

2022 Annual Letter

Grow Clay County awards a Community Catalyst of the Year based on the criteria of making a positive impact in our communities through significant volunteer time. This individual must play an active role in the community's civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare.

Morree Floersch, President of Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation, was nominated multiple times this year and received this prestigious award for 2023. Morree was presented with the award at the annual Grow Clay County Awards Banquet, where this was read about her:

This award goes to an individual who has poured themselves into their community. They have invested so much time, energy, thought, and passion into the organizations they volunteer for. This person has worked countless hours behind the scenes to leave this community a better place than they found it, and they continue to improve upon it every day. Their efforts have made a difference that will be seen and felt in the Clay County community for generations to come. This person would be the first to tell you that recognition isn't necessary, but tonight we feel honored to give them the recognition they deserve.



The Clay County Education Endowment Association received a \$2.4 million donation from the Ross Patrick (Pat) and Jeanette Louise McDaniel family Charitable Remainder Trust to provide scholarships to graduating students who wish to learn a trade and earn a technical degree. Pat McDaniel was an alumnus from the class of 1948 who, upon moving to California, went to college, earned a commission in the United States Navy, became a teacher, then a principal of elementary education, earned his doctorate from the University of Southern California, and built wealth investing and working in the real estate and mini-storage industries. Mr. McDaniel passed away in 2006. Due to the kindness that he

was shown during his youth by the people of Clay Center, notably from the Wayne Snodgrass family and Loren E. and Pauline Law, the family decided to make this generous gift back to the town that helped him as a youth. The scholarships will pay tuition and fees towards a technical degree for up to two years.

“It was his wish to provide an opportunity for young men and women to obtain a foothold on their career by learning a vocation beneficial to themselves and their community. The scholarships will pay tuition and fees up to two years, and the student must remain in good standing with their selected institution. In many cases, the new skills will be marketable almost immediately. It is our hope the skills you learn will feed you for a lifetime.”

Kevin McDaniel, son of Pat McDaniel

2022 GATHER FOR GOOD MATCH DAY

United Bank & Trust has committed \$10,000 per year for 5 years to our match day fund. The CCCIF thanks United Bank & Trust for their generous support of our community!

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“United Bank & Trust sees the work and benefits the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation and their partner nonprofit agencies provide to our community. We are proud to support their efforts and goals to improve our community for today and for future generations who will make Clay Center their home. Our community will thrive, become stronger, and improve because of the investments and generosity given by those that come together on Match Day.”

- Maria Pfizenmaier, President, United Bank & Trust

\$285,163

in Donations



883

Gifts



40

Organizations



\$35,000

in Matching Funds



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
2023 GATHER FOR GOOD MATCH DAY ON SEPTEMBER 21ST!**



CCCIF was approved for a \$70,000 Match Day grant from the Patterson Family Foundation!

Now each fund will be eligible for \$2,000 each on Gather for Good Match Day, on Thursday, September 21st!

*More information on this grant will be available on the Match Day website

2022 GATHER FOR GOOD DONORS

The Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation is grateful to the many generous donors who make our work and the work of our partner nonprofit agencies possible. Thank you to everyone who gave in 2022!

Josh & Alicia Lenhart	Ryan & Krista Thomas	Mike & Tami Haden	Preston Rook
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Arlyn & Jo Close	Mike & Sandy Rothfuss	Pat Eye	Lincoln Creek 4-H Club
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Merlin & Julie Chestnut	George & Sarah Sanneman	Nancy Ryan	Madura Congregational Church
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Kevin & Karla Swenson	Jeff & Shelley Cannizzo	Zac Vakedewatabva	Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home
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Dee Ann & Kevin Spencer	Bevin & Sue Bebermeyer	Connie Needham	The Feed Shed
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Rocky & Kim Downing	Gail & Susan Thomas	Judy Lloyd	United Bank and Trust
Mike & Kim Shannon	Vern & Susie Swanson	Abby Sprague	Washington Headliners 4-H Club
Allen & Krista Steenbock	Randy & Suzi Carlson	Carrie Lane	Woods & Durham, Chtd.

EXPLORATION TRAILS

The Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation received a gift last fall of \$150,000 with instructions to “Make it happen.”

The CCCIF became aware of a grant from the Sunflower Foundation for trails, but the time frame necessary to meet the deadlines for the grant was tight. The CCCIF partnered with Grow Clay County and Clay Center Public Utilities to pursue this grant with Bill Oetinger, Marlin Mugler, and Kyle Bauer.



Rotary Loop



Resting Art

The group formed a master plan for trails around the city but decided to start with expanding the trail at the Zoo because it was the most “shovel-ready” part of the plan. This expansion also allowed easier access from the south part of town to the Aquatic Park. It provided a conduit from Garfield School and downtown to Utility Park. The trail started to appear in the fall of 2022, and in late October, many members of the Clay Center Rotary Club volunteered to partner with us and lay over 1000 feet of the final loop in the Utility Park Trail. This loop has been named the Rotary loop for their investment in our project. The last piece of the trail was completed at the end of March 2023.

In addition, the grant allowed for wayfinding signs in the community to direct visitors to the Murals, Zoo, Trails, and other points of interest,

which was also made possible because of the groundwork laid by a group called the Clay Center Action Network (CCAN) who had raised money and made a plan for wayfinding signage.

Then, we also received a grant from the Kansas Office of Rural Prosperity to complete a project called “Resting Art,” where we made concrete benches and had mural artists paint them. Perfection Auto graciously sprayed them with an automotive clear coat. They were placed all over town to enhance our mural presence and provide benches at our trails. Seeing the community come together over this project in various forms has made it even more outstanding.

“When Bill Oetinger and Kyle Bauer first asked about Double L building the bridge over Huntress Creek west of the Zoo, I got excited. Little did they know I spent many days on that creek fishing and causing trouble with my friends at a young age. So, this would mean more to me than most. It brought back so many memories. Like the old railroad bridge was there, catching a 30lb carp and a 3 1/2 lb bullhead and daring each other to swim across.



Photo courtesy of Phil Frigon

So, I took pride in figuring out how to make something we could all enjoy. Bill got with his engineer, and we started to think about how to build a 120-foot-long bridge. The design changed several times, and then we had a plan. Over 400 man hours later, we had a walking bridge in operation. All the guys at the shop had a great time participating in this project.”

-Thomas Mulligan, Mulligan Double L Manufacturing

NONPROFIT NEWS

RUNDLE BROWN SOCCER COMPLEX

The Rundle/Brown Athletic Facility will be a multi-purpose, irrigated green space that will be the new home for our spring youth soccer and fall youth flag football programs. It will be utilized for games March-May and August-October starting in 2023. Between the soccer and flag football programs, approximately 600 kids will be using the facility throughout the year.

The construction of the Rundle/Brown facility has taken place in phases and we have completed aspects of the project as we have had funds available to do so. The funds from Match Day will be used to construct the Concession/Restroom building which we hope will be completed prior to the fall flag football season. Match Day was a great way to share our project with the community and reach people that might not have known about the project or the facility otherwise. We were excited to be a part of the Match Day event and very appreciative of donations we received through the program.



I am so delighted that Clay Center is getting a designated soccer complex! Soccer has been near and dear to our family since our twin sons (Steve and Mike) were first introduced to the sport at a very young age in Minnesota. In Clay Center, Steve coached a soccer team, Mike coached a soccer team and Jim helped coach the team they played on. Any age can play soccer and boys and girls can play on the same team! Sports equipment is less expensive and over all the sport presents less hazard to it's players than football. Soccer is truly a family sport. I hope it thrives in Clay Center!

~ Carol Brown

FUNDS OF THE FOUNDATION

A Mural Movement
Bridges of Hope
CCCIF - Match Day Fund
CCUMC Youth Group
Clay Center Christmas Festival
Clay Center Presbyterian Manor
Clay Center Utility Park and Zoo
Clay Center Youth Basketball Association
Clay Counts Coalition
Clay County 4-H Development Fund
Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center - CCARE
Clay County Arts Council
Clay County Child Care Center

Clay County Educational Endowment
Clay County Fairboard Exhibit Hall
Clay County Historical Society
Clay County Hospital Foundation
Clay County Long-term Recovery Fund
Clay County Task Force
Common Ground Ministries
Community Center of Clay Center
Community Church Camp Committee
Exploration Trails
Friends of the Clay Center Library
GROW Clay County Community Projects
Kansas Landscape Arboretum

Lighthouse for Christ
Pawnee Mental Health Services
People Helping People
Presbyterian Youth Ministries (PYM)
Rundle Brown Athletic Facility
Scouts in Clay Center
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Handicapped Accessible Bathroom
Tiger Legacy Fund
USD 379
Wakefield Birthday Bash Committee
Wakefield Museum Association
Wakefield Pride
Youth Golf Clay County

Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation
Statement of Activities
December 2022 Year-to-Date

	Current Month	YTD
REVENUES		
Gifts and Bequests	\$ 438,463.24	\$ 1,562,728.90
Inter-fund Gifts	\$ -	\$ 153,072.00
Interfund Grants	\$ -	\$ (117,072.00)
Subtotal Net Gifts & Grants	\$ 438,463.24	\$ 1,598,728.90
Interest/Dividend Income	\$ 3,262.79	\$ 16,315.84
Realized Gain/Loss	\$ 777.86	\$ (18,048.24)
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ (155,042.60)	\$ (807,577.37)
Subtotal Invest. Performance	\$ (151,001.95)	\$ (809,309.77)
Administrative Fees Revenue	\$ 1,092.38	\$ 14,855.58
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$ 1,092.38	\$ 14,855.58
Total Revenues	\$ 288,553.67	\$ 804,274.71
EXPENSES		
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Custodian Fees	\$ 69.20	\$ 945.09
Administrative Fees	\$ 4,411.81	\$ 55,249.39
Expendable Fund Fee	\$ 321.29	\$ 11,722.02
Credit Card Fees	\$ 15.79	\$ 1,749.97
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,818.09	\$ 69,666.47
<u>Grants and Program Expenses</u>		
Grants	\$ 21,230.43	\$ 1,104,203.62
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 191,077.22
Program Expenses	\$ 3,736.48	\$ 94,344.23
Total Grants and Program Expenses	\$ 24,966.91	\$ 1,389,625.07
Total Expenses	\$ 29,785.00	\$ 1,459,291.54
Net Activity	\$ 258,768.67	\$ (655,016.83)

Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
as of December 31, 2022

ASSETS	
Checking Account - Fiduciary	\$ 97,157.43
Outside Advisors	\$ 5,524,854.75
GMCF Portfolio - Money Market	\$ 300,139.26
GMCF Portfolio - Capital Preservation	\$ 226,373.43
GMCF Portfolio - Balanced	\$ 143,622.82
GMCF Portfolio - Income	\$ 38,753.82
GMCF Portfolio - Growth	\$ 65,177.43
Total TTC Investments	\$ 774,066.76
Undeposited Funds	\$ 5,550.00
Total Assets	\$ 6,401,628.94
LIABILITIES	
Scholarship Payable	\$ 27,650.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 27,650.00
FUND BALANCES	
Fund Balance - Endowed Gifts	\$ 1,631,362.34
Fund Balance - Endowed Spendable	\$ 287,063.96
Fund Balance - Expendable & Earnings	\$ 4,455,552.64
Total Fund Balances	\$ 6,373,978.94
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 6,401,628.94

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund at the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation is easy to establish and enables donors to simplify and consolidate their charitable giving while remaining actively involved in recommending grants to nonprofit organizations. Donor advised funds also provide an excellent way to build a tradition of charitable giving in a family. Many donors choose to involve their children or grandchildren as advisors during their lifetime, or to involve them as successor advisors after they are no longer actively involved with the fund.

Donors may recommend grants to any 501(c)(3) public charity in the United States. Our foundation performs due diligence to make sure grants are given to organizations that meet current 501(c)(3) IRS requirements. Our Executive Board of Directors is legally responsible for approving all grants and ensuring that grants are administered in accordance with IRS regulations. We take care of all the administrative details, so that our donors may focus on charitable giving!

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