

2024 Annual Letter

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2024 was a remarkable year of growth for the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation. We welcomed a new board member, Matt Weller, whose passion for our community is already making a positive impact.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors and the support of the Patterson Family Foundation, this year's Gather for Good Match Day campaign was our most successful yet. We also distributed \$57,800 in grants to local nonprofits thanks to funds through the Patterson Family Foundation Grant. This money was put back into our county's local nonprofits, and the twelve funds that received these grants have used their grant money for their project.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce that CCCIF has been awarded a Capacity Building Grant, allowing us to hire our first full-time employee in 2025. This new role will focus on expanding our philanthropic efforts and fostering even more opportunities for growth in Clay County.

We are deeply grateful to all our donors, whose ongoing support fuels our mission of improving lives and creating a brighter future for our community.

Here's to even greater possibilities in 2025!

CCCIF IS HIRING A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR!

The Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation (CCCIF) has long been led by dedicated volunteer board members. Now, thanks to a generous grant from the Patterson Family Foundation, we're hiring our first full-time director! This new role, part of the Rural Community Foundation Capacity Building Program, will be employed by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) while focusing entirely on CCCIF's growth and success.

About the Role

The director will lead community development and philanthropy in Clay County. Key responsibilities include:

- **Leadership:** Connecting CCCIF with nonprofits, donors, and grant opportunities.
- **Marketing:** Organizing programs, creating materials, and raising awareness.
- **Training:** Supporting board planning, strategy, and meetings.
- **Prospect Management:** Engaging donors, businesses, and nonprofits to expand impact.

If you or someone you know is interested, email info@claycentercif.org for more details.

The Strength of People. The Power of Community.

2024 GATHER FOR GOOD MATCH DAY

It was a record-setting year for our Gather For Good Match Day, again held in September. The goal of the CCCIF Board was to increase the number of donors from 2023. We did that and then some, going from 315 donors in 2023 to 439 donors in 2024. The matching funds also increased from \$80,000 in 2023 to \$92,000 in 2024. This helped us provide a 50% match up to \$2,000 per organization, thanks to the \$70,000 Patterson Family Foundation grant.

These goals were accomplished with the help of a broader marketing campaign. This included putting our flyer out in the Clay County Regional, which reached every house in the county. We also contacted local churches and included our flyers in their weekly bulletins. This helped get the word out, as we had many first-time donors.



GatherForGood
MatchDay.com

2024 Total
\$437,495

Save the Date
Sept. 18, 2025



\$367,747
in donations



\$69,748
matching funds



439
unique donors



1346
total gifts



49
organizations



MATCH DAY SPONSORS



provided \$70,000 through their
Rural Community Foundation
Match grant



committed \$10,000 per year
for five years



donors who gave to our Gather For
Good Match Day Fund

2024 GATHER FOR GOOD DONORS

4th and Court Bookshop & Makerspace	Dale Larson	Jason & Elaine Hornbaker	Macey & Connor Hynek	Roy & Debbie Hamey
Aaron & Morree Floersch	Dallas & Linda Cunningham	Jay & Brenda Bohnenblust	Macy & Dalton Haist	Roy & Linda Roy
Abby Sherbert	Dan & Deanna Hall	Jay & Tiffany Gaines	Madelyn Short	Russ & Paige Taddiken
Abilene Termite & Pest Control	Dan & Megan Weisenberger	Jay Berends	Margaret Bideau	Ryan Ducey & Amy Levendofsky
Alan & RuthAnn Johnson	Daphne Ellis	Jeff & Linda Yarrow	Marilyn Sherbert	Sallie & Kenny Hartner
Alex Hood	Darla Bebbler	Jeff & Marcia Newell	Mark & Angela Martin	Sam & Linda Gibbs
Alice & Roger Wilcoxson	Darlene Wernette	Jeff & Shelley Cannizzo	Mark & MariLee Green	Samuel Auld
Amanda Blackwood	Daton & Liana Hess	Jeffrey & Leslie Conrow	Mark & Patti Woodruff	Sandy & Alan Heigle
Amber Cyr	Dave & Cathy Affolter	Jeffrey Hixon	Mark & Susan Meier	Sarah & Gary Holbert
American Legion Auxiliary	Dave & Jess Borgerding	Jennifer & Steve Davies	Mark & Vicki Case	Sarah & George Sanneman
Amy & Devin Burr	Dave Jermark	Jeremy & Peggy Pera	Marlin & Jill Mugler	Sarah & Thomas Pacheco
Amy & Eric Altwegg	Dave Reed	Jerome & Vonda Wiedmer	Martha Averill	Scott & Amy Graves
Amy & Ryan Ducey	David & David Fowles	Jerry & Amber Horton	Mary & Lynn Greenlee	Scott & Joy Francis
Arca & Patrick Hayes	David & Joyce Salava	Jerry & Betty Siebold	Mary Ann Fowles	Scott & Lynn Patterson
Arlan & Holly Chestnut	David Verschelden	Jim & Donna Klein	Mary Jo Bull	Scott & Mary Taddiken
Arlan Habluetzel	Dawn & Cary Murphy	Jim & Jackie Leatherman	Mary Taddiken	Scott & Monica Anderson
Aubrey & Benjamin Fetherston	Deanna Fogel	Jim & Lisa Seley	Matt & Hilary Thompson	Scott & Pam Sump
Audrey & Chris Waid	Deanna Hammond	Jim & Rhonda Gierhan	Matt & Nichole Weller	Scott & Polly Martin
Austin Hittle	Deb Martin	Jim & Shelli Franson	Maury & Beth Catlin	Sherry & Bob Jaymes
Avery Auto Parts Inc	Dennis & Linda Olson	Jo James	Meridith & Craig Soehner	Sherry & Lanny Hess
Babette Crimmins	Derek & Derek Pfizenmaier	Jodi & Thaine Kramer	Merle & Jolene Hammond	Shirley Ham
Barb Weatherly	Dianne Smith	Jody & Richard Cott	Merlin & Julie Chestnut	Short Stop
Barbara Cunningham	Donald Faidley	John & Amelia Anderson	Michael & Trudy Zurmely	Sophia Mallon
Barbara Donaldson	Donna & Willard Lenhart	John & Deanna Turner	Michael Balint	Stacy & John Ruch
Becky & Cory Willmann	Dorothy Deaver	John & Laura McNish	Michelle & Austin Gillard	Steve & Mary Ann Thurlow
Beth Speltz	Dorothy Debenham	John & Pam Sharp	Michelle Ashburn	Steve & Pat Deutscher
Beuford & Debra Rook	Dorothy Scripter	John & Peg Kincaid	Mick & Cathy McCallister	Steve & Walene Graham
Beverly Lang	Doug & Deanne Kamphaus	Jon & Kristina Laha	Mick & Cheryl Payne	Steven & Sheryl McMahan
Bevin & Sue Bebermeyer	Dwight Avery	Josh & Alicia Lenhart	Mike & Denise Braden	Stillwell Counseling / Tina Stillwell
Bill & Grace Oettinger	Eldon & Candace Boling	Joy Shandy	Mike & Kelli Hays	Stuart & Carolyn Buchmann
Bill & Terri Lee	Ellery Garner	Judith & Robert Kobetich	Mike & Kim Shannon	Susan & Dean Sprague
Bob & Laura Larson	Emilie Thomas	Judy & Lawrence Riek	Mike & Marsha Argo	Susan Auld / Pearson
Brad & Marabeth Conner	Eric & Anne Anderson	Judy Hileman	Mike & Mary Brown	Susan Beck
Braden Financial Services	Erin & Manny Barocio	Julie & Kyle Murphy	Mike & Robin Sherbert	Susan Sawyer
Brandi & Justin Lippert	Erlene Slingsby	Julie & Mike Mohn	Mike & Sandy Rothfuss	Tanner & Jessica Bryant
Brandon & LaVerene Garner	Ernest & Velma Befort	Justin & Katie Tadtman	Mike & Tami Haden	Teresa (Thomas) & Greg Quandt
Brent & Charlotte Rundell	Eugenia (Jenie) Bonewitz	Karen & Lee Yarrow	Mike & Vicki Peterson	Terrance & Dianna Anderson
Brett & Elisabeth Nelson	Everett Burt	Karen Bryan	Mike Leiker	Terry & Robin Thurlow
Brett & Jenna Pfizenmaier	Evy Sexton	Kate & Marc Henry	Monte & Emily Green	Thad & Patty Hogan
Brett & Karli Hubka	First Presbyterian Church	Kathleen Ouellette	Morganville Valley Fertilizer Inc.	Thel Kocher
Brian & Janelle Rieger	Five Creek Automotive	Kathy Beougher	Nancy & Tom DeBauche	Theresa & Scott Leitzel
Brook VanScyoc	Frances Benson	Kathy Yarrow	Nancy Ryan	Theresa Gram
Bruce & Jackie Wingerd	Fred & Dee Wait	Ken & Beth Shivers	Natalie & Tavo Muruato	Thomas Mulligan
Bruce Frohardt	Gail & Rob Edmiston	Ken & Carolyn Myers	Natalie Muruato	Tina & Bob Buckley
Bryan & Connie Evans	Gail & Susan Thomas	Kendra & Christopher Worthen	Neil-Schwensen-Rook	Tom & Nancy Meek
Bryce Lange	Garrett Craig	Kenn Lacy	Funeral Home, Inc.	Tony Brown
Buena Burger	Garry & Marty Stenzel	Kerri & Darian Callaway	Nicci & Bill Srna	Tracy & None Wohler
Butch & Jennifer Swihart	Gary & Christine Matteson	Kerri Spielman	Nick & Jeanette Kondratieff	Trevor & Kinsey Cox
Calvin & Barbara Wohler	Gary & Donna Hanna	Kevin & Karla Swenson	Nick Lehman	Trista & Jason Terry
Carol Adams	Gavin Grater	Kim & Sonya Conrad	Norm & Judy Dreezen	Troy & DeeDee Anderson
Carol Brown	Gibson Ace Hardware	Kim Crimmins	Nutrition Recreation	Trudy & Bob Cooley
Caroline Gilson	Glavan Ford of Clay Center	Krista & Ryan Thomas	Patrice & Mark Schmitz	Tyrone Kamphaus
Carolyn Jensen	Glenn Nelson	Kyle & Lisa Bauer	Patricia Bloomdahl	United Bank and Trust
Carrie & Nathan Littrell	GNBank	LaDonna Thurlow Junghans	Patricia Halstead	United Presbyterian Women
Carroll & Jane Roth	Greg & Deb Lumb	Larrie & Judy Bates	Paul Tessaro	Venita Rosenow
Central Mechanical Construction	Greg & Vicki Pfizenmaier	Larry & Carol Morgan	Paula & Christopher Pedersen	Verlee Sanneman
Charles & Linda Wardlow	Greg & Wendy Sherbert	Laura & Cody Schwartz	Paularina Murrin	Vern & Susan Swanson
Charles Rott	Gregory & Sandra Braden	Laura & Roget Desrosiers	Phil & Brenda Pfizenmaier	VernaLee Musselman
Chris & Cathy Carlson	Hailey & Connor Last	Laveta & Charles Horner	Phil & Jean Frigon	Vicki & Michael Sherbert
Chris & Paula Pedersen	Heather Dreith	Lawrence & Stephanie Avery	Phil Berberick	Vicki & Mike Frank
Chris & Vicki Visser	Heather Weir	Leanna Grater	Pixie & Mike Knepper	Vicky Mall
Christine & George Murchison	Herb & Margie Abel	Leland & Deanna Barleen	Preston Rook	Vince & Kathy Marshall
City of Clay Center	Herbert & L'Jeane Mugler	Leroy Bartley	Rachael & David Roberts	Washington County Headliners
City Of Wakefield	Hood Development	Leslie & Leslie Friesen	Randy & Cathy Hafner	Wayne & Marylyn Weller
Clay Center Lions Club	Company, LLC	Leslie Friesen	Randy & Jeanette Kidwell	Wendal & Luanne North
Clay County Educational	Idana Presbyterian Church	Linda Tiers	Randy & Julie Hiesterman	Wes & Kristin Wright
Clyde & Rita Wollenberg	Irene Jensen	Lisa & Ben Last	Randy & Zita Milligan	Willard & Donna Lenhart
Colby & Cory Urban	Jack Wallace	Lisa & Brad Dieckmann	Raymond & Rita Luthi	William & Kathy Bergmeier
Coleen Weller	Jacob & Allie Lohrmeyer	Lisa & Neal Carson	Reta Savener	William & Sandy Fox
Connie & Harvey Frigon	Jake & Stephanie Young	Lisa Kloefkorn	Rick & Judy Lloyd	William Genereux
Connie Needham	James & Lisa Seley	Lisa Nixon	Riley & Pamela Rankin	Winnie Wells
Court Street Veterinary Care	James & Peggy Schulze	Lois Nash	Robert & Sal May Heilman	Zac & Shawna Vakadewatabua
Craig Regnier	James Brinkman	Lon & Pat James	Robert & Sharil Carlson	
Crystal & Tyce Young	Jamie & Justin McDonald	Lori Benham	Robert Lee	
Cynthia Foley	Jana & Robert Cott	Lorrie Lloyd	Roland Reed	
	Jane & Lyle Ross	Lowell & Robyn Marsh	Ron & Glenna Harrison	
	Jane Burgman	Lyle & Linda Underwood	Ron & Marilyn Roth	
	Jane Gingles	Lynda Reed	Rose Anne Reed	
	Janell & Scott Johnson	Lynn Gilmore	Roswitha Oberhelman	
	Janet Hahn	Lynnea Smith	Roxie & Dwight Baer	
	Janice Herndon			

NEWS FROM NONPROFITS



Clay Center Carnegie Library

This year, the Friends of the Clay Center Carnegie Library added several projects to our plate in addition to funding our regular library programs, like the Summer Reading Program, Adopt-a-Book, and more. Notably, FOL purchased a high-quality magnifying device, which is available for checkout by the visually impaired. An AWE Learning Machine was donated to the Children's Library, which allows kids to play STEM-related games. FOL also purchased two screen-free audiobook players for kids with several stories, all available for checkout.

People Helping People

People Helping People has helped an individual or family every month of 2024 and has provided \$750 for each fundraiser we've done. The fundraisers include an on-air auction on KCLY and a meal at the Clay Center United Methodist Church Family Life Center. We partner with Thrivent and receive \$250 in supplemental funds used to sponsor items for the auction or pay for the meal we serve to raise funds for medical and travel expenses. The last we hosted was for Kenny Grove, who is suffering from stage 4 brain cancer. Thanks to CCCIF for helping raise the funds needed to help those in need.



Clay County Museum

The money we receive from Match Day usually goes to several different projects. This year's funds have gone towards padded hangers for our clothing collection, a new backup hard drive, and new lights in our research library. Further plans for the money include buying boxes for our newspaper collection. The Clay County Museum served as host to the CCCIF Match Day again! It is an exciting day for the museum to be buzzing with non-profit representatives and match day donors. As a participant, the funds received are appreciated and put to good use.

Clay Center Youth Basketball Association

The CCYBA greatly appreciates the CCCIF grant that was awarded to us. We used this grant to help purchase mechanisms that allow us to raise/lower the basketball goals in the CCCHS gym to utilize for our K-3 basketball players. This allows these players to shoot on a regulation goal and takes away much of the labor that previously took place to give these kids this opportunity. CCYBA exists to find a way for younger kids to participate in sports, stay in shape and work on sportsmanship by providing a competitive, supervised youth basketball program.



GRANT AWARDS

We were able to offer our second grant cycle to our non-profit organizations. We received applications from our non-profit groups that resulted in the board awarding \$40,870 in grants. By investing in these impactful projects, the foundation is grateful to continue to play a vital role in fostering a stronger, more vibrant community. We look forward to seeing the completion of these projects in the upcoming year.

Clay Center Parks & Recreation, City of Clay Center: \$6,800
Pickleball courts

Clay County Task Force, Inc. (Clay County General Public Transportation): \$10,000
Computer system and radios for all vehicles

Rotary Club of Clay Center : \$6,000
Community sidewalk repair

USD 379 Excellence Foundation: \$3,000
Teaching staff retention

Clay Center Zoo: \$1,000
Handicap parking and sidewalk at the Welcome Center

Clay County Historical Society: \$320
Interactive Kansas fur display

LIFT (Lead Inspire Foster Thrive Clay County) Young Professionals Group: \$750
First year budget to help launch organization

Lighthouse for Christ: \$12,000
Administrative space

Pawnee Mental Health: \$1,000
Play therapy materials for schools

Grants Total: \$40,870

FUNDS OF THE FOUNDATION

A Mural Movement
ACT Clay County
CCARE- Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center
CCCIF - Match Day Fund
CCUMC Youth Group
Clay Center Christmas Festival
Clay Center Multi-Generational Life Center Fund
Clay Center Presbyterian Manor
Clay Center Utility Park and Zoo
Clay Center Youth Basketball Assoc.
Clay Counts Coalition
Clay County 4-H Development
Clay County Arts Council
Clay County Educational Endowment Association
Clay County Fairground Association
New Building Parking Lot
Clay County Historical Society

Clay County Hospital Foundation
Clay County Long-term Recovery
Clay County Task Force, Inc. Public Transportation & Senior Programs
Common Ground Ministries
Community Church Camp Committee
Exploration Trails
FCA - Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Clay County
Food Programs - St. Pauls Episcopal Church
Friends of the Clay Center Library
Green Community Cafe
GROW Clay County Community Projects
Kansas Landscape Arboretum
Konza United Way Clay County
Lighthouse for Christ
Little Learners Childhood Connections

Mental Health Matters
North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Clay County
Pawnee Mental Health Clay County
People Helping People
Presbyterian Youth Ministries (PYM)
Rotary of Clay Center
Rundle Brown Athletic Facility
CCPRD
Scouts in Clay Center
SS Peter & Paul Parish Improvement
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Teammates of Clay County
USD 379 Teacher Recruitment and Retention
Wakefield Birthday Bash Committee
Wakefield Museum Association
Wakefield PRIDE
Youth Golf Clay County

FINANCIALS

Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation Statement of Activities December 2024 Year-to-Date

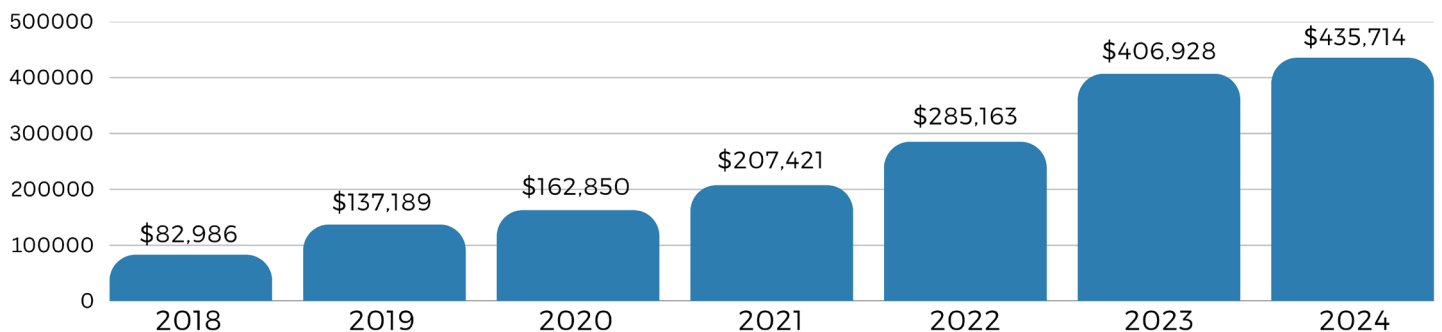
	Current Month	YTD
REVENUES		
Gifts and Bequests	\$ 360,118.07	\$ 1,305,817.47
Inter-fund Gifts	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 194,648.59
Interfund Grants	\$ (115,000.00)	\$ (194,648.59)
Subtotal Net Gifts & Grants	\$ 360,118.07	\$ 1,305,817.47
Interest/Dividend Income	\$ 7,342.34	\$ 59,446.47
Realized Gain/Loss	\$ 3,622.34	\$ 9,114.27
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ (168,129.26)	\$ 744,194.20
Subtotal Invest. Performance	\$ (157,164.58)	\$ 812,754.94
Administrative Fees Revenue	\$ 1,518.87	\$ 16,845.00
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$ 1,518.87	\$ 16,845.00
Total Revenues	\$ 204,472.36	\$ 2,135,417.41
EXPENSES		
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Custodian Fees	\$ 60.76	\$ 709.86
Administrative Fees	\$ 6,161.19	\$ 68,314.58
Expendable Fund Fee	\$ 657.15	\$ 6,992.79
Credit Card Fees	\$ 108.12	\$ 1,964.02
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 6,987.22	\$ 77,981.25
<u>Grants and Program Expenses</u>		
Grants	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 936,924.30
Scholarships	\$ 14,872.00	\$ 388,209.43
Program Expenses	\$ 14,469.87	\$ 127,940.47
Total Grants and Program Expenses	\$ 112,041.87	\$ 1,453,074.20
Total Expenses	\$ 119,029.09	\$ 1,531,055.45
Net Activity	\$ 85,443.27	\$ 604,361.96

Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024

ASSETS	
Checking Account - Fiduciary	\$ 265,637.83
Outside Advisors	\$ 6,190,145.67
TTC Pooled Investments	\$ 1,486,786.96
Undeposited Funds	\$ 100,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 8,042,570.46
LIABILITIES	
Grants Payable	\$ -
Scholarship Payable	\$ 48,037.59
Total Liabilities	\$ 48,037.59
FUND BALANCES	
Fund Balance - Endowed Gifts	\$ 1,632,362.34
Fund Balance - Endowed Spendable	\$ 211,464.45
Fund Balance - Expendable & Earnings	\$ 6,150,706.08
Total Fund Balances	\$ 7,994,532.87
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 8,042,570.46
Proof Balances	
	\$ -

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MATCH DAY HISTORY



Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation

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