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2025

IMPROVING COMMUNITIES ONE
GRANT AT A TIME

GRANTS

Luncheon

30th Annual
Thursday, November 13, 2025
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Adams Pointe Conference Center

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2025 Competitive Grants Program

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Mindy Hampton, *Jelley Grants Committee Member*

Caleb Scholes, *Youth Advisory Council Member*

Shannon Montgomery, *Youth Advisory Council Member*

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"The greatness
of a community
is most
accurately
measured
by the
compassionate
actions of its
members."

— CORETTA SCOTT KING

2025 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM IMPACT AREAS

THCF COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

Truman Heartland Community Foundation manages two grant programs: **Community Grants** and **Jelley Family Foundation for Education**.



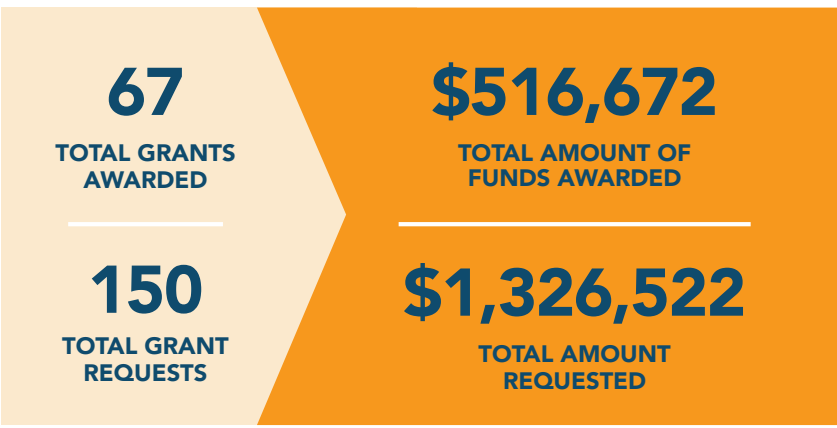
COMMUNITY GRANTS

- Adult/Non-Traditional Education**
3 Award | \$27,000
- Health & Human Services**
32 Awards | \$249,370
- Community Betterment**
6 Awards | \$51,000
- Arts, Culture & Historical Preservation**
2 Awards | \$9,100
- Wildlife Conservation**
1 Award | \$10,000

JELLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION

- Children's Education**
23 Awards | \$170,200

BY THE NUMBERS: GRANT AWARDS



FUNDING SOURCES

ENDOWED GIFTS:



"FILL THE GAP" AND OTHER FUNDHOLDER CONTRIBUTIONS:



LEGACY SOCIETY

WHERE DOES FUNDING COME FROM FOR OUR COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM?

Generous fundholders establish charitable funds or endowments that allocate funding specifically for our Competitive Grants Program in perpetuity. Some funds are designated for a specific field of interest, while other funds are undesignated. Our THCF Grants Committee reviews applications and awards grants based on merit, community need, and designated interests.

Each year the dollars requested exceeds the allotted dollars to award. To help fully fund these applications, we invite our Donor Advised Fund fundholders to help THCF “Fill the Gap” and work toward fully funding each approved request.



HOW TO BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

Becoming a Legacy Society Member is simple. Contact Truman Heartland Community Foundation today and share your plans regarding your will, trust, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity, or other planned gift, and you will be invited to join our Heartland Legacy Society. These plans may include your THCF fund, or you can establish a fund for this purpose. Join other members of our community who want to address the needs of today and the future.

2025 COMPETITIVE GRANTS ARE FUNDED BY:

Legacy Society Endowments

James D. Browning Endowment Fund
Beverly A. Cathcard Charitable Endowment
Samuel W. Edmunds Charitable Endowment Fund
Alece Ellis Competitive Grants Fund
Willa L. Francher & Martha Taggart Endowment
Margaret Hurt Endowment Fund
Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education
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Homer McWilliams Oncology Fund
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Truman Heartland Community Grantmaking Fund

Other Endowments and Funds

Big Piney Fund for Social Ministry
Cultural Arts Coalition Endowment for the Arts
Family Literacy Endowment Fund
Junior Service League of Independence
Junior Service League Community Trust Savings Fund
Heartland Arts Alliance Fund
Independence Regional Health Center Community Services Endowment
Clarence and Betty Stowell Family Foundation Endowment
THCF Health-Related Project Fund
Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund

THCF Donor Advised Fundholders who participated in the FILL THE GAP Campaign as of 10-20-25

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Pumphrey Legacy Foundation
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Rooker Family Foundation
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Thompson Family Charitable Foundation
John S. Thornton Family Fund
Wray Family Charitable Fund
Lenora “Lennie” Wyre Charitable Fund



HEARTLAND LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

The members of our Heartland Legacy Society have chosen to create endowments that will sustain their generosity far beyond their lifetime. Each gift is a lasting promise — an investment in the future of our community and the people it serves. Their commitment ensures that their compassion today becomes opportunity, hope, and impact for generations to follow.

2025 New Members

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Dale Knowlton & Donna Cassini
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Caldwell Goyer
Dr. Fred & Marge Hahn
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Heather Dawkins
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2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Truman Heartland Community Foundation partners with nonprofits that share our commitment to strengthening local communities. Our grants are community investments—one of the many ways we promote private giving for the public good. We aim to help organizations leverage additional resources and create lasting impact across the region. Two competitive grant programs are available, to which applicants may apply:

- Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education
- Community Grants Program

JELLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

These grant awards focus on educational initiatives for children, ranging from early childhood through traditional post-secondary education.

2025 JELLEY AWARDEES

Belton Educational Foundation

\$8,500.00

Funds will support Belton High School students needing financial assistance with fee payments for Advance Placement tests and dual credit courses.

Additional Funding: Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City

\$6,000.00

Funds will support Project Learn, a program focusing on academic enrichment and youth development, ensuring that participants reach key educational milestones.

Additional funding: Darren Brungardt Charitable Foundation Fund

Camp Encourage

\$10,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to provide youth on the autism spectrum meaningful experiences in which they build the knowledge, courage, and skills to be empowered participants in the community.

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

\$6,500.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to prepare children with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, to reach their highest potential in the sighted world.

Additional funding: David and Connie Mayta Charitable Fund, Linda and Mike Gerding Family Fund, Pumphrey Legacy Foundation, Tina and Bryan Hughes Fund

Drumm Farm Center for Children

\$12,000.00

Funds will support the Educational Support Program. Providing multiple education supports to K-12 students in partnership with the Independence School District (ISD). Certificated teachers provide learning intervention to eliminate gaps in reading and math, and support success across school coursework.

Additional funding: Lenora "Lennie" Wyre Charitable Fund, and Pumphrey Legacy Foundation

Eastern Jackson County Youth Court

\$7,500.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to provide peer-led restorative justice to at-risk juveniles encountering the criminal justice system.

HorsePower Experiential Learning Program

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Instructor Training Program and is designed to increase the number of qualified instructors to help meet the needs of the agency.

Junior Achievement of Middle America, Inc.

\$6,700.00

Funds will support Access to Experiential & Real-World Learning Opportunities via BizTown to Raytown and Ft. Osage students.

Additional funding: Linda and Mike Gerding Family Fund

Kantorei of Kansas City

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Summer Choral Institute & Outreach. Area musicians work with talented youth in a week-long workshop. Participants hone skills, enhance knowledge, and grow an abiding passion for music.

Additional funding: HMF Beaudoin Family Foundation, Linda and Mike Gerding Family Fund

Lead to Read KC

\$8,000.00

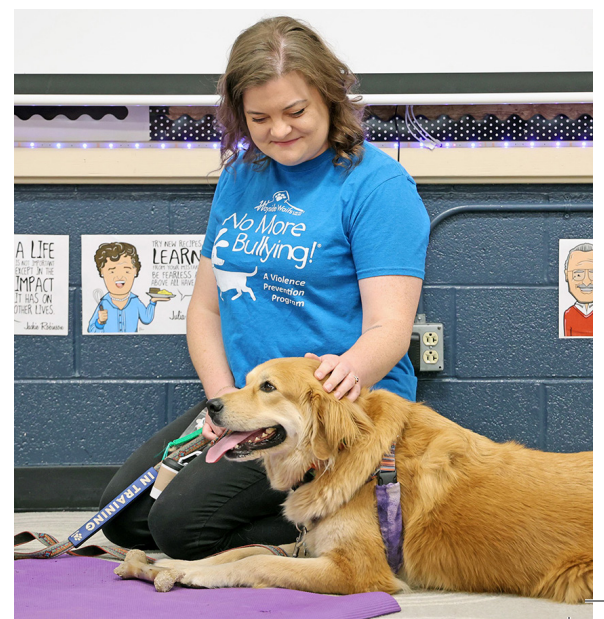
Funds will support the Reading and Mentoring Program. An initiative that provides one-on-one, weekly 30-minute reading sessions between volunteer mentors and 1st - 3rd grade students at high-needs schools.

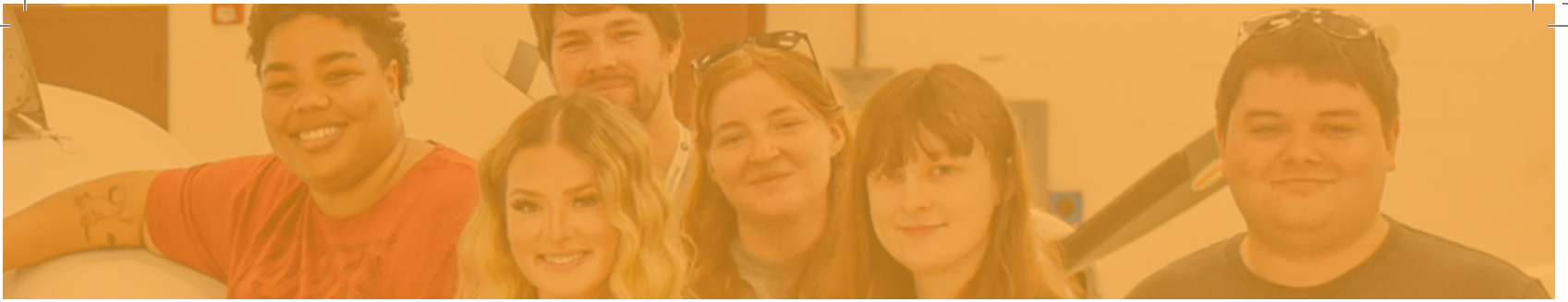
Additional Funding: David and Connie Mayta Charitable Fund, Wayne Feuerborn Family Fund, and Tom and Kathy Rohr Family Foundation Fund

Medical Explorers

\$7,500.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to inspire and prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals by providing practical skills, medical knowledge, and healthcare leadership opportunities.





Missouri College Advising Corps at Univ. of MO-Columbia

\$6,000.00
 Funds will support the Empowered to Succeed program that supports five Eastern Jackson & Cass County high schools in college exploration, planning, and transition activities for students.
Additional funding: Douglas G. and Helen Ann Hatridge Family Foundation Fund

Music Arts Institute

\$10,000.00
 Funds will support the Music Scholarship and Mentoring Project which helps students continue their lessons and allows additional choir students to take private lessons.
Additional funding: Lenora “Lennie” Wyre Charitable Fund

Paws & Pals

\$10,000.00
 Funds will support P.A.W.S. (Pawsitive Actions make Wise Students) An animal assisted school based Social Emotional Learning Prevention program which focuses on mental health.
Additional funding: Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund and Wray Family Charitable Fund

Peace Partnership

\$5,000.00
 Funds will support General Operations and mission to help financially disadvantaged children, adults, and families successfully understand and overcome life’s complexities through honest and sincere relationships.

Plaza Heights Christian Academy

\$4,000.00
 Funds will support Plaza Lions LEAP Lab (Learning Environment for Academic Progress) that provides academic support for students formally diagnosed with an identified learning difference to help meet academic expectations.

Pro Deo Youth Center

\$6,000.00
 Funds will support the Together We Make a Difference program. An after school and Friday evening program that supports five pillars (Arts, Social Skills, Wellness, Education/Job Skills Academics).

Reach Out and Read Kansas City

\$5,000.00
 Funds will support Kindergarten readiness, by providing culturally appropriate books to doctors and nurses for children age 0-5, aiding in developmental assessment and parental involvement.

School of Economics

\$6,000.00
 Funds will support the 2026 Summer Market Place. These interactive field trips provide students with hands-on experience managing money.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School

\$6,500.00
 Funds will support SMILE ZONE. A program which provides real-world learning opportunities through the Life Skills class, helping students with special needs get the education they deserve.
Additional funding: Craig and Debbie Bolger Charitable Fund, Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund

The Aidan Project

\$7,000.00
 Funds will support the Early Intervention Access program for children with developmental delays, birth to age six. Linking families with service providers.
Additional funding: Pumphrey Legacy Foundation, Tina and Bryan Hughes Fund, Wray Family Charitable Fund, and Make a Difference Fund

Transition Zone

\$6,500.00
 Funds will support the Youth Entrepreneurship Development Program, that helps 40 students to engage in a 10-session program to gain hands-on experience and learn core fundamentals and principles associated with business ownership.

Wayside Waifs

\$5,500.00
 Funds will support the No More Bullying! violence prevention program. An evidenced-based, social emotional learning curriculum that focuses on teaching youth compassion, responsibility, self-control, integrity and being humane.
Additional funding: Craig and Debbie Bolger Charitable Fund



2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

2025 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDEES

These grant awards are funded by a pool of restricted and unrestricted endowments and other funds. They focus on community agencies and missions in the areas of: **Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation; Adult/Non-Traditional Education; Community Betterment; Health & Human Services.**



2025 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDEES

Band of Angels

\$7,500.00

Funds will support the Musical Instrument Match program for students in Eastern Jackson County.

Cancer Action, Inc.

\$5,500.00

Funds will support the Nutritional Supplements and our Gas Card Assistance Program.

CAPACares

\$7,000.00

Funds will support critical mental health counseling at low to no cost for those who have experienced violence, abuse, or neglect. *Additional funding: Junior Service League of Independence*

Cass Community Health Foundation

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Cass County Dental Clinic's school-based tele-dentistry program.

Coldwater of Lee's Summit

\$8,000.00

Funds will support the Little Blessings Diaper Distribution Program, that help low-income families.

Community Services League

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Hispanic Food Boxes program; creating food boxes to meet the need for familiar, desirable, nutritious food for Hispanic residents.

Additional funding: Junior Service League of Independence, Darren Brungardt Charitable Foundation Fund, Make a Difference Fund, Tina and Bryan Hughes Fund, and Rooker Family Giving Fund

Confluence HRKC

\$6,178.00

Funds will support the program, Meeting People Where They Are: Harm Reduction Home Delivery and Risk Reduction. Offering free supply kits for safer drug use.

Developing Potential

\$10,000.00

Funds will support new adaptive furniture for its Independence, facility, which helps adults with developmental disabilities.

Additional funding: David and Connie Mayta Charitable Fund and Randy and Carla Griffin Family Foundation Fund

Eagles Community Outreach

\$6,000.00

Funds will support the Eagles Community Outreach program supplying non-perishable food, hygiene products, and diapers.

Exceeds Expectations, Inc.

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Adult Financial Stability & Non-Traditional Education program; that helps break the cycle of poverty.

Flourish Furniture Bank

\$10,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to improve lives by providing essential home furnishings and housewares to those seeking housing stability.

Gilda's Club Kansas City

\$5,000.00

Funds will support cancer patients and caregivers to be able to attend support groups free of charge at St. Luke's East.

Great Jobs KC

\$10,000.00

Funds will support wraparound services for Cass County students enrolled in the tuition-free job training program.

Additional funding: Anonymous

Hope House, Inc.

\$11,472.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safe refuge and supportive services that educate and empower those impacted by domestic violence.

Additional funding: Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund

Hope Network of Raytown

\$10,000.00

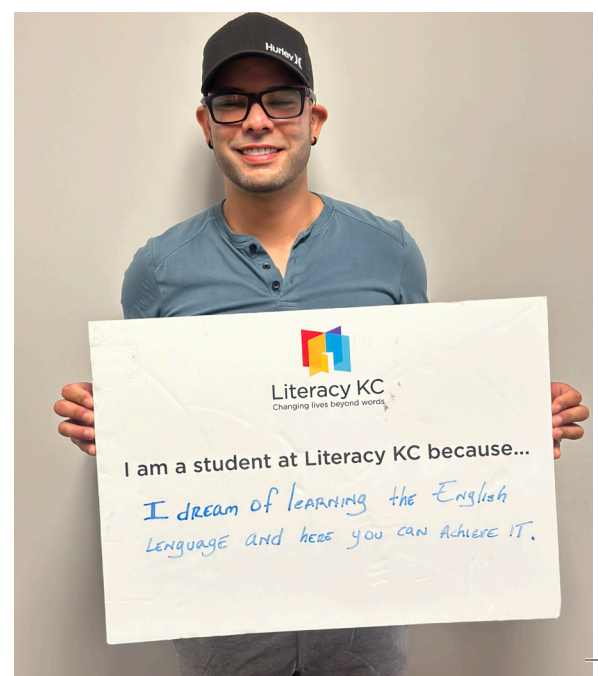
Funds will support the people-choice Food and Clothing Pantry.

Independence Youth Court

\$13,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to provide peer-led restorative justice to at-risk juveniles encountering the criminal justice system.

Additional funding by: Anonymous, Lenora "Lennie" Wyre Charitable Fund, Tina and Bryan Hughes Fund, and Make a Difference Fund





Inner-City Computer Stars Foundation

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Increasing Economic Mobility for Kansas City Adults through Tech Workforce Development program.

Additional funding: Anonymous

Job One KC

\$5,500.00

Funds will support the purchase of sofas, plants, rugs, projector/screen for the Community Based Day Services.

Additional funding: Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund

Lee's Summit Social Services

\$7,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to support those with emergency needs and enable them to maintain their dignity and learn to set and meet realistic goals that lead to independence.

Lee's Summit Symphony

\$4,600.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to provide excellent musical experiences that enhance the quality of life for our community.

Additional funding: Douglas G. and Helen Ann Hatridge Family Foundation Fund, Linda and Mike Gerding Family Fund, and Thompson Family Charitable Foundation

Literacy KC

\$7,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to advance literacy within the KC Metro through direct services, advocacy, and collaboration.

Additional funding: Darren Brungardt Charitable Foundation Fund and John S. Thornton Family Fund

Lone Jack Athletic Association

\$10,000.00

Funds will support outreach efforts and the purchase of updated equipment and structural/field improvements.

Marian Hope Center for Children's Therapy

\$7,500.00

Funds will support the therapy program and the supplies and tools needed to implement program and mission.

Additional funding: Junior Service League of Independence



Meals on Wheels of Lee's Summit, Inc.

\$8,750.00

Funds will support the Meal Subsidy Program for MOW of Lee's Summit; that provides one quality, nutritious meal per day.

Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

\$5,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual abuse and assault and prevent sexual violence in our community.

Mother's Refuge

\$11,472.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to shelter and educate homeless, pregnant, and parenting young women by providing comprehensive services that empowers them to make successful life decisions.

Additional funding: Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund

Necessity Pantry at St. Michaels Episcopal Church

\$8,000.00

Funds will support the pantry that provides basic personal care items and ensure those items are available to distribute on a regular basis.

Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Meals on Wheels program and provide senior citizens with a nutritional meal.

Raytown Christian Church

\$6,000.00

Funds will support the Summer Lunch Ministry that provides food (8 servings) 1 time per week for 11 weeks.

Rebuilding Together Kansas City

\$7,500.00

Funds will support the Safe at Home program that provides necessary repairs and safety modifications so vulnerable populations can remain securely in their homes.

ReDiscover

\$8,472.00

Funds will support the Zero Suicide Youth Program, reducing suicides and attempts for those age 10-24.

Additional funding: Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund

River of Refuge

\$5,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to empower working poor families with financial security through interim housing.

Serve the World Charities

\$8,000.00

Funds will support IMPACT Program, that focuses on ending student homelessness in the Center School District.

Additional funding: Sue Frank and Ted Bowman Foundation Fund, Darren Brungardt Charitable Foundation Fund, and Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund

2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Sisters In Christ

\$5,000.00

Funds will support the Youth Life Link program that focuses on youth 13-19. The Program provides financial literacy, conflict resolution and career exploration.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc - MO - Kansas City, SE

\$10,000.00

Funds will support purchasing materials for a Community Bunk Bed Build Day that produces 40-100 beds in 2 to 4 hours.

Steps of Faith Foundation

\$5,000.00

Funds will support care, hope, and comfort to amputees needing financial support and life-changing prosthetics.

Summit Art, Inc.

\$4,500.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to encourage and promote visual arts. *Additional funding: Douglas G. and Helen Ann Hatridge Family Foundation Fund*

The Child Protection Center, Inc.

\$5,000.00

Funds will support General Operations and mission to build a healthier community by leading the multidisciplinary response to the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and violence.



The Salvation Army - CROSSROADS SHELTER

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Crossroads Family Shelter and comprehensive support services, to help reduce homelessness by tackling root causes of housing instability.

Transformation Visitation Home

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the Supervised Parent-Child Bonding and Parenting Skills and Education Program; that assists with family reunification. *Additional funding: Pumphrey Legacy Foundation*

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

\$9,000.00

Funds will support the Aging in Place program that is a comprehensive program that enable older adults to remain in their homes and take advantage of health, social and other programs in the community.

University Health Charitable Foundation

\$5,526.04

Funds will support University Health Obstetrics Patient Navigation and Incentive Program. That helps identify mothers in need of additional support.

Wild Souls Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

\$10,000.00

Funds will support the purchase of an Eagle Flight Pen and Lead Testing Machine that helps wildlife.

Additional funding: David and Connie Mayta Charitable Fund and Valerie J. Shulfer Charitable Fund

Youth Volunteer Corps

\$3,000.00

Funds will support the Youth Volunteer Corps 2026 Summer Program. Each week features 4-5 service projects in a camp-style format. Helping youth connect their work to social issues, develop critical thinking, and gain a deeper insight into their service.



LEGACY SOCIETY IMPACT

HOW TO CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Leaving a legacy is easier than you think — and we're here to guide you every step of the way.



PROJECTED GROWTH* OF AN ENDOWED FUND

*Assumes a 4.5% annual payout and 6% rate of return net of fees.



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