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You **open doors** every day.



Douglas
County
Community
Foundation

You open doors every day.

Working through your
community foundation,
you are opening doors.

To education.

To health.

To independence.

To family life.

Here are just
a few stories about
the hundreds of
opportunities you
provide for your
Douglas County
neighbors every year.



Donna, at left, with therapist Jill Flessing

You are helping Donna get the health care she needs to work and take care of her family.

Donna, a Eudora mom of three, works two part-time jobs, and her husband has a disability. She has not had health insurance for 15 years.

During most of this time, the Health Care Access Clinic in Lawrence has been her health home. The clinic serves Douglas County residents with limited financial means.

Two years ago, a couple of tragic accidents involving loved ones left Donna reeling. She turned to the clinic for support.

“I was at the point of not wanting to live,” she said. “But I was raised to believe that getting help is a sign of strength.”

The Health Care Access medical team set her up with clinical social worker Jill Flessing, who provides counseling. Jill sees 20-24 patients a week in the clinic.

Donna considers herself “very blessed” to receive medical, counseling and wellness care at a single location from a compassionate team of providers.

“The people at Health Care Access are so encouraging and caring. I’ve had an amazing experience here.”

Thanks to your generosity, Donna and many others who lack health insurance get the care they need to keep working and take care of their families.

You are helping CASA volunteers change children's lives.

A second grade girl had been in four foster home placements in four months. The PTSD she developed when separated from her mom manifested as night terrors. Foster parents struggled to cope with nightly screaming and crying.

Karen Warner, a local volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA, established a friendship with the girl and spent time with her regularly. Each time they met at the Douglas County CASA office, Karen helped with homework, played games or did whatever the child wanted to do.

"I try to bring some happiness into their lives," Karen said of the abused and neglected children with whom she has been paired — one at a time — through Douglas County CASA.

In addition to being a friend, Karen monitors the child's overall welfare, including foster placement and school progress. She keeps the Douglas County court informed of the child's circumstances and of the parents' efforts to meet court-ordered requirements to regain custody.



The Honorable Jean Shepherd, at left, and Karen Warner

"Kids in the system need somebody to stick with them as long as they are in the system," said retired judge Jean Shepherd, a founder of Douglas County CASA.

Advocates receive 30 hours of training, undergo extensive background checks, and are asked to make a minimum one-year commitment. The program served more than 140 children last year, and is on pace to exceed that number this year. A record number of Douglas County children are in foster care now.

Eighty local children are on a waiting list for a CASA.

"We desperately need more volunteers," said Karen.

Karen admits that she hesitated before committing to this volunteer job. She feared that some cases might be emotionally hard. Now she speaks of the rewards, which include "knowing I've helped each child find a safe and healthy home, whether it is back with parents or in a new home."

Thanks to you, CASA volunteers have a training room, a bright and well stocked room for spending time with kids, and a kitchen for doing baking projects.





You are giving Lawrence school children and teens access to new ways to work and play.

While public funding for K-12 education continues to be debated, students and teachers have immediate needs and wants.

You provided mobile internet hot spots that teens can check out from school libraries when they

have online homework but no internet access at home.

You helped refurbish the Ryan Gray Playground for All Children, where kids with disabilities can play alongside their classmates and friends.

You invested in school gardens, a bike fleet for elementary physical education classes, marathon (walk/run) clubs and after-school fitness programs.

And for more than 20 years, your gifts to the Lawrence Schools Foundation have helped finance the Early Childhood Readiness program that helps kids arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.

Behind the scenes, the Douglas County Community Foundation maintains a strong partnership with the Lawrence Schools Foundation, managing its charitable assets so its board and staff can focus on fundraising and grant making.

It all adds up to better opportunities and futures for our children and youth.





Spencer, Rob, Micki, Madeline and Connor Chestnut

You are doing what you can, where you are.

Sometimes the needs in the world can feel overwhelming. So Rob and Micki Chestnut took the advice of Theodore Roosevelt: “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

To help people in our community who are facing poverty build momentum as they take steps to reach their potential, the Chestnuts established a donor-advised fund that will award grants every spring.

Momentum Grants will provide educational opportunities to those who might not otherwise receive them, and give people the tools and support they need to move from crisis to stability.

“We believe that each person possesses great power for good,” said Micki. “When they are given the support they need to overcome challenges and achieve their goals, our entire community benefits.”

Micki, owner of Chestnut Communications, and Rob, a corporate finance executive, plan to involve their children, Spencer, Connor and Madeline, in their giving decisions.

“We want to engage them in picking the recipients for Momentum Grants and to be a part of the future of the fund, as donors and volunteers in the community,” said Micki. “They were part of the inspiration for us starting our family fund. My hope is that they will see that they can always play a role in making our community better.”

IN 2016 YOU:

Started 18 new charitable funds. Now we have 171 active funds.

Donated \$3.3M of \$49M in all years.

Granted \$2M of \$21.7M in all years.

Stewarded \$41M in charitable capital to make life better for every person in Douglas County.

Donors **support** causes with cash, stock, mutual fund shares, ETFs, charitable IRA rollovers, life insurance and real estate.

Visit dccfoundation.org to learn more.

How to open doors through DCCF:



GIVE

You can donate to more than 80 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, mutual fund shares, ETFs, charitable IRA rollovers, life insurance and real estate, or establish a trust or bequest.

**Learn more at dccfoundation.org
or call 785-843-8727.**

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.

Visit dccfoundation.org to learn more about Community Grants and other funding opportunities.

2017 Spring Community Grants

These organizations received Spring 2017 Community Grants:

Americana Music Academy
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
Children's Learning Center
City of Baldwin City
Cottonwood, Inc.
Douglas County CASA
ECKAN
Family Promise of Lawrence
Kansas Head Start Association

KU Audio-Reader
Lawrence Arts Center
Lawrence Community Shelter
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity
Lecompton Historical Society
Operation Wildlife
Stormont Vail Foundation
The Salvation Army of Douglas County
The Shelter, Inc.

The Willow Domestic Violence Center
Trinity In-Home Care
USD 497 Parents as Teachers

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, 2016

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,978,763
Cash held on behalf of others	67,413
Investments	35,001,859
Investments held on behalf of others	2,585,136
<i>Total current assets</i>	<i>39,633,171</i>

Property and equipment, net	2,303
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Other assets

Investments	825,061
Assets held in charitable remainder trust	315,668
Cash value life insurance	76,676
<i>Total assets</i>	<i>\$ 40,852,879</i>

Current liabilities

Accrued salaries, benefits, and taxes	\$ 15,977
Liability related to split interest agreements	230,586
Agency funds payable	2,652,549
Other current liabilities	50,203
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	<i>2,949,315</i>

Net assets

Unrestricted	8,649,857
Unrestricted - donor advised	25,842,653
Unrestricted - field of interest	2,293,203
<i>Total unrestricted net assets</i>	<i>36,785,713</i>
Temporarily restricted	292,790
Permanently restricted	825,061
<i>Total net assets</i>	<i>37,903,564</i>
<i>Total liabilities and net assets</i>	<i>\$ 40,852,879</i>

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