

SEED FUND GROWS

Makes First Grant



For more than 35 years, the Topeka Community Foundation has been a pillar in the community. We've granted dollars to a variety of programs and projects, led important community conversations and worked with donors to connect them in meaningful ways to causes they care about.

As we look at the future of the Foundation and the community we serve, the Foundation's Board of Directors and staff met earlier this year and completed a strategic planning process. We studied our unique role in the community and are currently working to prioritize our next steps in our pursuit of being the best community foundation we can be for our community.

You'll be hearing more later this year about our strategies around strengthening Shawnee County, growing generosity and fueling the Foundation. We look forward to reporting out on our goals and our progress ... all to help grow and impact the community we love.

We appreciate working with you and consider it a privilege to be your charitable giving partner.

Marsha Pope
MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT



Foundation Board Vice Chair and Donor Tara Dimick (left) and Foundation President, Marsha Pope pose for a photo at Dialogue Coffeehouse with owner and grantee Caitlyn Halsey (center).

A Seed Fund is a donor advised fund created with the intention to grow over time. It is designed for young donors and families who are interested in leveraging their charitable giving by having a fund at the Foundation, but need time to build their fund to meet the Foundation's required minimum fund balance of \$10,000.

The Foundation's first Seed Fund was started three years ago by the Dimick family. They reached their goal of \$10,000 and granted their first gift of \$1,000 to the Dialogue Fund. The Foundation matched the Dimick's gift for a total of \$2,000.

The Dialogue Fund is the Foundation's second seed fund, launched with the \$2,000 from the Dimick's and the Foundation. It was started by Caitlyn Halsey, owner of Dialogue Coffee House. The Dialogue Fund aims to support organizations with similar missions to that of Dialogue Coffee House, which focuses on employing people with disabilities.

Do you know someone who may be interested in starting a seed fund? Contact Foundation President Marsha Pope at pope@topekacommunityfoundation.org.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Asset Management Committee

The Asset Management Committee sets policy, establishes performance benchmarks and monitors the performance of the Community Foundation's portfolios against these policies and benchmarks. Their primary objective is to preserve the real purchasing power of the assets, while providing a predictable, stable and constant stream of income.

The Asset Management Committee is comprised of both board members and non-board members. Committee members are knowledgeable concerning asset management and are leaders in the Topeka community.

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HealthAccess • Stormont Vail Health
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The LINK Partnership was established in May 2019 as a collaboration between HealthAccess, Stormont Vail Health, Harvesters, Valeo and Washburn University. LINK stands for Listening to your needs; Identifying your goals; Navigating your community; and Keeping you healthy.

The work of LINK focuses beyond the traditional healthcare safety net system, addressing the needs of the uninsured or under-insured. Despite multiple barriers in the last year due to COVID-19, services continued and staff was expanded.

The LINK program has had:

- 29 successful graduates since inception
- 89 total patients enrolled

LINK has enrolled six new patients this quarter, focusing first on enrolling patients who have extremely high emergency department usage, hoping to quickly reduce these medically unnecessary visits.

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.

SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established two new funds
- Second quarter investment performance: 6.3%
- Website: 13,881 pageviews (year to date)

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