causes that Matter

14 Donor Advised Funds

29 Charities

\$20,030 Grants Awarded

Organization Funds

Establishing an endowment at the Foundation enables nonprofit organizations to build a permanent and bright future. Helping them fulfill their individual missions now and forever is one way that we achieve our own mission.

Current Funds

Catholic Church, St. Mary’s of Russell, Kansas
Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Fund
Grassroots Arts Center Rare Visions of Eccentric Kansas
Russell Public Library
Russell Regional Hospital
St. John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas

Organization Fund 2013-2014 Grantees-\$7,659

Grassroots Arts Center Rare Visions of Eccentric Kansas
Russell Regional Hospital
St. John Lutheran Church

Funds & Grants

Seize the Moment Fund

Seize the Moment grants are small, quick grants that respond to immediate needs in our community. A limited amount of the Foundation's unrestricted grant funds are set aside to support these opportunities that occur outside our regular grant cycles. Seize the Moment grants typically range from \$50 to \$250, but never exceed \$500.

Seize the Moment 2013-2014 Grantees-\$700 total grants

Black Gold Pheasants Forever

Girl Scouts Troop #20770

Funds for the Future

Funds for the future enable donors to make a brighter future at the end of their lifetimes. Donors create a fund agreement during their lifetime to support their favorite charitable causes and then when they pass, the fund kicks into action. What a great way to leave a legacy!

Current Funds

Gordon and Joyce Gorton Fund

Bruce M. and Paula R. Hachmeister Fund

Dick Phinney and Joy Phinney Jillson Russell Regional Hospital
Equipment Enhancement Fund

Other Funds

A secure administrative fund enables us to make the Russell County area a stronger, vibrant and brighter places to live now and forever. These funds support the Community Foundation's operating costs as well as provide educational workshops geared towards nonprofits, professional advisors and estate planning.

Current Funds

Russell County Administrative Fund

People's Choice

Love Your Community Grant

The Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) achieved a significant milestone this year, returning its \$1 millionth dollar back to area communities and charities.

The event was marked by a proclamation by City of Russell Mayor Curt Mader noting July 16, 2013 as Russell County Area Community Foundation Day.

Because of our generous donors and their permanent endowment gifts, the Community Foundation has cumulatively returned over \$1 million to a variety of causes that benefit Russell County and beyond, such as education, recreation, historic preservation, hunger relief and much more.

Small town community foundations, such as RCACF, help preserve our rural way of life ensuring that children and adults now, and decades from now, can enjoy all the wonderful aspects of country living, such as access to good parks, a solid education, vibrant arts, theater, recreation and more.

To help celebrate its \$1 million milestone, the Foundation hosted a Love Your Community Grant popular voting contest. Grants submitted by the community were posted on the Foundation's Facebook page and the public voted on their two favorite grants. The grants were restricted to projects that demonstrated and shared our love for Russell County. The two winners were Gorham Park for park improvements and the Russell Main Street for new decorative flags. Each received a \$500 grant.



Building a Brighter Future

Founding Donors

Thirteen years ago, our Founding Donors were approached with a vision to create a brighter future for the Russell County area. Because of their faith and generosity to the Russell County Area Community Foundation, the Foundation has grown to \$9,275,670 in assets and has granted over \$1.2 million back to our communities. We call that a success!

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Dolores Y. & Robert L. Earnest
Patrick & Elaine Hilger
Catherine Holland
Michael & Nancy Holland
Max Horn
Leon & Christina Huxman
Leo & Alma Michaelis
Michael & Tonya Murphy
Martin Myers
Henry & Marjorie Pohlman
Starr F. Schlobohm
Dr. Wallace N. Weber
Fred Weigel, Jr.

BUSINESS ENTITIES

United National Bank

2014

A Big Year for Community Foundations Everywhere

One hundred years ago, in 1914, the first community foundation was established in the Cleveland, OH, giving rise to a new philanthropy, a new way of participating in community, and a new vision for the future.

Today, Russell County Area Community Foundation (RCACF) is one of more than 700 community foundations in the United States, collectively managing more than \$66 billion in assets and making grants of approximately \$4.9 billion a year to improve life in their communities. There are more than 1,700 community foundations worldwide.

Since we were established in 2001, RCACF has made grants of more than \$1.2 million to address pressing needs and important local causes, through the generous gifts of our donors.

In the past year alone, we've:

- Established 2 new funds to improve life in Russell County
- Granted \$176,753 to causes or organizations, to help improve childhood hunger, education and more
- Partnered with the Kansas Health Foundation to leverage over \$16,500 in matching dollars to support the public health of Russell County and Foundation operations.

We're proud to be part of this vibrant field of community philanthropy—100 years and growing!

A Bright and Healthy Future

Helping Kansas communities build permanent resources to improve the health of local residents is one of the main goals of the Kansas Health Foundation's GROW II goal, and it shows! Since participating in GROW II, the Foundation has earned more than \$280,000 in matching grant dollars, half of which supports the public health of the Russell County area. From our public health funds, we have granted \$4,333 to different projects and programs and these figures will only continue to grow. In addition to supporting public health, GROW II has also helped leverage over \$816,000 in new endowed gifts to other funds at the Foundation, keeping the Russell County area a bright and vibrant place to live.

GSCF Investment Portfolio

Investment Info

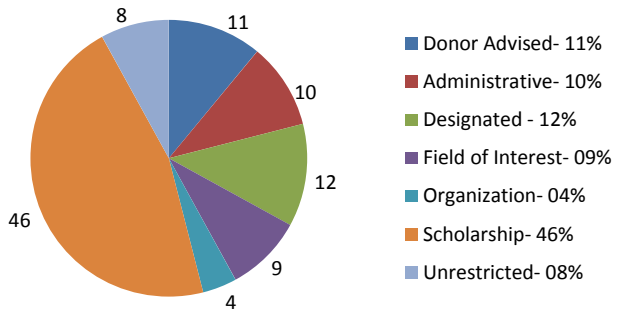
The Foundation believes the best long-term performance will be achieved through a balanced portfolio consisting of 75% equities and 25% fixed income and cash.

As an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF), the funds at the Russell County Area Community Foundation are pooled together with all the funds held by GSCF and their affiliates. The funds are invested with Vanguard and governed by a local finance committee at GSCF.

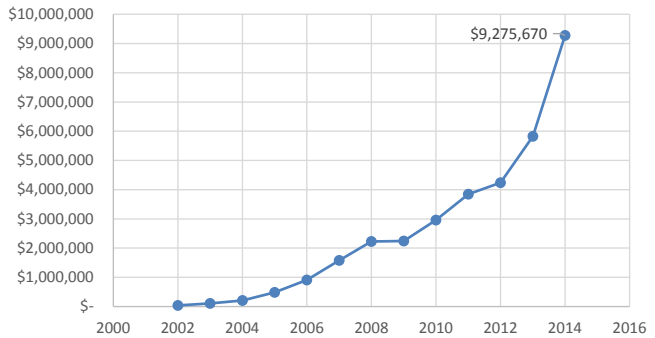
We are confident in our performance and rate well when compared to other investment pools. Our 5 year annualized return is 14.76% and our 10 year annualized return is 7.65%.

2nd Quarter 2014	+	4.13%	
Trailing 1 Year	+	18.82%	
Trailing 3 Years	+	37.09%	Absolute
	+	11.09%	Annualized
Trailing 5 Years	+	99.07%	Absolute
	+	14.76%	Annualized
Trailing 10 Years	+	108.94%	Absolute
	+	7.65%	Annualized

RCACF Assets by Type



RCACF Total Assets



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (June 30,2014)

ASSETS

Wells Fargo CMM	\$8,870
Pooled Investment– Vanguard	\$9,264,521
Office Equipment	\$16,619
Accum. Depreciation-Office Equipment	(\$14,340)

Total Assets	\$9,275,670
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$3,359
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Total Liabilities	\$3,359
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FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance—Principal	\$7,970,705
Fund Balance—Income	\$1,267,881
Fund Balance—Spendable	\$33,725

Total Fund Balances	\$9,272,311
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$9,275,670
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Consolidated Statement of Activities (June 30, 2014)

REVENUES

Gifts & Bequests-Principal	\$2,418,922
Gifts & Bequests-Income	\$41,000
Dividend Income	\$144,641
Money Fund Dividends	\$1
Realized Gain on Investments	\$7,971
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$1,068,090

Total Revenues	\$3,680,625
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TRANSFERS

Interfund Gifts	(\$36,336)
Interfund Grants	\$14,583

Total Transfers	(\$21,753)
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EXPENSES

Grants Authorized	\$161,635
Foundation Administrative Contribution	\$48,354
Operating Expenses	\$42,063

Total Expenses	\$252,052
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NET ACTIVITY	\$3,450,326
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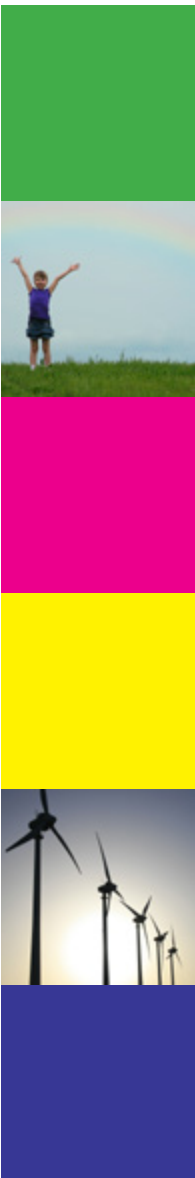
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