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Upcoming Deadlines

UNIVERSAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

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.

KLINKACEK COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANTS DUE APRIL 15

The Arthur Klinkacek Community Enrichment Fund's grant cycle is biannual with deadlines of **April 15 and October 15**. 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.)

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW (BFT) GRANTS DUE AUGUST 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-for-tomorrow to determine if their organization qualifies.

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

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“connecting people who care with causes that matter”

A Record-Breaking Year

Donors and Nonprofits Reach New Heights

Community members of the Kearney area have proven, once again, how much they support local nonprofits. Each giving day over the past decade has brought in generous amounts to help organizations in the area. For our 11th annual Give Where You Live, donors went the extra mile with their generosity, as the community raised a RECORD-BREAKING \$1,936,848. That's 19.6% more than last year's total!

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.

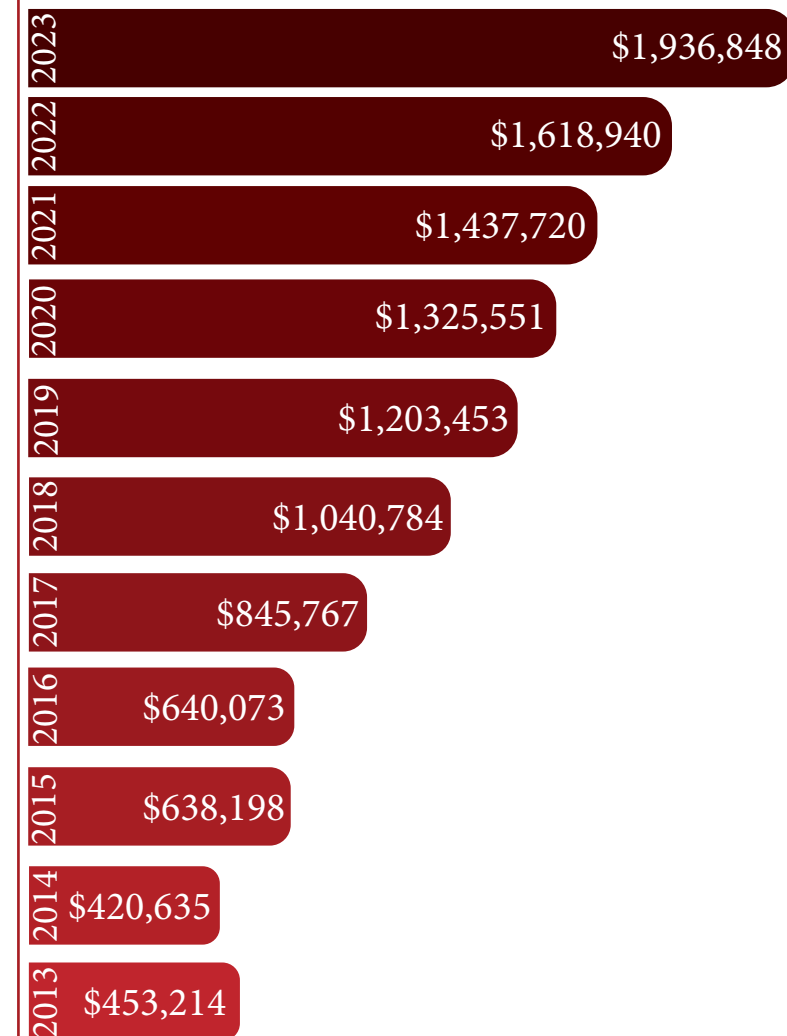
Together, we do amazing things for this community! For more information, visit www.givewhereyoulive.net



What Impact Has Give Where You Live Had?

- Since Give Where You Live was launched in 2013, together we have raised more than \$11,561,183 for our community!
- This year, we had a record breaking 188 local nonprofits participate!
- We had 6,766 unique donors. In addition to local donors, there were also donors from both out of the state and out of the country who all came together to support the community in 2023! Together we make a difference!

Eleven Years of Giving



Celebrating Stakeholders

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

– Winston Churchill

Choosing Charity

Setting a Goal to Make a Difference

A New Strategy

Transactions to Transformations

Thanks For Your Support

The funds 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 2023 Stakeholders!*

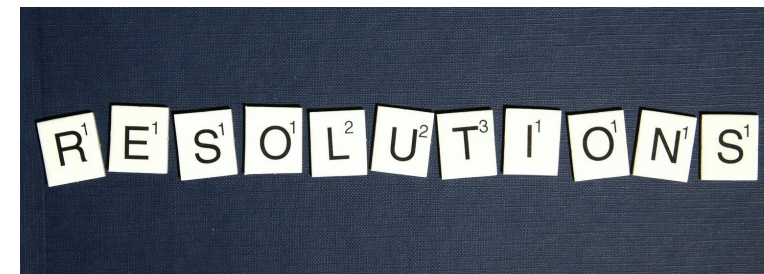
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*January 1 - December 31, 2023. We sincerely apologize if your name doesn't appear on this list and should. We have many donors that ask to remain anonymous, but if you would like your name listed, please contact our office so we can indicate your wishes in our records.

Now that we've begun a new year, many people make New Year's resolutions. While many resolutions focus on improving oneself, have you considered making a resolution that improves your community? There are a lot of different opportunities for you to make a difference, and the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) can help you every step of the way. Here are some ways you can make an impact.

Donate: Whether you make a donation once a month or once a year, any donation-no matter how much-can make a difference for a cause you're passionate about.

Donor Advised Fund: A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a great way to make an impact on multiple charities. KACF holds your money in the fund; you decide when and how you'd like the money to be distributed. By opening a DAF with KACF, you remain involved and active in charitable giving by retaining "advising privileges" to recommend how KACF should make grants from the fund. We can also help connect you with local causes that matter to you.



Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD): This is a term you're probably very familiar with if you do a lot of work with your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). QCDs are donations made from your IRA that go directly to a charity. QCDs are a great option because they count toward your required minimum distribution and since the money is going directly to charity, the distribution is not considered taxable income.

Charitable Trust: A charitable trust is a great way to ensure you make an impact on your community that lasts beyond your lifetime. With a charitable trust, you can set money aside during your life and then that money will be distributed to one or more charities as a part of your legacy once you pass.

Volunteer: Money isn't the only thing you can donate to make a difference in your community. Consider donating your time by volunteering with a nonprofit that supports a cause you're passionate about. KACF can help you determine what local nonprofits would be a great fit for you and your interests.

With so many different ways to make an impact, it can be hard to figure out what's best for you. KACF would love to work with you to help you decide the best way for you to make a difference. Contact us at kacf@kearneyfoundation.org or (308) 237-3114 to get started.

When the days are short and the evenings are cold and dark, I find myself sitting by my warm fire reading. I got some new books for my birthday, but I really don't have the attention span for novels (it's on my list of resolutions to try again this year).

I like reading short articles so I lean towards magazines or newspapers for information. I like paper, so I was reluctant to switch to reading articles on my phone or laptop. Today, I embrace technology. I changed.

A couple articles that made me pause and reflect this new year were regarding pivoting from "transaction to transformation". I was intrigued with the topic, so I explored to find more articles.

"From Transactional to Transformational" - this was the very theme that came out of our recent strategic planning for the Foundation. Transformational leadership. Transformational philanthropy. Transformational programming. Transformational grant-making. Transformational community building.



Our board and staff have bought in and we are ready to make an intentional shift in our work - we are committed to be more transformational! Our ultimate goal is to transform our community through collaboration, focus and of course, philanthropy.

When we look back since our inception in 1995, we are proud of how we have made a positive impact on our community. We are almost 30 years old! What will the next 30 years look like? How has your local community foundation transformed your community?

The winds are shifting . . . hold onto your hat! Better yet, come fly with us!



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