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an affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

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A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Cheyenne County Community,

In the summer of 2022, I began my journey with the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation. At the time, I had just finished my freshman year of high school and, like many, had little understanding of what a community foundation was or the role it played. I stepped into the internship excited and slightly uncertain about what to expect.

That first summer was filled with learning. Board meetings often felt overwhelming, and the grant process was something entirely new to me. Understanding the difference between endowment and non-endowment funds, how grants are evaluated, and how the foundation works to benefit the entire community took time. It was a season of listening, observing, and slowly connecting the dots.

As I returned in 2023 for my second year, my confidence began to grow. While I continued learning, I also started to recognize the impact of the work being done. I experienced full-circle moments, seeing projects come to life that I had once only heard discussed in meetings. At the end of that year, I was honored to step into a new role as a Junior Board Member, which allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the foundation's long-term vision and processes.

By my third year 2024, I had the opportunity to take on a leadership role and complete a project of my own. I remodeled the grade school's teacher lounge—applying for funding, coordinating the work, and seeing the project through from start to finish. This experience gave me a firsthand understanding of the grant process and the true impact of community investment. That same summer, we also launched the Community Chat & Cheers Dinner, bringing together nonprofits and businesses to celebrate the work being done across Cheyenne County.

During the following school year 2025, we built a mini foundation within the high school. This initiative gave students the opportunity to apply for grants and make a difference within their own school. While the process is still continuing, it was exciting to help lay the foundation for future student leadership and impact.

Returning the next summer in a mentorship role was a full-circle moment. Not long before, I was the intern trying to understand it all, now I was helping guide the next group of interns. Together, we continued projects, expanded community engagement efforts, and found new ways to grow.

Now, as I enter my fifth and final year with the foundation, I am incredibly grateful for this experience. It has shaped who I am, opened doors for my future, and shown me the power of community. The foundation continues to grow, and with that growth comes new opportunities to learn, lead, and give back.

Thank you for supporting the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation) and for investing in opportunities that impact not only our community today, but generations to come.

Kierra Penka

Kierra Penka | *Intern, Former Junior Board Member 2023-2025*

2025 BOARD

MEMBERS



Amy Hendricks | Chair



Dara Carmichael | Vice Chair



Betty Petersen | Secretary / Treasurer



Mila Bandel



Tim Burr



Gaby Carmichael



Kelli Dankenbring



Carla Lampe



Cliff Leach



Michael Raile



Keshia Walden



Annette Schultz

BOARD LEADERSHIP & TRANSITION

The year 2025 was one of both momentum and meaningful change for the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation.

As the foundation continues to grow, so does the leadership that guides it. This year marked a season of transition for our board, one that was approached with intention, gratitude, and a deep respect for both past and future leadership.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Dara Carmichael and Carla Lampe, who retired from the board in 2025. Their dedication, leadership, and commitment have played an important role in shaping the foundation and strengthening our community. Their impact will continue to be felt for years to come.

We were grateful to have Gaby Carmichael and Kelli Dankenbring step into service. While their time with the board was shorter than anticipated, we deeply appreciate their willingness to give of their time and talents.

As life evolves with growing families and career commitments, we understand the importance of balancing service with personal responsibilities, and we are thankful for the role Gaby and Kelli played during their time with us.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Keshia Walden and Mila Bandel to the board. Their energy, perspective, and commitment to Cheyenne County bring continued strength to our leadership and help carry our mission forward.

Throughout these transitions, the board has remained committed to moving forward with class and grace, honoring those who have served while embracing new leadership. This thoughtful approach has allowed the foundation to maintain its momentum while continuing to grow and evolve.

Leadership may change, but our purpose remains the same: to support, strengthen, and invest in Cheyenne County today and for generations to come.

"Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation is committed to Cheyenne County, focusing on and supporting present and future generations. CCKCF listens, learns and collaborates within our communities making projects and dreams a reality. I'm honored to be a part of the growth, sustainability and commitment the foundation has seen, and am excited about the future of CCKCF. I love Cheyenne County!"
— **Carla Lampe**

"I will truly miss the people—the relationships built around a shared passion for making our community stronger. Serving on this board has been an honor, and watching ideas turn into impact is something I'll always carry with me. While my time on the board is coming to a close, my commitment to this community is not—I look forward to continuing to stay involved and support the work in new ways."
— **Dara Carmichael**



JUNIOR BOARD & STAFF



Isabella Bandel | Junior Board
St. Francis High School



Emily Serrano | Junior Board
Cheylin High School



Jessica Matthies | Executive Director



Melissa Keller | Volunteer



Ruth Milliken | Volunteer

2025 INTERNS

*“Together we turn small acts
into meaningful change.”*

— Emily Serrano

Arayla Kennedy

Kierra Penka

Emily Serrano

Cris Silva





PROJECT REBOUND
 BROUGHT TO YOU BY
 CHEYENNE COUNTY KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This project, completed in 2023, symbolizes the power of unity. Project Rebound was created to breathe new life into a beloved space, restoring its purpose as a place for play, connection, and celebration. "You always hear it from leaders in hearing something better than how you found it, and Project Rebound is just that. I hope everyone enjoys this new project for years to come."

With Gratitude,
 Summer Intern
 CRISTIAN SILVA



INTERNS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our interns gained hands-on experience in our community through a variety of meaningful activities and site visits. They explored local organizations like the Logan Life Center and the Dane G. Hansen Museum, including the Astronaut Exhibit, while also engaging with residents at the senior center. Through in-office collaboration and mini foundation committee meetings, they built professional skills and insights into nonprofit work. They also contributed to community initiatives, such as Cris Silva's basketball project, and took part in group outings designed to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Northwest Kansas.



MATCH MONTH

4 FOR THE FUTURE

In December, the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation) launched its “4 the Future” Match Month campaign, a celebration of generosity, connection, and community impact. The goal was to raise \$100,000 locally to unlock \$200,000 in matching funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation—creating a \$300,000 investment in Cheyenne County.

Each week of Match Month focused on engaging in the community in meaningful ways:

Week 1: Generations of Giving

Honoring those who shaped Cheyenne County through memorial and tribute gifts

Week 2: Youth & the Future

Students and families participated in philanthropy through school challenges and activities

Week 3: Community Challenge

A friendly competition among Bird City, St. Francis, and rural Cheyenne County

Week 4: Legacy & Sustainability

Highlighting the importance of endowments and long-term giving

IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT

To celebrate reaching toward the \$100,000 goal, the Foundation committed to 100 acts of giving back throughout the month, including:

- ▶ Cheyenne County Bucks
- ▶ “Change for Change” school challenges
- ▶ Surprise grants
- ▶ Mini-foundation matches
- ▶ Philanthropy education and outreach
- ▶ Community appreciation efforts

Throughout Match Month, the Foundation traveled throughout the county sharing appreciation through small acts of kindness—strengthening relationships and celebrating the generosity that makes this work possible.

Community Highlight: Open House

The Match Month Open House welcomed community members to:

- ▶ Meet the Foundation team
- ▶ Learn about local impact
- ▶ Participate in surprise grant drawings

This event created a fun, hands-on way for donors to experience philanthropy in action.

GOALS WITH LASTING IMPACT

Reaching the \$100,000 goal unlocked:

\$100,000 – Dane G. Hansen Foundation

- ▶ \$50,000 → Cheyenne County Impact Fund
- ▶ \$45,000 → Operating Endowment Fund
- ▶ \$5,000 → Operating Fund

\$100,000 – Patterson Family Foundation

- ▶ \$50,000 → Operating Endowment
- ▶ \$45,000 → Board-Directed Community Needs

These Dollars:

- ▶ Strengthen local grantmaking
- ▶ Support sustainability of the foundation
- ▶ Build permanent resources for future generations

Match Month continues to be more than a fundraiser—it is a celebration of community spirit, generosity, and shared vision. With continued momentum, the Foundation is nearing a major milestone of \$4 million in assets, ensuring lasting impact for Cheyenne County.

A photograph of two young women with long hair, one wearing glasses, smiling and looking at a clear plastic jar filled with coins. The woman on the left is holding the jar. The woman on the right is looking down at the jar. The background is a wall with a circular graphic of a person's face. The entire image has a blue tint.

MONTH 2025

**“THIS IS ABOUT
CONNECTING
GENERATIONS AND
SHOWING HOW EVERY
GIFT BUILDS OUR
COMMUNITY’S FUTURE.”**

— JESSICA MATTHIES | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 MATCH

Match Month 2025 was an incredible success, demonstrating the generosity and commitment of our community. With a goal of \$100,000, our community went above and beyond, raising a total of \$237,997 to support local endowment funds.

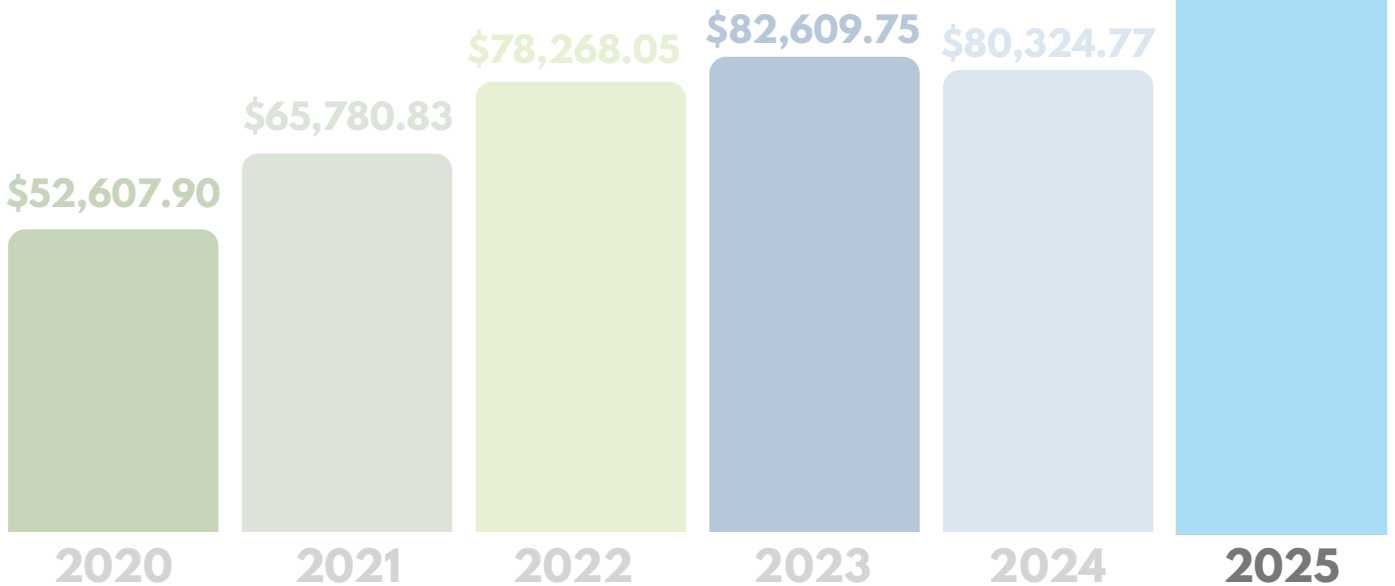
This year, the foundation expanded the opportunity for giving, allowing fund holders and donors to contribute directly to existing funds, supporting the community grant fund, or even starting new funds. This flexibility created meaningful ways for individuals and organizations to invest in the causes they care about most, while continuing to build long-term sustainability for Cheyenne County.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our matching partners, the Dane G Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation, whose generous support continues to amplify the impact of every dollar given.

Each contribution—large or small—helps strengthen our community now and for future generations. Match Month remains a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when we come together with a shared purpose.

\$237,997.34

DOLLARS RAISED DURING MATCH MONTH FROM 2020-2025



*Amounts above reflect the total before the match

MONTH RECAP

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

YOUTH GIVING IN ACTION

During Match Month, students across Cheyenne County participated in “Change for Change,” raising funds through friendly competitions and classroom efforts. Both St. Francis Schools (USD 297) and Cheylin Schools (USD 103) saw strong participation, with each grade school raising over \$500 and high school students contributing around \$250. These dollars were then matched by the Foundation, to grow their school funds and build long-term impact. Through coins, teamwork, and creativity, students learned the power of philanthropy—proving that even small change can make a big change.

CHEYLIN GRADE SCHOOL



ST. FRANCIS GRADE SCHOOL



Throughout Match Month, the Foundation made a meaningful effort to be present across the county, showing appreciation for our community through small acts of kindness and connection. These moments allowed us to thank supporters, build relationships, and celebrate the generosity that makes our work possible.

Cheyenne County Bucks was a special initiative during Match Month designed to educate and engage our community in giving. Through this program, the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation distributed (70) \$100 “bucks,” funded by unused grant dollars, and invited individuals and groups to direct those funds to eligible endowment funds of their choice. This hands-on approach helped participants better understand how the Foundation works while supporting local organizations and building long-term impact through endowments.



- ▶ Cheyenne County Childcare = \$200
- ▶ Cheyenne Co. EMS - First Responders = \$1000
- ▶ Cheyenne Co. Historical Society = \$700
- ▶ Cheyenne Co. Village = \$600
- ▶ Cheyenne Co. Wildlife = \$700
- ▶ Cheyenne Co. Youth Engagement Fund = \$400
- ▶ Cheyenne Hospital Enhancement Fund = \$800
- ▶ Nex-Generation Round up for Youth CC = \$100
- ▶ Peace Lutheran Church Foundation Fund = \$300
- ▶ St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund = \$1000
- ▶ The Raile Legacy Fund for Music and the Arts = \$300
- ▶ Vic Oelke memorial scholarship = \$100
- ▶ 202 on Washington Fund = \$800

SURPRISE GRANT WINNERS

\$200



CAROL REDDING
Fair Board for Hog Panel Project

\$300



TIM RAILE
Rec Commission

Donor Not Pictured
**Donor Matched Award Amount
Award + Donor Match = \$600**

\$500



COLLIN ROSS
JR High School Boys B-Ball

Welcome to St. Francis



LIST OF FUNDS

At the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation, our funds spark growth and build momentum across the community. Every fund—endowed for long-term impact or non-endowed to meet immediate needs—represents the generosity of donors coming together to create lasting progress. Together, these efforts continue to move Cheyenne County forward, strengthening today while building for the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Supports foundation operations.

DESIGNATED

Provides annual support for specific charities.

DONOR ADVISED

Enables donors to recommend grants to the charitable organizations or programs of their choice.

EMS FUND

"I care about my people so very much, and it was becoming evident that the emotional toll of the job was becoming pretty heavy. Our county health insurance doesn't cover the majority of our EMT's, leaving them to pay for any sort of counseling or professional services resulting from a difficult run. These people willingly put themselves in positions, not knowing if it's going to affect them or not, they just show up to do the job. It's the least we could do to be able to provide a way for first responders to get the mental health care they need, and be able to sustain this for years to come."

— Jill Paugh

FIELD OF INTEREST

Responds to current and future needs by supporting a specific cause or geographic area rather than a charity.

ORGANIZATION

Offers a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission.

SCHOLARSHIP

Supports student education and impacts our future leaders.





DAVID & DEANNA NELSEN

Family Fund

“David lived on a farm all his life, deeply rooted in this community, and those early years shaped the man he became. From a young age, he learned the value of hard work and helping one another - lessons that stayed with him throughout his life. We were high school sweethearts, married shortly thereafter. We did not grow up with wealth, but we grew up rich in family, responsibility, and a belief that when someone is in need, you step forward. David was a giver of his time and his talents, and he would truly give the shirt off his back to help a friend - or even a stranger.

Following David’s unexpected passing, our family created the David and Deanna (Gerver) Nelsen Family Fund with the community foundation. In the midst of grief and the fast pace of making memorial decisions, establishing the Fund provided a meaningful and practical way to receive memorial gifts during that immediate time, while giving me the flexibility to determine, over time, which charitable organizations and projects David and I would most want to support.

This Fund is not just about honoring David as an individual; it is about honoring our shared history, the life we built together with our three daughters, and the generations in our family. It reflects the Gerver and Nelsen families and honors our roots. It is an opportunity to give back, support our neighbors, and invest in the place we call home. Our family continues to contribute to the Fund with the long-term goal of endowing it - creating a permanent source of funding that will benefit our church, school programs and projects, and essential community services such as Cheyenne County EMS.

These are causes I know David and I would both be proud to support. My hope is that it will continue as a living reminder for our grandchildren’s children and future generations long after we are gone. Being able to give back and watch good things happen in our community with gifts made from our family fund is incredibly rewarding. It gives me comfort to know that David’s and my love for this place will continue to live on. I am incredibly grateful we chose to create this Fund, and for the opportunity it provides to honor our past while investing in the future of the community we have always called home.”

— Deanna Nelsen

GROWTH OF FUNDS

The Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation—an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation—experienced significant growth in 2025, reflecting the strength of our community and the increasing desire to create lasting impact.

At the start of January 2025, the foundation held 16 funds. By December 2025, that number had grown to 37 funds. This represents the creation of 21 new funds in one year—a remarkable milestone that highlights the generosity, vision, and commitment of donors across Cheyenne County.

Each new fund tells a story:

- ▲ Families choosing to honor loved ones through memorials.
- ▲ Organizations building long-term sustainability.
- ▲ Donors investing in causes they care deeply about.
- ▲ Community members creating legacies that will support Cheyenne County for generations.

This growth did not happen by chance. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for their support in making a full-time staffing position possible through their initiative focused on strengthening donor relations.

This investment has allowed the foundation to build stronger connections, guide donors through the giving process, and expand opportunities for meaningful and lasting contributions. Because of this partnership—and the generosity of our community—we are not only growing in numbers, but in impact. 21 new funds. Countless futures changed.

Behind every fund is a story—one rooted in generosity, purpose, and a vision for the future of Cheyenne County. In 2025, we saw donors step forward in meaningful ways—creating funds to honor loved ones, support local organizations, and ensure that the causes they care about continue for generations to come. These decisions are not just financial; they are deeply personal.

They reflect a belief in community, a desire to give back, and a commitment to something bigger than oneself. Whether it's a first-time donor or a long-time supporter, each contribution helps strengthen our county. Through these gifts, donors not only meet needs today, but building opportunities for tomorrow.

"Giving through the foundation has allowed me to support the causes I care about while knowing it will continue long after I'm gone. It's not just about today—it's about leaving something meaningful for the future of our community."

DONOR STORY

STRATEGIC DOING



Strong communities are built through actions, not just ideas. Strategic Doing brings people together to focus on what can be done now—with the resources we already have.

It helps move ideas forward by creating clear next steps, encouraging collaboration, and building momentum through small wins.

The Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation—an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation—plays an important role by connecting people, hosting conversations, and helping turn ideas into action.

Whether through partnerships, guidance, or grant support, the foundation helps bridge the gap between vision and results.

Together, we are building a stronger Cheyenne County—one step at a time.



CHAT & CHEERS



IMPACT

AWARD



The Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation is proud to introduce a new community tradition — the Cheyenne County Impact Person of the Year Award. For our inaugural year, we are honored to recognize a couple whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact on our community. Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation is honoring a remarkable pair with its Cheyenne County Impact Person of the Year award, recognizing a couple whose shared commitment to service has strengthened the community in lasting and meaningful ways. Eddy & Sherry Schultz exemplify the spirit, values, and strength of Cheyenne County through outstanding service, leadership, and positive influence.

For years, they have demonstrated what it means to serve both humbly and wholeheartedly. Their impact is woven quietly through countless areas of community life—leadership in local organizations, and a steadfast dedication to ensuring Cheyenne County continues to be a place where everyone feels supported and connected.

Years of Steady Service

The couple is known for showing up—day after day, year after year—whenever help is needed. Whether supporting local events (Concert in the Park, Relay for Life), supporting youth programs (MYF, 4-H), volunteering at community gatherings (Alumni, Fair/Carnival), responding to community needs (Switch Youth Group, American Cancer Society), or serving on boards (Cheyenne County Amusement Authority, United Methodist Church Board of Trustees, Charter Member and Riverside Recreation Board [filing State Water Use Reports for 56 years and counting], St. Francis Community Foundation, Public Building Commission Board, Cheyenne County Village Board, St. Francis Motorcycle Museum Board), their consistent presence has created stability and comfort for those around them.

Initiatives That Made a Major Difference

While their ongoing service is significant, several initiatives stand out as defining moments in their impact. Their leadership in launching the UMC Thrift Store in its current location (over \$1,000,000 in 20 years donated to worthy causes) and the building of the Cheyenne County Village Assisted Living facility brought the community together in powerful ways, addressing needs that had long gone unmet. Other projects they have been instrumental in include the St. Francis Motorcycle Museum and the St. Francis Aquatic Park.

Quiet & Tireless Contributions

Though their work often happens behind the scenes, Cheyenne County simply wouldn't be the same without Eddy and Sherry's steady efforts. They never seek attention or recognition; instead, they focus on the people and the purpose, letting their actions speak for them. Above all, the couple is known for their inclusive spirit. They are the kind of people who make everyone feel welcome, valued, and involved. Their work strengthens the county not just through service, but by cultivating collaboration, encouraging participation, and nurturing a deep sense of local pride.

A Well Deserved Honor

The Cheyenne County Impact Person of the Year award exists to showcase those whose contributions make a meaningful difference. Their 60 years and counting commitment and dedication to each other and shared goals, compassion, and leadership reflect the very best of Cheyenne County. As the community celebrates their achievements, we hope their example will inspire future generations to continue building the strong, inclusive, and resilient community they have helped shape.

GRANTS

“Grants are more than just funding, they’re investments in the people of our community, the creative ideas our community comes up with, and ultimately the future of our community. It turns vision into ACTION! It helps communities create opportunities that we may not otherwise have without grant funding.”

— Celest Hays, CCH



Strike Up the Band — Bringing Band Back to Cheylin



Cheylin Jr. Board Mini Foundation Check presentation



Peace Corp — Quilt Making



Concert in the Park — Annual Event



Cheylin Boys Basketball — New Warm-Ups

TAP — Tri-Angel Park Sand for the Volleyball Court



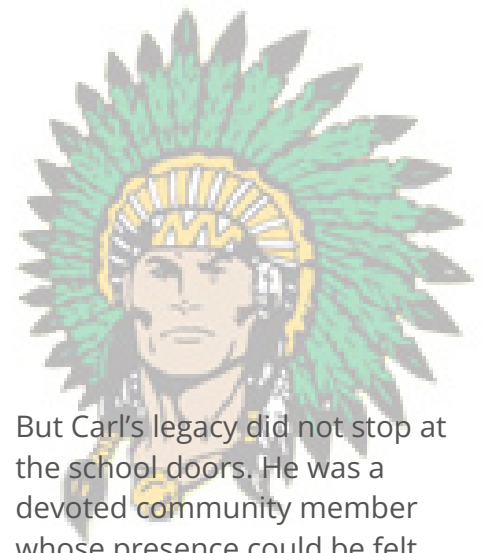
Senior Center — Siding & Revamp of the Kitchen

CARL WE



Carl Martin Werner leaves behind a legacy that reaches far beyond a title, a classroom, or a single generation. He was an educator, a superintendent, a mentor, a leader, and a steady presence in St. Francis whose life reflected integrity, discipline, generosity, and deep devotion to others.

For decades, he gave himself fully to the students, staff, and families of USD 297 and to the greater St. Francis community, shaping not only a school system, but the very spirit of the town he loved.



But Carl's legacy did not stop at the school doors. He was a devoted community member whose presence could be felt throughout St. Francis. He supported church life, community organizations, local improvement, athletics, and the everyday work of strengthening the town. He was known for his kindness, humility, and appreciation for others. Even in his later years, people remembered his gentle spirit, his gratitude, his routines, and the quiet way he treated everyone with dignity and respect.

"Carl's parting comment on each Indian News recording was always, "Thank You for Supporting the Indians". Our Response to Carl is: "Thank you, Carl, for Supporting St. Francis."

— Tom Keller

Carl began his career as an English teacher, and those who knew him best remembered both his high expectations and his lasting impact. Former students recalled that he taught with clarity, discipline, and passion, and that the lessons he gave in the classroom stayed with them for life. He was the kind of teacher who did not simply prepare students for the next test or assignment, but for college, careers, leadership, and life. Many remembered him as one of the finest educators they ever encountered. His influence only deepened through his years of leadership in USD 297.

As superintendent, Carl was known for being meticulous, thoughtful, and committed to doing things the right way. He cared deeply about students, expected excellence, valued strong academics and athletics, and worked tirelessly to improve the school for future generations. Those who served alongside him described him as detail-oriented, consistent, fair, and wholly invested in the success of the district. To Carl, school was never just a workplace — it was family, mission, and calling.

"Mr. Werner was a dedicated educator and leader who had a generous and appreciative spirit, so much so, that he wanted to leave a legacy to ensure the growth of USD 297, as well as give back to the community (Sainty) that he called home — HOME OF THE INDIANS!"

— Sharon Olofson

RNER

A LEGACY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH, GUIDE & GIVE



"I consider him to be one of the finest teachers I encountered at any level of education, including collegiate and law school. Having Mr. Werner as my teacher is a gift that has rewarded me throughout my life."
— Lyle Boll

Sincerely,

Carl W. Werner **GO INDIANS!"**

One of Carl's most lasting gifts was his vision for the future through philanthropy. In 2015, he made a major personal donation to establish the St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund, creating a permanent way to support USD 297 through grants and scholarships. That act reflected who Carl was at his core: a man who believed in education, believed in this community, and believed that giving should continue long after one's lifetime. He understood that a strong school helps shape a strong community, and he chose to make sure future generations would benefit from that belief.

For the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation, Carl's legacy is especially meaningful. He did not simply contribute to the foundation — he helped model what legacy giving looks like. He saw the power of an endowment, understood the importance of long-term community investment, and created an example that continues to inspire others. His generosity helped strengthen the foundation's mission and demonstrated how one person's vision can create lasting opportunity for students, families, and a community for years to come. The following tribute was sincerely written by Tom Keller: "Carl Werner was a

true Chief to his St. Francis Indian tribe and community. Carl began his career in education as one of Sainty's finest English teachers. His former students value their writing skills forever and students who disliked English class learned skills that serve them well as adults. Carl later returned to his tribe as one of Sainty's best administrators. The school was his "spouse" and the community his "family". His legacy will be remembered in perpetuity through his role in establishing the Cheyenne County KS Community Foundation and the formation and funding of the St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund."

HOW TO UTIL FOUN

UTILIZATION

The Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation—an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation—serves as a resource for our entire community. Whether you are an individual, family, business, nonprofit, or local entity, the foundation offers simple and meaningful ways to make an impact.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Give where it matters most. Support the causes you care about through donations to existing funds or by contributing to the Cheyenne County Impact Fund. Every gift—large or small—helps strengthen our community.

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Establish a fund in your name, your family's name, or in honor of a loved one. Endowment funds provide permanent support, ensuring your values continue to make a difference for generations.

SUPPORT LOCAL PROJECTS

The foundation serves as a trusted partner for community projects. Donations can be made to project or designated funds, allowing for tax-deductible giving while funds are invested and grown until they are needed.

“MONEY IN, MONEY V MONEY STAYS; PEOP

“That’s a major over-simplification; the extension to that is that people who experience the benefits of those funds are also more likely to stay in the community.

These projects in a community bring people together for a common cause and builds relationships, sometimes in seemingly unlikely places and with strangers who become partners.

People appreciate the foundation’s confidence in their projects. Money/the foundation doesn’t build self-esteem by itself, but it encourages and builds partnerships with people to complete projects.

IZE THE

DATION

APPLY FOR GRANTS

Nonprofits, schools, and community organizations can apply for funding to support programs, projects, and needs that benefit Cheyenne County.

- ▲ Applications are completed online at cckcf.org
- ▲ Due the last day of each month at midnight
- ▲ Reviewed on the third Monday of each month

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Work with the foundation to include charitable giving in your estate plans. Planned gifts can leave a lasting impact while aligning with your financial and family goals.

ENGAGE & LEARN

Attend events, connect with our board and staff, and learn more about how philanthropy is shaping Cheyenne County. From Match Month to community gatherings, there are many ways to be involved.

START THE CONVERSATION

No matter where you are in your giving journey, we are here to help. Explore how you can make a difference today—and for generations to come.

WHY USE THE FOUNDATION?

Local knowledge with a community-first focus.

- ▲ Professional guidance for giving and fund management
- ▲ Flexible options to meet your goals
- ▲ Long-Term impact through endowment building

VISIT OR CHAT WITH US

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WORKS;
E STAY.”

Everyone benefits, whether they're involved in the change, or simply observers of positive change around them.”

– Carol Redding,
Fund holder of GREAT:RETURNS

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EDDM Retail

*****ECRWSS*****

Local
Postal Customer



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starting a fund:**

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