

# Community Grants Report

December 2020

## City of Concordia, Free Book Giveaway at Touch-A-Truck 2020

**Seize the Moment Fund, \$500, Awarded 8/24/2020**

**Project Summary:** I am requesting \$500 to purchase 33 books (50 total with a 50% grant from Usborne Books & More) titled Look Inside Things That Go to hand-out for free at our 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event.

**Use of Funds:** They were spent to purchase 33 “Inside Things That Go” books from Usborne Books & more.

**Impact & Results:** This is our 2nd year that we have received funding from CFCC for the free book giveaway. Not only did it encourage families to show up early but we had NEW families line up 30 minutes before we handed the books out. 50 families now have a brand new book that they will be able to read and learn about together. This book will create good feelings and remind families of the fun they had while attending one of the most exciting events held at the Broadway Plaza in such uncertain times.

I am blown away by the turnout of our 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event – given the circumstances. There were kids everywhere throughout the entire event and 17 different vehicles/specialty equipment for them to climb on and HONK – their favorite part! The weather was good to us too.

There were all kinds of options for entertainment including singing and dancing with Jammin’ Randy and the Little Tuggers Pedal Tractor Pull. It truly is amazing to see the many businesses and organizations that volunteer for this event. They continue to dedicate their time, offer their support, and come together to put on an event like this for their community.

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## Cloud County Fair Association, Cloud County 4-H, FFA and Open Class Fair

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$8,500, Awarded 6/15/2020**

**Project Summary:** To help with 4-H, FFA and Open class ribbons, premium money and judging for the 2020 Cloud County Fair.

**Use of Funds:** The grant funds were used to pay premium dollars and provide ribbons to 4-Hers and FFA members who entered exhibits, pay judges for their time, to purchase masks for our 4-Hers as well as those who attended the shows and fair info printed.

**Impact & Results:** Due to Covid and trying to minimize the risk to our community, the Fair Board had the very hard decision to cancel most fair activities. But th Fair Board did not want to cancel the 4-H and FFA judging and project piece of the fair because 4-Hers and FFA members work for a year on their projects to develop skills and

learn new things. The participation in the county fair is a large piece of the skills that these youth learn. The Fair Board requested these fund to help with premium money to these youth as well as other expenses associated with the youth for the fair. Typically these funds would have come from money from the carnival and other activities that had to be cancelled. The 4-H and FFA youth and their families were so very appreciative and thanked us for the opportunity to continue. We followed through with letting them know that it would not have possible without the help of the foundation. All projects were able to be judged and the youth awarded for their hard work in ribbons and premium dollars. We estimate that we reached over 200 youth plus their families that came to watch them with their projects. The Fair Board was also able to have the livestock auction for the youth and the masks helped to protect those in attendance.



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## **Cloud County, Rural Opportunity Zone**

**Cloud County Economic Development Fund, \$1,500, Awarded 10/10/2019**

**Project Summary:** Cloud County and CloudCorp is partnering to fund the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Funding this program shows commitment from Cloud County and CloudCorp in working to provide financial incentives to new full-time residents.

**Use of Funds:** The grants were used to aid in paying student loan debt for county residents who applied and were accepted into the State of Kansas' Rural Opportunity Zone Program.

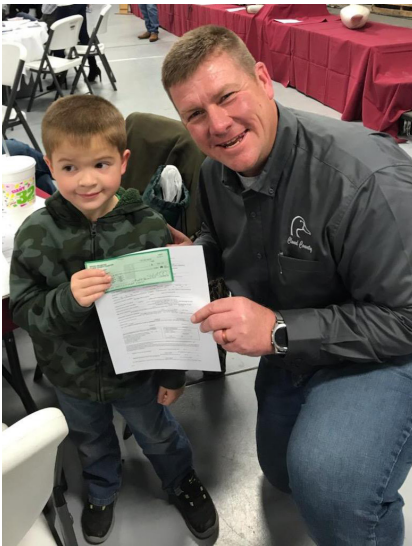
**Impact & Results:** Residents using the program have been afforded extra income to enable them to purchase a home and/or upgrade to a bigger home. They have been able to have more discretionary income to provide for their families and one is able to use saved funds for her wedding.

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## **Cloud County Ducks Unlimited, Lifetime Youth Hunting/Fishing License**

**Seize the Moment Fund, \$500.00, Awarded 8/24/2020**

**Project Summary:** At our annual conservation banquet, our group will give away to four greenwing attendees (under age 18), a lifetime Kansas hunting/fishing license. Our goal is to promote the outdoors and pass along that tradition to a younger generation.



**Use of Funds:** We purchased two lifetime hunting licenses from KDWPT that we gave away to two greenwings (youth under age 17) at our annual banquet on Saturday, October 24 2020. The winner of this lifetime license was Quentin Affolter, age six of Clifton, KS.

**Impact & Results:** This project is always popular at our event. We feel the grant allows our group to consistently get young people to attend our event and become interested in spending time outdoors and the importance that volunteering has on our communities and the impact habitat conservation has on our world. We were concerned under the current climate that the event would be not as successful as prior years, but we were very pleased with how everything went. Our attendance was good and we felt that we were able to reach a wide group of people and further the mission of Ducks Unlimited and the impact that conservation has on our immediate area. We appreciate the community foundation and the grant committee for recognizing the importance

this project is for our young people and getting them to understand the importance of getting outdoors to appreciate all the beauty it presents. Thank you.

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## North Central Kansas Teens for Christ, Common Grounds “Raising the Roof”

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$5,000, Awarded 10/20/2020**

**Project Summary:** As part of our phase two fundraising goals, we are working on support raising to replace the roof at the Common Grounds Coffeehouse. We need to replace the roof in order to get full insurance coverage on the building.



**Use of Funds:** We used the funds from the Community Foundation for Cloud County to help pay for the completion of the roofing project.

**Impact & Results:** We are so excited to have completed this roofing project. Buck roofing completed the tear off, re-sheeting and shingling. It's wonderful to have the house looking better and knowing that we won't have any water leaks is such a relief. Thank you so much for helping to make this project possible!

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## Concordia First United Methodist Church, Layette Sets for Newborns in Cloud County

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$1,500, Awarded 8/24/2020**

**Project Summary:** Concordia First United Methodist Church (FUMC) prepares layette sets for newborns in Cloud County that are delivered by the Cloud County Health Department (CCHD) when they perform post partum visits.







**Use of Funds:** Grant funds were spent to purchase fabric for blankets and other items for the layette sets, including: books, baby wash, baby wipes, onesies, socks.

**Impact & Results:** Over the past few years, we have significantly increased the number of layette sets we deliver to the CCHD. We realized earlier this year that the 65 sets we delivered in 2019 were really not enough to provide enough sets to all newborns in the county. We set a bold goal of assembling 75 sets this year, which we knew would be difficult in the midst of the pandemic. We don't have as many people attending church to volunteer or to donate items. We adjusted our process for making blankets (the blankets were prepared for volunteers to pickup and take home to sew this year) and for assembly (the fellowship hall was used to allow for social distancing of volunteers).

Without this grant, we would not have been able to complete the project this year and reach out to dozens of families in the county. When the story about our project was published by KNCK we received well over 100 likes. We know this project is providing a little bit of joy in the lives of the volunteers and the recipients during this difficult year.

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## **National Orphan Train Complex, Inc, Emergency General Operations - COVID-19**

**Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$5,000, Awarded 4/13/2020**

**Project Summary:** We are requesting emergency general operations funding due to the abrupt closure to protect visitors, staff and volunteers from COVID-19 virus. This resulted in a complete loss of earned income.

**Use of Funds:** The funds were used to fund a portion of three months salary of the Curator and Researcher and our payroll report. An SBA loan from our Operations Funds, and other grants were utilized to fund the remaining needs.

**Impact & Results:** The National Orphan Train Complex is incredibly thankful to CFCC for their assistance during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funds provided emergency general operations relief during the two and a half months closure of the museum. It is projected that 50% of museums in the country will permanently close due to the pandemic but thanks to the CFCC funds we were able to keep all staff employed and continue our mission.

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## **City of Concordia, COVID Baseball Team Without a Sponsor**

**Impact Fund for Cloud County, \$250, \$500, Awarded 6/15/2020**

**Project Summary:** With COVID, our local high school students weren't able to participate in a spring baseball season. Recently, the Kansas American Legion program released they would not be sponsoring a summer season. So, we are a team without funding.

**Use of Funds:** We used the funds on insurance, umpires, and baseball supplies.

**Impact & Results:** Even though our season was cut short due to the team having to do a 14-day quarantine, we were able to have practices and did get to play two games. It was a great opportunity for our young men to play games at home. We had great attendance where parents, grandparents, friends, and community members came out to watch the boys play a sport they didn't get the opportunity to play in the spring.

Without funding from the Community Foundation, we wouldn't have been able to play because the team didn't have a sponsor. The funding helped us pay for umpires, insurance, and supplies needed to play.

When we received the grant, we did a press release through NCK Today. It recognized the Community Foundation for Cloud County. See link.

<https://www.ncktoday.com/sports/concordia-quaran-team-featuring-members-concordia-high-school-baseball-team-play-six-home>



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## **Cloud County Health Center, Inc., Casino Tables for Cloud County Foundation for Health Care, CHS STUCO, & CCCC Student Engagement**

**Youth Activity Fund, Seize the Moment Fund, \$2,000, Awarded 8/13/2019**

**Project Summary:** The Cloud County Foundation for Health Care, CHS STUCO, and CCCC Student Engagement Department are teaming up to update the Casino tables in which all three organizations use for annual events. The current tables are badly worn and need replacing.

**Use of Funds:** Concordia High School purchased one casino table, and Cloud County Community College purchased one table. Cloud County Foundation for Health Care purchased eight seven-player poker tables, one roulette table, and one 18-inch roulette wheel.

**Impact & Results:** Cloud County Foundation for Health Care was borrowing casino tables that were pretty worn. We hosted a Casino Night in June to raise funds for the hospital building project. We did not have enough tables to accommodate the attendees. We are planning another Casino Night fundraiser in 2020, and the new tables and roulette wheel will be an asset to the evening. We hope to increase our fundraising results with the new equipment. Concordia High School and CCCC both hold events for student engagement. They have not had opportunity to use the new equipment yet, but are hoping to see increased attendance at these events.

## Pow Camp Concordia Preservation Society, Pow Museum Brochure Reprint

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$400, \$900, Awarded 3/12/2020

**Project Summary:** Concordia's second biggest tourist attraction: WWII German Prisoner of War Camp. Brochures are critical to inform visitors of the authenticity of the camp.

**Use of Funds:** The grant funds were used to reprint brochure's for POW CAMP Concordia. 10,000 brochure's were printed. This will give the attraction years' worth of promotional material.

**Impact & Results:** Under normal circumstances POW Camp Concordia was scheduled to reopen for the season April 1, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 shut down issued March 19th, 2020, the committee will follow county approved guidelines to open. With out this generous donation the reprinting of the POW Brochure would not have been possible.



## Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, Mobile Outreach Care for Cloud County Residents

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$1,000, Awarded 6/24/2019

**Project Summary:** CCKNS travels to Concordia to provide food boxes, hygiene kits, clothing and other essentials. The agency also takes applications for financial assistance and provides case management to individuals as needed.

**Use of Funds:** The agency spent funds on food and on hygiene items (soap, shampoo, fem. hygiene, diapers, wipes, or detergent.)



**Impact & Results:** From July 2019 to February 2020, 10 to 18 families requested food and/or hygiene assistance during CCKNS' monthly mobile outreach visits to Concordia. These individuals came from four communities within Cloud County, as well as from Concordia. The COVID-19 Pandemic beginning in March 2020 greatly impacted the numbers of individuals seeking assistance. From 20 to 54 families came to the mobile outreach site to ask for food or hygiene assistance from Catholic Charities during the months of April, May, and June. To ensure the safety and health of staff and clients, individuals waited in a line of cars and food/hygiene products were loaded directly into the vehicle in order to facilitate social distancing. Throughout this pandemic, the agency continued to provide services to those who would not be able to access them, though on more than one outreach day, staff members ran out of food and were not able to help all those who requested it. More than 200 families were assisted during the time frame of the grant. The grant allowed 40 additional families to receive boxes of food from the agency that the agency might not have been able to supply without

the funding. Those residents receiving the assistance expressed their appreciation. On one very hot day, an individual saw that the staff member was out of water and came back to the outreach site gave her a large cup of ice water f and told her she was thankful for the food and that the water was one small way to say "Thanks."