



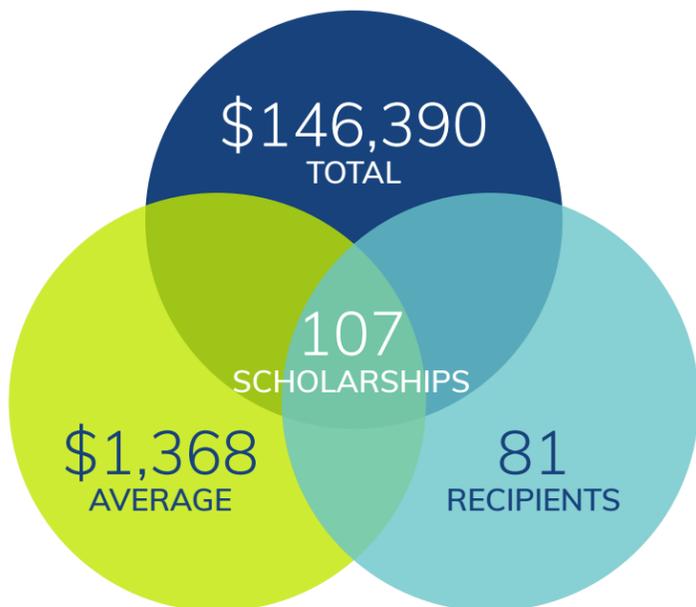
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2019 - 2020

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Investing in Technology

Applying for Scholarships Gets Easier

The Kearney Area Community Foundation started a pilot project this spring with Kaleidoscope, a technology company that helps connect students with scholarships, and makes selecting students easier for committees.

Laurel McKellips, Program Manager, took the lead on the project since part of her responsibilities at the Kearney Area Community Foundation include managing more than 107 scholarships awarded annually.

“We have learned that students are now applying for scholarships on their smart phones and Apple watches,” McKellips said. “We are excited to streamline the scholarship process into one single platform on Kaleidoscope. This will make the experience easier and quicker for students, anyone writing a recommendation for a student, as well as the scholarship selection committee.”

Kaleidoscope helps scholarship donors reach students who need assistance to attend college. The platform helps students find and apply for scholarships offered by companies, donors and other organizations.

Next steps

The board will review the outcomes of this springs pilot project and will decide if we are ready to invest in rolling out the scholarship technology to the majority, if not all, of our other scholarships.

Donations made to the Kearney Area Community Foundation through The Edison Society campaign will allow the Kearney Area Community Foundation to expand the technology allowing more students access to scholarships and increasing the ease for those applying, reviewing and writing references. Watch for more information coming later this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

\$146,390

IN SCHOLARSHIPS
WERE AWARDED
IN 2019 THROUGH
THE FOUNDATION.



DID YOU KNOW?

\$200-\$20,000

WAS THE RANGE
OF SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2019.



The Edison Society

BE
THE
LIGHT
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY



The Edison Society will allow us to continue to improve the quality of life for others.

We will use innovation, problem solving and all available resources to "Be the Light" in our community.

What is the Edison Society?

The Edison Society is reserved for those donors that would like to help the Kearney Area Community Foundation at a higher level. Like the inventor Thomas Edison, we are driven to be innovative, provide a higher quality of life for others and shine light on ideas and solutions that can make a difference today and in the future.

We have created The Edison Society for donors that want to invest in our community's future. With your support, we will be able to continue our growth and impact on the Kearney area. We would like you to consider being one of our first Edison Society members as we launch this elite level of donors who are committed to leadership and innovation in community philanthropy.

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*As of June 17, 2019

helping YOUR NEIGHBOR



Thank you Mr. Klinkacek

This humble donor just "wanted to help his neighbor". Arthur E. Klinkacek of rural Ravenna did just that with a gift of more than \$4 million to two local foundations. The Kearney Area Community Foundation and Grand Island Community Foundation each received a gift of \$2 million from the estate of Arthur Klinkacek.

Mr. Klinkacek was born in St. Michael to Elmer and Mary (Berka) Klinkacek. He grew up on a farm near Ravenna and attended school at District 52 and Ravenna High. He served in Germany during the Korean War with the United States Army. He lived and worked on his farm near Ravenna when he returned to Buffalo County. Klinkacek enjoyed hunting, roller skating, threshing and antique tractor shows.

Both foundations are creating charitable funds to be used for scholarships for area youth, as well as community preservation and enrichment purposes, in honor of Klinkacek's wishes to help communities and youth in Buffalo and Hall County areas for years to come.

"We are thrilled to be the beneficiary of such a generous gift from Mr. Klinkacek," said Judi Sickler, President/CEO of the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF). "We are humbled by his generous gift to enrich lives of people in Central Nebraska. What a wonderful legacy."

Klinkacek Promise Scholarship Fund

The Kearney Area Community Foundation created the Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship that will award a number of \$10,000 college scholarships to Buffalo County students annually.

"Our board wanted to create a scholarship for students who show promise, but may be overlooked for other scholarships because they aren't necessarily the top students in their class academically," said Sickler. "The donor wanted to make a difference for youth."

The scholarship will be paid out over four years, with the highest payout in the fourth year as an extra incentive for students to stay in college, according to Laurel McKellips, KACF Program Manager. Students may apply next spring through KACF's new Kaleidoscope platform. Look for a link on our website.

disaster relief FUND

Helping Local Families

On March 13, 2019, a historic chain of events caused devastating flooding that affected most of Nebraska including Buffalo County. Those directly affected by the recent floods are receiving assistance thanks to the Disaster Relief Fund at the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF). Local community members and nonprofit leaders have been working on the front line of this disaster, helping families in need, such as filling out paperwork and explain different types of assistance that is available in our area.

Judi Sickler, President/CEO of the Kearney Area Community Foundation, said donations are continuing to come in for flood relief.

"Each of us has something we can help with."

Multiple organizations within the area have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those in need. Tammy Jeffs with the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, provided assistance by compiling a list of those in need and coordinating with organizations like KACF that had funds to help.

Jon Wymer, recent pastor of Gibbon Baptist Church and chair of the Gibbon Area Relief Fund board said, "Activities included: helping people clean up, using social networks to find people in need and connect them with resources, going door to door to connect with impacted households and connecting people with resources including physically hauling items from the donor to the impacted household."

People can continue to donate online or in person at the office with cash, check or credit card. No fees are charged on these funds, so 100% goes to help those in need.

DISASTER RELIEF
FUND TOTAL

\$152,317*

GIBBON AREA
RELIEF FUND TOTAL

\$79,875*

*As of June 10, 2019