



CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES

The Sunflower Foundation 2014 Annual Report
Serving as a Catalyst to Improve the Health of Kansans

Letter from the President & CEO and Board Chair

Dear Colleagues,

In reflecting on our work in 2014, a photo of one of our grantees and a thank you note from them seemed to really capture what we're trying to do at Sunflower Foundation:

"The support received from the Sunflower Foundation gave students the confidence needed to believe in themselves. Thank you so much for believing in us, too!" – Marilyn Alstrom, Executive Director of 20/20 Leadership

Marilyn was thanking Sunflower for the matching grant to build the trail at J.C. Harmon High School in Kansas City, Kan. The project was the vision of the students, and with the support of educators, parents and other partners, the students saw their hard work pay off. They learned firsthand that cultivating a better community can start with just a small idea and grow into a "symbol for hope and progress," as student D'Angelo Hicks put it.

The grant to Harmon High was one of 15 grants for trail projects in 2014, and one of [72 grants overall](#), which are detailed in this annual report, along with [our financial information](#) and an [overview of who we are](#).

This report also includes three features about our key program areas:

1. [Healthy Living & Active Communities](#),
2. [Health Care](#), and
3. [Advocacy & Policy](#).

We have made long-term commitments in each of these areas because we know cultivating communities takes time, perseverance and local champions.

This year, we also invested in outreach and education aimed at helping Kansans obtain health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. We awarded capacity-building grants so that organizationally sound and financially strong nonprofits can better meet important community needs and contribute to our economy. They make our communities better places to live. It is a privilege to be a small part of their growth and sustainability. Descriptions of all grants issued in fiscal year 2014 can be found in the grant list.

Cultivating communities requires investing in organizations and people, and believing in their work. It is our hope that we live up to this important value.

We hope you will take time to review the report and learn more about our work and our partners.

Sincerely,



Reginald L. Robinson
Chair



Billie G. Hall
President & CEO

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ON THE COVER: STUDENTS AT J.C. HARMON HIGH SCHOOL BREAK GROUND ON THEIR NEW COMMUNITY TRAIL. SEE STORY ON NEXT PAGE.

JC Harmon: 'A symbol for hope and progress in our community'

Lower incomes can often lead to lower expectations, but high school students in one of Kansas City's least affluent neighborhoods have been changing that perception.

The Argentine community of KCK lies in southern Wyandotte County, the poorest part of one of the state's poorest counties. However, in the heart of Argentine also lies the promise of a better life, at J.C. Harmon High School.

Harmon is where classmates Ahmedin Issak and D'Angelo Hicks forged a friendship and bucked the trend of what society too often expects from inner-city kids.

They graduated in May 2014. Both are now enrolled in college. But before they left Harmon High, they left their mark. Issak and Hicks helped create a recreational resource for their school and for the Argentine community where they grew up.

"We wanted to help out our community, leave a legacy and perhaps inspire younger students."

—Ahmedin Issak and D'Angelo Hicks



"If you looked around this campus, it was basically just 10 acres of nothing here, surrounding the school building," Issak said. "So, we just came up with an idea that could help out our community, leave a legacy and perhaps inspire younger students."

During their junior year, Issak and Hicks joined other students to come up with a school project that would beautify and enhance the school grounds. Working together, sometimes on Saturdays, the two classmates quickly emerged as student leaders.



Gathering input from others, they came up with a plan: build a huge walking trail on the mostly empty school campus. Students raised money and secured additional support, including a grant from the Sunflower Foundation. The result was a half-mile trail around Harmon High.

The project was student-driven, but they did have help. Marilyn Alstrom is executive director of 20/20 Leadership — an

educational, personal and leadership development program serving students at Harmon High and other Kansas City area high schools. Her office ultimately wrote the grant. "But the students were a huge part of writing it. They did the work to get the project off the ground," Alstrom said.

She also credits Rick Malone, a student adviser, football coach and popular math teacher (quite a feat). "Students like him, they trust him, respect him," Alstrom said. "He kept kids motivated and worked with students on Saturdays, using his own money to provide soft drinks and treats during work sessions. How many teachers do you know who spend their Saturdays and their own money on their students? That's what Rick's all about."

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Malone, the 20/20 Leadership adviser at Harmon, downplays his own role, keeping the focus on his kids.

"There's definitely a negative connotation to inner-city schools like Harmon High," Malone said. "This project helps highlight the positive. The trail has helped boost school spirit, raise attendance and increase community engagement with Harmon High."



Despite its urban location, the Argentine neighborhood is isolated, all but cut off from the rest of the city by interstate highways, railroad tracks and the Missouri River. Many residents lack transportation, adding yet another layer of isolation. "Those who live here didn't have a safe place to go to exercise," Hicks said. "The closest trail we had to walk or jog was the Country Club Plaza (a dozen miles away), and many residents don't have cars to get there."

But it's still just a trail, isn't it?



"The trail has helped boost school spirit, raise attendance and increase community engagement."

—Rick Malone, the 20/20 Leadership adviser at Harmon

"People who don't live in the Argentine community don't get it," Issak said. "They don't see the high obesity rate. They don't know Wyandotte County is the least healthy place in the state. This trail is a basic foundation to start changing that. And this is the perfect place to put the trail. We feel like Harmon High is the heart of Argentine. It's really not far from everyone's house, and residents can easily come here and get fit."

The school has drawn some national attention. In late October, a six-person film crew from Salud America came to KCK to conduct interviews about some of the exciting things taking place, including the school's new trail. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Salud America is a national project focused on improving the health of Latino Americans and telling their stories. Latino students account for more than half of Harmon High's enrollment.

Hicks appreciates all the attention his high school is getting: "The trail is a symbol for hope and progress in our community."



Nickerson: Where Hope Runs High (and Fast!)

The sun rises just after 7:30 over Nickerson, a small town in south central Kansas.

There's a crisp breeze and the leaves are falling. Children are gathering with their families at the city park. It's national Walk and Bike to School Day, and this is the starting point for a quarter-mile journey to the town's elementary school.



With their brightly colored backpacks, the children ride bikes, or run, or skip or walk hand-in-hand. It's the fourth year Nickerson Elementary has participated in Walk and Bike to School Day, and more than 200 students join in. Community members, local Boy Scouts and even the town's mayor take part as crossing guards or otherwise help the children get safely to school.

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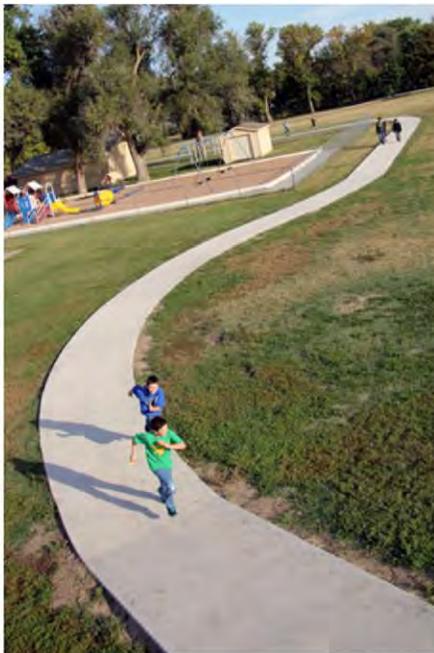
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The scene feels emblematic of life in the rural Midwest. With flags flying over brick streets, friendly faces all around, children laughing and enjoying the outdoors, Nickerson is the picture of small-town America.

But this is just one day a year. The rest of the school days won't have crossing guards. And the only safe option for walking or biking near the school had been an uneven, sometimes muddy walking loop around the jungle gym.

When the school's nutrition secretary Amber Sue Rohling heard about the Sunflower Trails grant program, she figured she'd found a way to change that and give Nickerson's children a safe, fun way to get outside and exercise.

A Welcome Trail

A grant, community matching funds and several tons of concrete later, the 6-foot wide, 1/3-mile trail is getting use — many times, every day.

At the start of each school day, just after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, teacher Rex Mathias marches his third-grade class outside and takes them to the trail.

"Every morning we head out and do two laps," Mathias said. "Most kids run, some kids walk. It takes about 15 minutes. We get a little exercise, get their minds open and ready to work."

**"We get a little exercise,
get their minds open
and ready to work."**

—Rex Mathias, 3rd Grade teacher at Nickerson



As a physical education instructor, Cyndi Harmon has been helping Nickerson kids get fit for the last 23 years. In the past, when she had kids run laps, they did so on an uneven foot path, carved into the ground by years of use.

"It was just a dirt trail with holes in it and I would ask maintenance to come out and paint it for me," Harmon said.

Foot Charms

Harmon now helps motivate kids by organizing things like "Lap-a-Thon," which tracks and rewards each lap around the new trail.

"Each student gets a bright yellow foot card. It's a little piece of paper with a large foot drawn on it. All around the foot are little mile markers," Harmon said.

Every lap earns a hole punch on the card. When students collect enough hole punches, they earn a small foot charm, which can be placed on necklaces and bracelets.

"The kids love them," Harmon said.

Students hit the trail for more than walking and running. "We were able to purchase about 30 foot-powered scooters for the kids to use on the trail," Rohling said, "because we wanted to create a way for kids to have fun and not even realize they're actually getting exercise."

Nickerson is located in the rural part of Reno County, about 15 miles from any other trail or workout facility.

"We're also a lower-income community, and most people don't have the money to belong to or drive to a private gym," Rohling said.

"This trail gives all community members an outdoor exercise option right here in town."



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Salina: Marathon City

At elementary schools throughout Salina, kids have been completing marathons. Every fall, the race is on as students aim to complete the 26-mile marathon in just 26 school days by walking or running at least a mile a day.

Most of these marathons are played out on trails, funded in part by the Sunflower Foundation. The Salina public school district has eight grade schools; five of them have trails. As chief grant writer for the district, David Cooper had a hand in all five of them, including the latest one at Heusner Elementary.

"These trails transform lives in a lot of different ways," Cooper said. "First, they're a great and safe physical resource for outdoor activity. These trails are made of concrete, so they're durable and long-lasting. But they're also highly visible. They send a positive message to the whole community that we value physical fitness for the young and old."

The school trails get a lot of use before, during and after the school day, but this is especially true during "Marathon Month" at the start of each academic year. "The idea of marathons was actually developed by the Greater Salina Community Foundation in partnership with the school district," Cooper said. "All eight of our elementary schools are involved, and the Community Foundation supplies signage as well as incentives and rewards for the students."

"In this community, there's a greater sense of the importance of health at a younger age," Cooper said. "With the nationwide epidemic of childhood obesity, more people are paying attention. I think the trails are a good response to that. It sends a message to the community that our schools take the issue seriously."



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The **Sunflower Trails initiative** is part of the **Healthy Living & Active Communities** program area. Since 2005, Sunflower has partnered with communities and schools in more than 50 Kansas counties, using more than 110 trail grants to help build, expand, enhance or connect Kansas trails. Use our Trail Finder app, learn more about current or upcoming Sunflower Trails grant opportunities, and find [more information here](#).

The Learning Collaborative: 'This group is passionate about making change'

An incubator. A catalyst. A support group. An alliance.

These are some of the ways participants describe the Integrated Care Initiative Learning Collaborative, one of the Sunflower Foundation's main programs.

The Learning Collaborative brings together more than 70 health care professionals who are working to integrate physical health care with behavioral health care at their clinics.

Participants also include national experts in care integration as well as state officials with long experience in Kansas' Medicaid program known as KanCare. Two collaboratives were convened this year, building on the first two in 2013.



“People here aren't willing to just live with the status quo, but are excited about what might be and what could be.”

— Matthew Schmidt, CEO of Health Ministries Clinic

“The Learning Collaborative has been a place where we can all explore solutions to very real, challenging obstacles toward making positive change,” said Matthew Schmidt, CEO of Health Ministries Clinic in Newton.

“This group is made up of people who are passionate about making change. People here aren't willing to just live with the status quo but are excited about what might be and what could be,” Schmidt said.

Integration of traditional primary care with behavioral health and substance abuse treatment has become more widely recognized as a progressive model of providing high-quality and cost-effective treatment, resulting in improved health outcomes and better patient experience.

But changing decades-old models of care delivery is challenging at best, no matter how committed those involved are toward the goal.



—Matthew Schmidt, CEO of Health Ministries Clinic

For example, Schmidt's clinic is partnering with Prairie View Mental Health Center to integrate physical and mental health care. He said while many obstacles stem from “the way things have always been done,” others are systemic and cannot be solved at the practice level alone.

“Our fee structures aren't set up to handle care integration. The insurance companies don't know what to do with this type of care — they're not designed to do this; they're more locked into the fee-for-service model. And what we're talking about is a more comprehensive model that is more focused on outcomes than appointments,” said Schmidt.

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To that end, he said, he's hopeful that having state and insurance officials participating in the collaborative could help remove such barriers one by one.

"I really think of these collaboratives like an incubator. You're able to take all these individual experiences — what's worked, what hasn't worked — and bring them all together to discuss," Schmidt said. "When you talk about this with people, it just sounds like common sense, and in a lot of ways it really is. But there are a lot of barriers that have stood in the way of this happening."

Marilyn Cook, another collaborative participant, is CEO of ComCare, the largest community mental health center in the state. ComCare's integration partner is GraceMed, the largest of three federally qualified health centers, or FQHCs, in Wichita.



Integrating care on this scale magnifies similar barriers faced by smaller clinics like Schmidt's.

"We're talking massive change — both for our FQHC partner and our organization," Cook said. "We're actually asking our staffs to change the way care is delivered, and that disrupts both the medical culture and behavioral health culture. Having people from both cultures in a Learning Collaborative is just a very effective way to help with that change."

**"We've come
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a short time."**

—Marilyn Cook, CEO of ComCare

Cook's initial goal is to add primary care services for patients at ComCare. However, long-term goals include a full-service, integrated care site that will be open to the community: ComCare patients, GraceMed patients, as well as anyone without access to care.

"We've come a long way in a short time showing our staff what a difference it makes to integrate and coordinate care," Cook said. "But the real key to this is going to be engaging patients in a different way — and that's going to take time. It's going to take several years to change our cultures to the point that we wouldn't think of operating any other way."

Care integration is advancing across the United States, so models for success and models to avoid are becoming plentiful. However, models from other states aren't often useful as guides in Kansas, said Salina family practice physician Dr. Robert Freelove.



—Dr. Robert Freelove (right) of Salina

"We've looked at models in other states and, while they work really well there, it's much more applicable if we're hearing from people in Kansas," Freelove said.

"The collaborative has helped us understand different regulations and where the payors stand, especially with KanCare," he said, referring to a session focusing on billing issues with state Medicaid officials and managed care organization representatives at the collaborative in April.

"Having KanCare representatives there to hear what we're trying to accomplish I think was very helpful on the bigger scale. They're still trying to figure KanCare out, and if we can say, 'Look, this is how we want

to do it and how we think it should be paid for,' well, I'm hoping that shapes policy at the payor level," Freelove said. "Whether that leads to any substantive change remains to be seen. I'm hopeful. It's certainly better than not having the opportunity to talk to them at all."

Perhaps most helpful, said Freelove, is that the collaborative provides a forum to better focus on finding solutions with his clinic's integration partners: the Central Kansas Foundation (a substance abuse provider) and the Central Kansas Community Mental Health Center.



"The collaborative gives us a chance to be away from all the pressures and demands here at the clinic and be there with our partners to focus on those things we're trying to accomplish with them," Freelove said. "That's a critical piece to this puzzle — so, of course, the collaborative is a welcome opportunity."

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*The **Integrated Care Initiative** is part of Sunflower's **Health Care program area**, which is focused on improving health care for the whole person. This initiative helps safety-net providers integrate physical care with behavioral health care and at the same time, focus more attention on health and wellness (such as smoking cessation, other addiction treatments, healthy eating and weight management). Find a list of the initiative's 15 current projects, each project's partner organizations and [more information here](#).*

This Year's Graduates Look Back on the Fellowship

The 2014 Advocacy Fellowship program trained 14 nonprofit and public service leaders from across the state to become even more effective advocates for the Kansans they represent. The leaders join 60 previous graduates of the [Advocacy Fellowship, which began in 2009](#).

“We believe that better policy is made when more voices are heard. Nonprofit health and human service leaders are often in the best position to champion those voices, especially for the most vulnerable of our citizens,” said Billie Hall, President and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation.

Upon graduation, we asked each of the Fellows to briefly explain how they thought the yearlong training would affect their work. These are their answers:



Christie Appelhanz

Vice President of Public Affairs, Kansas Action for Children in Topeka

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“There isn't a week that goes by when I don't tap into the skills or connections I've made through the Fellowship. Every session was packed with practical tools and new approaches for me to incorporate into my work as an advocate for Kansas kids. In a time when many Kansans feel they can't use their voice, it was invigorating to be surrounded by true change makers who won't be slowed down — even in the midst of a particularly grueling environment.”



Bryan Brady

CEO, First Care Clinic in Hays

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“The Advocacy Fellowship has already begun to impact my work in noticeable ways. For example, the session with reporters from around the state talking about how to effectively engage the media — that really showed us the importance of forming relationships with reporters *before* you need them to tell your story, or before a reporter calls you for an interview. It is so important in nonprofit health care to make sure you are effective when delivering a message.”



Janis DeBoer

Executive Director, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association in Topeka

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“My day-to-day advocacy skills were much improved thanks to the Advocacy Fellowship. I particularly appreciated the keynote speaker who walked us through developing better messages and more effectively telling our stakeholders' stories. Also, I've gained so many new professional friendships and networking opportunities, for which I am truly grateful.”



Jerry Jones

Executive Director, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County in Kansas City

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“The Fellowship helped me realize that there is a process to turning an idea into something tangible. It involves empathizing with others, clearly defining the problem, and then developing, trying out and refining new ideas. That is the work of

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advocates. Because of the Fellowship, my organization now has a core methodology for how we approach our work.”



Scott Lakin

Director, Regional Health Care Initiative, Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City

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“The Fellowship is a tremendous opportunity to make connections throughout the state, which help me be more effective in my work. In my Fellowship colleagues, I have a valuable network that I can turn to when I have questions or ideas around public policy issues. In the end, patient access and overall quality of care and services are improved for Kansans.”



Teresa Lovelady

President and CEO, Center for Health and Wellness in Wichita

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“The Fellowship sessions gave me the confidence and peer support to take on initiatives now that I would have never considered in the past. For example, I am more confident with contacting my local elected officials. And I now have practical guidelines for dealing with the media, so I will no longer simply decline to comment. Instead, I can take those opportunities to educate the public about what we do.”



Rachel Marsh

Staff Attorney, St. Francis Community Services in Wichita

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“From understanding the grassroots potential of families and service providers impacted by child welfare laws and policies, to using better engagement strategies with traditional and social media, the Fellowship has inspired me to take a broader view of efforts to support children and families in Kansas.”



Lisa Moritz

Administrator/School Nurse, Greeley County Health Department in Tribune

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“I have gained confidence in my work thanks to the Advocacy Fellowship. The Fellowship truly has set up the handshake to get me in the door — now it is up to me to follow up and build the relationships Sunflower laid the foundation for. And for my Fellows in eastern Kansas, I can be a link to western Kansas and help them extend the reach of their messages.”



Kathy Mosher

Executive Director, Central Kansas Mental Health Center in Salina

“The Advocacy Fellowship has already benefitted my work in a number of ways. For example, I found other members in different disciplines to be struggling with similar challenges as we do. Although we have missions that overlap, we have different resources — so when those are pooled together, we are each more powerful and complete than I had imagined we could be.”

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Michelle Ponce

Executive Director, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments in Topeka

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“Our members really struggle with seeing how to translate their very valuable day-to-day work into stories that resonate with policymakers. Through the Advocacy Fellowship I’ve collected new ideas, tools and strategies to help motivate and support them to be better storytellers, as well as how to understand the opposition and adapt accordingly.”



Dana Pugh

Medical-Legal Partnership Fellow/Staff Attorney, KU School of Law/KU Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

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“I appreciate the value of being part of a growing network of advocates who are all working to improve the health of Kansans in one way or another. One of the greatest benefits of the Advocacy Fellowship is the relationships you build with other class members. Through these relationships, you build allies across the nonprofit health field. These relationships can then be leveraged as you work on the larger health issues facing Kansans.”



Robert Stiles

Director of Operations/Clinic Director, Montgomery County Clinic, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas in Coffeyville

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“I expect that the Fellowship training will help me better communicate with partners about shared priorities and collaborating on them whether at the personal, local, state or national level. Thanks to the diversity of Fellowship participants, I have been able to get a broader picture of the public health needs of the state and other areas of shared interest and concern.”



Tawny Stottlemire

Executive Director, Community Action Inc. in Topeka

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“In reframing our association’s advocacy strategies, I find myself often drawing on key lessons and ‘aha’ moments from the Fellowship. We have reinvigorated our goal of intentionally and skillfully developing legislative relationships, and lessons learned during the Fellowship training will surely benefit us in effectively doing so.”

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Marlene Willis

Statewide Coordinator, Migrant Out-of-School Youth Advocacy Project, Southeast Kansas Education Service Center at Greenbush in Pittsburg

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“Sunflower’s Advocacy Fellowship has provided me with a tremendously rich network of professionals who can serve as sounding boards when dealing with the complex challenges of the most at-risk students in the state of Kansas. Also, the opportunities to interact with state and federal elected officials as well as regional and national nonprofit leaders — that is, hearing and discussing a variety of issues from their perspectives — will inform my work now and in the future.”

*The **Advocacy Fellowship** is part of Sunflower’s **Advocacy & Policy program area**. The a year-long training program is unlike any other in the nation. It helps leaders in health-related nonprofit organizations develop the understanding, experience and expertise they need to become powerful voices for the Kansans they serve. Find a list and photos of current and past Fellows, and more information [here](#).*

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The Sunflower Foundation is governed by nine trustees who represent, as much as possible, the ethnic, racial and geographic diversity of Kansas. Eight trustees are appointed through a process overseen by the Kansas Attorney General. One trustee is appointed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.



From left to right:

Kraig Gross, Hays
Andrea Krauss, Russell
Krista Postai, Pittsburg
Bebo Lowery-Born, Topeka
Reginald L. Robinson, Lawrence
Martie Ross, Leawood
Les Lacy, St. Francis
Mia Korbelik, Dodge City
Don Sherman, Wichita

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Community Advisory Committee

The nine-member Sunflower Foundation Community Advisory Committee (CAC) nominates candidates for the foundation's Board of Trustees. The CAC also acts in an advisory role to the foundation and reviews the annual reports. The Kansas Attorney General appoints eight of the committee members; the ninth member is the chair of the Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees, serving ex-officio with vote. Current committee members are:

Kent Bradley, Valley Center
John Coen, Ottawa
Susan Concannon, Beloit
Francie Currie, Neodesha
Terry Presta, Overland Park
Reginald L. Robinson, Lawrence
Janet Schalansky, Topeka
Glen Singer, Iola
Donna Thomas, Leawood

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From left to right:

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- Phil Cauthon, Director of Communications
- Elizabeth Stewart, Program Officer
- Billie Hall, President and CEO
- Jessica Goubeaux, Grants Manager
- Cheryl Bean, Finance Director
- Alisa Browning, Operations Manager

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Statement of Financial Position

Assets	June 30, 2014
Cash and investments	\$96,190,969
Fixed assets and other assets	\$170,642
Total assets	\$96,361,611
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$244,681
Grants payable	\$3,998,008
Total liabilities	\$4,242,689
Unrestricted net assets	\$92,118,922
Total net assets	\$92,118,922
Total liabilities and net assets	\$96,361,611

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

Support and Revenue	Year Ended June 20, 2014
Investment income, net of expenses	\$13,155,056
Total income	\$13,155,056
Grants and Expenses	
Grant awards	\$3,229,787
Grant awards (refunds/adjustments)	(\$122,374)
Special initiatives	\$716,317
Program and general administrative expenses	\$882,914
Total grants and expenses	\$4,706,644
Change in net assets	\$8,448,412
Net assets, beginning of fiscal year	\$83,670,510
Net assets, end of fiscal year	\$92,118,922

The above amounts are from the foundation's fiscal year 2014 audited financial statements. A copy of the foundation's audited financial statements is available upon request.

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Health Care

Access to Health Care

Kansas University Endowment Association, Douglas - \$168,605

The endowment will support a KU Law School graduate to serve as a Fellow, staff the Medical Legal Partnership clinic, and oversee a large scope of work.

Aging

Center for Practical Bioethics, Johnson - \$10,000

The center will host a small group of leaders from across the country to discuss the current state of palliative care and how they can collectively work together.

Integrated Care Initiative

E C Tyree Health & Dental Clinic, Sedgwick - \$198,033

The clinic will transition its service delivery to become an integrated practice and will address its organizational capacity needs.

Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Shawnee - \$200,000

The clinic will expand current primary care hours at St. Francis Primary Care at Valeo, from 10 hours per week to 30 hours per week. This two-year grant will help the clinic with increased staffing costs during the transition to sustainability.

Mental Health

Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc., Shawnee - \$55,920

The association will partner with the National Council for Behavioral Health to present 12 Case to Care Management Training sessions at various locations across the state, projected to reach 720 people.

Healthy Living and Active Lifestyles

Sunflower Trails

Central Kansas Conservancy, McPherson - \$39,937

The conservancy will develop and enhance 2.75 miles of trail, limestone screenings spread six inches deep and eight feet wide.

City of Dodge City, Ford - \$21,475

The city will rebuild and expand an existing trail in Thurov Park. The new trail will be 3,050 feet long, 10 feet wide, and paved with asphalt.

City of Kingman, Kingman - \$16,659

The city will install lighting along a 5,800-foot concrete trail.

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City of Mound City, Linn - \$43,750

The city will construct and enhance a trail connecting the elementary school to the city park. The concrete trail will be 3,900 feet long and six feet wide.

City of Mount Hope, Sedgwick - \$25,000

The city will install lighting along a 4,560-foot trail in a city park that connects to school property.

Garden City Recreation Commission, Finney - \$30,000

The commission will expand the existing walking trail at Finnup Park by adding 3,330-foot-long, eight-foot-wide asphalt path.

Marshall County Connections, Inc., Marshall - \$25,170

The organization will construct the Kansas portion of the Blue River Rail Trail. The project will link Marietta to the Nebraska border with a 4.2-mile, eight-foot-wide limestone trail.

Nickerson Elementary School USD #309, Reno - \$15,000

The school district will build a 0.37-mile-long, six-foot-wide concrete trail.

Outside For A Better Inside, Inc., Douglas - \$48,474

The organization will build and enhance a 2,537-foot-long, 10-foot-wide concrete trail.

Scott Community Foundation, Scott - \$55,000

The foundation will expand the existing Happy Trails with a 4,973-foot-long, six-foot-wide, concrete trail and enhancements in Palmer Park.

USD #232 De Soto-Mize Elementary, Johnson - \$10,129

The school district will build a .3-mile-long, six-foot-wide limestone trail that will loop around the soccer fields behind the school.

USD #233 Olathe and Bentwood Elementary, Johnson - \$11,550

The school district will build a 1,320-foot-long, five-foot-wide asphalt trail that will loop around the playing field and connect to the school's playground.

USD #305 and Heusner Elementary, Saline - \$15,000

The school district will build a 1,320-foot-long, six-foot-wide concrete trail that loops around the playground.

USD #469 Lansing, Leavenworth - \$19,550

The school district will build 3,400-foot-long, 10-foot-wide concrete trail that will stretch from Lansing High School to 147th Street.

USD #491 Eudora Schools, Douglas - \$19,884

The school district will build a 2,620-foot-long, 10-foot wide asphalt trail that will loop around the back of the school and connect several access points.

Special Projects

Kansas Trails Council, Shawnee - \$25,000

The council will deploy three additional "Trail in a Box" trailers, which are stocked with trail construction tools for temporary use by community volunteers and organizations.

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Kansas Trails Council, Shawnee - \$10,000

The council will purchase a trailer to hold equipment for trail building and maintenance.

Kansas Wildscape Foundation, Douglas - \$105,000

This three-year grant will allow the Kansas Wildscape Foundation and several key partners to fully develop, mobilize and promote GetOutdoorsKansas: a coalition movement and interactive website that will help the public both list and locate all Kansas outdoor activities connected to healthy, active lifestyles.

KC Healthy Kids, Wyandotte - \$35,000

This three-year grant will support the Kansas Built Environment and the Outdoors Summit, the annual conference focused on creating and sustaining environments that make the healthy choice the easy choice.

University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., Douglas - \$65,000

This center at KU will examine group problem-solving behavior in natural and office-like environments. The findings from the research will help inform nature-based interventions to improve productivity and promote health and wellbeing.

Capacity Building

Attica Hospital District #1, Harper - \$16,282

The hospital will purchase materials and consulting services related to addressing cultural change in the long-term care setting.

Barton County Health Department, Barton - \$24,624

The health department will purchase electronic signage that will be used for preventive education and public health messages in English and Spanish.

Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Douglas - \$20,290

The health center will purchase servers and develop a new database related to the Working to Recognize Alternative Possibilities program.

Caritas Clinics, Inc., Wyandotte - \$18,124

Caritas will train staff on ICD-10 coding at their Duchesne and Saint Vincent Clinics.

Center for Health and Wellness, Inc., Sedgwick - \$21,314

The center will develop a new website and update lobby-based technology to allow patients to access health records and resources.

Central Kansas Foundation, Saline - \$30,658

The foundation will purchase tablets, software, signature pads, wireless equipment, and installation service.

Central Kansas Mental Health Center, Saline - \$25,000

The center will purchase new computers, software, phones, and a copier for recently added staff.

Central Plains Health Care Partnership, Sedgwick - \$24,000

The partnership will purchase donor-tracking software, related training and services from two consulting firms for board, volunteer and staff training to execute a comprehensive development plan.

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Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne - \$22,098

The hospital will purchase computers, monitors, backup equipment, terminal workstations, software, and locking storage cart.

CLASS LTD, Cherokee - \$15,678

The organization will purchase computer workstations, tablets and related apps, projectors, and server equipment.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Crawford - \$40,000

The health center will purchase a phone system.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Crawford - \$20,000

The health center has expanded its lola clinic from dental only to include primary care, requiring new IT hardware and installation.

Community Health Council of Wyandotte County, Wyandotte - \$18,222

The council will purchase a laptop, website development services, video camera, and online documentation software.

Community HealthCare System, Inc., Pottawatomie - \$20,000

The organization will seek consultation related to creating a hospital foundation to help ensure organizational sustainability.

Douglas County Dental Clinic, Inc., Douglas - \$7,670

The clinic will purchase workstations and software.

El Centro De Servicios Para Hispanosa, Shawnee - \$2,819

The clinic will purchase computers, software, and a copier.

Elizabeth Layton Center, Inc., Franklin - \$21,940

The clinic will expand the current phone system and purchase laptops.

First Care Clinic Inc., Ellis - \$28,305

The clinic will contract with a consultant for data extraction and data conversion needs.

GraceMed, Inc., Sedgwick - \$11,987

The clinic will connect its network and phone system to a new location.

Harper Hospital District #5, Harper - \$22,176

The hospital will purchase a server, software, licenses, laptops, and technical services.

Health Partnership Clinic, Johnson - \$20,488

The clinic will purchase a new phone system.

Heartland Medical Clinic, Douglas - \$26,690

The clinic will purchase software, a server, a copier/print, and hardware.

Homecare & Hospice, Inc., Riley - \$11,712

The organization will purchase tablets.

Horizons Mental Health Center, Reno - \$15,878

The center will purchase hardware and software for a digital recording system.

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Inter-Faith Ministries, Sedgwick - \$18,220

The organization will purchase computers and technical services.

Iroquois Center for Human Development, Inc., Kiowa - \$30,000

The center will purchase servers as well as installation and training services.

Kansas Advocates for Better Care, Inc., Douglas - \$8,455

The organization will enhance communications, including transitioning to internal management of the website, a multiuse copier, audio conferencing capacity, and web-based training capacity.

Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters Inc., Sedgwick - \$6,196

The organization will purchase tablets and cases for area program directors.

Kansas CASA Association, Ellis - \$31,387

The organization will purchase licenses, servers, annual subscriptions, travel, and technical assistance.

Kansas Food Bank, Sedgwick - \$31,936

The organization will purchase servers, battery backup equipment, software, and training.

Kiowa District Hospital, Barber - \$30,000

The hospital will train staff on electronic health records software.

Lawrence Meals on Wheels, Douglas - \$1,900

The organization will purchase computers, software, and technical services.

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Douglas - \$13,770

The health department will hire a health information technology intern and purchase conference and travel expenses for three staff members.

Lindsborg Community Hospital, McPherson - \$25,537

The hospital will upgrade its phone system.

Logan County Hospital, Logan - \$25,000

The hospital will purchase computers with software.

Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, Sedgwick - \$32,269

The association will purchase computer workstations and monitors.

Midland Care Connection, Inc., Shawnee - \$12,003

The organization will replace outdated on-site servers with three virtualization management servers.

Morris County Hospital, Morris - \$39,950

The hospital will upgrade its phone system.

Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc., Riley - \$23,616

The organization will upgrade its phone system.

Prairie View, Inc., Harvey - \$11,455

The organization will purchase a desktop computer, website development, and software license.

Rawlins County Health Center, Rawlins - \$18,308

The health center will purchase tablets, a server, and software.

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Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita, Sedgwick - \$14,308

The organization will upgrade its phone system.

Sheridan County Health Complex, Sheridan - \$25,000

The health system will purchase a pharmacy component of its electronic health records system.

South Central Mental Health Counseling Center, Butler - \$25,000

The center will purchase workstations and software.

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care, Wyandotte - \$21,467

The clinic will purchase a new server, laptops, and a cooling unit for its server room.

Special Olympics Kansas, Johnson - \$13,459

The organization upgrade its phone system.

Sunflower Diversified Services, Barton - \$25,000

The organization will purchase workforce management software, a computer, a battery backup system, a server, tablets, and associated training.

Tiyospaye, Inc., Sedgwick - \$20,768

The organization will purchase software licenses, a server, desktop computers, and laptops.

Trego County Health Department, Trego - \$2,678

The health department will purchase a copier.

Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital, Trego - \$25,000

The hospital will purchase HIPAA-compliant exchange server software, additional hard drive storage capacity, RAM for the existing virtual server, implementation services, and training expenses.

Turner House Clinic for Children, Wyandotte - \$9,564

The clinic will purchase case management software.

Unified Government Public Health Department, Wyandotte - \$18,250

The health department will update client data storage and retrieval system, including document interface with its electronic health records system.

Public Information, Education and Special Initiatives

Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc., Shawnee - \$25,000

The association will contract with consultants to provide data gathering and analytic services aimed at creating a shared-risk funding model.

Enroll America, statewide - \$500,000

This national organization works to increase enrollment in public and private insurance through their "Get Covered America" website and media campaigns. The website answers questions for consumers, connecting them with assistors and navigators in their local markets, and connects them to HealthCare.gov where they can sign up for health insurance. Funds will be used to purchase expertise, production, and advertising via television, radio, and digital media.

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Grantmakers in Health, national - \$25,000

This national organization will review their current membership guidelines (which are currently focused on health foundations) to see what impact a broader community of funding organizations might have in furthering the organization's mission.

Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, Shawnee - \$5,000

Support for the Integrated Care Forum at the KAMU 2013 Annual Conference.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Shawnee - \$70,000

Support for KDHE's two-year Health Homes Learning Collaborative for providers who contract with the KanCare MCOs.

Kansas Health Consumer Coalition, Shawnee - \$11,336

Support for strategic planning.

Kansas Health Institute, Shawnee - \$10,000

Ongoing support for the KHI News Service.

Kansas Hospital Association, Shawnee - \$50,000

The association will complete an environmental scan and analysis of potential means of expanding the Medicaid program in Kansas.

Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, Shawnee - \$10,000

The foundation will support KansasHealthMatters.org which collects health-related statistical data in one location.

Topeka Community Foundation, Shawnee - \$109,200

The Shawnee County Safety Net Summit Group is working with a national consultant to evaluate how to enhance the health care safety-net system and expand access to high-quality, affordable primary care services to underserved populations in the county.

Topeka Community Foundation, Shawnee - \$50,000

A grant to the ACA Opportunity Fund, which is a collaborative project supported by the Kansas Grantmakers in Health. The fund is used for activities that support KGIH goals, such as outreach and enrollment efforts, building capacity in the health care system, enhancing the knowledge and engagement of health care consumers, and supporting advocates who work on these issues.

YWCA of Topeka, Shawnee - \$10,000

This grant will support YWCA's *Women's Leadership Academy*, which is a forum for aspiring professional women aimed at promoting a healthier and balanced workforce, as well as supporting a network of women leaders in Kansas.



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