



Topeka  
Community  
Foundation



We hit the ground running in 2019 and I'm pleased to share with you just a couple of ways in which the Topeka Community Foundation is involved in making our community healthier and stronger for all of our citizens.

- As part of a team of eight, I attended a week-long intensive course through the Harvard Bloomberg City Leadership Initiative in January. Our efforts centered on increasing equitable opportunities in our community – particularly as it relates to implementation of Momentum 2022.
- The Topeka Community Foundation was selected by the Kansas Health Foundation as one of four community foundations to participate in a two-year pilot cohort entitled Kansas Community Philanthropy Innovators Network. With leadership from the Aspen Institute and LOCUS Impact Investing, we will be provided tools for taking on greater roles for economic development efforts which advance community prosperity and health equity.

We are excited about these opportunities and welcome your interest and involvement as we work together to strengthen our community.

*Marsha Pope*

**MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT**

# THE QUARTERLY

FIRST QUARTER 2019

## ESTATE GIFT ENTRUSTED TO TOPEKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Topekans Barney and Joan Braymen will continue to support the organizations they cared about – even after their deaths in 2017 and 2010, respectively.

The Topeka Community Foundation recently received a portion of the Braymen's estate -- the second largest estate gift in the organization's 35-year history.

"Barney and Joan were generous in their lifetime and wanted to ensure their philanthropy would continue in perpetuity," said Topeka Community Foundation President Marsha Pope. "The Foundation is honored to be the steward of their estate gift which will provide support forever to the causes near and dear to them during their lifetime."

The Braymen's thorough and well-planned vision will provide annual distributions to American Red Cross – Topeka, Boys & Girls Club – Topeka, CARE, Doorstep, Capper Foundation, GraceMed, Salvation Army, Topeka Rescue Mission and the United Way of Greater Topeka.

"It is a great privilege to have worked with the Braymens to ensure their legacy of generosity continues," Pope said. "Generations from now, their philanthropy will continue to make a difference in our community."

For information on how you can include philanthropic giving in your estate plans, contact Pope at 785-272-4804.

## FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Topeka Community Foundation has elected two new members to serve three-year terms on its Board of Directors.

Dr. Ximena Garcia, community volunteer and Stephen Wade, Topeka Capital Journal Publisher, began their service January 1, 2019.

Officers of the board for 2019 are: Chris McGee, Chair; Pam Alexander, Vice Chair; Tara Dimick, Secretary; Brad Owen, Treasurer; and Shelly Buhler, Immediate Past Chair.

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# TCF SPOTLIGHT

## BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY



The Topeka Community Foundation was selected by the Kansas Health Foundation as one of four foundations state-wide to participate in a new initiative aimed at building community capacity to address economic development. Attending the first of four cohort meetings were from left: Arnold Downing, Sr. (Topeka Housing Authority, VP Resident Services), Molly Howey (Greater Topeka Partnership, Sr. Vice President of Economic Development), Kathy Smith (Topeka Community Foundation, Director of Community Investment), Glenda DuBoise (Greater Topeka Partnership, Heartland Visioning Coordinator), Marsha Pope (Topeka Community Foundation, President) Pam Alexander (Topeka Community Foundation, Board Member), Tara Dimick (Envista Vice President and TK Magazine Publisher).

## SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION



More than 90 scholarship recipients were honored at a reception on Tuesday, April 16th. Pictured are: Jason Guerra, the winner of the Al and Darline Peterson Scholarship, and Darline Peterson. For more information about establishing a scholarship fund, contact Director of Community Investment Kathy Smith at 785-272-4804.

## OUR MISSION

*Encourage philanthropy by providing leadership on key community issues, by connecting donors with their interests and community needs and by ensuring accountability for effective investment of donor dollars.*

## FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established four new funds
- First quarter investment performance: +9.3%
- Processed 1,474 scholarship applications

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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