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Upcoming Deadlines

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW (BFT) GRANTS DUE FEBRUARY 1

The BFT grant typically funds projects or programs in the Kearney area and surrounding communities. Grants are made to nonprofit, federally tax-exempt 501(c)(3) qualified organizations, or organizations delivering a project or program which have a fiscal relationship with a qualified charity

Applications are accepted on a biannual basis with the deadlines of February 1 and August 1. Organizations are encouraged to read the grants guidelines by visiting www.kearneyfoundation.org/building-fortomorrow to determine if their organization gualifies.

If you have any questions, please call (308) 237-3114 or email the Kearney Area Community Foundation at kacf@kearneyfoundation.org.

KLINKACEK COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANTS DUE MARCH 1

The Arthur Klinkacek Community Enrichment Fund's grant cycle is triannual with deadlines of **March 1**, **July 1** and **November 1** (until further notice). To view guidelines, fill out a Letter of Intent (LOI), or find more information, please visit www.kearneyfoundation.org/klinkacek. (Don't forget to allow time for your LOI submittal and approval, which are required before the link to the application is given. The deadline for the LOI is 15 days before the due date of the application.)

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

The Kearney Area Community Foundation manages 55 scholarship funds. With scholarships available to those enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university, there's sure to be a scholarship fit for you! Please visit www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships to view local scholarships.

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"connecting people who care with causes that matter"

An Anniversary with a Bang

Donors Discover Local Giving

For ten years, community members in the Kearney area have shown their support of local nonprofits time and time again. Each giving day over the past decade has brought in generous amounts to help organizations in the area. For our 10th annual Give Where You Live, donors went above and beyond with their generosity, as the community raised a RECORD BREAKING \$1,618,940. That's 12.6% more than last year's total!

Since Give Where You Live was launched in 2013, together we have raised more than \$9,624,335 for our community!

Thank you, Kearney area donors, for "giving where you live"—this community is amazing! On behalf of the participating local nonprofits, we thank you for your generosity.

Together, we do amazing things for this community! For more information, visit www.givewhereyoulive.net



Top Two Participating Nonprofits in 2022

YANNEY HERITAGE PARK FOUNDATION.....\$84,09

Enhances the community by providing a park with artwork and features accessible to all.

PLEASANTON VOLUNTEER FIRE

DEPARTMENT.....\$66,827

Provides the most highly trained, best equipped force possible to protect life and property.

Ten Years of Giving

\$1,618,940 \$1,437,720

\$1,325,551

\$1,203,453

\$1,040,784

\$845,767

\$640,073

\$638,198

\$420,635

\$453,214

Celebrating Stakeholders

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"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

Thanks For Your Support

The support that we raise through the annual Stakeholder campaign improves the quality of life for others. Donations help us operate the Foundation, as well as continue our outreach to the community.

Thank you to our 2022 Stakeholders!*

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*January 1 - December 31, 2022. We sincerely apologize if your name doesn't appear on this list and should. We have many donors that ask to remain anonymous, but if you would like your name listed, please contact our office so we can indicate your wishes in our records.

Alan and Betty Young

Developing our Impact

Making a Plan to Grow

It doesn't take much to see how much the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) has changed since its beginning 28 years ago. So what does that growth mean going forward?

KACF has hired a strategic planning firm to help map out the Foundation's goals for the future. With vast expertise in community foundation work, Ekstrom Alley Clontz & Associates (EAC) will closely examine what KACF does and look to the Kearney community to elevate ideas that KACF can use to better serve the



ASSOCIATES

"We are delighted to be assisting the Kearney Area Community Foundation as it looks to build a better future for its community," says Steve Alley, Managing Partner at Ekstrom Alley Clontz &

EAC has already started the strategic planning process, by individually talking to each KACF staff member about their roles. Those discussions, mixed with conversations with some KACF board members, will give EAC a better idea of how KACF currently operates.

EAC is also setting up interviews with several individuals around the community. These interviews will help determine how the community views the Foundation and what they'd like to see KACF accomplish in the future.

After gathering information from the various conversations, EAC will put together something of a "road map" for KACF. The road map will include a 10-year vision for KACF's work in the community, as well as key strategies to start working toward that vision.

EAC has a lot of experience with community foundations, so they are extremely qualified to determine what paths would be best for KACF to take. They credit their knowledge base and their team members' experience in the field with their ability to make a plan.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation would like to give a big thank you to the Peter Kiewit Foundation and the Ron & Carol Cope Foundation for partially underwriting our strategic planning efforts.

Looking to the Future

Why Hire a Strategic Planner?

Why is now a good time to make a strategic plan? Did you know that in 20 years, the assets of the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) have grown from \$4.9 million* to \$36 million**?

As the Kearney area has grown, so has the size and impact of KACF. When it began, it set out to do two things:

- First, to foster a spirit of charitable giving, and
- Second, to make it easier for people with charitable ideas to realize their vision by reducing the administrative stress involved with running a non-profit.



Jonathan Nikkila KACF Board Chair VP of Public Affairs at 50CAN

The question for the KACF board and staff now is "what's next?" With that growth in resources and reputation comes questions about "how" or "if" KACF should evolve.



That's why the KACF board and staff are excited to embark on this strategic planning discussion this year.

The discussion will revolve around whether we have the capacity to do more around our current priorities and whether we should expand our charitable mission. These questions are not ones answered in a single board meeting, and we as a board are simply stewards of the work that previous Kearney area leaders have done to build this organization. That is why we are taking these questions seriously and involving as many people as possible.

If you have opinions, do not hesitate to reach out to me, the staff or any of the current KACF board members. We truly value the feedback of our friends and neighbors, and we look forward to building the future of the Kearney Area Community Foundation together.

*2001 audited financials

**2021 audited financials