

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Cue The Confetti



Community Foundation of Abilene

THIRTY YEARS OF GENEROSITY



2015 – 2016

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TOSS KINDNESS AROUND AS IF IT WERE CONFETTI!

Whoever first said this must have experienced the abundance of kindness and generosity here in Abilene! This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Abilene; quite a reason to cue the confetti we believe. Each year we announce accomplishments that you have helped make possible. I wonder what the upcoming year will look like in terms of grantmaking, asset growth, scholarships and unexpected opportunities. However, just as in previous years, I am not surprised by what you have enabled us to do in our community this year.

The pages ahead will highlight a variety of donors, grants, accomplishments and facts that we are proud of. Many of them may seem small, but when combined together, they make a huge impact. Have you thought about what impact you are making? Don't take it lightly or think of it as nothing, because we don't. We believe that when it is all put together it is awesome!

In fact, one of the reasons we have community foundations

is so that there is a place to combine and grow assets that benefit our community. Thanks to you, our generous donors, the Foundation is continuing past \$100M in assets (we can't wait to reach \$100M in grantmaking), awarded over \$5.7M in grants, helped send more than 90 area graduates to vocational schools and colleges, and continued to assist our local nonprofit agencies to do what they do best. You see, together we make a huge impact.

By every account it's been a great year, and we owe our success to you, our donors, who have made a commitment to our organization, our community and our future. This year I encourage you to consider what impact you have or will have on our community. Perhaps you will toss a little kindness around as if it were confetti, and if you do, please, let us be part of your celebration!



Katie Alford,
President / CEO



Jack Rich, CFA Board Chair
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Community Foundation of Abilene

OUR MISSION

Growing and investing charitable endowments to benefit our area.

Serving as a vehicle for donors' varied interests. **Awarding** grants for important community needs.

Providing philanthropic leadership to enhance our community.



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Earnings From
the Browning's
Unrestricted Fund are
directed to Future Fund's
grant cycle
each year.

The Brownings

It may seem small ...

Upon arriving in Abilene, Katie and Cade Browning knew immediately they were home. They loved their new found friendships and the uniqueness Abilene provided. It was only a matter of time before the young couple became quickly immersed in their community. Each volunteering and serving on various nonprofit boards, Cade recently completed his term as president for The Grace Museum and Katie is currently the president-elect of the Junior League of Abilene. They are leading by example and choosing to teach their sons, Barrett and Bede, the importance of helping others. Each boy receives a giving allowance that they get to decide where it goes to.

In 2010, after serving on the Future Fund board for three years, Katie and Cade were elected as co-chairs of this group. "Co-chairing Future Fund, we learned so much about the community we live in, agencies that serve the people that live here and about how much Future Fund helps young lives in Abilene," said Katie. "We also learned about the Community Foundation and about the various ways that we could be involved." "After learning that the Foundation would allow us to start small and continue to grow our fund each year, we knew this was where we wanted to begin our philanthropy," said Cade. The Brownings chose to establish an Unrestricted Fund because they knew it would accomplish their charitable goals. "We knew that we were busy, we didn't want to pick just one agency to help, we did not have the expertise the Foundation has and we had no way to predict future needs," they agreed.

You don't have to wait until you've reached a financial milestone or until you get older to begin making an impact on Abilene. "If we all do our part – no matter how small it may seem – together, we can have a tremendous impact on our community," said Cade.

UNRESTRICTED FUND

An unrestricted fund is a good option for donors who want their gifts used to meet unexpected needs to expand opportunities and improve the quality of life. We have a grantmaking staff that are experts in the field and they're in-touch and involved in community issues. We are experts in identifying community needs and the nonprofits best equipped to meet them.



Caroline's CART

For many, the weekly trip to the grocery store involves nothing more than pushing a cart through the store as you gather the items you have on your shopping list. You may be sidetracked with new products, samples or visiting with friends, but overall a fairly simple task. For many parents of special needs children that experience sensory overload, due to autism or other neurodevelopmental delays, grocery shopping can be overwhelming.

Keri Meuth, mother of Addison, says that prior to having Caroline's Carts in local stores, her daughter would have anxiety meltdowns when they went to the grocery store. "The whole thing was overwhelming and she didn't feel safe. I would put her in the traditional cart and surround her with the groceries in order for her to feel safe, so that I could get my shopping done," explains Keri. Caroline's Carts are uniquely designed shopping carts equipped with a rear facing, contoured, comfortable seat, a 5 point latching safety harness to secure the individual, an ample cargo basket and stable brakes that allow easy loading and unloading for the parent or caregiver.

Reach for a Difference received a grant from the Foundation's discretionary grant cycle that would allow them to provide 8 carts to local retailers. Currently, these specialized carts are in United, Market Street, and H.E.B stores. "This has been a dream come true, and it has made our life easier to be able to include Addison in society. We know that one day she will need to know how to go into stores by herself; these carts allow me to take her with me and allow her to become acquainted with the aisles and where things are located. Thank you for this blessing!" said Keri.



Caroline's Cart™

Reach for a Difference is a relatively new agency in town whose goal is to support individual, family and community actions to address identified needs and issues of the autism spectrum and other neurodevelopmental delays in West Texas.



Harold & Pat Crawford

Leaving a Legacy

Legacy is the ongoing joy of giving. It's imagining and realizing possibilities ... forever.

Harold Crawford is remembered as being someone with a "can do" attitude, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He had good ideas and was ready to try new things. He always felt that as a business owner in the community that he needed to give back through many of the charitable organizations.

Harold worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber for 23 years, and as part of the corporate culture, the Crawfords moved around a lot. In 1964, they moved to Abilene where they soon called home. Prior to living in Abilene, Harold had been reluctant to get involved in civic affairs because he knew he would be leaving soon, but he knew that he wanted to make a difference in the community he established roots in. And, that he did. During his lifetime, Harold was well known for his many civic and business contributions. He served on many nonprofit boards in Abilene, including the Community Foundation of Abilene, and was a true advocate for each one. During his term as a Foundation trustee he discovered that retirement plans were tax cursed and that his children would not benefit from the full value. But if given to a nonprofit, the agency would benefit and receive full value. Former trustees remember that he shared this information with many, encouraging them to make similar gifts to the Foundation and designate them to their favorite charity.

In 1986 the Pat and Harold Crawford Endowment Fund designated for YWCA, now known as the Alliance for Women and Children, was established at the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Their gift of two life insurance policies to the Community Foundation of Abilene were added to their fund. The Alliance for Women and Children provides essential after school care services for children in Abilene. Their services provide children a safe haven during the formative years of their lives. The legacy of Pat and Harold Crawford will live on in every person assisted through their generosity.

Designated Funds are a way you can provide a steady, long-term source of income for a nonprofit you care deeply about. Distributions from your Fund can be made directly to the organization or to their endowment fund.





LEGACY FUND

What legacy do you want to leave? We can work with you to create a legacy to benefit Abilene and to inspire future generations. If you've already included the Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know. We'd like to acknowledge your commitment through our Legacy Society. Of course, if you'd prefer for your plans to remain confidential, we will respect your wishes for anonymity.

Alliance FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

An average work day for most is until 5:00 or 5:30, however the school rings for dismissal at 3:00. What do working parents do? For many parents with school age children, finding a place for them to go after school is a chore. The Alliance for Women and Children has been the answer for many local parents. It is Abilene's largest, state licensed, and most affordable after-school childcare program from Pre-K through 5th grade. "We are currently serving 525 children in 17 area schools. Partnerships with school districts are vital to our success saving us operational expenses such as rent and utilities – helping us to keep costs low to our families. We are the largest, most affordable, licensed after school care program in the Big Country," says Toni Brown, Alliance for Women and Children Executive Director.

After School Care is not just babysitting, students are encouraged to learn new things. Experienced counselors are available in the "Homework Club" to assist with daily homework and help children out in areas they may be struggling with; board games, sports, crafts and creative play are also available. They also partner with local agencies who offer academic enrichment, the arts, self-defense, music, chess, science, safety, drug and alcohol awareness, sports, and dance.



Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes people who are planning for gifts today that will provide significant community benefits in the future.

Nancy and Price Brock
Kelly and Paul Cannon
Jo and Joe Canon
Joy and Glen Churchill
Jackie and Bart Cox

Jana and Joe Crawford
Kay and Ray Denkhoff
Lale and B.J. Estes
Linda and Glenn Files
Ann and Doug Ford

Mary and Larry Gill
Sara and Paul Graham
Pat and Delbert Hess
Paul and Myra Johnson
Nancy and Ross Jones

Henry and Beverly Kitzman
Rozlyn and Jerry Love
Kathy and Phil Morehead
John E. Pearson
Becky and Jack Rentz

Nita and Steve Slaton
Courtney Vletas
Kathy and Jim Webster
Rhonda and David Webb
Linda and Andrew White

Bill and Joni Wood
Alice and Bill Wright

Roy Helen ACKERS

MizGenerosity

For some people giving just comes natural, Roy Helen Ackers is one of those. Often referred to as MizCheevus, MizGenerosity seems to be more fitting. She is an icon in our community known for great hats, great outfits and a great love for the people and place she calls home. "Abilene has been good to me and my family, I must be good to it," explains Roy Helen.

In the early days of the Foundation she recalls being asked to be a cheerleader for the new organization. This role has become one of her easiest tasks. "I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want to be part," quips Roy Helen, "they take my gifts (no matter the size I choose) and combine it with others to help the agencies I love." The list of agencies she supports is quite extensive and extends over all of the various fields of interest from the Center for Contemporary Arts to Hendrick Home for Children. Support from this special lady is something these agencies treasure because her gifts are not only monetary, but she also acts as an ambassador for them spreading the news of their good works.

Roy Helen, like many others at the Community Foundation of Abilene, uses her donor-advised fund to make her charitable gifts to agencies of her choice. She also partners with the Foundation's discretionary grantmaking through Community Connection, a biannual publication for donor advisors. "You all make my giving easy and meaningful; it also makes me feel good. Maybe that is why at my age I look and feel the way I do," Roy Helen chuckles, with a wink.

A donor advised Fund is a convenient way to accomplish your giving today; you recommend the grants- we do the work.



Roy Helen is also a charter member of **Friends of the Community Foundation**. In 2015, we had 135 Friends that help us meet our budget, enhance our grant and scholarship programs, customize services to donors and charitable organizations.

Many donor advised fund holders use **Community Connection**, a publication that the Foundation provides each discretionary grant cycle that gives a brief description of grants submitted and allows them the opportunity to participate in grantmaking. In 2015, over \$116,000 was contributed through **Community Connection** by donor advisors.



"I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want to be part of the Foundation!"

What Your Gifts

Unrestricted

Community Development

Alameda Park Project: Volunteers organized to raise funds for a “pocket park” in the Alameda neighborhood. This area of Abilene has been plagued with high crime, but interested citizens worked hard to invest in the neighborhood.

Arts & Culture

The Grace Museum and the City of Abilene Art Camps have partnered for over 13 years, by providing a free summer art outreach for children attending the City of Abilene's Summer Playground program. The art outreach serves children who have had little exposure to fine art or opportunities to explore the creative process, and provides them with experiences in sculpting, painting, print-making, and more.

Education

Hardin Simmons University “Dream-Catchers” is an AISD and HSU summer camp partnership for economically disadvantaged students, from K - 4th grade. The camp utilizes AISD teachers and HSU education students to provide struggling readers with learning opportunities and interdisciplinary experiences.

Health

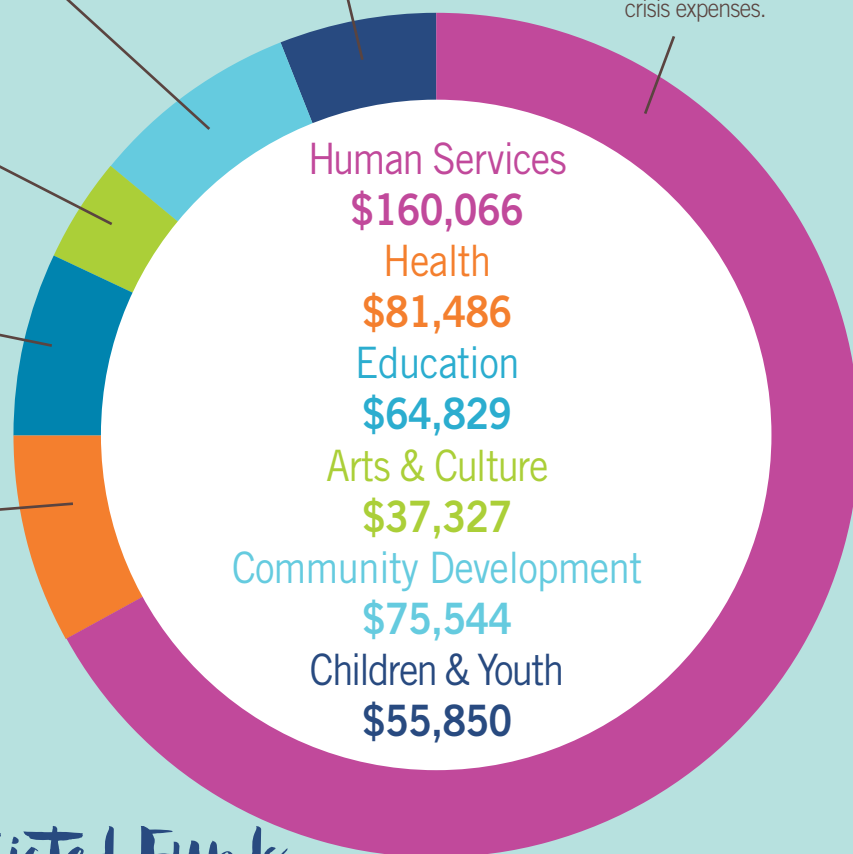
Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District: The Sealants Available For Every (SAFE) Kid program provided 180 uninsured Abilene children with a dental exam and dental sealants to protect their teeth from future decay and preventable infections.

Children & Youth

Junior Achievement equips students with skills that are critical to their successful participation in the workforce and postsecondary education. Volunteer led, age-appropriate, hands-on lessons are taught to local students. The CFA made grants to support the “JA Work Readiness Initiative”, a program that served 300 AISD students in 21 classrooms.

Human Services

United Methodist Service Center and Food Pantry offers the Financial Assistance Program to qualified clients who have experienced an emergency funding need. This program fills the gap for Abilenians needing help with utility bills, prescription costs, or other crisis expenses.



Grants from Unrestricted Funds

Abilene Arts Alliance
Abilene Cultural Affairs Council-Young Audiences of Abilene
Abilene Performing Arts Company
Abilene Philharmonic Association
Abilene Public Library
Abilene Zoological Society
Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Adult Protective Services Partners
Alameda Park Project
Alliance for Women and Children
BCFS Abilene Transition Center
Bethel UMC
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star
Cancer Services Network

Center for Contemporary Arts
Children's Performing Arts Series - Abilene Cultural Affairs Council
Chorus Abilene
Christian Women's Job Corps of Abilene
City of Abilene Recreation Division
Comfort Crew for Military Kids
Communities In Schools of the Big Country
Connecting Caring Communities
Day Nursery of Abilene
FaithWorks of Abilene, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity Abilene, Inc.
Hardin-Simmons University
Harmony Family Services
Junior Achievement of Abilene

Ministry of Counseling & Enrichment
National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
New Horizons (Audrey Grace House)
NewLife Alliance
Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
Reach for a Difference
Regional Victim Crisis Center
Special Olympics Texas
St. John's Episcopal School
St. Mark's Baby Room
Texas Ramp Project
The Grace Museum
United Methodist Service Center and Food Pantries
Young Life Abilene



Make Possible

Future Fund

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$78,194

(\$2,500 for Young Philanthropists)

FUTURE FUND GRANT CYCLE 2015

Abilene Cultural Affairs Council/
Abilene Arts Alliance

Abilene Cultural Affairs Council/
Young Audiences

Abilene Performing Arts Company

Abilene Philharmonic Association

Abilene Regional P-16 Council

Alliance for Women & Children

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Center for Contemporary Arts

Children's Performing Arts Series

Chorus Abilene

City of Abilene
Recreation
Division

Communities In Schools of the
Big Country

Connecting Caring Communities

Day Nursery of Abilene

Hardin-Simmons University

Junior Achievement

National Center for Children's
Illustrated Literature

NewLife Alliance

Regional Victim Crisis
Center

The Grace
Museum

Future Fund is a fun, innovative group of people that believe in philanthropy and making a difference in the lives of children and youth in our community. For a full membership list or to learn how you can join, see www.cfabilene.org.

FUTURE FUND BOARD 2015-2016

Elizabeth and Robert Wagstaff,
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THANK YOU
FUTURE FUND GRANT
PARTNERS FOR HELPING
SO MANY!



Jeannette & Josh Black
Burton Family Endowed Fund - Shellie Evans
Rudith & Don Drennan
Dr. Jennifer Johnson & Michael Fernandez



Jason Smith
T & T Family Foundation - Lale Estes
Paul & Vera West Fund for Children

Unrestricted Funds

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$475,102

The Foundation responds to the needs in our community now and in the future through these flexible dollars.

Abilene Alpha (1986)	Ruth and Lee Caldwell (2007)	Ralph and Nelle Hooks (1997)	Sam and Susan Reeves (1994)
Administrative Endowment II (2006)	Joe Ed and Jo Canon (1989)	Paul and Myra Johnson (2008)	Mel Richards Memorial (1998)
Administrative Endowment (1992)	Jimmie and Mary Lynn Cantrell (1994)	A.V. Jones Family Fund for Albany (1992)	Senter Family (1996)
Jim and Jerri Alexander (1994)	Jane Childers (1992)	Bennie and Diane Jones (1989)	Carl S. Shoults Jr. (2000)
Ruth Guitar Alexander Memorial (1987)	Community Foundation Memorial (1987)	Cearley and Jane Kinard (1994)	Susan Stroud (2001)
Benjamin T. Allen Memorial (2008)	Harold and Pat Crawford (1989)	Cearley and Ruby Kinard (2013)	Bob and Elaine Surovik (1998)
Mildren Morris Austin Memorial (1987)	J Neil Daniel (2007)	Derwood and Billie Langston (1998)	Jim and Doris Taylor (1989)
Richard and Betty Bacon (2007)	Ray and Kay Denkhoff Charitable Endowment (2006)	William R. Lutz Memorial Fund (2007)	Gail and Howard Tobin (2008)
Harwell and Carolyn Barber (1987)	Joy and Gary DeShazo (2008)	J. D. and Elsie Magee Family (1995)	TOMSCO Investments (2008)
Grady and Ann Barr (1995)	Dr. Ralph and LaVerne Donnell (1991)	Eileen Taylor Massey Memorial (2006)	Pat Meleen Vaughn (2006)
Bob and Peggy Beckham Family (1991)	J. Henry Doscher Charitable Fund (1993)	Raymond and Gloria McDaniel (1987)	Coy and Elizabeth Gene Warren (2007)
Mrs. L. H. Beckham (1989)	Mack and Helen Eplen Memorial (2014)	S.M. and Portia Moore (1989)	Whitten Family (1995)
Arthur, Dana and Cindy Beitscher Memorial (1996)	Dr. B.J. and Lale Estes (1995)	Robert and Maggy Morford (1988)	Howard and Hope Wilkins (2000)
Glenn and Lylia Bennett Fund for Nolan County (2006)	Louis S. and Bobbie A. Gee (2006)	Moss Charities (1991)	John A. Wright Memorial (2004)
Tucker and Gina Bridwell (1997)	Larry and Mary Gill (1986)	Syd and Evelyn Niblo (1995)	Allen and Mary Wright (1989)
Cade and Katie Browning (2011)	Robert and Marilyn Hitt (2001)	Dian Graves Owen (1991)	Dr. T. D. Young (1990)
	Eddie and Nelda Hodges (1987)	Dr. Jack and Joy Ramsey (1989)	
		Wayne V. and Marie Ramsey (2010)	

Scholarship Funds

Amount Awarded in Scholarships

\$275,348

Funds can be designated for high-school or post-graduate education at the donor's request.

Sara Abel Memorial Scholarship	Kemper Scott Hamilton Memorial Scholarship	Tillie Odom Memorial Scholarship
Abilene A&M Club Scholarship	Dr. Edgar Martin Harp Memorial Scholarship for Medicine	Janet Parkey Memorial Scholarship
Abilene Alumnae Panhellenic Assoc.-Missy Bridwell Memorial Scholarship	The Dollie Lane Harp Memorial Scholarship Fund for Classical Music	Petroleum Club of Houston Scholarship
Abilene Association of Insurance Financial Advisors Scholarship (NAIFA)	Haskell County Scholarship Fund	Randy Polk Memorial Scholarship Fund
Abilene Founder Lions Club - A.E. Wells Scholarship	Jay Hatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund	Barney Popnoe Memorial Scholarship
Abilene Founder Lions Club - Randell and Evangeline Watkins Scholarship	Jean and Curly Hays Scholarship Fund	Jesse M. and Bernice M. Pyeatt Scholarship
Abilene Geological Society Scholarship	Bob R. Hefner Scholarship Fund	Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc. Scholarship
Abilene Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship	Hispanic Leadership Council Fund	Jane A. Rhodes Scholarship
Bob Alvis Memorial Scholarship	Hispanic Senior Recognition Fund	Zach Robinson Memorial Scholarship
Anonymous Scholarship Fund	Floy Hodge Scholarship Fund	Ginny Ryan Memorial Scholarship
Alistair Baldwin Scholarship	Rodney Holder Memorial Scholarship	Leo and Piney Scott Scholarship
Mary Bailey Memorial Scholarship	Lady Clyde Hooper Memorial Scholarship	Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
Perry Bentley Memorial Scholarship	R.C. and Elizabeth Hoppe Memorial	Barbara and Norma Smart Memorial Scholarship
Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship	James P. Hopper Memorial Scholarship	Catherine Aileen Smith-Jones Memorial Scholarship
Nancy and Ted Paup Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship	Virginia Kiker Hughes Memorial Scholarship	Jim and Kim Snyder- Texas A&M Scholarship
Ruth and Bill Burton Memorial Scholarship	Independent Insurance Agents of Abilene	Jean Stockton Scholarship Fund for Texas Tech
Herman Ray (Buz) Buzbee, Jr. Memorial Music Scholarship	Pearl Jackson Scholarship Fund	Taylor-Jones-Haskell-Callahan Medical Society Alliance
Marguerite and Ike Chism Scholarship	Ross Jones Memorial Scholarship	Johnathan Tschaar Memorial Scholarship
Roy Churchill Memorial Scholarship	GySgt. Robert K. Keller Memorial Scholarship	Texas Society of CPA's (Abilene Chapter)
Clack Educational Scholarship Fund	Margaret Wheeler Kennedy Scholarship	WesTex Drilling Co.-Robert Cockrell Memorial Scholarship
Horace M. Condley Scholarship	Eula M. Kruse Scholarship Fund	West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen Scholarship
Gilbert Cook Memorial Scholarship	Julius M. Kubena Scholarship	West Texas Hereford Association-Curly Hays Scholarship
Davis Kinard - Kate Nutter Memorial Scholarship	Tom Kutch Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Whitaker Memorial Scholarship
Marie Denham Memorial Scholarship Fund	Brock Latham Memorial Scholarship	Ruth Hatcher and Joe Williamson Music Scholarship
Wilburn H. "Blue" Denham Memorial Scholarship	Cathy Springer Leavell Memorial Scholarship	Stanley and Claudie Wilson Scholarship
J. Henry Doscher, Jr. Scholarship Fund	LULAC Council 605 Scholarship	Winters Area Foundation Scholarship
Dunagin Family Scholarship Fund	J. Middleton Memorial Scholarship	Winters Area Foundation Community Scholarship
From Harm to Home Scholarship	Jack Mildren Memorial Endowed Scholarship	Mabel Winton Educational Scholarship
<i>established by Angela Nicolini</i>	Mary and George Minter Memorial Scholarship	
Gold Star Memorial Scholarship	Todd Moore Memorial Scholarship	
Greater Abilene Ministers Alliance Scholarship	Zach Moore Memorial Scholarship	
	Chuck & Doris Moser Scholarship	
	Hazel Nunn Scholarship Endowment for HSU	
	Hazel Nunn Scholarship Endowment for TSTC-Sweetwater	

The three funds below were established in 1987 for local students by a generous donor. The financial aid office at each campus identifies students to receive tuition grants.

- Abilene Christian University Scholarship Endowment
- Hardin-Simmons University Scholarship Endowment
- McMurry University Scholarship Endowment



Donor Advised Funds - LIMITED TERM

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$2,750,539

Simple, powerful and highly personal funds allowing you to remain actively involved in recommending grants to your favorite charities.

Abilene Fire Dept. Flexible Account	Dave and Laura Copeland	Paul Graham	Melson Family
Gary Ackers	Bart and Jackie Ramsey Cox	Lee and Callie Hampton	Bob and Maggy Morford
Roy Helen Mingus Ackers	Mrs. J Neil (Weeze) Daniel	Carol and Bill Haynes	Linda A. Murphy
David and Kay Alexander	Ben M. and Bonnie Davis	Leonard R. Hoffman	Syd and Evelyn Niblo
Jim and Jerri Alexander	Davis-Kinard, P.C.	Shay Shelton Hoffman	Carol Christine Nichols
Mike and Suzanne Alexander	Andrew David Durham	Ralph and Nelle Hooks	Dorothy and John Pope
Mac and Majorie Andrews Furniture	David and Sindy Durham	John and Tina Hunter	Jack and Becky Rentz
Harwell and Carolyn Barber	Wendy Hanks Durham	In As Much	Rich Family
Ann and Grady Barr	B.J. and Lale Estes	Paul and Myra Johnson	Senter Family Foundation
Bob and Peggy Beckham Family	Ray and Star Ferguson	Bennie R. and Diane Jones	John and Susan Shelton
John and Carolyn Beckham	Emily T. Files Charitable	Kickapoo Springs Foundation	Ruby Shelton
Rob and Julie Beckham	Doris Miller and Don Fitzgibbons	Cearley and Ruby Kinard	Shelton Family Foundation
Glenn and Lylia Bennett	Dot and Jesse C. Fletcher and Melissa Fletcher	Life to Life	T&T Family Foundation
Charles and Leigh Black	Gerald and Christie Galbraith	Robert and Louise Lockhart	Trio Sharegiver Community
Price and Nancy Brock	Gee Family Fund	Sandip and Mishri Mathur	James S. Westfall Memorial
Jimmie and Mary Lynn Cantrell	Dr. Bill and Barbara Gee Gandy Family	The McDonald Family	Stanley and Claudie Wilson
Carl Childers	Louis and Bobbie Gee	McMurry Baseball Alumni Association	Allen and Mary Wright
Condley and Company, LLP	Master Sgt. Randy Gillespie Memorial	Bobby and Doris Melson	Bill and Alice Wright

Donor Advised Funds - ENDOWED

Janice and Bob Allen, III Endowment	Clifton and Shirley Caldwell Endowment	Jean K. Hays Charitable Endowment	Charles and Erin Schroeder Family Charities
Lynn and Barbara Anderson Endowment	Ruth and Lee Caldwell Family Endowment	Delbert and Patricia Hess Endowment	Endowment
Anonymous Endowment	Paul and Kelly Cannon Endowment	Eleanor and Robert Hoppe Endowment	Nellie Parramore Sellers Endowment
Steve Arthur Family Foundation	Deborah Carson Endowment	Jeff and Susan Jones Family Endowment	Scott and Michelle Senter Charitable
Manly and Louise Ballard Foundation	J2K Charitable Endowment	Blake Alan Korman Memorial Endowment	Endowment
Harwell and Carolyn Barber Endowment	Jay and Nancy Capra Endowment	Gerald and Bettye Lawler Endowment	H.L. Shaw Memorial Endowment
Dr. Terry Bawcom Family Endowment	Coleman Family Endowment	M.A.D. Foundation	David Taubert Memorial Endowment
Jane Varner Beard Endowment	Sally and Bill Core Endowment	Tim and Debbie Manley Endowment	Ruby and Raymond Thomason, Sr.
Bob and Peggy Beckham Endowment	Dr. Brady Cox Memorial Endowment	Lynn Beckham Marderosian Endowment	Foundation Endowment
John and Carolyn Beckham Endowment	Denny Family Foundation Endowment	Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Family	Trio Sharegiver Community Endowment
Rob and Julie Beckham Endowment	Gil and Holly DeShazo Charitable Endowment	Foundation Endowment	Wood Family Endowment
Bridwell Family Foundation Endowment	Emily T. Files Endowment	Kathy and Phil Morehead Endowment	Wright Family Foundation Endowment
Tucker and Gina Bridwell Endowment	J.B. and Pat Fooshee Endowment	Terrell Tone Owen Memorial Endowment	
Tucker S. Bridwell Endowment	Lee and Callie Hampton Endowment	Bush Ramsey Endowment	
Ruth and Bill Burton Family Endowment	Barbara B. Hardy Endowment	Rick and Pam Rhodes Family Endowment	

Field of Interest Funds

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$212,216

Funds that support your personal areas of interest or address an important area in community life.

Abilene Fund for Helping Others	Gabriella Pace Fund for Early Childhood Education	Paul and Vera West Fund for Children
Abilene Fund for the Arts	Pete and JoAnn Peterson Fund for Children & Health	Charles and Sue Simmons White Endowment for the Needy
Abe and Saret Allen Critical Health Care Fund	Juanita Tittle Pollard Cultural Fund	
APC Endowment for Mental Health	Serendipity Fund	REGIONAL FUNDS
Arch D. and Patti D. Batjer Fund for Children and Youth	Pat Meleen Vaughn Fund for Celebration of Life	AVJ Foundation for Albany Area
Arch D. and Patti D. Batjer Health Care Fund	Pat Meleen Vaughn Fund for Humane Treatment of Animals	Coleman County Foundation
Beckham Family Fund for Youth and Elderly in Need	Volunteer Fire Department Endowments	Friends of Coleman County Foundation
E.G. and Janelle Cockerell Fund for Animals	Brown County	Nolan County Foundation
The Diane Denkhoff Fund for Children's Health	Callahan County	Norman-Stevens Memorial Fund for Winters Area
Lale and B.J. Estes Human Service Fund	Coleman County	Hazel Nunn Endowment for Nolan County
Elsie Lou and Edward Martin Fund for Elderly Care	Eastland County	Winters Area Foundation
Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Fund for Youth	Shackelford County	
NAIFA - Abilene fund for Children	Taylor County	

Designated Endowment Funds

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$1,326,978

These funds support the work of specific nonprofit organizations designated by donors.

12th Armored Division Memorial Museum Endowment Fund	J. Henry Doscher Jr. Fund for the Grace Museum	Rescue the Animals Endowment Fund
Abilene Education Foundation Endowment Fund	Judy Dudley Memorial Fund for Education	Rescue the Animals Spay and Neuter Fund
Abilene Heritage Square Project (non-endowed)	Douglas and Ann Ford Fund for Disability Resources, Inc.	Wade Scoggins Memorial Fund for Young Life
Abilene Library Consortium (non-endowed)	Grace Museum Endowment Fund	Senter Family Fund for Hope Haven
Abilene Philharmonic Association Endowment Fund	Grace Museum Building Maintenance Endowment Fund	Shackelford County Community Resource Center Fund
Anonymous Fund	Grace Museum Director's Endowment Fund	Major Charles P. Shearn III Memorial Fund for
Carolyn and Harwell Barber Fund for the United Way	Robert and Anita Herren Memorial Fund for Haskell	Shearn Elementary, Houston, TX
Beckham Family Fund for Ben Richey Boys Ranch	Robert and Marilyn Hitt Charitable Fund	Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
Beitscher Family Fund for the Abilene Philharmonic	ICAN Curtis House Project (non-endowed)	Ruby W. Shelton Endowment Fund for the Alliance
Catherine M. (Kitty) and Joseph Chaffin Benson Memorial	Kenneth and Marilyn Jacobs Fund for Education	for Women and Children
Fund for the Abilene Opera Association	Marvin Jones and Nancy Norman Jones Fund for Winters	Hudson and Martha Smart Designated Endowment
Don Bierwagen Endowment Fund for the Barbershop	Morgan and Jessie Jones Designated Fund for Day	Dick and Kaye Spalding Endowed Fund for
Harmony Society	Nursery of Abilene and The Grace Museum	Serenity House
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Abilene Endowment Fund	Jerry and Rozlyn Love Designated Fund	St. John's Episcopal School Designated Endowment
<i>established by Norma Springer</i>	The Dr. Donald McDonald Fund for Children's Health	St. John's Episcopal School Headmaster Endowment Fund
Boys and Girls Club Designated Fund, <i>established</i>	Minda St. Church of Christ Project Fund (non-endowed)	St. John's Episcopal School Excellence Fund
<i>anonymously in honor of Dian Graves Owen</i>	Maggy Morford Fund for St. John's Episcopal School	Swenson House Endowment Fund,
Ruth and Bill Burton Endowed Fund for First Church	Mulberry Canyon VFD Endowment	<i>established by David and Sue Stubbeman</i>
of Christ, Scientist, Abilene	Jim and Bobbi Naler Endowment for Abilene State	Taliaferro Endowment Fund for St. John's Episcopal School
Buffalo Gap Historic Village Fund,	Supported Living Center	Texas State Veteran's Cemetery – Abilene (non-endowed)
<i>a program of the McWhiney History Education Group</i>	Narrow Gate Foundation Endowment	Dick and Beverly Tarpley Designated Fund
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<i>for Abilene Zoo and Hendrick Home for Children</i>	Dian Graves Owen Fund for St. John's Episcopal School	and Nolan County areas
Day Nursery of Abilene Endowment Fund	Historic Paramount Theatre Endowment Fund	James J. Williams "JJ" Scholarship Fund for Boy
J. Henry Doscher Jr. Fund for the Episcopal Church of	Paramount Theatre Fund for Excellence	Scouts – Texas Trail Council
the Heavenly Rest	Lois Caldwell Peck Fund for Cancer Services Network	George and Marie Yaeger Philharmonic Fund

Agency Endowment Funds

Amount Awarded in Grants

\$426,610

Funds created by other nonprofit organizations as means of protecting their charitable dollars for future needs and annual operations.

12th Armored Division Memorial Fund	Coleman Independent School District Foundation
Abilene Arts Alliance	Day Nursery – Bea Ganson Endowment
Abilene Community Band Endowment	Day Nursery of Abilene Endowment Funds for Maintenance-Sherry Lane
Abilene Education Foundation	Day Nursery of Abilene Endowment Funds for Maintenance
Abilene Education -- AHS Alumni Scholarship	Disability Resources, Inc.
Abilene Education -- CHS Alumni Scholarship	Friends of the Abilene Public Library
Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award	Grace Museum Endowment -- Grace Museum Facility Endowment
Royce Curtis Excellence in Education Scholarship	Hendrick Hospice Care
Abilene Hope Haven Endowment	Kenley School Endowment -- Kenley School Scholarship Endowment
Abilene Library Consortium	National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
Abilene Philharmonic Association	Paramount Theatre Memorial Fund
Thile Walker Scholarship Fund	Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Scholarship
William Davis Scholarship Fund	Presbyterian Medical Care Mission -- Travis and Mary Katherine Smith Fund
Abilene Philharmonic Foundation Endowment	Sam's Place Endowment Fund
Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ARCADA)	St. John's Episcopal School--St. John's Learning for a Lifetime Fund
Albany ISD Education Foundation	Texas Prairieland Foundation Fund
Alliance for Women and Children, Elizabeth Baugh Fund	Texas Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America
AWC Educational Endowment	United Way of Abilene
Ben Richey Boys Ranch Foundation -- Travis Cranfill Memorial Education Fund	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
Center for Contemporary Arts	YMCA Endowment Fund
Christian Service Center Endowment	Zambia Mission Fund



Regional & Supporting Organizations

Our local regional endowment funds bring the services and resources of the Community Foundation closer to smaller communities and outlying areas. These community groups have their own advisory boards which set direction and make grants, while benefitting from our fund development, grantmaking expertise, legal knowledge, infrastructure and administrative support.

\$70,345

COLEMAN COUNTY FOUNDATION — Established in 1999, the Coleman County Foundation is providing a means for Coleman county residents to make a difference in their community. Last year, the Foundation awarded over \$70,000 in grants to agencies committed to making Coleman County better.

\$13,290

FRIENDS OF THE COLEMAN COUNTY FOUNDATION is designed for individuals who believe in the future of their community. Members contribute \$100 (or more) annually to build their fund and provide grants to agencies in Coleman County. For more information, visit colemancountyfoundation.com.

\$42,000

NOLAN COUNTY FOUNDATION — The Nolan County Foundation Fund was launched in 2000 by county civic leaders wanting to make a positive impact in Sweetwater and Nolan County. Currently in fundraising mode, this group is working hard to build its fund for the good of Nolan County. For more information about the Nolan County Foundation, contact Carolyn Lawrence.

\$6,700

WINTERS AREA FOUNDATION — The Winters Area Foundation Fund was established in 2006 to assist in funding projects from education, health, libraries, museums, parks and other projects that go beyond the normal responsibility of government funding.

The Future of Winters Club is designed for individuals and businesses who believe in the future of their community. Members contribute \$100 annually to build their fund for the Winters area. For more information about the Winters Area Foundation, contact Susan or Randall Connor at 325-754-4542.

\$306,000

AVJ FOUNDATION — The AVJ Foundation was established by the A.V. Jones Family of Albany and Abilene in 1996. The charitable priorities of the AVJ Foundation focus on regional needs, with a particular interest in Albany and its educational and cultural activities.

"Funds designated for these areas are included in fund listings depending on fund types."



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Designated Funds Friends of the Community Foundation of Abilene

Field of Interest Funds Unrestricted Funds Scholarship Funds

Legacy Society Members Memorials

Friends of the Community Foundation of Abilene are in bold.

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Abilene Arts Alliance
Abilene Chamber of Commerce
Foundation
Abilene Education Foundation
Abilene Federal Credit Union
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Abilene Panhellenic Association
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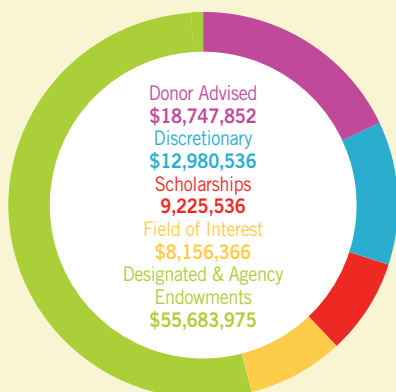
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2015 (with comparative totals for 2014)	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,733,635	\$ 2,560,540
Contributions receivable	605,998	551,153
Investments at fair value	102,486,391	99,668,187
Cash value of life insurance	117,858	118,449
Fixed assets, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$67,855 and \$72,498 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	35,113	39,211
Other assets	\$ 21,043	12,262
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 106,000,038	\$ 102,949,802
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 22,677	\$ 2,644
Grants Payable	223,453	224,604
Funds held as agency endowments	18,809,309	17,765,881
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 19,055,439	\$ 17,993,129
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 9,894,107	\$ 10,499,418
Temporarily restricted	77,050,492	74,457,255
NET ASSETS	\$ 86,944,599	\$ 84,956,673
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 106,000,038	\$ 102,949,802

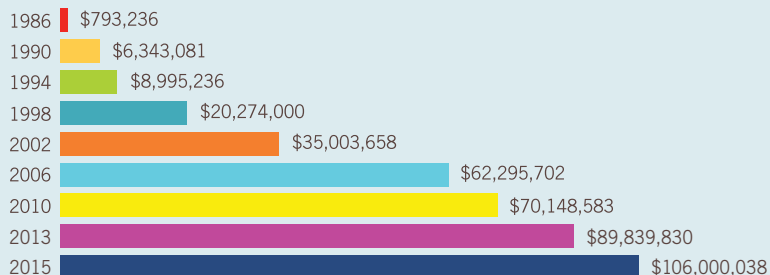
AUDIT The Foundation annually engages the services of an independent accounting firm to perform an audit of the Foundation's Financial Statements. As part of its audit, the firm also reviews the internal controls and various policies and procedures to ensure the Foundation staff is adhering to the most current accounting practices. The Foundation's auditor, Condeley and Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, has issued an unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Audits and the IRS Form 990s are available upon request.

BALANCE BY FUND TYPE



INVESTMENT PROCESS The Foundation is focused on a long-term strategy for investing the community's philanthropic dollars. We understand that endowments are created to serve not only the current generation but many generations to come. The Community Foundation continues to stay the course and remains fully invested and diversified.

ASSET GROWTH



INVESTMENT RETURNS – FISCAL YEAR 2015

(as of June 30, 2015)

	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year
CFA	2.70%	10.90%	10.00%	6.10%
Target Weighted Benchmark*	1.10%	9.70%	10.20%	6.00%

*22% Russell 3000 Index, 23% MSCI AC World ex-US Index, 15% Barclay's U.S. Aggregate Index, 20% HFRI Fund of Funds Index, 2.5% Thomson One Buyout Index, 2.5% Thomson One Venture Capital Index, 5% Thomson One Distressed Index, 2.5% S&P North America Natural Resources Index, 2.5% Thomson One Private Natural Resources Index, 2.5% Developed BMI Property Index, and 2.5% Thomson One Private Real Estate Index



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