



You are writing the story  
of our community.

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Douglas  
County  
Community  
Foundation



Every year  
you do things  
for others.

You serve. You give.  
Maybe you lead.

The things you do roll  
together with the things  
others do to create a story.  
It's a story of people who  
feel deeply connected to  
each other and to the  
common good.

The stories on these  
pages are bits of the  
big story you and others  
are writing together.  
Thank you for doing  
your part to create  
stories worth telling.



Provided by the Spencer Art Museum

You are helping Mr. Pearson's  
third graders learn to  
appreciate and talk about art.

How do you get a classroom full of squirming third graders interested in an art museum?

A good place to start is with a bright and engaging educational activity book that gives them the vocabulary to talk about what they are seeing. So educators at the Spencer Museum of Art created *The Look Book* in partnership with Lawrence Public Schools teachers.

The book introduces art concepts through the eyes of a character named Roy G. Biv, a personified blob of paint. Roy takes students through an "artventure," at the Spencer, exploring everything from types of line segments to texture, color, shapes, space, perspective, composition and genre. Roy even shows kids how to read an art museum label.

The book is built on the Spencer's successful Museum/Schools Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners program. The program strives to integrate art and art-inspired activities in USD 497 classrooms.

Art teachers like Kennedy School's Mitch Pearson use the book to prepare kids for a visit to the museum. A set of artwork trading cards based on the museum's collection gives the kids a fun way to preview some of the pieces they will see on their tour.

Thanks to you, Lawrence Public Schools students are having fun learning how artists use creative tools and imagination to inspire and challenge.





## You are helping Eudora students succeed in school by supporting their social and emotional health.

Test anxiety. Date rape. Body image. Fighting. Cutting. Financial hardship. Depression. Frequent absences. The list of things that can derail a student's academic progress is long.

In a school year, about half of Eudora Schools' students face a social, emotional, behavioral or mental health issue—large or small—that affects their performance in the classroom.

Teachers and counselors had a referral system to identify and track students who needed extra support. Then the system, called CARDOnline, suffered a complete crash in late 2014. Working with Baldwin-based technology company Reflective Group, district leaders are building a new, customized CARDOnline system that will help staff intervene with students early, when their behavior is easiest to address.

"This grant could not have come at a better time," said Superintendent Steve Splichal. "We face incredible budget uncertainty, but there are a few things we can't ignore, and our students' growth and well being is at the top of that list."

"Helping students be successful feels really good," said Mike Bosch, CEO of Reflective Group. His firm is providing CARDOnline system construction and engineering as an in-kind donation.

Thanks to Reflective Group and you, the Eudora school district can afford the system staff needs to individualize their support of each student.

### IN 2014 YOU:

Started

**21** new charitable funds.

Now we have 143 active funds.

Donated **\$3.7M**  
of \$45M in all years.

Granted **\$2.5M**  
of \$17M in all years.

Stewarded **\$35M**  
in charitable capital  
to make life better for every  
person in Douglas County.







## You helped Ashley and her children find a home and a loving community.

Stay-at-home Lawrence mom Ashley and her children left the family home to escape a difficult situation. She found an affordable place to live in Kansas City. But it wasn't in a safe neighborhood.

Then someone broke into their apartment and stole her car. Fearful, Ashley and the kids made their way back to Lawrence. She called the homeless shelter. It was full. Despairing, she called Family Promise. It had an opening.

Family Promise provides children and parents safe shelter, food, counseling, and training in partnership with local faith communities. Congregations host families overnight. During the day families go to a day center, where a structured program moves them from survival mode to stable housing as quickly as possible.

"When Ashley and the kids arrived, she was downcast and working so hard to keep her family together," said Family Promise volunteer and local physician Bob Dinsdale.

Ashley said she found unconditional love and support through Family Promise. "I never felt judged," she said. She worked diligently to meet the program expectations.

Eventually, she found employment and qualified for one of Family Promise's temporary housing units.

Now Ashley supports her family working as a lead teacher at Children's Learning Center. She remains connected to the Family Promise community. "Graduates are family forever," she said, noting that nearly half of program graduates volunteer or donate to the charity.

Katherine Dinsdale, Bob's wife and one of the organization's founders, says respect at Family Promise goes both ways. "Ashley's grit and determination strengthens and encourages me," she said.

Bob echoed the sentiment. "This program is healing to me too. It forces me to confront my own discouragements and frustrations."

Bob and Katherine give directly to Family Promise and also helped establish the Family Promise of Lawrence Endowment Fund at DCCF.

And thanks to your gifts, Family Promise received an additional \$15,000 in community foundation grants in the last year.





## You are helping Sunshine and other animals find loving homes.

Homeless cat Sunshine was going to make someone a wonderful pet. But first, she needed medical care to treat an infection.

Lawrence Humane Society shelter vet Dr. Jennifer Stone operated on Sunshine in a cramped surgery clinic with a leaky roof covered by a shower curtain. She examines Sunshine on the floor of the cat room because there are no exam rooms.

Dr. Stone explains that Sunshine is at risk of contracting a new illness. The HVAC system doesn't provide separate air handling for areas that house contagious animals.

The list of concerns goes on—problems disinfecting animal spaces, no place to properly showcase adoptable cats, and dog cages that are too small.

"There's only so much we can do with the way things are," said Stone.

That's why executive director Kate Meghji is working with animal facility engineer Scott Learned, architect Dan Sabatini and Dr. Stone to develop a plan for a better facility.

By creating a facility to modern standards, the shelter can operate more efficiently and with reduced rates of disease and euthanasia. This will allow staff to redirect their energies to programs and services that will reduce the number of homeless pets in our community.

Your gifts to DCCF's Lawrence Humane Society Campaign Fund will help cover facility costs and provide ongoing income for shelter operations.

You can also give through us to capital campaigns supporting the **Boys and Girls Club Teen Center** and the **Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center**, both located on Haskell Avenue in Lawrence. We accept online gifts, checks, and transfers of appreciated stock or other assets.

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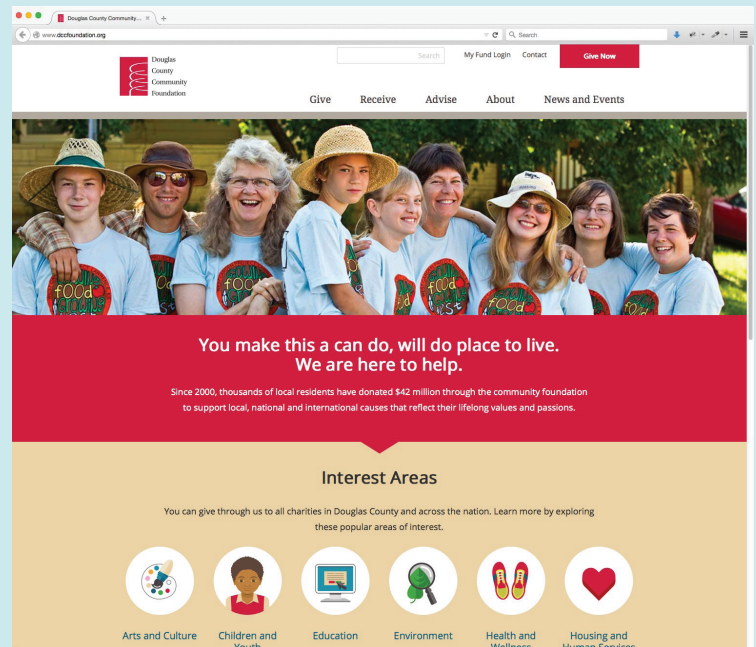




## 2015 Community Grants

These organizations received funding through our annual Community Grants program:

Baldwin Education Foundation  
Baldwin Retirement Apartment Complex  
Ballard Community Services  
Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center  
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence  
Children's Learning Center  
Community Children's Center  
Community Living Opportunities  
Cottonwood Inc.  
Douglas County CASA  
Douglas County Child Development Association  
Douglas County Dental Clinic  
Douglas County Historical Society/Watkins Museum  
Douglas County Housing, Inc.  
Douglas County Suicide Prevention Coalition  
Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association  
Eudora School District  
Family Promise of Lawrence  
Headquarters  
Heartland Community Health Center  
Just Food  
Kansas Audio-Reader Network  
Kanwaka Fire Department  
Lawrence Arts Center  
Lawrence Community Nursery School  
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity  
Lawrence Meals on Wheels  
Lawrence Schools Foundation  
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department  
Loving Paws Animal Therapy Program  
Midland Care Connection  
Special Olympics  
Tenants to Homeowners  
TFI Family Services  
The Salvation Army  
The Willow Domestic Violence Center  
Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry  
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## KHF Match Goal Reached

Thanks to you, we earned the maximum amount of match funding available from the Kansas Health Foundation's GROW II Healthy Kansas Program. The program generated \$600,000 in new, permanent charitable capital to meet the greatest needs of our communities. Thank you, KHF!



**Kansas Health Foundation**



## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2014

### Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 667,879
Cash held on behalf of others	106,341
Investments, at fair value	32,116,673
Investments held on behalf of others, at fair value	2,022,284
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>34,913,177</b>

<b>Equipment, net of depreciation</b>	<b>3,427</b>
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### Other assets

Investments, at fair value	730,673
Assets held in charitable remainder trust	112,124
Cash value life insurance	54,375
Intangible asset, net of amortization	171
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$35,813,947</b>

### Current liabilities

Accrued salary and taxes	\$ 12,779
Liability related to split interest agreements	101,593
Agency funds payable	2,128,626
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,242,998</b>

### Net assets

Unrestricted	8,701,980
Unrestricted - donor advised	21,537,987
Unrestricted - field of interest	2,352,916
<b>Total unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>32,592,883</b>
Temporarily restricted	247,393
Permanently restricted	730,673
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>33,570,949</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$35,813,947</b>

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If so, you will fit right in at DCCF.

All kinds of people work with and through us. Some fund good  
work. Some manage good work. Some do both.

Here are two ways you can do good through your community  
foundation.

### Give

You can make an unrestricted gift or donate to one of our  
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check to DCCF at 900 Massachusetts, Suite 406, Lawrence, KS  
66044. If you would like to give stock or other assets, please call  
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If you would like to learn about establishing a new fund, visit  
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### Apply for Funding

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