



While 2020 has ushered in new ways of communicating and working here at the Foundation – one thing that hasn’t changed is our commitment to positive change through charitable giving.

This summer, we issued more than \$100,000 in scholarship checks to students throughout Shawnee County who will be heading to college later this month. There’s nothing that compares to a congratulations letter and learning that someone you don’t even know believes in you and is supporting your dreams of a higher education.

We also invested our time this summer on initiatives centering on youth leadership, mental health and wholistic economic development. Additional details will be coming later this year about this important work as we leverage our leadership and deploy our resources to create a stronger and healthier community.

Philanthropy – the love of humankind – has never been more important than it is now. We, at the Topeka Community Foundation, believe in the resiliency of our community and are committed to working hard – and together – to ensure everyone in Shawnee County shares in a brighter future.

*Marsha Pope*

**MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT**

# THE QUARTERLY

## SECOND QUARTER 2020

### FUND FOCUS: DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds allow donors flexibility in achieving their charitable dreams. An affordable alternative to a private foundation, donors are actively involved in recommending how the funds are granted.

**Advantages of a Donor Advised Fund include:**

- Gifts can be made when it is most convenient for the donor
- Donors may advise on the use of the gift
- Grant recommendations can be made at any time to public charities
- A variety of assets are accepted
- Donors receive maximum tax advantages under federal law
- Donors may recommend the investment advisor to the fund

For more information about establishing a Donor Advised Fund, contact Foundation President Marsha Pope at 785-272-4804 or via email at [pope@topekacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:pope@topekacommunityfoundation.org).

### TCF SPOTLIGHT

**Lunch and Learn**

In June, the Foundation staff received a “sneak peek” of the new Kay McFarland Japanese Garden which will be opening soon at the Topeka Zoo. We are proud to have been home to a fund created to support this community treasure.



**Marsha Pope Named One of 50 Kansans You Should Know**

Topeka Community Foundation President, Marsha Pope, recently was featured in the “50 Kansans You Should Know” section of Ingram’s Magazine. We are proud of her service to our organization and our community and congratulate her on this honor.



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# GREATER TOPEKA FUND

## GRANTS AWARDED TO EIGHT ORGANIZATIONS

The Greater Topeka Fund is comprised of endowed Field of Interest Funds. Grant awards are made quarterly by a committee of board and community members and are approved by the Foundation's board of directors. Most recently, the following grants were awarded:

**Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas (ERC) • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Funding will provide needed materials to 14 classrooms as a result of a complete Classroom Assessment Scoring System analysis – which will guide teachers as they set goals and create a quality improvement plan to benefit at-risk children.

**Girls on the Run • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Grant funds will provide scholarship assistance for girls who wish to participate regardless of their ability to pay.

**Harvesters - The Community Food Network • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Healthy food will be purchased for the BackSnack program – designed to provide weekend meals for low-income children from 122 schools and organizations during the 2020-21 school year.

**Jayhawk Theatre • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Grant funding is supporting Jayhawk Theatre's LIVE! program, which provides a unique and safe opportunity for artists to perform to a limited or virtual audience.

**Kansas Children's Service League • Grant awarded: \$3,825**

To promote healthy eating, grant funding will provide 45 families with a slow cooker and groceries, preparation instructions, recipes and other nutrition support during home visits.

**Sole Reason • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Funding will provide a new pair of sneakers to 166 school age children who have been identified by the school districts, Boys & Girls Clubs, and Pathways as in need of assistance.

**Sunflower Music Festival • Grant awarded: \$5,000**

Funding will support the marketing of the 2021 Sunflower Music Festival – slated to be the country's most comprehensive and creative program focusing on women in music.

**Topeka Youth Project • Grant awarded: \$4,790**

Funding will provide upgraded and increased technical capacity for the organization, allowing them to expand the number of students served.

## 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.*

## SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established one new fund
- Second quarter investment performance: 15%
- Announced 107 student scholarship winners

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