

# 2016 GRANTMAKING



At the end of each year, Hutchinson Community Foundation looks forward to talking about how much we have given away and, particularly, how much has stayed in Reno County. We have compiled our year of giving here as a portrait of our grantmaking, from the Youth Philanthropy Council to the Fund for Hutchinson and the statistics showing the total grants made through the Community Foundation, including from Donor Advised Funds.



*Hutchinson Community Foundation awards Our Redeemer Early Learning Center two grants on November 17. Pictured: Aubrey Abbott Patterson, Kari Mailloux, Starla Wells, Brenda Trunkhill, Sandy Rempel, Amy Dejmal and Ryan Diehl.*

This year, our grantmaking aligned with our community leadership in one significant area: early childhood. Since 2002, Hutchinson Community Foundation has invested our leadership in early childhood, working toward an inclusive system of services that support families and their children birth to five. We serve as the fiscal sponsor and coordinator of state grants and private foundation grants, totaling more than \$10 million since 2005. Over the last year, we have worked to educate the community on the importance of investing in early childhood through bus tours, trainings, and a film and discussion series.

Locally, the collaborative efforts around the availability of high-quality, affordable childcare—particularly for infants—have reached a new level. With the backing of the Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce, local business owner and father Brad Pryor set out to impact workforce issues and support families by working to identify opportunities for new childcare centers. After a number of roadblocks and a series of connections, Brad met with Pastor Chad Trunkhill of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson in the fall of 2015. With a renovation of the education wing already in progress and long-term dreams of providing more care for children in their church during the week, Pastor Chad and the “dream team” at ORL mobilized their congregation and inspired investment from the community to make the Our Redeemer Early Learning Center a reality. We are proud to make a total of \$55,000 in grants toward the construction and start-up operation costs of the Center, which will open in June 2017 and serve 84 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Though one center with nine spots for infants does not meet the need in Reno County, where at times the collective infant wait list among three centers is 60 names long, it is a significant and meaningful step forward.

Through the Fund for Hutchinson, our Grants Committee supported child care efforts in additional ways. Abundant Life Child Care & Preschool, an in-house mission of The Father’s House church in Hutchinson, received a \$15,000 grant to improve their facilities and ensure a quality, safe environment for the children in their care. And to address the lack of child care in rural Reno County, the Reno County Health Department received \$9,520 to help potential child care providers overcome barriers to becoming licensed. Currently, there is only one licensed home provider in all of Western Reno County. Through continued leadership in early childhood and partnerships with organizations and agencies working on behalf of families in our community, we believe we

can continue to make progress on this critical issue that impacts child well-being and school readiness, the strength of our workforce, and our economic vitality.

There are many more grant projects funded in 2016 that we are excited to share with you that will improve community quality of life, including a capacity-building grant to Stage 9, start-up of mentoring programs at Lincoln Elementary, and resources for Circles of Hope to provide Bridges Out of Poverty training for more businesses and community members.

The needs of the community are certainly greater than what are reflected through our grantmaking, as \$255,000 spread among 30 Reno County organizations does not go nearly far enough. However, what our grantmaking, and particularly the Fund for Hutchinson, can do is provide that boost, meet that gap, build capacity, leverage other funding, and inspire our partner community-based organizations to collaborate and engage in innovative leadership to make progress on our community challenges.

On behalf of the Grants Committee and the Board of Directors, we hope that this overview of Hutchinson Community Foundation’s grantmaking in 2016 serves as a snapshot of the programs and organizations that are providing essential services to make our community even greater.

Please join us in congratulating our grant recipients. We look forward to sharing the impact of their initiatives with you in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Diehl".

Ryan Diehl, Grants Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Mailloux".

Kari Mailloux, Program Officer

# FUND FOR HUTCHINSON FACTS

The Fund for Hutchinson was established by the founding Board of Directors as a permanent resource for the changing needs of Reno County.

- 33 grants to 29 organizations, totaling \$252,238
- \$3.1 million has been awarded since 1990 to over 170 organizations serving Reno County

## ➤ Grant funding is supplemented by the following:

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## 2016-2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Fund For Hutchinson – \$167,518

#### Early Childhood & Youth Development

##### **Abundant Life Child Care & Preschool ..... \$15,000**

**2020 Vision:** Update indoor and outdoor facilities to insure a high-quality environment for the approximately 85 children who are cared for in the center on a daily basis as an extension of The Father's House church.

##### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson, Inc. .... \$6,480**

**Hawkin' It Up After Hours:** Provide at-risk 7th grade students at Hutchinson Middle School with on-site after-school homework help, transportation to after-school sport events, and opportunities to attend Boys & Girls Club teen night activities, insuring that students have the support and relationships they need to be successful.

##### **Central Christian School ..... \$4,000**

**Reading and Succeeding:** Improve reading skills, particularly for those with dyslexia, via technology tools so that every child in Reno County has the chance for Reading and Succeeding.

##### **Communities in**

##### **Schools of Mid-America ..... \$10,000 x 3 years**

**Never Give Up: Helping Students Succeed & Achieve:**

First year of a three-year grant to help students at Hutchinson High School succeed in school and achieve in life by removing barriers and connecting students and their families with community resources.

##### **Cosmosphere ..... \$15,000**

**Applied STEM Education:** Final year of a three-year grant to increase the Cosmosphere's capacity to develop, deliver, and pursue external funding for applied STEM educational programming.

##### **Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ..... \$2,000**

**Girl Scout Community Based Programs:** Curriculum and

financial assistance for underserved girls in grades K-5 at Avenue A Elementary and the Magnet School at Allen to participate in Girl Scout Clubs and get the Girl Scout Leadership Experience at no cost.

##### **Girls on the Run Heart of Kansas ..... \$2,000**

**Empowering Girls from Start to Finish:** Financial assistance for underserved 3rd-8th grade girls at South Hutchinson Elementary to participate in Girls on the Run, a 10-week program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using a fun, evidence-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

##### **Hutchinson Public Schools ..... \$5,000 x 3 years**

**Making the IB More Accessible and Successful:** First year of a three-year grant to support teacher training and exam scholarships for the International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes (Diploma and Career-related) at Hutchinson High School, providing rigorous college-preparatory courses to make students more college and career ready upon graduation. Matched 1:1 by the Davis Foundation.

##### **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church ..... \$15,000**

**Early Learning Center:** Start-up operational funds to help Our Redeemer Early Learning Center meet the critical need for quality, affordable daycare in Hutchinson starting in June 2017, creating a future impact on children and their families by ministering to their specific needs and in turn creating healthy children, healthy families, and a healthy community.

##### **Reno County Communities That Care ..... \$5,000**

**MY PALS (Mentoring Youth Partnerships at Lincoln School):**

Provide high-quality school-based mentoring programs and highly-qualified mentors for students at Lincoln Elementary to foster a stronger connection between students to their school and community.

## Arts & Culture

### **Family Community Theatre .....\$1,200**

**FCT Rewired:** Upgrade the electrical system for lights and sound at the Flag Theatre to improve quality and safety.

### **Hutchinson Symphony Association .....\$2,500**

**Young Peoples' Concert at the Fox:** Help students to experience the excitement of a full orchestra performance and learn about the historical contexts of the works to enhance their listening experience while also learning about concert etiquette.

### **Hutchinson Theatre Guild DBA Stage 9.... \$10,000 x 3 years**

**Producing the Producer:** First year of a three-year grant to support capacity building toward a new strategic vision at Stage 9 that will strengthen and sustain the performing arts in Reno County.

### **TECH, Inc..... \$967**

**End the Echo for Endless Inspiration:** Install acoustical panels to absorb sound and help all art-interested clients enjoy the TECH art studio without sensory overload.

## Civic Improvement

### **City of Arlington .....\$3,320**

**Providing Access to the Community Center:** Install an entry system to the Community Center to provide better access for the community for rentals, events, and the Wellness Center.

### **City of Hutchinson .....\$1,500**

**Housing Education Pilot Seminars:** Inform residents of the City's feature and historic neighborhoods about home maintenance and home ownership through educational seminars.

### **Hutch Rec .....\$18,000**

**Quality of Life in Reno County:** Final year of a three-year grant to support the sustainability of community and neighborhood development efforts to create an attractive place to live, work, and play by developing a more vibrant, active community.

### **Interfaith Housing Services, Inc.....\$7,500**

**Executive Transition:** Support toward the search for a new Executive Director and a successful transition of leadership.

### **Interfaith Housing Services, Inc..... \$15,000 x 3 years**

**Projects Coordinator:** First year of a three-year grant to support a central Projects Coordinator position that coordinates community efforts in addressing Hutchinson's housing needs, including critical repair and rehabilitation, by connecting organizations, programs, volunteers, and funding.

## Health & Human Services

### **Circles of Hope Reno County ..... \$6,700**

**Capacity Building for Circles of Hope:** Increase the capacity of Circles of Hope staff and volunteers to provide Bridges Out of Poverty training to businesses, educational entities, and others interested in reducing poverty in our community.

### **Hutchinson Meals on Wheels ..... \$1,627**

**One Call Now:** Implement One Call Now, an electronic alert system that notifies clients of emergencies or changes in service.

### **Prairie Independent Living Resource Center (PILR) .. \$7,500**

**Social Enterprise PILR:** Develop a business plan to increase self-sufficiency by bringing in unrestricted funds to cover operating and advocacy costs..

### **Reno County Health Department ..... \$5,000**

**Water Wise 4 Reno:** Educating and engaging Rural Reno County residents to insure a safe water supply for children and young families by offering water testing, treatment, and well repair to clients in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and Maternal & Child Health (MCH) programs.

### **RSVP / The Volunteer Center ..... \$7,224**

**Computer Upgrade for VITA:** Update outdated laptop computers used in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to increase speed and efficiency in the preparation of tax returns.

## Kansas Health Foundation Public Health Endowment Fund – \$14,300 \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyles, behaviors, and environments.

### **Buhler Wellness Center ..... \$8,000**

**Strengthening the Buhler Community:** Purchase fitness equipment to help the Buhler community reap the benefits of wellness at the new Buhler Wellness Center facility opening in early 2017.

### **Dillon Nature Center ..... \$6,300**

**Foodie Trail:** Educate the community and encourage healthier eating habits by introducing fresh foods produced by local farmers at an interactive event at Dillon Nature Center in August 2017.



## Helen Adams Hamilton Children and Education Fund – \$25,220

To foster the growth, education, and development of young people who are eighteen years of age and younger, with a preference for funding activities that result in an early intervention in an at-risk child's life.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Reno County..... \$2,700

**Recruit Hutch:** Marketing materials to raise awareness of the needs of Reno County youth and recruit adult volunteers to serve as Bigs in our community.

### Kansas Children's Service League ..... \$10,000

**Healthy Families Reno County:** Meet the needs of Reno County's Hispanic population through a part-time bi-lingual home visitor position to provide primary child abuse and neglect prevention services. Matched 1:1 by Medicaid.

### Reno County Health Department ..... \$9,520

**Rural Reno County Kid Care Project:** Help potential childcare providers in rural Reno County overcome barriers of becoming a licensed childcare provider and equip young families living in the county with quality, affordable childcare close to home.

### Union Valley Elementary School ..... \$3,000

**Pre-K Shining Stars: Serving our Smallest Treasures:** Equipment to enhance the Pre-K experience for students at Union Valley, a Title 1 building with the highest poverty percentage in the Buhler USD 313 district.

## Fund for Hutchinson - Community Leadership – \$45,200

Strategic grants supporting Hutchinson Community Foundation's leadership priorities, timely community needs, or catalytic opportunities to strengthen our communities through collaboration and innovative leadership.

### Interfaith Housing Services, Inc. .... \$2,500

**Executive Transition:** Support toward the search for a new Executive Director and a successful transition of leadership.

### Hutchinson Public Library ..... \$2,700

**Pilot Teen Program:** Offer a free teen program at the Hutchinson Public Library in summer 2016 to provide opportunities for creativity and community building in a safe, clean environment.

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church ..... \$40,000

**Early Learning Center:** Support the construction of the Our Redeemer Early Learning Center to provide high-quality, affordable childcare in Hutchinson for up to 81 children ages six weeks to six years.

## Youth Philanthropy Grant Awards – \$3,000



The Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC) is a youth-led grantmaking program designed to involve Reno County high school students in philanthropy. Students meet each fall and winter to learn about issues affecting youth in Reno County, review youth-focused grant proposals, and make grant awards totaling \$3,000 per year. Grants are made possible by the Richard W. Dillon Memorial Fund for Youth Philanthropy. The Dillon family established the fund to honor Dick Dillon as a tribute to the extensive philanthropic work he was responsible for in our community.

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson ..... \$650

Remote Control Machines/Space Explorers.

### Central Christian School ..... \$500

Serve-A-Thon Day: Cougars Who Care.

### Circles of Hope Reno County

Building Youth's Capacity to Manage Resources.

### Dillon Nature Center ..... \$250

Shady Lane Community Courtyard.

### Hutchinson's Historic Fox Theatre..... \$750

"By the Bus" Arts in Education Program.

### Stage 9..... \$450

School Performance: Little Shop of Horrors.

### Nickerson High School FBLA ..... \$50

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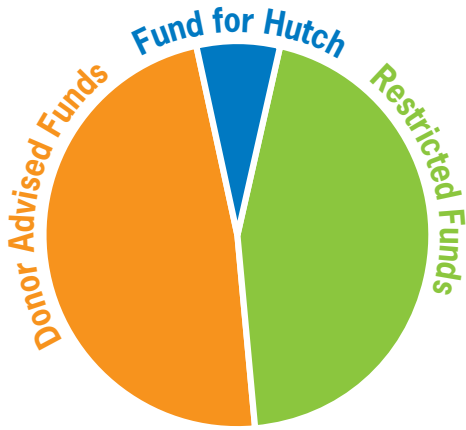
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