



*Inspiring Thriving Communities*

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## KANSAS BRINGS THE COUNTRY TOGETHER

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Wichita, KS, 1BOctober 11, 2018– Kansas is to celebrate yet another success story: 409 people from 37 States, DC and Bermuda representing 178 community foundations will gather on October 14-16 at the Wichita Marriott to learn from over 70 speakers, 37 supporters and each other to ramp up their capacities in developing community philanthropy.

Hosted by the [Kansas Association of Community Foundations](#) (KACF), in partnership with the [National Advisory](#) Group, [37 Supporters](#) and national and regional philanthropy serving organizations, the Conference brings staff and board members of community foundations, including from rural, small urban and suburban America. The geography expands from Alaska to Texas and from California to Bermuda.

*“To help Kansas community foundations leapfrog, especially during the critical time of transfer of wealth, why don’t we bring the rest of the country to Kansas so that collectively we could equip community foundations with the best know-how and grow together.” – said Svetlana Hutfles, KACF Executive Director – “KACF members have already invested \$2,742,000,000 in grants to their local communities in the last 9 years. The potential with the transfer of wealth is far greater as more individuals create endowments, join “legacy societies,” and plan their gifts at their local community foundation for the communities they love so deeply.”*

Our state is currently experiencing an unprecedented [transfer of wealth](#). Studies show that by 2020, \$79 billion will change hands from one generation to the next in Kansas. If we capture a portion of this wealth — even just 5% — by setting up endowments at [community foundations](#), we could provide a permanent source of funding for local organizations and causes that will greatly improve the lives of Kansans. Kansans want to see our state continue to grow and succeed. With a little planning, caring individuals can make a difference for their communities, families, friends and neighbors, *forever*. KACF has created the [“Keep 5 in Kansas”](#) campaign and [“Do you have a Plan”](#) video, as well as the [Article “ What is your Estate Plan”](#) to help explain the planned giving concept to Kansans.

*“Through the power of endowment, funds established at your local community foundation or charities, allow your family’s name and charitable aspirations to live forever — creating a stable, enduring legacy to benefit future generations. This is important as current federal programs are reduced or cut, our communities may have to directly address the needs of our people,” – explained Bekki Pribil, KACF Chair-Person and Executive Director of the South Central Community Foundation, - “A Chinese Proverb says: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago ~ the second best time is now .....*”

Planned giving, as well as over 50 other conference sessions on assets development, sustainability, finance, governance, legal aspects, marketing, program, public policy, advocacy and leadership, including conversations on impact investment, voter engagement, #metoo, and low attention disaster philanthropy will take place at the 2018 Conference.

*“Higher than ever registration numbers are a testament to the value of the Conference not only for Kansas but the rest of the country as we provide a platform and a quality resource for deep learning, networking, and moving the field forward by bringing community foundations of various sizes and geographic backgrounds together.” – said Angie Tatro, Conference Committee Chair and Executive Director of the Central Kansas Community Foundation.*

KACF is grateful to its [37 Conference Supporters](#) and welcomes other caring individuals, companies, foundations and organizations in Kansas and other states to join the honorable ranks of local philanthropy supporters. Next year’s Conference calendar is marked for October 27-29, 2019 at the Wichita Marriott.

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*The mission of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations is 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 network of 94 community foundations has doubled since 2008 and these community foundations now collectively hold [\\$3.6 billion dollars in assets](#) for their communities. Each KACF member contributes to the growth and development of philanthropy in Kansas supporting various non-profit organizations and charitable and community-development causes that matter to their communities.*

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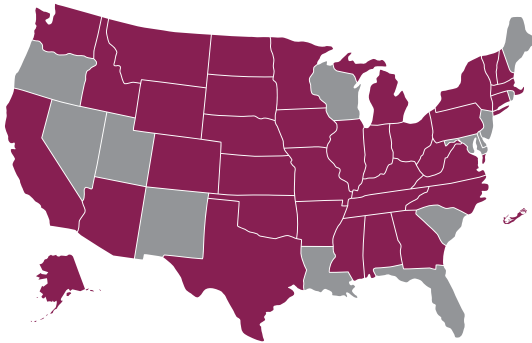
# FOR GROWING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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## 2018 Conference Statistics

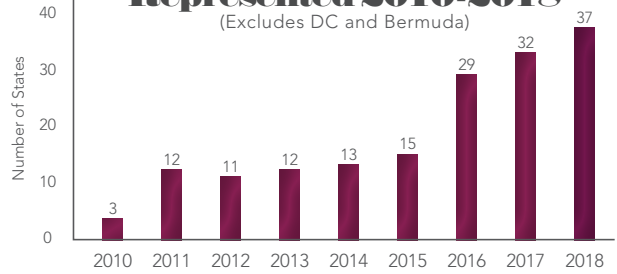
### 2018 States Represented



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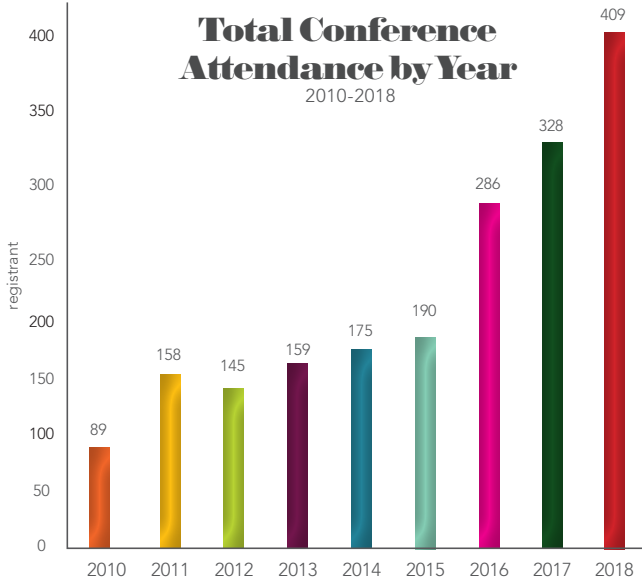
### States Represented 2010-2018

(Excludes DC and Bermuda)



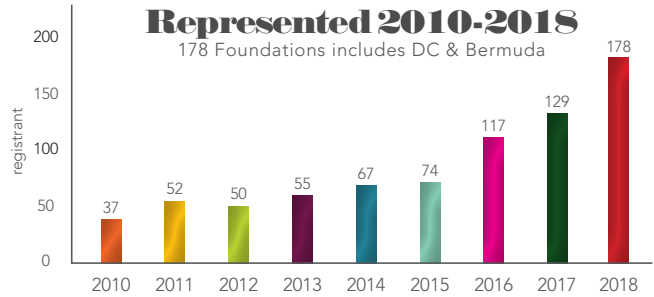
### Total Conference Attendance by Year

2010-2018



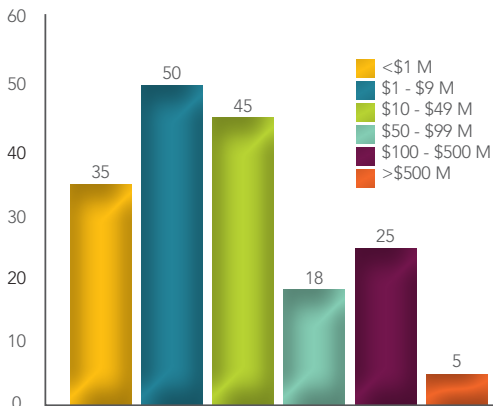
### Total Number of CFs Represented 2010-2018

178 Foundations includes DC & Bermuda



### Foundation Assets 2018

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### CF Positions Represented

