



2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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AUGUST
2026



A Year in Review....

2025 was a year of meaningful growth and measurable impact for the Brown Family Foundation. The Foundation proudly supported organizations working to strengthen families, expand educational opportunities, and improve the lives of animals in communities across the country. We are grateful to our nonprofit partners, family members who refer the foundation, and Board of Directors for helping turn generosity into lasting change. As we look forward, we are excited for the future direction of the foundation and look to continue to build upon this momentum. In 2026, the foundation is eager to create an even greater impact together by doubling our grant award efforts.

2025 Grant Award Impact:

Awarded 18 grants in 2025
Totaling \$293,510 to local organizations.

Our Funding Breakdown:

\$153,150
Towards - Youth, Education, Community Services &
Family Advocacy

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\$140,360
Towards - Animal Advocacy

Grant Award Goals for 2026:

\$600,000

Board of Directors:

Doug Brown
Marlene Wallbaum
Pam Rohde
Heather Fitzgerald
Susan Dolney

Welcome, Susan Dolney

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Susan Dolney as our newest board member. Susan brings a thoughtful, community-centered perspective and a shared commitment to responsible grantmaking. We look forward to the insight, compassion and leadership she will contribute as the foundation expands its impact in 2026.



MISSION IN ACTION

BUILDING ON A YEAR OF EXPANDED IMPACT

Our Mission:

Provide essential financial support to organizations focused on providing programs and services to the disadvantaged and marginalized individuals among us. We believe in empowering local and national organizations that are committed to helping people overcome barriers to achieve their full potential. In addition to helping people, we support causes that lift up and protect our animal friends.

Our Vision:

The vision of the Brown Family Foundation is to help create a world where people can reach their full potential when supported by communities invested in removing the barriers holding them back. While living in a world where animals enrich our lives, and we nurture theirs in return.

Partnership and Possibility:

The 2025 grant year was built on partnerships with organizations already doing meaningful work in their communities. Efforts ranged from rescuing animals, providing animal safe havens, and offering low-cost veterinary services to helping children learn and grow with the right tools. Funding also supported the preservation of local history, programs for veterans and first responders, and the purchase of essential operational equipment. While their missions varied, every organization shared one common goal: to better serve and strengthen its community.

2025 Grant Partners:

Organizations turning resources into impact

- Animal Shelter of Pell City
- Black Hills Raptor Center
- Black Hills State University:
College of Education
- Camp Rivercrest
- Dayton Valley Dog Park
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools:
Ruth Hill Elementary
- Fremont Alliance Church
- Hearts & Mind Preschool
- Heartwood Foundation
- Holt County Animal Shelter
- Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue
- Laughing Pony Rescue
- Least Resistance Training Concepts
- Spay-Neuter Action Project (SNAP)
- Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory
- T4 Foundation
- Tripp County Historical Society
- Warriors' Ascent

Getting Involved:

The Brown Family Foundation seeks to inspire a passion for change within our local communities, through collaborations and driving shared initiatives. Guided by community needs, we address urgent challenges and create lasting impact within the 501(c)3 communities.

HELP US find the next generation of community partners

Do you know of a local 501(c)3 in your area that you would like the foundation to partner with?

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact us by email or see our online grant application for more information.



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The Brown Family Foundation accepts requests from US 501(c)3 designated non-profit organizations. Grants are not made to individuals, nor international projects. Each year the grant application deadline is September 1st. Grants are generally awarded in November.



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2025 GRANT PARTNERS



Project: Animal Shelter of Pell City received funding to help provided continued Spay/ Neutering efforts.



**BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Project: Black Hills State University: College of Education receive funding towards their Learning Labs.



Project: The Dayton Valley Dog Park received funding allocated towards park improvements in the All-Breed Renovation and Restoration project Phase II.



Project: Hearts & Mind Preschool received funding allocated towards the replacement and upgrade of classroom furniture.



Project: Holt County Animal Shelter received funding towards the care of sheltered animals.



Project: Least Resistance Training Concepts received funding towards the replacement AC units on 3 response vehicles.

Project: Spay-Neuter Action Project received funding towards the mobile spay/neuter clinic.



Project: The T4 Foundation received funding to aid in their continued efforts in advocating for addiction awareness and prevention.



Project: Warriors' Ascent received funding to aid in their continued efforts in advocating for veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD.



Black Hills Raptor Center



Project: Black Hills Raptor Center received funding towards providing durable goods for treating injured raptors.



**CAMP
RIVERCREST**

Project: Camp Rivercrest received funding towards a replacement utility cart.



Project: Fremont Alliance Church received funding allocated towards the replacement and upgrade to their current speakers/acoustic system.

Project: Ruth Hill Elementary School received funding to provide additional classroom resources for each of its teachers.



Heartwood Foundation

Project: Heartwood Foundation received funding allocated towards a community grove, garden and orchard expansion.



Project: Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue received funding allocated towards care for foster and intake cats.

Project: Laughing Pony Rescue received funding towards the care and rehabilitation of sheltered animals.



**sunriver
nature center
& observatory**

Project: Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory received funding towards updating their wildlife rehabilitation center.

Project: The Tripp County Historical Society received funding to obtain and install a security camera system at the museum.

