



As the year draws to a close, you may be considering making year-end gifts to charity. The Topeka Community Foundation stands ready to assist you in maximizing your charitable dollar.

- Create a giving plan. The Community Foundation can help you create a giving plan to assist you in thinking strategically about how you give and to what organizations. This ensures your donations make the greatest impact on the causes you care about while maximizing tax advantages.
- Let the Community Foundation do the leg work. Working with the Topeka Community Foundation gives you access to our extensive knowledge of the local nonprofit community and the charitable needs of our community. You can stay informed about the organizations you support and the effect your giving will have.
- Consider "bunching." By contributing multiple years' worth of donations into a donor-advised fund, you can exceed the new, higher standard deduction benefiting from the tax savings. You can then use the assets in the fund to consistently support your favorite charities even in the years you don't make any new contributions to the fund – and take the standard deduction.

It's a privilege to work with you and be your charitable giving partner.

Marsha Pope

MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT

THE QUARTERLY

THIRD QUARTER 2019

TOPEKA: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND GIVE

As momentum builds in our community, we continue adding to the long list of reasons why we love Topeka. There is so much to celebrate!

On Giving Tuesday (December 3rd), we'll be kicking off a campaign asking people to tell us why they think Topeka is a great place to live, work and give. We'll compile the answers and select 20 to feature throughout the year 2020. Be sure to follow us on social media, as we roll out a new video every few weeks highlighting one of the reasons Topekans love Topeka.

And plan to join the fun! Beginning December 3rd, go to our website www.topekacommunityfoundation.org and tell us why YOU think Topeka is a great place to live, work and give.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH



The Foundation launched an updated website in early October. The site, topekacommunityfoundation.org has a fresh, new look and is more user friendly. Since launching, there have been more than 1,500 page views by 750 unique visitors.

Among other features, the site allows visitors to view and apply for scholarships, donate to specific funds, or purchase giving cards. Also on our site is a link to Donor Central to view fund balances, make gifts and request grants. Information is updated daily. Contact Philanthropic Services Associate Abby Price (price@topekacommunityfoundation.org) for assistance in enrolling in Donor Central.

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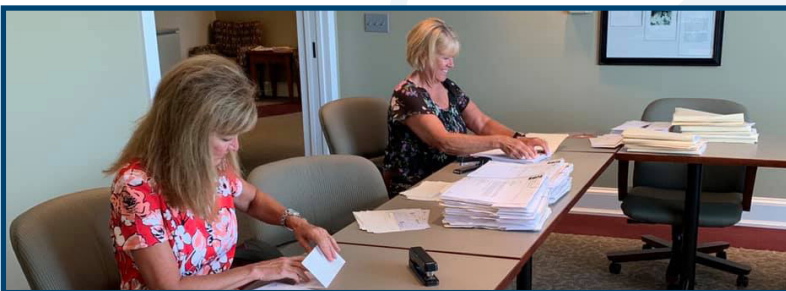
TCF SPOTLIGHT

KANSAS COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY INNOVATORS NETWORK



The Topeka Community Foundation is pleased to be selected by the Kansas Health Foundation as one of four community foundations for inclusion in the first cohort of the Kansas Community Philanthropy Innovators Network. This initiative is designed to provide tools for community foundations to address community capacity around economic development. Attending the second of four cohort meetings were from left: Kathy Smith (Topeka Community Foundation, Director of Community Investment); Pam Alexander (Topeka Community Foundation, Board Member); Glenda Washington (Greater Topeka Partnership, Sr. Vice President of Entrepreneurial Minority Business Development); Molly Howey (Greater Topeka Partnership, Sr. Vice President of Economic Development); Marsha Pope (Topeka Community Foundation, President); Tara Dimick (Envista, Vice President; TK Magazine, Publisher; Topeka Community Foundation, Board Member).

SCHOLARSHIPS



In July, more than \$100,000 in scholarship checks were mailed to students throughout Shawnee County. It's an honor and privilege to work with scholarship donors who invest in the education of students. Pictured are Office Manager Shelley Matalone and Director of Finance Kris Scothorn working to ensure each letter, check and envelope are a perfect match.

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 four new funds
- Second quarter investment performance: +.35%
- Instagram followers reached 1,000+

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