



Your generosity **makes**
our communities **go.**



Douglas
County
Community
Foundation

Every day, big things **happen** in your community.

Volunteer firefighters **respond** to calls from their neighbors. A family **builds** its first home. Young children **plant** a garden. Athletes **perform** amazing feats of strength. **Thank you for setting big things in motion.**



You are helping keep volunteer firefighters safe.

Many Douglas County residents make time to volunteer for favorite causes. But few of us put our lives on the line every time we work a volunteer shift.

The 14 members of the Kanwaka Fire Department do just that. The department, which serves a rural township west of Lawrence, responded to 120 calls last year, including many in neighboring townships.

Chief Duane Filkins believes that the firefighters' dedication to helping their neighbors is rooted in shared history, a sense of belonging and a self-sufficient attitude.

"In rural communities, we all have a tie to the land that goes back at least a generation. When we come together, we have that common bond."

Volunteers are trained at the same level as city firefighters. Many have

pursued advanced certifications on their own to be prepared for hazardous materials incidents or other emergencies.

Until last year, the firefighters wore gear made of denim-like cotton. It was heavy, hot, and retained water.

Because of your generosity, the entire crew now has carbon fiber-based gear that is lighter, cooler, and holds up better to wear and tear.



You are helping the Bayless family build a home.

Alicia and Josh Bayless wrap up a full Saturday of work on their new home in Baldwin City. Family, friends, community members, and church volunteers are helping with the construction.

The family's road to a new home started when Alicia saw a Habitat for Humanity flier at the library. The family applied and went through two rounds of interviews.

Once accepted, the parents took classes and helped build two other Habitat houses. Each adult in a qualifying family is required to accumulate 200 hours of sweat equity by move-in day.



Once the home is built, Josh and Alicia will sign an interest-free mortgage to repay Habitat's cost of building the home.

Josh is a tire tech at D and D Tire and military veteran. Alicia, a full-time mom, is considering opening a daycare once they've moved into the home. Meanwhile they and their four children are living with her parents.

Haylee, 14, Cody, 13, and Alison, 8, are looking forward to having their own bedrooms for the first time. Baby Jason, 19 months, will have plenty of room to play and grow.

Bootsie Lauridsen, who has donated the lot for the home, serves on the home build's steering committee and has just wrapped up another day of donated labor. It is clear that she has become a friend — someone who will continue to care about the Bayless family long after they've moved into their new home.



Thanks to you, the Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers have tools they need to continue to make the dream of owning a home affordable to first-time home buyers.

You are helping preschoolers learn about growing food and the environment.

The kids from Haskell's Little Nations preschool race toward the Sunrise Project garden bed where they will plant tomatoes.

Emily Hampton, Sunrise Project director, is completely prepared for the flurry of activity that ensues. She's been gardening with preschoolers for five years.

Little fingers are everywhere, digging and planting. Then the kids grab colorful watering cans and give their plants a good drink. In all of the excitement, one child inadvertently steps back onto a planted tomato. No big deal. Emily has extra.

Then another round of kids, this time from the Positive Bright Start Preschool, races toward the garden bed. More little fingers in dirt. More watering.

Emily asks the kids what growing plants need besides dirt and water. "The sun!" one child shouts.

"The sun!" everybody shouts.

Science tells us that children cultivate 85% of their intellect and skills by age 5. So it makes sense to use hands-on gardening to connect young children to the natural world and growing healthy food.

The Sunrise Project is a new nonprofit that offers food growing,

environmental and community engagement programs for all ages. It is one of several entities that will occupy the three-acre site of the former Sunrise Garden Center at 15th and Larnard Avenue in Lawrence.

Thanks to you, the Sunrise Project is close to achieving its goal of renovating the old garden center retail building into a neighborhood center with workshop space and a community kitchen.



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You are helping our Special Olympians compete with pride.

Brady Tanner chats with coaches and teammates at Haskell's Coffin Sports Center. He's smiling, relaxed and looking confident in his new uniform.

Then his name is called, and he steps up to a powerlifting station. The task: performing a squat with a 510-pound bar across his shoulders. As he pulls the bar from the weight rack, his expression turns to one of intense concentration. He slowly drops into the squat, and then pushes up with a massive burst of power, nailing the lift.

Across the gym, teammate Allison Seeman assumes the crouching deadlift stance, gathers herself and grasps a 185-pound weight bar. With determination, she pulls up to a standing finish.

Her look of triumph is a joy to see.

Brady and Allison are two of 120 Douglas County Special Olympians who train and compete year round in multiple sports. They work hard, achieve success, and enjoy camaraderie with teammates and opponents.

Thanks to you, Brady, Allison and their teammates have new uniforms for powerlifting, basketball, track and field, soccer, bocce, bowling, volleyball and cheerleading. Even the coaches got new shirts.

IN 2015 YOU:

Started 16 new charitable funds. Now we have 155 active funds.

Donated \$4.6M of \$47M in all years.

Granted \$2.5M of \$17.3M in all years.

Stewarded \$37M in charitable capital to make life better for every person in Douglas County.

How to **do** **good** through DCCF:



GIVE

You can donate to more than 70 local causes, set up your own donor-advised fund or make a general gift to support the foundation's work.

Give online at dccfoundation.org.

You can give cash, stock gifts, charitable IRA rollovers, life insurance and real estate, or establish a trust or bequest. Call 785-843-8727 to learn more.

APPLY FOR FUNDING

You can apply for a grant to support the work your nonprofit organization is doing. Any nonprofit with a presence in Douglas County can apply for a grant.

- Community Grants support a wide variety of projects.
- Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund Grants support efforts to preserve and understand nature.
- LiveWell Community Wellness Grants support projects that make it easier for Douglas County residents to eat healthy foods or be physically active.

Learn more at dccfoundation.org.

2016 Community Grants

These organizations received Spring 2016 Community Grants:

Ballard Community Services
Bishop Seabury Academy
Communities in Schools
of Mid-America
Community Children's Center
Community Living Opportunities
Cottonwood, Inc.
Douglas County Historical Society
Douglas County Legal Aid Society

Douglas County Senior Services
Eudora Elementary PTO
Eudora Schools Foundation
Family Promise of Lawrence
Lawrence Children's Choir
Lawrence Corporation for the
Advancement of the Visual Arts
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity
Lecompton Historical Society

Lied Center of Kansas
StopGap Incorporated
Stormont Vail Foundation
TFI Family Services
The Shelter
The Sunrise Project
Willow Domestic Violence Shelter
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Organizations that did not apply in the spring may apply for a Fall Community Grant. The deadline is September 1. Visit dccfoundation.org to learn more.

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2015

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 881,402
Cash held on behalf of others	61,224
Investments, at fair value	32,836,093
Investments held on behalf of others, at fair value	1,950,265
Total current assets	35,728,984

Other assets

Investments, at fair value	825,061
Assets held in charitable remainder trust	334,789
Cash value life insurance	67,182
Equipment, net of depreciation	5,364
Total assets	\$36,961,380

Current liabilities*

Accrued salary and taxes	\$ 12,131
Liability related to split interest agreements	258,613
Agency funds payable	2,011,489
Total current liabilities	2,282,233

Net assets

Unrestricted	8,267,697
Unrestricted - donor advised	23,113,828
Unrestricted - field of interest	2,217,465
Total unrestricted net assets	33,598,990
Temporarily restricted	255,096
Permanently restricted	825,061
Total net assets	34,679,147
Total liabilities and net assets	\$36,961,380

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