



2023



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Wrapping up a year that went by so quickly seems unreal! The Foundation had so many incredible opportunities this year but as always, this is only possible due to the unmatched support of our donors and communities.

A few areas that we are particularly proud of:

- Our first ever Match Day, raising \$435,249.58 for local nonprofits.
- Granting over \$100,000 in scholarship awards.
- Partnering with 11 new nonprofits to create endowment funds, that will help their organization in perpetuity!

Many other amazing projects are enclosed and we hope you enjoy our first Annual Report!

Until next year,

Holly Launchbaugh, *Executive Director*



**“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead**

# OUR VISION & MISSION

With our 2023-24 Strategic Plan, the Board of Directors set a vision to create a thriving rural region of supported communities.

Our mission is to enhance the life, culture, and community of South Central Kansas by connecting people who care with causes that matter.

## 2023-24 KEY GOALS

1

### **STRENGTHENING & EXPANDING IDENTITY:**

Strengthen and expand the identity of South Central Community Foundation, Community, Education, and Outreach.

2

### **INCLUSIVE GROWTH:**

Raise more unrestricted dollars allowing SCCF to expand its reach.

3

### **GRANT MAKING:**

Continue the evolution of SCCF's competitive grant cycle.

4

### **CONNECTION:**

Continue connecting with current and potential donors to support their philanthropic goals.



# OUR TEAM

South Central Community Foundation has a staff of two full time employees who receive oversight from a 14 member board of directors. The Board is made up of individuals from each of the seven counties the Foundation serves. The Board also receives assistance from the committees listed on the right.

**2023 COMMITTEES:**

*made up of individuals from our service area:*

- Grant Committees
- Scholarship Committees
- SCCF Investment Committee
- SCCF Marketing Committee
- SCCF Events/Anniversary Committee



**Judy Schrock**  
Board Chair (Barber)



**Luke Kumberg**  
Vice Chair (Pratt)



**Jennifer Slater**  
Treasurer (Pratt)



**Trish Jackson**  
Secretary (Rice)



**Holly Launchbaugh**  
Executive Director



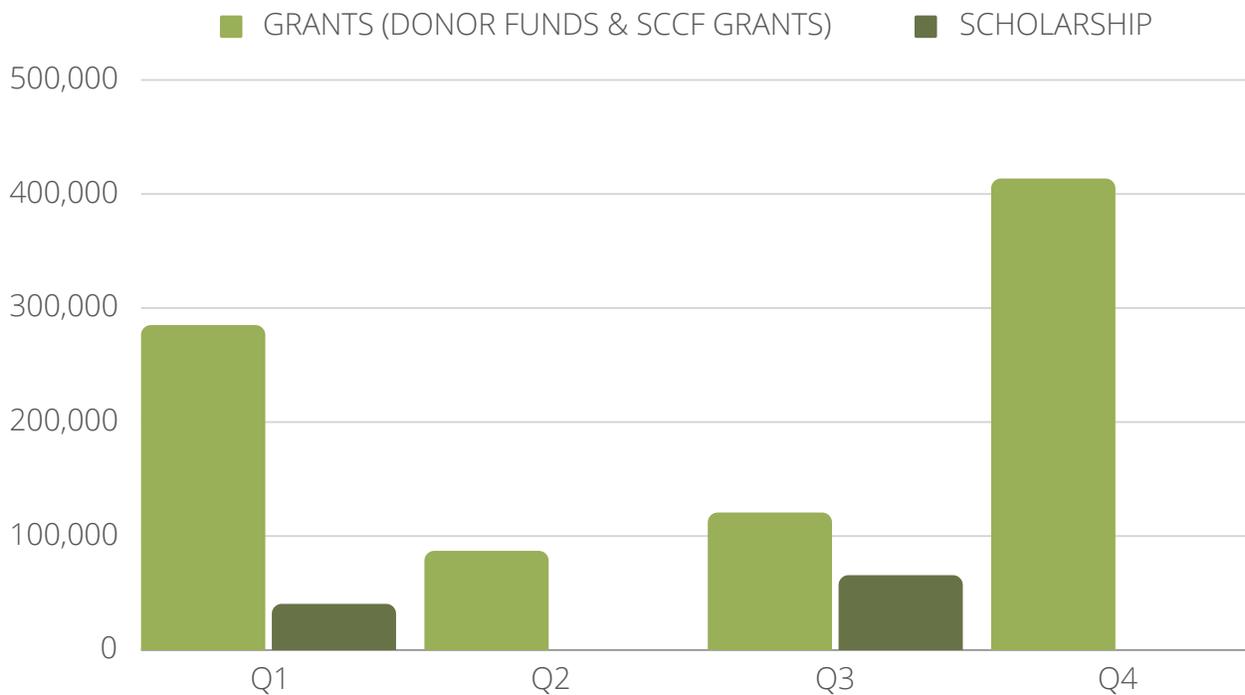
**Hannah Brummer**  
Program Manager

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- Hannah Brass, Barber
- Brenda Fry, Comanche
- Stephanie Salisbury, Comanche
- Lance Dixon, Kingman
- Mike Romme, Kingman
- Brad Lingafelter, Kiowa
- Chad Pore, Kiowa
- Fred Kerr (Founder), Pratt
- Ben Jones, Pratt/Rice
- Seth Filbert, Stafford

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

The chart below is an overview of SCCF's grant making throughout each quarter. Broken down into the scholarships, SCCF grants including donor-grants, this shows how each cycle is impacting our communities.

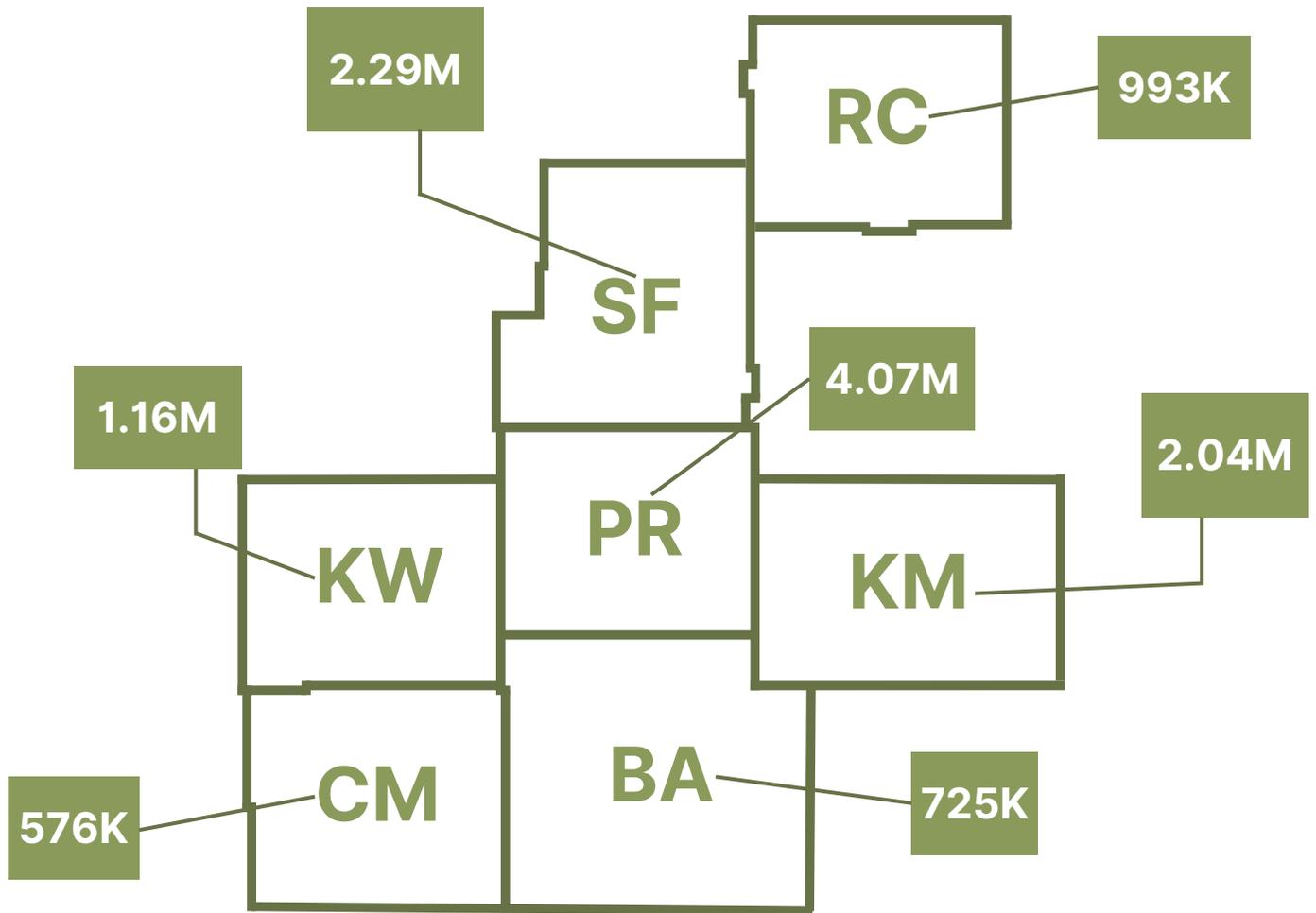


**SCHOLARSHIP NOTE:**

SCCF Scholarships are paid in two semester increments, unless otherwise stated by the donor. Each student will receive their first payment in August and after submitting their required documents, the second payment is sent in early January.

**SCCF GRANT CYCLE NOTE:**

SCCF grant cycles run from June to August each year. With the help from volunteer committees, selections are made in late September with grant checks being presented to the nonprofits in late October and early November at each county's award ceremony.



# FUND DOLLARS PER COUNTY

SCCF is a regional Foundation with many incredible local donors. While many of our donors include one or more counties in their philanthropy plan, the Foundation is excited to share the dollars set towards each specific county by families and individual donors.

Some of the funds available to the county are for scholarships, local grants, or donor-designated to specific nonprofits.

SCCF funded 138 nonprofits for a total of \$187,807 in the 2023 annual grant cycle.

With the addition of the Leadership Grant available to Barber, Comanche and Harper counties, SCCF now has three different grant opportunities available to all seven counties and four grants that are location specific.

During the 2023 grant cycle, SCCF received a record high of 248 grant applications.

# 2023 GRANT CYCLE REVIEW:

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



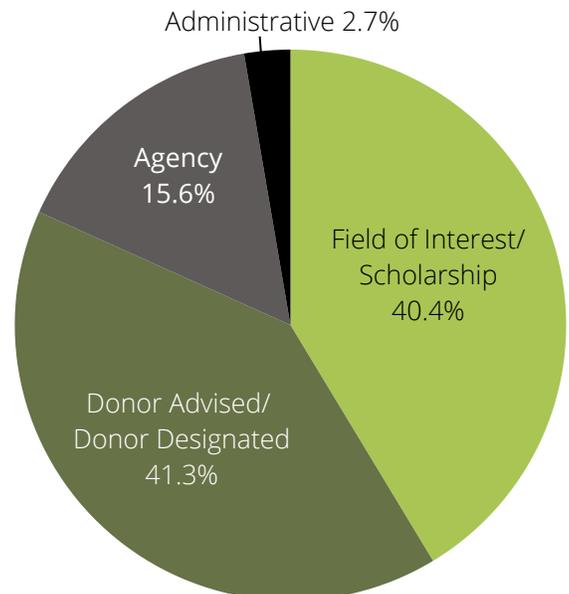
In 2023, SCCF added six scholarships. This included one for Barber, two for Kingman, one for Kiowa, one for Pratt, and one available to all seven counties. This brought the total amount of scholarships held at SCCF up to 47.

The Fred and Nancy Kerr Scholarship was started in 2023 as a renewable scholarship opportunity allowing the recipient to be eligible for up to eight semesters. This scholarship is available to all students in SCCF's seven county service area and does not have any major or GPA requirements.

Looking into 2024, SCCF is excited to be adding 12 additional scholarships for Sterling High School students and two other opportunities: one for students in Stafford County and the other for any Kansas High School graduate.

# LIST OF NEW FUNDS 2023:

- Barber County United Endowed Fund
- Berblinger Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bradley M. Brentlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bruce and Geneva Krehbiel Family Scholarship Endowment
- Clayton T. Stauffer Memorial Scholarship
- Dale Shepherd Future Farmer Scholarship
- Delbert and Helen Royer Memorial Scholarship
- Derek Savage Memorial Scholarship
- Fred and Nancy Kerr Scholarship
- Friends of Kiowa District Hospital and Manor Foundation Endowed Fund
- Grant Lee Frink Vocational Scholarship
- Harbert FFA Scholarship Fund
- Hope Center of Pratt Endowed Fund
- Leadership League of South Central KS
- Linda Macy Teacher Education Scholarship Fund
- Lynn Rose Jr. Memorial Vocational Technology Scholarship Fund
- M.T. Liggett Art Environment Fund
- Maxine Nielsen Memorial Music Scholarship Fund
- Miss Kansas Scholarship Foundation Endowed Fund
- Phyllis Evans Tieperman Scholarship Fund
- Pratt Health Foundation Endowed Fund
- Richard Nielsen Memorial Sports Appreciation Scholarship Fund
- Smith Scholarship Fund
- Stafford County Economic Development Endowment Fund
- Sterling High School Student Council Merit Scholarship Fund
- True North Endowment Fund
- USD 254 Foundation
- Vernon Filley Art Museum Endowed Fund
- Youth Core Endowment Fund



# SUMMARY

2023 was a banner year for the Foundation, with assets reaching \$25 million, the addition of over 10 new scholarships to assist our local students in 2024, and hosting SCCF's 1st Match Day.

Our Grant Cycle is also improving each year, in 2023 we added another opportunity, bringing our available grant opportunities up to seven!

The many accomplishments could not be possible without our donors and community support.

Without each of you, SCCF would not be celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2024! We cannot thank you and the volunteers enough for making this work possible.

## WHAT NEXT?

2024 brings about many exciting new adventures!

Celebrating the scholarship season in early spring, SCCF has over 60 scholarships available to our communities.

In the fall we host our annual grant cycle and 30TH ANNIVERSARY! Be on the look out for more details about this celebration soon.

**THIS SEPTEMBER  
SCCF CELEBRATES**

**30  
YEARS**

# WORK WITH US

SCCF is a regional Foundation created to serve the philanthropic needs of our community members and support our local nonprofits.

Establishing a fund at the Foundation can be as simple as including SCCF in your estate plan or starting your giving now through a cash, stock, or gift of grain donation.

We pride ourselves in bringing your philanthropy goals to life. Please reach out to us with any questions or to learn more about our outreach programs and services.



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