

**2019  
Annual  
Report**



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**Stories of  
courage,  
hope, faith  
& love**

# A Message from the Founder

The Love, Chloe Foundation was created in 2008 in memory of my daughter, Chloe. She was diagnosed with DIPG in November 2006 and battled for 11 months. When she passed in October 2007, I knew that I wanted to help others in her memory. We launched in 2008 and have continued to grow over the last 12 years.

It has been a blessing to be able to connect and work with so many wonderful volunteers and families. We have been able to help families all over Kansas. Each year our goals continue to grow so that we can help even more.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been incredibly hard on the foundation. In the past, we have relied heavily on in-person fundraising events and that has not been able to happen this year. We are now having to do events in a virtual format. Our donations are significantly lower although the need is just as important as ever.

Families are still dealing with childhood cancer each and every day. The pandemic has made things even more difficult for families with all the restrictions at the hospitals and the increased risk of their child getting sick with a weakened immune system.

We have been thrown into a world of social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands more often and using hand sanitizer. This has already been the reality of many childhood cancer families for years.

As 2020 comes to an end, we are looking forward to 2021 and hope that you will continue to support our mission through these trying times.

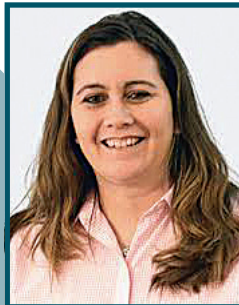
~Heidi Feyerherm-Smith



## Board of Directors

"The Love, Chloe Foundation is an exemplary organization for funding research, supporting families, and raising awareness for childhood cancer, not only in north-central Kansas but throughout the Midwest, nationwide, and internationally."

~ Dr. Britton Zuccarelli



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# 2019 Love, Chloe Star Supporters of the Year

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## Deliliah McWhorter

Deliliah is a fourth grader at Cottonwood Elementary who has gone above and beyond for the Love, Chloe Superhero Strong Family Fun Run.

Her love of running and her friend Andy, who is a childhood cancer superhero, have been her motivation to help raise awareness of childhood cancer and the Family Fun Run with Team Andy. Last year, Team Andy had more than 60 members! "I worked hard everyday at school going around and asking for team members," said Deliliah. "The feeling of us all there the day of the run in our Team Andy shirts was so exciting!"

Deliliah was both shocked and suprised to be a Star Supporter. "I didn't know that all my hard work would pay off to something so big as being recognized as a Star Supporter!"

In the future, Deliliah's goal is to create a bigger Team Andy each year. She would also like to help other kids who are in the fight now that Andy is cancer free.



## Gabby Merry

Gabby is a forth grader at Heusner Elementary whose love of helping others has earned her the Love, Chloe 2019 Star Supporter award!

Gabby knows first hand the challenges that come from a cancer diagnoses. "My mom had cancer," said Gabby. "I know how hard it can be. I can't imagine kids having to go through it. I just want to help them!"



Gabby learned about the Love, Chloe Foundation through her aunt Kim Vidrickson. From that time, she has dedicated her time and effort to raise awareness and money. From helping with kickball to writing a speech to present veterans' organizations, Gabby is on her way to making the Love, Chloe Foundation and the world better than she found them. She raised more than \$2,500 for the Love, Chloe Foundation in 2019.

With the kickball tournament no longer taking place, Gabby has turned her attention to helping with the Gold Ribbon Gala. "I'd like to raise more money and awareness about Love, Chloe than last year", said Gabby. "I'd also like to help put together wagons and Monkey In My Chair kits."

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# JAMES ALLEN

Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Featured  
Superhero



James Allen, 9, attended Central Elementary School in Lyons, Kansas. James was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in February 2019. Although his time in treatment had its share of ups and downs, James always kept his faith, smile and positive attitude. James was a dedicated gamer. He loved the outdoors, playing football and the Boy Scouts.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who supported and helped our family since we found out about James Allen having cancer,"

said Aubrie Galloway, James Allen's mother. "The outpouring of help was emotionally overwhelming (in a good way) and was definitely beneficial to our family in many ways."

Unfortunately, James suffered a relapse May 13, 2020, after several months of being cancer free. The cancer had returned stronger than ever. Due to the damage his prior chemotherapy had caused to his liver, he didn't qualify for trials. The family opted to provide James with one 5-day dose of a less potent chemo that wouldn't be as hard on his liver. The doctors hoped that the chemo would kill enough of the leukemia that his own immune system would be able to fight off the rest after another bone marrow transplant.

Sadly, James Allen passed away May 29, 2020, at Children's Mercy Hospital before receiving the bone marrow.



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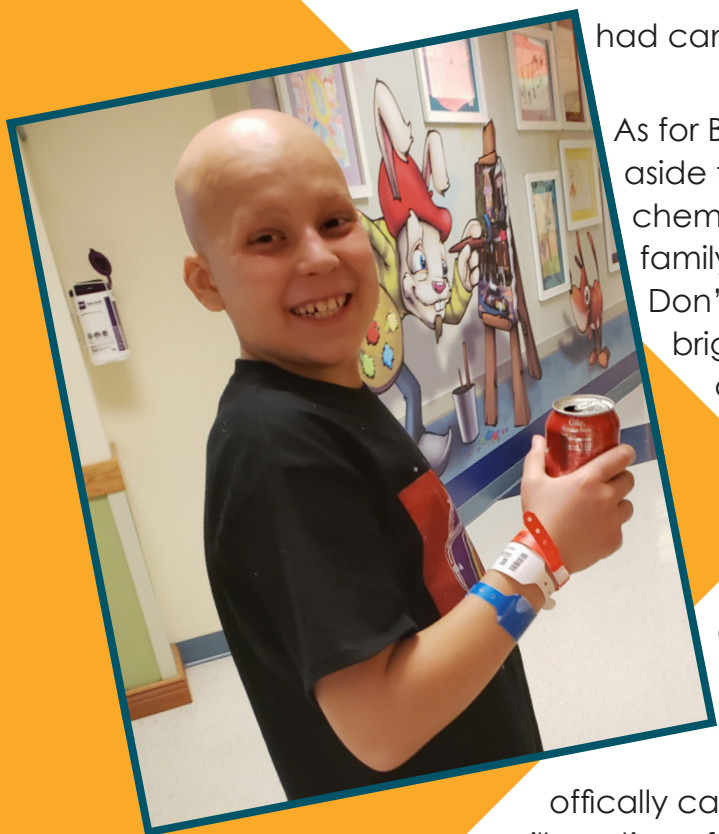


# BRYCE

Diffused Large B Cell Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

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Bryce is 12 years old and is doing online school in Salina. He was diagnosed with Diffused Large B Cell Non Hodgkin Lymphoma on December 31, 2019. Since that time, Bryce and his family have endured many changes in their daily lives, overcome challenges and have found a new appreciation for friends and strangers alike who have come forward to support Bryce and their family. "Neither of us would have ever thought in 100 years that one of our kids would be told they had cancer," said Bryce's mom, Sandy Doonan.



As for Bryce, he says the hardest part of this journey, aside from the diagnoses itself, has been the chemo treatments which make him sick, seeing his family stressed and sad, and losing his hair. Don't be fooled though! Bryce's attitude is as bright as they come. "Knowing I get a Make A Wish and that I will recover has made going through this a little easier," said Bryce.

On May 13, Bryce and his family received news that tests revealed he is officially cancer free! Bryce will continue follow up appointments for the next 5 years. Bryce's family shared the news on Caring-Bridge. "I felt tears of joy in my eyes and Bryce had a smile just as big as the doctor's," said Sandy. At the time of publication, Bryce is doing great!



"The waiting game of finding out what type of cancer Bryce had cancer was the hardest part for Wade and I. Neither of us would have ever thought in 100 years that one of our kids would be told they have childhood cancer." ~Sandy Doonan

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# RYLAN

## Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



Rylan is 13 and a ninth grader doing online schooling in Sylvan Grove, Kansas. He was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on March 16, 2020.

Like so many other families, Rylan's parents' focus became his health and recovery while siblings were cared for by other family members. "The most difficult part of this is all the time that is spent away from home and time spent away from our other kids," said Sara, Rylan's mom. "Another difficult part is having to adjust to a new 'normal'." While in the hospital, the inspirational signs reading, "Love Will" reached Sara's heart every time. It's a message that all parents need all the time, but even more so while supporting your child who is undergoing cancer treatment.



In July 2020, Rylan returned to Children's Mercy for a Car-T Cell transplant. The transplant is an alternative

to chemotherapy with less side effects and positive results. For Rylan, the Car-T Cell transplant boosted him into remission.

Unfortunately, Rylan relapsed at the beginning of October and has returned to Children's Mercy to undergo more treatment and a bone marrow transplant in December.

The hardest part of his treatment has been losing his hair and being away from home. Rylan's advice is "Don't let your anxiety control you!" We couldn't have said it better ourselves, Rylan!



"Trust the doctors, but if something doesn't seem right with your child, advocate for them." Sara Gier



# ISABELLE

Medulloblastoma SHH

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Isabelle is 7 years old from Lyons, Kansas. She was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma SHH, a brain cancer, on April 21, 2020.

After numerous visits to local doctors, Isabelle's parents, Jeremy and Alicia, knew there was something more than constipation and pneumonia happening with their once active daughter. A little girl who loves to dance, Isabelle found herself unable to walk, losing weight, and having severe stomach pain and headaches.



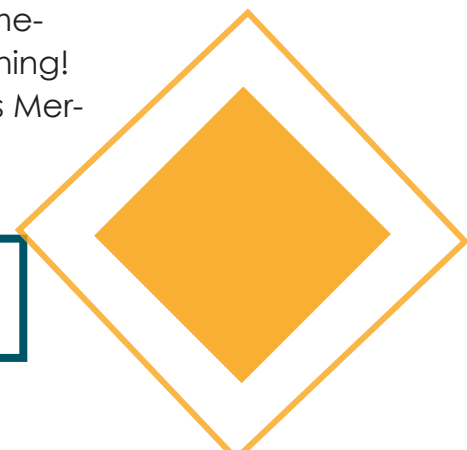
A visit with a Wichita-based gastroenterologist led to an MRI and CT scan which revealed a tumor on the back of her head which had spread to her spinal cord. The next day, Isabelle underwent a 7 1/2 hour surgery and immediately began chemo and radiation.

"This has changed our family so much," said Alicia. "We are stuck in a city we don't know and four hours away from home and family while being separated from oldest son who is staying in Lyons. We are scared that if we leave, Isabelle won't receive the care she so deserves." In addition to the emotional and financial stress of having a child undergoing cancer treatment, not knowing what the future holds for Isabelle and their family is extremely difficult.



Even with the challenges at hand, the family expresses their belief that you can never give up, be persistent when you know something's wrong, don't be scared and never stop smiling and laughing! At the time of publication, Isabelle is receiving care from Children's Mercy in both Wichita and Kansas City.

"Rainbows can't rise without storms. The storm doesn't diminish the rainbow's beauty, but enhances it." Alicia Slick



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# DAMION

## Adenocarcinoma Lung Cancer



Damion is 16 years old from Hope, Kansas. He was diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma Lung Cancer on August 28, 2020. Upon diagnoses, Damion and his family learned his cancer was stage 4 and had spread to his bones and lymph nodes.

In the months leading up to Damion's diagnoses, he had complained of pain in his tailbone and legs. Initially, the family didn't think much of it believing his discomfort was due to growing pains or the result of playing hard on his 4-wheelers. It wasn't until July 13 that he began having abdominal pain and they decided to visit the hospital as a precautionary measure. A CT scan showed that he had appendicitis and a mass on his lung. After his appendectomy, a pulmonologist biopsied the mass confirming it was cancer.

Damion is currently taking oral chemotherapy in and receiving monthly injections for his bones. After two months of chemo, providing his lab levels allow the continuation of treatment, another scan will be done to monitor the effectiveness of the chemo treatments.

Despite the chemo, Damion is doing well. He still experiences bone pain and he gets tired, but he's not about to let a little thing like cancer keep him down. He's still active on his 4-wheelers and working on cars.

As for Damion, he just wants to be the same guy he was before all this happened. "I don't like to think about it. I'm happy when I work on my car, ride my 4-wheeler and hang out with my friends."



**"Since Damion was diagnosed, we have seen such kindness and support from our community. It has been amazing, and we are so grateful!" Stephanie Lininger**



# Events & Fundraising

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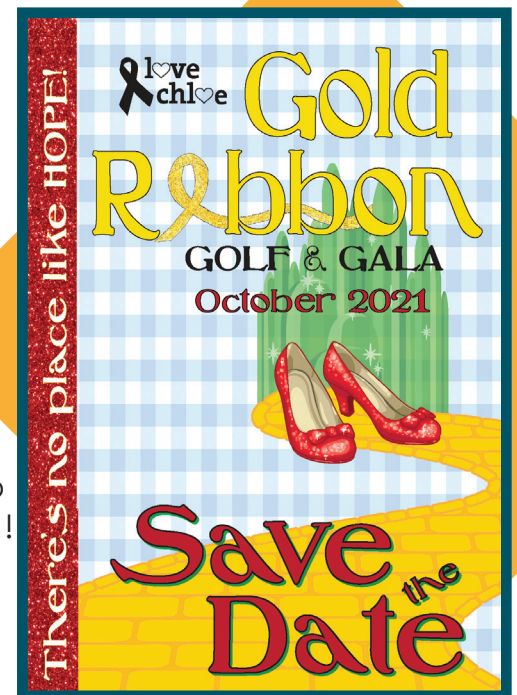
## Gold Ribbon Golf & Gala

The Love, Chloe Foundation Gold Ribbon Golf & Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Gold Ribbon Gala offers an evening to remember. It's a night to honor our childhood cancer superheroes. The gala includes dinner, live and silent auctions, whiskey and wine pulls, guest speakers and lots of fun for a great cause!

The 4-person scramble golf tournament features our "Golfballs from Heaven" raffle, lunch, beer, prizes, lots of fun and friendly competition!

Mark your calendars and follow the yellow brick road to join us at our Gold Ribbon Golf & Gala, October 2021!



## Crop, Craft & Quilt

While the Crop, Craft and Quilt event is one of our smaller events, it offers an environment for a variety of different crafts from scrapbooking to quilting and cardmaking, to name just a few.

Join us February 12 & 13, 2021, for a crafting good time in your PJs while raising money to fund family support and childhood cancer research.

## Superhero Strong Family Fun Run

The Love, Chloe Superhero Strong Family Fun Run is a community favorite, attracting serious runners, walkers, families, and those who just want to come out to support our childhood cancer superheroes and increase funding for ground-breaking research.

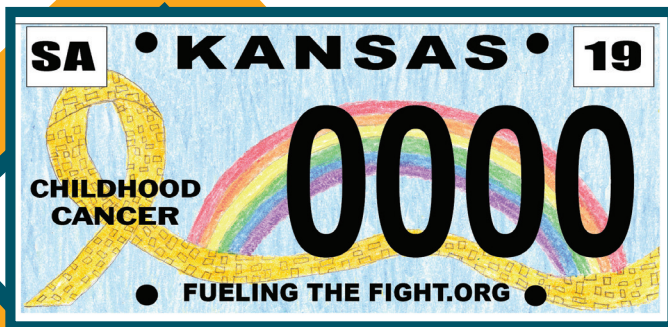
Join us on Saturday, March 27, 2021, for our 6th annual fun run! Pre-race events begin at 7 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. Packet pickup will be on Friday, March 26, from 4-7 p.m. at the Love, Chloe office.



## “Fueling the Fight” Distinctive License Plate

The Love, Chloe Fueling the Fight distinctive license plate was created to provide gas cards for families across Kansas who have a child undergoing cancer treatment. The Fueling the Fight distinctive license plate will be available to citizens across Kansas. The plate is a great way to show your support in finding a cure for childhood cancers as well as helping Kansas families with gas and other expenses as they travel to and from treatment.

Shortly after providing testimonies to the House and Senate Transportation Committees, we faced the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic has delayed the passage of our



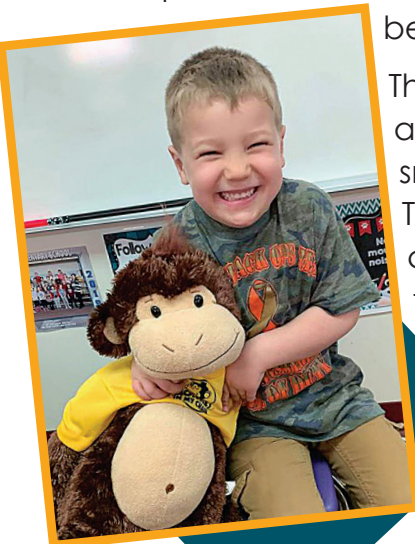
license plate bill and we will start over again next year. We are hopeful the Fueling the Fight license plate will be available in January 2022!



The Love, Chloe Foundation wants to thank Senator Hardy for his continued guidance and support. We couldn't have come this far without his assistance and belief in our cause!

## Monkey in My Chair

The Monkey in my Chair program was started by Heidi Feyerherm-Smith in honor of her daughter, Chloe, who passed from DIPG in 2007. Chloe loved monkeys and school. The idea to combine the two to help students who are away at treatment stay connected to their classmates came to be in 2009 through the Love, Chloe Foundation.



The Monkey in my Chair kit includes a large monkey that follows the class, a small monkey that stays with the child in treatment, a Teacher's Guide, a small photo album and journal and a book, "There's a Monkey in my Chair". The book was written by Heidi Feyerherm-Smith to help start a conversation among the absent child's classmates. It helps them to understand that their friend is sick and that he or she may look different when they return to school. There are also many other elements in the kit to help teachers and students.

The Monkey in my Chair program has expanded across the United States, Canada and Australia. The expansion was made possible in 2011 through a partnership with The Cure Starts Now.

# Family Support

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## Warrior Wagon

The warrior wagons are a way to help brighten spirits while providing the family necessary items and financial assistance.



The warrior wagons come over-loaded with activities and games for each child in the home, numerous snacks, ready to go overnight hygiene bags for the parents and child, travel pillows, a quilt or blanket as well as Love, Chloe shirts and awareness monkeys.



Each family is given a VISA gift card that they can use for travel expenses and/or other necessities. The families also receive three food gift cards to the child's favorite places to eat. The food cards help to lessen out-of-pocket expenses while the family is at treatment.



On average, each warrior wagon is valued between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Warrior Wagons are funded through the Love, Chloe Foundation events and your generous donations.



## Family Day

The Love, Chloe Family Day is a day spent honoring and remembering all of our childhood cancer heroes. It's a great opportunity for families to share their experiences and have a lot of fun while doing so. This special day for families was

made possible in 2019 by a grant from the Salina Charities League.

The First Annual Love, Chloe Family Day was held at The Rolling Hills Zoo. The day began with lunch, followed by a scavenger hunt through the museum, created specially for our heroes. The families were then able to stroll through the zoo to enjoy the animals, displays and browse the gift shop at their own pace. Before calling it a day, each family was gifted a one-year membership to the zoo. It was a fun time for the more than 60 guests that attended!

Unfortunately, our 2020 Family Day wasn't possible with COVID-19. We hope to continue the Love, Chloe Family Day in 2021!



# Kickball Jam

The Love, Chloe Kickball Jam was the foundation's inaugural fundraising event. The first tournament was in 2008. The event brought in enough funds to get the Monkey In My Chair program off the ground. The foundation was able to purchase the components for the first 50 kits and get them shipped to families. The program was able to grow after that and now serves about 1,000 families each year.

The Kickball Jam started with just seven teams the first year and fluctuated with participation each year, peaking at 18 teams in 2012. The tournament brought teams to play from around Central Kansas and even as far away as Lawrence. The event raised more than \$118,000 over the span of 12 years. The tournament awarded trophies to the top 3 teams and spirit and fundraising trophies to the teams that showed the most spirit and raised the most money. Teams were able to show their spirit and creativity with fun costumes and team uniforms.

In 2017, the tournament implemented a Guinness World Record attempt. The record attempt was for the

most number of people kicking a kickball simultaneously. There were 289 people that participated in the record attempt. Unfortunately, after waiting months for the approval of the record, it was not accept-

*"The choice to discontinue the Love, Chloe Kickball Jam after 11 years really tugged at the heartstrings of the committee," said Abbi Hodges, Love, Chloe Board member. "September won't be the same without it!"*

ed. It was a fun event and a great memory for everyone that participated!

The kickball tournament has been a great fundraiser for the foundation and has brought some great times and wonderful memories. We had several people that participated all 12 years. This year, after much consideration, it was decided that the event would be retired so we can focus on other events that have a broader reach.



Thank you to all that have participated in the Kickball Jam! We appreciate all the support and hope that everyone will continue to support our cause by attending one of our other events.

The foundation funds research through the DIPG Collaborative. This is a group of many individual foundations that come together to fund multiple grants each year. Research is conducted by some of the top researchers in the field.



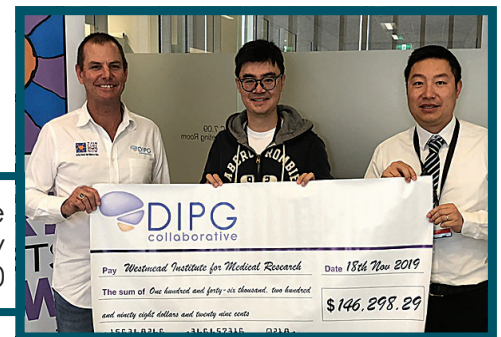
This offers an effective way to get significant dollars to researchers across the world. The collaborative reduces the waste and duplication in research funding. Love, Chloe joined the group in 2012 and continues to contribute more as the foundation grows.

We believe in a Home Run Cure. By focusing on the most aggressive and hard-to-treat cancers, researchers believe the discovery of a new treatment will lead to a cure for ALL cancers!

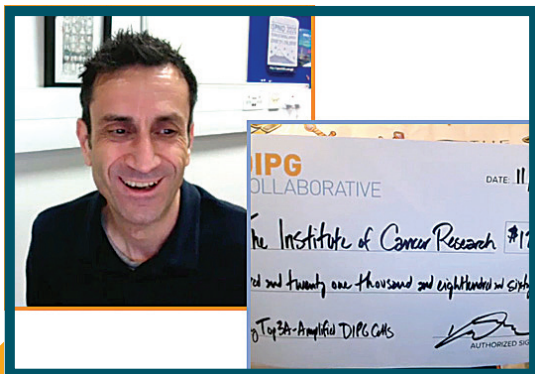
## 2019 Grant Presentations



Terrance Johns, Researcher  
Telethon Kids Institute  
\$50,000.00



Han Shen, Researcher  
The University of Sydney  
\$100,000.00



Chris Jones, Researcher  
The Institute of Cancer Research  
\$121,863.00



Maria Tsoli, Researcher  
Sydney Childrens Hospital  
\$151,468.00



Carl Koschmann, Researcher  
University of Michigan Hospitals  
\$157,856.00



Robert Lober, Researcher  
Dayton Children's Hospital  
\$69,600.00

# Together, We Will Find a Cure

## \$2,000+

Becky Bues  
Salina Area Young Professionals  
Salina Charities League  
SRHC  
Robert Vandecreek c/o  
Golf tournament in memory of Linda Loudis

## \$1,000 - \$1,999

Adhelp  
Alliance Insurance  
Disabled American Veterans - Loren T. Manning  
Chapter Eleven  
Genzada Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc  
Brenda Hemmer  
Heritage Real Estate Advisors  
Kohl's  
Lang Diesel Inc.  
New Horizons Dental  
Rebecca Jane's  
Salina Baseball Enterprise  
Sunflower Restaurant Supply  
TMK Properties  
Jacob Wendling  
Michelle West  
You & Your Surroundings

## \$500 - \$999

Tommy C. Adamson  
ASW Vending  
Diane Bender  
Bennington State Bank  
Jerry & Sharon Callabresi  
City Wide Self Storage  
Conklin Cars  
Brandon Eilert  
Dan & Tammy Eilert  
Express Employment  
Expressions Salon & Spa  
Gabe Grant  
Abbi & Steve Hodges  
Amber Hoskins  
Jacam Chemical Company  
Richard & Lori Jester  
Angela & Bret Keeler  
Greg & Rachel Lambert  
McShares, Inc. (Repco)  
One Gas Foundation  
Pestinger Heating & Air Conditioning  
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers  
Salina Used Cars  
Terry Smith Plumbing  
Stephen Thompson  
VFW Bingo  
Courtney Wilkey

## \$250 - \$499

Accessible Home Health  
Anesthesia Associates  
Scott Basom  
Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas  
Cody Buckner & Jennifer Russell  
Jonathan Cossette  
Crown Distributors  
Drs. Driver & Clark  
Eyecare Associates of Salina  
First Bank Kansas  
GP Financial  
Habco  
Hassman Termite & Pest Control  
Knopf Auto and Truck Accessories  
Lancaster Construction  
Mid Kansas Title  
Mid State Heating & Air  
Martie Nunemaker  
Morgan Powell  
Precision Machine & Welding  
Kevin M Quinley  
Ryan Chiropractic  
Salina Presbyterian Manor  
Cody & Rebecca Smith  
Darlene & Michael Stottmann  
Ross Stottmann  
Sunflower Taxi & Courier Service  
The Mid-Kansas Title Co.  
VFW Auxiliary  
Walton Plumbing & Heating  
Vickie Wearing

## \$100 - \$249

3K Investments  
Jeff & Stefanie Adam  
Aldi  
Jessica Allen  
Catrisse Alvord  
American Legion  
Assurance Partners  
Bank of Tescott  
Battelle Always Giving  
Bergkamp  
Border States Electric  
Veronica & William Brown  
Delta J. Bryant  
Breckyn & Jedidiah Buggein  
Lacey & Paul Byers  
Central Prairie Co-op  
Chiropractic Wellness  
Paul Chopp  
Stacy Clark & Kenton Driver  
Complete Floor Covering  
Amber Davenport  
Mindi Davidson  
Dental Care of Salina  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
DMA Architects  
Allen & Tammy Eilert

## \$100 - \$249 Continued

Janine & Scott Eilert  
Linda & Norman Eilert  
Exchange Bank  
Exline  
File Safe  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Kynan & Megan Gibson  
Robert Grace  
Greater Horizons  
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation  
Great Plains Federal Credit Union, Salina  
Habco  
Hedlund Electric  
Amy & James Henderson  
Jeree & Shawn Hughbanks  
Kelly Janousek  
KASA  
Erin & Justin Kling  
Allison Krone  
L&L Advisors  
Land Title Services  
Lytle Electric  
Annette Mannel  
Martinelli's  
Brett & Jenny Mitchell  
Brandie Nelson  
Neuschafer & Associates  
NexTech  
Pledgeling Foundation  
Pretzelmaker  
Kevin Roach  
Chris Rost  
Le & Tim Sankey  
Jared Schamberger  
Krissi & Shawn Schuman  
Brad Shaffer  
Sharp Performance  
Brad & Cassie Shields  
Smoky Hill Heavy Construction  
State Farm Insurance - Bary Martin  
Matthew Stolzenburg  
Stress-Cast  
Jill Stromberg  
David & Teresa Taylor  
Dustin & Janel Thompson  
Jeff Thompson  
U.S. Bank  
Chris & Hilary Valdez  
VFW  
Steve & Vickie Wearing  
Marc & Pam Wingo  
Allen & Vicki Zsuzsics



# Thank You!

# 2019 Financial Stewardship

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## Statement of Financial Position

### Revenue:

**Contributions:** \$173,481.33

(Includes donations & fundraising)

### Expenses:

#### Programs:

Awareness: \$ 22,829.76

Family Support: \$ 17,666.66

Research Grants: \$ 25,000.00

Monkey In My Chair \$ 20,022.38

**Total Program Expenses:** \$ 85,518.80

Fundraising: \$ 43,681.84

Management & General: \$ 29,384.19

**Total Expenses:** \$158,584.83

**Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:** \$ 14,896.50

**Net Assets Beginning of Year:** \$ 44,837.84

**Net Assets End of Year:** \$ 59,734.34

## Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

### Assets:

**Cash & Cash Equivalents** \$ 43,739.05

**Investments:** \$ 16,582.66

**Current Assets:** \$ 60,321.71

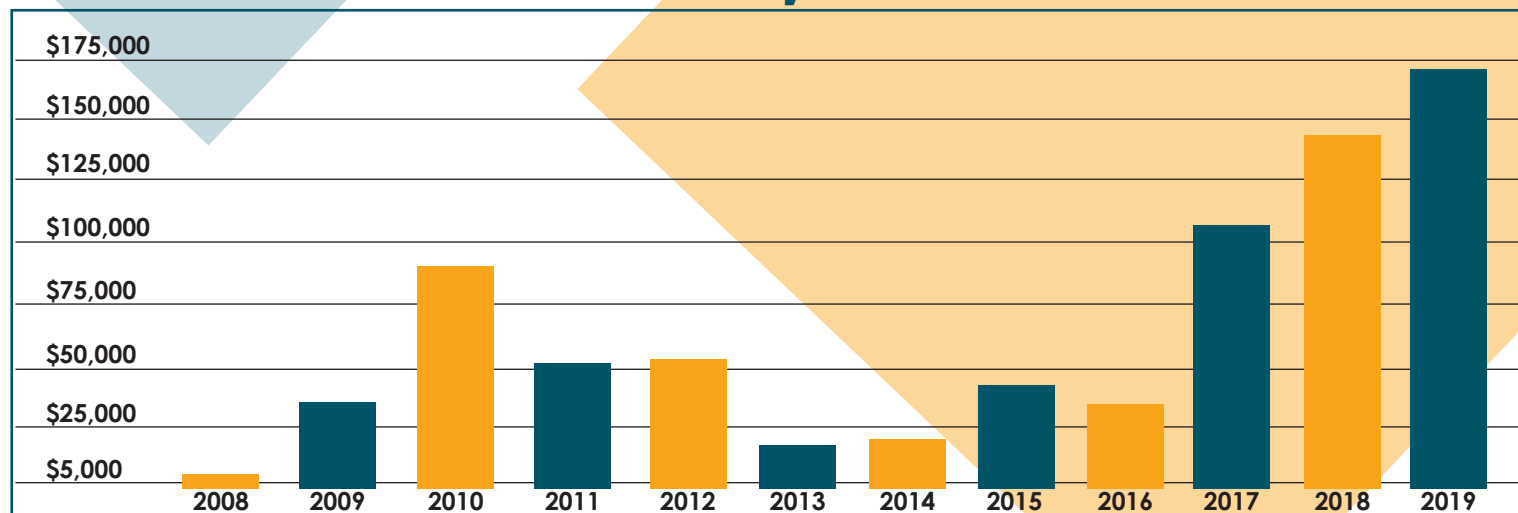
### Liabilities:

**Accounts Payable:** \$ 587.37

**Net Assets:** \$ 59,734.34

**Total Liabilities & Assets:** \$ 60,321.71

## Total Yearly Income





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 Provides an personal care bag to a parent

**MARIGOLD**  
**\$25**  
 PER MONTH  
 Provides a restaurant gift card for a family

**DAISY**  
**\$50**  
 PER MONTH  
 Provides a gas card to a family for travel expenses

**SUNFLOWER**  
**\$75**  
 PER MONTH  
 Provides a Monkey In My Chair kit to a child

