

2025 Annual Report



GREATER SABETHA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Giving Today
Growing Tomorrow

MESSAGES TO THE COMMUNITY



As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary, I find myself reflecting not only on how far our foundation has come, but on how much this role has shaped me personally. Leading this organization has challenged me, stretched me, and helped me grow in ways I never expected. Throughout this past year especially, I have been deeply grateful for the encouragement, trust, and kind words shared by so many in our community. Our small-town spirit is truly something special. It shows up in the way people step forward when there is a need and in the pride we take in improving the place we call home. None of this work happens alone. I am continually inspired by our local businesses, generous donors, and community members who believe in what we do and choose to invest in our shared future. Thank you for walking alongside us. Together, we have built something meaningful—and I am excited for what the next chapter holds. Happy 10th Birthday, GSCF!

Connie Joy, GSCF Executive Director

This year marks a special milestone for our Greater Sabetha Community Foundation—10 years of working together to strengthen the place we all call home. What began as a shared vision has grown into a collective effort powered by generosity, hard work, and a deep commitment to our community's future.

Over the past decade, we've seen what's possible when neighbors come together to support local ideas, invest in people, and care for one another. Every donation made, partnership formed, and life touched reflects the belief that lasting change starts right here.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support—past, present, and future—makes our work possible. We look forward to the next 10 years of building opportunity, resilience, and hope together.

With gratitude,

Paul Wenger, GSCF Board President



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

On February 15, 2025, the Greater Sabetha Community Foundation hosted the annual Community Celebration Gala. Each year, this event is planned to celebrate the recent Give to Grow Match Day results and other community successes. In addition, GSCF nominates nonprofit organizations that have “Served Sabetha Strong.” This award is given to those who have exemplified the meaning of Community, Compassion, and Commitment through actions and deeds. This year, Albany Historical Society, Sabetha PTO, and Sabetha Honor Flight were honored. In addition, the Sabetha Chamber of Commerce presented its Business of the Year award to P&J Solid Waste Inc .



The public was invited to attend the Gala to enjoy the feeling of community and were treated to a beautiful table of heavy appetizers and dessert prepared by Sheri Lay and team.

The evening was made possible due to the generosity of KSi, Coperion, and Wenger Manufacturing.

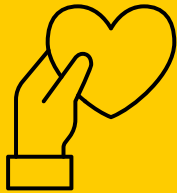


2025 GIVE TO GROW MATCH DAY

The 10th annual Give to Grow Match Days, held November 19-21, was remarkable thanks to the generosity of 14 matching donors and the support of the Patterson Family Foundation, which contributed \$100,000 in matching funds. Together, these efforts brought the total matching dollars to an impressive \$170,500. By the end of the giving period, donors contributed \$685,297.47. After the matching dollars were applied, the final total reached \$855,797.47. This achievement reflects 1,303 gifts made to support 86 charitable organizations. This success was made possible by the generous contributions of the following Community & Business Pillars:



Ag Partners
Anonymous 1
Anonymous 2
Community National Bank
Coperion
Gary & Leslie Scoby
Grimm's Gardens
Hartter Feed & Seed
Kent & Donna Saylor
Ksi Conveyors
Lukert Chiropractic & Wellness
NutraDrip Irrigation Systems
Patterson Family Foundation
Paul & Joan Kaeb
Rainbow Communications
Ray & Jeannie Bachelor



\$685,297.47
in donations



\$70,500 in
local match



\$100,000 in
Patterson Match



1,303
total gifts



86
organizations



2025 Total
\$855,797.47

2026 GTGD
Nov.18-20

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GROWING UP GIVING

At the Greater Sabetha Community Foundation, we believe philanthropy is best learned early.

Through our Growing Up Giving program, we create meaningful opportunities for young people to experience what it means to care for and invest in their community.

This year, more than **160 students participated** in the program by attending our local Match Day event and directing funds to organizations they care about. We intentionally invited 5th graders, 6th graders, and high school juniors—students at key transitional stages—so they could encounter philanthropy during formative years and begin to see giving back as part of their role as engaged citizens.

The program begins with classroom visits to 5th grade students, where they learn what the Foundation does, how it supports the community, and how they already benefit from its work. The following week, students visit the Match Day event, interact with local organizations, ask questions, and decide where to allocate funding. While the dollars were not their own, the experience **allows students to feel the impact and joy of giving.**

This year, students directed **\$4,830 to 34 local funds**, demonstrating that thoughtful giving—at any age—can make a meaningful difference.

“Our ultimate goal is for our community foundation to never feel unfamiliar to our youth, but instead be a place where generosity, responsibility, and community pride take root and grow.”

-Connie Joy, Executive Director



GRANTS TO

Wenger Marel Charitable Grants \$199,467

Atchison County Community Schools Education Foundation – \$20,000

Partial funding supported auditorium renovations in Effingham, improving a shared space for student programs and community events.

Banner Creek Science Center & Ford Observatory – \$5,000

Funding supported volunteer training in astrophotography and observatory operations, expanding public education opportunities and community observation programming in Northeast Kansas.

Best Life Community Services – \$58,592

Grant funds supported accessibility and safety improvements at a new group living residence, enhancing mobility, emergency preparedness, and safe access for residents.

Brown County Humane Society – \$4,875

Funding helped subsidize spay and neuter services for pets and strays in the Sabetha area, supporting animal welfare and reducing overpopulation.

Friends of the Mary Cotton Public Library – \$5,000

Grant funds supported Storytime Literacy and Outreach programming, expanding early literacy services for preschool and early elementary children throughout the community.

Hiawatha Baseball & Softball Club – \$25,000

Funding supported construction of a new regulation-size, ADA-accessible softball field, creating opportunities for tournaments, youth development, and community engagement.

Team Schnak Strong Fund – \$6,000

Grant support provided diabetes awareness materials for school outreach and helped local children attend Camp Discovery, fostering education and peer connection for youth with Type 1 Diabetes.

Meals on Wheels of Nemaha County – \$15,000

Funds were used to purchase essential kitchen equipment, improving meal preparation for seniors served daily through the program.

Sabetha Chamber of Commerce – \$5,000

The grant supported the creation of a large Sabetha Blue Jay mascot display, celebrating community pride and complementing existing public art.

Sabetha Community Food Pantry – \$5,000

Grant support helped sustain the Backpack Snack Program, providing weekend food packs to elementary and middle school students and addressing food insecurity when school meals are unavailable.

The Kids Kloset – \$50,000

This grant represented the second installment of a multi-year commitment to support the purchase and renovation of a larger, more accessible facility to serve families in USD 113 and surrounding communities.

THE COMMUNITY

GSCF Community Project Partnership Grant \$10,000

The Greater Sabetha Community Foundation is committed to supporting programs and services that improve the community and support youth development. These include but are not limited to; youth development projects, beautification efforts, recreational improvements, and projects that address the safety and security of the community.

Nemaha County Community Health - \$2,000

Seed money to start a local diaper bank that will serve families monthly with diapers and wipes.

Sabetha High School Cheerleading Club \$2,000

Summer camp for cheer team to learn proper safety and techniques and cheer and dance material.

Sabetha High School P.E. Dept \$2,000

Pickleball and badminton equipment to allow more high school students to play simultaneously.

Sabetha Youth Basketball Association \$2,000

Provide a basketball for all campers and necessary equipment to start SYBA workouts.

Sabetha Chamber of Commerce \$2,000

Replace the current banners on main street with two different sets. One set will be used for everyday enjoyment and the other set will be used for the holiday season.

Lunch Lady Angels HUGS \$12,324.28

The Lunch Lady Angels Fund continues to be a quiet yet powerful source of support for families in our community. In the past year, the fund awarded a total of \$12,324.28 to local families facing immediate and essential needs.

Through one-time, needs-based grants, the Lunch Lady Angels Hand Up Grant (HUG) provided assistance with tuition expenses, housing and rental support, and medical bills. Each grant was given with a shared purpose: to help families remain stable, supported, and cared for as they work to improve their quality of life.

Rooted in compassion and dignity, the mission of the HUG Fund is to offer more than temporary relief—it is designed to provide a hand up, not a handout. By meeting families where they are and responding to real, pressing needs, the Hugs by Lunch Lady Angels Fund plays a meaningful role in strengthening households and improving living conditions across our community.

A Decade of Community Impact

GSCF continued to build momentum by strengthening partnerships and expanding community philanthropy in the Sabetha area.



The Sabetha Health & Wellness Center opened in July through community fundraising and partnerships with the City of Sabetha and Sabetha Community Hospital. GSCF also hosted the Smart Ways to Be Generous Workshop, offering charitable and financial planning guidance to residents.

GSCF facilitated more than \$252,000 in grants and community support, including Hand Up Grant (HUG) funding through the Lunch Lady Angels Fund following statewide recognition from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.



The \$4 million Wenger Marel Charitable Fund was established to support STEM and reading education, food and water access, and broader community needs.



The Community Project Partnership Grant is established and \$10k in grants are given to local organizations. GSCF continues to expand its impact through strategic philanthropy and programs that care for Sabetha's present while investing in its future.

2016

Established in 2015, the Greater Sabetha Community Foundation (GSCF) was formed to support the development of the Sabetha Health & Wellness Center, raising more than \$3 million through strong community leadership and local partnerships. That same year, GSCF hosted its first Give to Grow Match Day, generating \$107,833 in support of local causes.

2017

2018

Community generosity resulted in \$3.9 million in total donations, with \$1.12 million awarded in grants supporting local projects and nonprofit organizations.

2019



2020

In response to the COVID-19 shutdown, GSCF launched the Sabetha: A City with Heart Fund, providing utility assistance to Main Street and surrounding businesses during periods of closure.

2021

The GSCF Give to Grow Match Day receives \$341,765 in donations. 696 gifts are given to 58 local organization. GSCF reaches \$8.2 million in assets. Organizations continue to raise funds for community projects and GSCF honors special citizens in the community.

2022



2023

GSCF distributed nearly \$1.2 million in grants and launched the Growing Up Giving Program, engaging more than 160 students. Connie Joy is hired as a F/T Director, and an official office location was established. The 9th Annual Match Day raised \$1.3 million for local organizations.

2024

2025



Ace Tennis & Pickleball Court Project
 Albany Historical Society
 Apostolic Christian Home
 Apple Seed Innovation Program Development
 ARC Wild Inc.
 Association of Nemaha County Retired School Personnel Scholarship
 Bertha Manche Scholarship
 Best Life Community Services
 Bluejay Facility Enhancement
 Boy Scouts of Sabetha
 Brown County Humane Society
 Cheryl Baldrige-Kogler SHS Class of 1992 Scholarship
 Community Animal Protection Society
 Cub Scouts of Sabetha
 Donald Wenger Memorial Scholarship
 Eagle Legacy Scholarship
 EMS of Sabetha
 Erik Hertzal Memorial Prairie Meadows School Scholarship
 Erik Hertzal Memorial Prairie Meadows School Tuition Assistance
 Erik Hertzal Memorial USD113 School Scholarship
 Esther P Carpenter Scholarship
 Every Little Bit Helps
 First Lutheran Christian Preschool
 First Lutheran Christian Preschool Scholarship & Enrichment
 Friends of the Mary Cotton Public Library
 Gary and Virginia McDaniel Family Scholarship
 Give to Grow Match Day
 Glacial Hills Business Resource Center
 Gottlieb Eichenberger Scholarship
 GSCF Community Grants
 GSCF Community Memorial
 GSCF Community Project Partnership
 GSCF Operating Endowment
 GSCF Operations
 Highland Community College Foundation Sabetha
 Homeward Bound
 Impact Sabetha Inc/Life Wise Prairie Hills
 Kansas Honor Flight - Sabetha Chapter
 Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center
 Kanza Mental Health Foundation Endowment
 Kenton Farwell Memorial Scholarship
 Lakeside Terrace
 LaVaun Saylor Memorial Nursing Scholarship
 Leigh & Gertrude Mills Memorial Scholarship
 Leland Snyder Memorial Scholarship
 Lewis Johnson Memorial Music Scholarship
 Louis Wenger Scholarship
 Lunch Lady Angels
 Mary Cotton Public Library Endowment
 Meals on Wheels of Nemaha County
 Melvin and Irene Harold Scholarship
 Morrill Alumni Scholarship
 Morrill Community Chamber of Commerce
 My Sister's House Fund
 Neighbor-2-Neighbor
 Nemaha County Community Health Services
 Nemaha County Free Fair
 Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sabetha
 Northeast Kansas Youth Sports Fund -
 NorthRidge Family Development Center
 Oregon Street Historical Walkway
 Peggy Brant Scholarship
 Project Prom
 Ray and Margaret Deaver Scholarship
 Raymond and Ned W Rokey DVM Memorial Scholarship
 Robert Glenn Scholarship

Funds of the Foundation

SAABA Sabetha Area Amateur Baseball Association
 Sabetha Cemetery Association
 Sabetha Chamber of Commerce Project
 Sabetha Community Food Pantry
 Sabetha Community Health Foundation
 Sabetha Community Preschool
 Sabetha Community USD 113 Sabetha High School Scholarship
 Sabetha Eastern Star Scholarship
 Sabetha Economic Development Commission
 Sabetha FFA Alumni
 Sabetha Fire Department
 Sabetha Health & Wellness
 Sabetha High School Trap Club
 Sabetha History Center
 Sabetha Kids Wrestling Club
 Sabetha Kiwanis Project
 Sabetha Lions Club Community Benefit
 Sabetha Manufacturing Scholarship
 Sabetha Medical Expense Relief
 Sabetha Memorial VFW/VFW Auxiliary Post 7285
 Sabetha Municipal Airport Support
 Sabetha Music Boosters
 Sabetha Playground Partners
 Sabetha PTO Classroom Enhancement Program
 Sabetha Saddle Club
 Sabetha Sharks Swim Team
 Sabetha The City with Heart Assistance
 Sabetha Youth Basketball Association
 Sabetha Youth Tackle Football
 SCH Building A Healthy Future Campaign
 SHS Alumni Association
 SHS Booster Club
 SHS Family and Consumer Science & FCCLA
 SHS FFA & Industrial Arts Support
 Stephen Ukele Scholarship
 Tara Ploeger Scholarship
 The Katherine Heiman Dick Scholarship
 The Kids Kloset
 The Main Event
 Twisters Car Club Community Support
 USD #113 Foundation
 USD 113 Sabetha and Axtell Schools Fine Arts Support
 USD 113 Science and Business Programs Support
 USD 113 SHS and SMS Girls Extracurricular Activities
 Walter E and Marion Meyer Scholarship
 Wenger Marel Charitable



Statement of Activities

December 2025 Year-to-Date

	Current Month	YTD
Revenues		
Gifts and Bequests	\$ 469,309.02	\$ 1,865,237.02
Inter-fund Gifts	\$ 28,382.76	\$ 858,877.59
Interfund Grants	\$ (53,904.54)	\$ (939,921.53)
Subtotal Net Gifts & Grants	\$ 443,787.24	\$ 1,784,194.05
Interest/Dividend Income	\$ 53,081.62	\$ 311,334.07
Realized Gain/Loss	\$ (1.07)	\$ 121,944.35
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ 23,725.56	\$ 1,444,750.23
Subtotal Invest. Performance	\$ 76,806.11	\$ 1,877,750.23
Administrative Fees Revenue	\$ 2,895.97	\$ 34,460.60
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$ 2,895.97	\$ 34,460.60
Total Revenues	\$ 523,489.32	\$ 3,696,404.88
EXPENSES		
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Custodian Fees	\$ 688.79	\$ 8,044.60
Administrative Fees	\$ 12,075.92	\$ 143,484.80
Expendable Fund Fee	\$ 2,569.92	\$ 22,895.62
Credit Card Fees	\$ 178.73	\$ 2,212.70
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 15,988.36	\$ 182,337.72
<u>Grants and Program Expenses</u>		
Grants	\$ 249,967.17	\$ 2,556,797.00
Scholarship	\$	\$ 65,300.00
Program Expenses	\$ 18,239.64	\$ 222,343.33
Total Grants and Program Expenses	\$ 268,206.81	\$ 2,844,440.33
Total Expenses	\$ 284,195.17	\$ 3,026,778.05
Net Activity	\$ 239,294.15	\$ 669,626.83

Statement of Position

As of December 31, 2025

ASSETS	
Checking Account - Fiduciary & KSB	\$ 285,568.88
Outside Advisor	\$ 8,887,011.93
TTC Pooled Investments	\$ 9,389,401.72
Undeposited Funds	\$ 1,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 18,562,982.53
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	
FUND BALANCES	
Fund Balance - Endowed Gifts	\$ 2,401,298.94
Fund Balance - Endowed Spending	\$ 343,223.63
Fund Balance - Expendable & Earnings	\$ 15,818,459.96
Total Fund Balances	\$ 18,562,982.53
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 18,562,982.53



WAYS TO GIVE

ESTATE PLANNING

Planning your estate is way to give to your community. Donating through GSCF supports local charities for years through grants. You can give cash, stocks, real estate, life insurance, or retirement assets, which are tax-free for GSCF but taxable for heirs

GIFT OF GRAIN

Your crops sustain your livelihood- your gift of grain can sustain your community. Donating grain through GSCF is a way to make a lasting impact while reducing taxable farm income. Your gift can support a nonprofit or broader charitable cause in the community.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

A (DAF) at the GSCF is easy to establish, allowing donors to simplify and consolidate their giving while remaining actively involved in recommending grants to nonprofit organizations. Donors may recommend grants to any 501(c)(3) public charity in the US, with the foundation conducting due diligence to ensure IRS compliance.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

A required minimum distribution (RMD) is the amount you must withdraw each year from your tax-deferred retirement account once you reach a certain age. If you have an IRA, 401(k), or similar plan, you delayed paying taxes on your contributions, but you'll need to pay taxes when you withdraw the money. The RMD amount changes yearly based on your age and account balance, and if you don't take the required amount, you could face a 50% tax penalty. To avoid taxes on your RMD, you can donate it directly to charity through GSCF. Consult your financial advisor, tax professional, or attorney for guidance.

By the Numbers

empowering Sabetha's future since 2015
Happy 10 Year Anniversary, GSCF

GSCF HAS REACHED

**\$18.5
MILLION
IN ASSETS**



**\$11.5 M
INVESTED
IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
GRANTS**

GIVE TO GROW MATCH DAYS

In 2025, over
\$855K
RAISED FOR
LOCAL
NONPROFITS

with more than
\$4.2 M
RASIED FOR OUR
COMMUNITY
SINCE 2016

**SAVE THE
DATE
NOVEMBER
18-20, 2026**

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