### **CONNECT EMPOWER GROW**





Kansas Community Foundations.

For Ever.

Dear Kansas Community Foundation,

I hope this letter finds you well and thriving. It is with great enthusiasm and appreciation that I reach out to you today to encourage your continued support and participation as valued members of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF).

Your membership with KACF is not just a commitment to our organization; it is a pledge to strengthen and empower communities across the state of Kansas. Your dedication to philanthropy, collaboration, and community development has already made a significant impact, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

As we embark on another year of working together, we are thrilled to have as our Executive Director, Christy Tustin. Many of you have already interacted with Christy but if you haven't I encourage you to reach out to her with any question about KACF or your membership. Her commitment to our mission and her expertise in philanthropy and community development make her an invaluable addition to our team.

Christy joins us at a time when the work we do is more critical than ever. The challenges faced by our communities have been amplified, and the need for effective philanthropic efforts and collaboration has never been greater. We believe that, with your continued support, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout Kansas.

To renew your membership, please click <u>here</u>. If you weren't a member last year but wish to join in 2024, then please click <u>here</u>. KACF membership dues are based on asset size at the end of the previous year as identified in your end-of-year financial statement (this can be an internal financial statement and does not need to be a 990). Amounts in excess of \$500 may be reported to the IRS as a grant. The deadline to renew is March 1, 2024.

Additionally, I invite you to participate actively in our upcoming conference, regional meetings and online learning opportunities, where we will have the opportunity to discuss our shared goals, learn from one another, and build lasting connections.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to KACF. Together, we can create positive change and enhance the well-being of Kansas communities. We look forward to another year of collaboration, growth, and impact.

Warm regards,

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KACF Board Chair, CEO, Longmont Community Foundation

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#### KACF'S HISTORY

KACF is a membership organization founded in 2005 by a dedicated group of volunteers representing community foundations across the state of Kansas who believe in philanthropy, peer-learning, and statewide partnerships.

It was their hope that KACF would impact the growth, development, and organizational sustainability of Kansas community foundations as trusted community catalysts that offer in-depth knowledge of local issues and funding resources to help preserve the health and well-being of Kansas and its residents.

Our mission: To leverage the resources of community foundations in the state of Kansas so as to strengthen and promote community philanthropy and inspire action that will improve the quality of life in Kansas communities.

The KACF Board looks forward to 2024 and encourages membership's continued input.

## **Key Member Benefits**



#### **Networking**

Opportunities to expand your professional network, fostering valuable connections and collaborations with your community foundation colleagues in Kansas and beyond, including our Peer-to-Peer Program.



# Professional Development

Access to exclusive resources, workshops, and events that enhance your skills, knowledge, and build your foundation's capacity.



#### **Visibility**

Market community foundations as go-to experts on philanthropy, build relationships with organizations focusing on rural development, and to encourage new partnerships and opportunities.



#### **Advocacy**

Promote a unified voice in advocating for field-related issues, policy decisions, and promoting the collective interests of members.



#### **Resource Library**

Membership grants access to a wide variety of community foundation resources, keeping you informed with the latest research and tools essential for staying ahead.



# Meetings and Conferences

Attend the annual conference and regional meetings, plus monthly Zoom calls, facilitating knowledge exchange, idea sharing, and exposure to the latest trends in philanthropy.



#### **Discounts**

Exclusive member benefits with costsaving discounts on essential resources, services, and events, maximizing the value of your association membership.



#### **Job Listings**

Post open job listings across the state on KACF's website.

## **2023 Highlights**

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CONNECT	<b>EMPOWER</b>	GROW
Served 107 Members	Collaborated with the C.S.  Mott Foundation on  Application of the SDGs  by Small and/or Rural  Community Foundations  with five members	358 attendees at Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations
Peer-to-Peer Networking Program with 31 CF Leaders	Surveyed members to learn about most valued services and improvements	Assisted with regional meetings in Hays, Salina, and McPherson
Facilitated over 20 Discussion Chamber questions and 50	Express Training helped 54 community foundations,	Partnered with the Patterson Family Foundation to provide Match Day grants

#### 2024 SAVE THE DATES

responses

(Monthly Zoom Calls, Various Topics, 2nd Thursdays at 9 am)

January 11: Monthly Zoom: Patterson Family Foundation, 2024 Match Event Grants, 9 am

including 19 KACF

members

- January 25: Membership Connect (Zoom): Match Days Idea Sharing and Feedback, 9 am
- February 8: Monthly Zoom: Clutch Professionals/Jonathan Clayton 9 am
- February 20: Membership Connect (Zoom): Program Officers/Communications Idea Sharing, 11 am

Match Day grants

- February 28: Non-Profit Day on the Hill/Community Foundation Day on the Hill, Topeka, KS
- March 1: KACF Membership applications due
- March 14: Monthly Zoom: CF Action Initiative/Peter Panepento, National Marketing Campaign, 9 am
- March 19: Membership Connect (Zoom): Pres./CEO/Executive Directors Idea Sharing, 11 am
- April 9: Membership Connect (Zoom): Acctg./Finance/Operations Idea Sharing, 11 am
- April 17: Region 1 (W. KS) Retreat in Hays
- May 1: Region 3 (NC and NE KS) Retreat in Seneca, Spring Creek Golf Course
- May 15: Region 2 (SC and SE KS) Retreat in McPherson
- October 16 18: Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations, Wichita, KS

#### 2024 KACF BOARD MEMBERS



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STAFF:



Christy L. Tustin, Executive Director Lori Huber, Finance and Operations Manager

# Join KACF

Ready to join KACF or renew your annual membership?

Membership applications are due on or before March 1st.

A copy of KACF's Membership Policy is available upon request.

Questions? Please feel free to contact us.





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