



SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AN AFFILIATE OF GREATER NORTHWEST KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Status Report

Match Month Edition – November 2025



Celebrating Local Impact

Inspiring Future Growth



Our Mission

The mission of the Sheridan County Community Foundation is to encourage, prudently manage and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future.

From the Executive Director

When I think about what makes Sheridan County so special, it's the people—the families, volunteers, business owners, and donors—who care deeply about one another and about the place we all call home.



This past year, we've seen that care in action through new endowment funds created by families who believe in giving back, and through grants that have strengthened nonprofits, supported youth programs, and improved spaces across our communities.

Since our founding, the Foundation has awarded \$1,613,899.85 in total grants and scholarships, thanks to donors like you. Each gift—large or small—helps write the next chapter of Sheridan County's story.

As we enter Match Month, I invite you to continue this legacy of giving. Together, we're not just meeting needs—we're building a future where every generation can thrive right here at home.

With deep gratitude,
Karl Pratt
Executive Director

Thank
you!

Our Stats

Current Assets: \$2,931,312

Total Contributions: \$4,349,972

Total Grants: \$1,613,899
(inclusive of past Match Day campaigns and Scholarships)

**Total Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Community Grants awarded to area
organizations since 2015:** \$814,847

Total Funds: 30

Donor Advised Fund: 6

Field of Interest Fund: 10

Designated Fund: 5

Organizational Fund: 4

Scholarship Fund: 3

SCCF Operating: 2

as of October 15, 2025

2025 Grants Awarded to Date

- \$2,500.00 – **AmberMed** – Purchase of a Nikon Microscope for disease diagnosis and timely treatment.
- \$2,500.00 – **USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools c/o Hoxie FFA Chapter** – Supplies for the FFA Container Garden Library promoting healthy food growth.
- \$10,000.00 – **Hoxie Christian Church** – Replacement of HVAC system supporting community-wide and school activities.
- \$727.50 – **USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools** – Sixth-grade student trip to the Smoky Hill Education Service Center Ropes Course.
- \$6,000.00 – **Main Street Arts Council** – Support for the 2025 Main Street Summer Theater Festival production of Disney's Dare to Dream Jr.
- \$5,000.00 – **Sheridan County Wellness Center** – Surveillance system upgrades at the Hoxie workout facility.
- \$14,419.00 – **USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools** – Purchase and installation of a new LED message board for the high school auditorium.
- \$6,000.00 – **Hoxie Housing Authority** – Construction of shade structures at Ridgewood Manor entrances.
- \$704.50 – **AmberMed** – Signage expenses for the 2025 Sunshine & Shenanigans 5K Run/Walk event.
- \$4,000.00 – **City of Selden** – Purchase of new audio equipment for community events.
- \$10,000.00 – **Sheridan County Beautification Committee** – Creation of a large-scale community mural celebrating Selden's history and identity.
- \$889.00 – **USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools** – SWANK movie performance license for legal public showings at the auditorium.
- \$250.00 each – **Sheridan County 4H Council, St. Francis Cabrini Church (Cemetery Project), St. Francis Cabrini Church CYO/Youth CYO, Sheridan County Public Library, Sheridan County Amusement Co., Hoxie Christian Church** – Golden Star Surprise Grants presented during the 2025 Sheridan County Fair & Carnival Week.
- \$2,000.00 – **Western Plains Arts Association** – Cultural programming for Sheridan County, including public and school performances.
- \$1,500.00 – **High Point Advocacy & Resource Center** – Support for the Rock 'N Recovery Family Event promoting addiction recovery awareness.
- \$250.00 – **Selden Public Library** – Special grant incentive for completing Non-profit Needs Assessment Survey.
- \$11,000.00 – **USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools** – Support for the Hoxie Schools Track Renovation Project.
- \$5,000.00 – **USD 316 Golden Plains Elementary School** – Purchase of age-appropriate playground equipment for Pre-K–5 students.
- \$4,404.20 – **Hoxie Gun Club** – Purchase of a 5-Stand Wobble Trap Thrower for recreational shooting sports.
- \$4,000.00 – **Main Street Arts Council** – Launch of the new Community Choir Project uniting singers across Northwest Kansas.



**Total Awarded
in 2025:
\$92,392.20**

Building a Legacy for Sheridan County

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation's **New Fund Matching Initiative** has already helped launch seven new endowed funds in Sheridan County — multiplying local generosity and strengthening the Foundation's long-term impact.

Through this initiative, donors and/or organizations receive matching dollars from both the Hansen Foundation and the Sheridan County Community Foundation to establish lasting charitable legacies. Matching funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis during 2025–2027. Now is the perfect time to invest in Sheridan County's future! Contact us today to learn more and get started.

New Funds Created in 2025

- **Rogers Family Fund** – Designated
- **Sheridan County Economic Development Fund** – Designated
- **Sheridan County Wellness Center Fund** – Designated
- **Pratt-Nery Charitable Fund** – Donor Advised
- **Gerald W. and Helen M. Heim Family Fund** – Donor Advised
- **Sheridan County Historical Society Projects Fund** – Organizational
- **David E. and Janet S. Leopold Family Fund** – Donor Advised

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"I wanted to create something that would keep giving long after I'm gone. Establishing this fund now gives me the chance to support causes close to my heart, and it brings me peace knowing it will continue making a difference in the future." - Roberta "Bobby Kay" (Pratt) Nery

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Contact Us

We are eager to help you achieve your philanthropic goals. Contact us today to explore how your generosity can make a lasting impact in Sheridan County.

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