



The first quarter of 2020 brought changes to our work, community and world that none of us could have predicted. Despite these disruptions, we remain a strong organization committed to serving our donors and community.

In mid-March, the Foundation responded quickly to the needs of nonprofit organizations as they worked to create and expand programs to help those in our community effected by the pandemic. We created the Live, Work & Give Fund to provide immediate grant assistance to organizations helping those who need help the most. Thanks to gifts from individual donors and two area businesses – Everygy and KS Gas, we continue to deploy grant dollars to best serve our community. A full listing of grants is available on our web site.

Earlier this month, the Live, Work & Give Fund became home to contributions raised by KSNT's Weekend of Giving – an on-line giving opportunity created and promoted by the television station. We value the confidence and trust they placed in the Foundation as we oversee the grantmaking of these dollars.

We appreciate each donor and organization represented in the 400 funds we manage at the Foundation and consider it a privilege to work with you. We stand with you believing that philanthropy – love of humankind – remains the key to our community's strength ... today and tomorrow.

*Marsha Pope*

**MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT**

# THE QUARTERLY

FIRST QUARTER 2020

## **FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Topeka Community Foundation has elected three new board members for three-year terms:

Timothy Bell, Jr., City of Topeka police officer; Keith Warta, Bartlett & West president; and Robin Wolgast, community volunteer, began their service on the Foundation's board January 1, 2020.

Officers of the board for 2020 are: Pam Alexander, chair; Tara Dimick, vice-chair; Shelly Buhler, secretary; Brad Owen, treasurer; and Chris McGee, immediate past chair.



## **FUND SPOTLIGHT: SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Scholarship funds offer an opportunity to invest in the education of tomorrow's leaders. Foundation staff works closely with donors to design a scholarship to ensure their intentions are met within the confines of IRS regulations. Award selection is made by expert reading teams and scholarship checks are made payable to the student and the educational institution they will be attending. For more information on establishing a scholarship fund, contact Director of Community Investment Kathy Smith at [smith@topekacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:smith@topekacommunityfoundation.org).



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## TCF SPOTLIGHT

### DONOR CONNECT

In January, donors received a “sneak peek” at construction of the Alice C. Sabatini Art Gallery at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. The event also provided donors with education about the library’s history and strategic plan.



### OFFICE UPDATE

Foundation staff continued weekly staff meetings virtually in March and April during the state’s Safer At Home quarantine. Normal office hours resumed Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for staff.

The office remains closed to the public. All committee and board meetings are being held virtually through Zoom.



## OUR MISSION

*Encourage philanthropy by providing leadership on key community issues, by connecting donors with their interests and community needs and by ensuring accountability for effective investment of donor dollars.*

### FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established four new funds
- First quarter investment performance: -20.15%
- Processed 1,000+ scholarship applications

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pam Alexander – Chair  
Tara Dimick – Vice Chair

Dr. Tiffany Anderson  
Timothy Bell, Jr.  
Shelly Buhler  
Arnold Downing, Sr.  
Barry Feaker  
Leah Gabler-Marshall  
Dr. Ximena Garcia  
Sarah Lucero  
Chris McGee  
Brad Owen  
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