

**BCF Board Mtg**

**February 25, 2025**



**December**

**Board Reception**







# **Fall 2025 Scholarship Cycle**





December 1 – February 28

# 36 SCHOLARSHIPS

Birdies for Scholarships  
Blair Thompson Russell Memorial  
Scholarship  
Bud & Brad Horsman Memorial  
Scholarship

Carol Lewallen Memorial Scholarship  
Carol Ann & Don C. C. Scholarship  
Courtne Higgs Memorial Scholarship

D.D. Boesiger Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. L. Kent Thomas AIM Scholarship  
Glenn and Anne Dodwell Memorial  
Scholarship  
Green Country Cattlemen's  
Association Scholarship  
Green Country Classic Ranch Rodeo  
Scholarship

Irene McCracken Arnold Memorial  
Scholarship  
Jane Phillips Medical Center Auxiliary  
Scholarship

K.B. Berry  
Scholarship

Lennie Baker Scholarship  
Lou Skurcenski Memorial Scholarship  
Lynn and Terrance Potts Legacy  
Scholarship  
Mary Fee Memorial Scholarship  
Mary Lou Price Scholarship  
Melvin Shoesmith Scholarship  
Pat and Linda Ritchie Scholarship

Pat Tucker Memorial Scholarship  
Sean Conover Memorial Scholarship  
Service League Scholarship

South Inclusionity Scholarship  
D.M. Cracker Memorial  
Scholarship

Angie Swigart Memorial Scholarship  
Cheryl Schiermeier Scholarship  
Larry Houchin Scholarship  
Moyne G. Nantz Phillips Scholarship  
Noel Kaiser O'Happy Day Scholarship  
Sherri Musselman Cox Scholarship  
Spence Rigdon Scholarship

# Spring Grant Cycle



January 27 – March 7

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Fund for Bartlesville Grant

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Rich & Kathleen Rutledge Grant

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Service League Grant

# Social Media





**Bartlesville Community Foundation**  
February 4 at 7:00 AM · 🌐

🌟 **Paths to Independence** received the BCF's Spring 2023 Rich & Kathleen Rutledge Grant! They used it to purchase speakers, microphones, cables, and other components of a sound system for their music education program. 🎵🎧

#TogetherWeCan @ptbville

**THE POWER OF SMALL GRANTS IN ACTION**

**Paths to Independence**

"The sound system will not only open up additional opportunities for our students to experience music, but it will also be enjoyable to them as they see the importance we place on providing them with the best equipment available to us."



~ ~ ~  
Clair Bartley  
Executive Director

**Bartlesville Community Foundation**  
January 27 at 7:00 AM · 🌐

Three BCF grants are now open for applications: 1) **Fund for Bartlesville**, 2) **Rich & Kathleen Rutledge**, and 3) **Service League**.  
Follow this link to apply: <https://bartlesvillecf.org/grants/>  
#TogetherWeCan

*Spring 2025*  
**BCF GRANTS**

Applications accepted starting **TODAY**  
**January 27th!**

**Bartlesville Community Foundation**  
January 7 · 🌐

Peek in the comments to see some of the ways the BCF has used AI last year. 🤖

#TogetherWeCan

**How are you using AI at your organization?**

**Bartlesville Community Foundation**  
December 27, 2024 · 🌐

🎉 Start the new year off right by staying connected with the Bartlesville Community Foundation!

Sign up for our monthly newsletter and get updates on events, grants, community impact, and more delivered straight to your inbox.

🌟 Sign up here: <https://bartlesvillecf.org/news/>  
Don't miss out—let's stay connected... See more

**newsletter**

STAY  
UPDATED  
WITH OUR  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER!



Sign up now!

**Bartlesville Community Foundation** created an event. ...  
January 29 at 2:36 PM · 🌐

**THE COFFEE CLUB**

NONPROFIT LEADERS CONNECT

- March 11
- June 10
- September
- December

Tue, Mar 11 at 9 AM and 3 more  
**Nonprofit Coffee Club**  
McGraw Realtors, 124 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma

**Bartlesville Community Foundation**  
January 2 · 🌐

Today's a special day at the BCF. Please join us in wishing our Anne a very Happy Birthday!

**Happy Birthday**  
Anne Swearingin





# **Nonprofit Networking**





Join

Dec 3, 2024  
9 - 10 a.m.

McGraw Realtors  
Meeting Room  
124 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

NONPROFIT

THE  
COFFEE  
CLUB

LEADERS CONNECT

BARTLESVILLE  
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TOGETHER WE CAN  
300 E. 4TH ST. | BARTLESVILLE, OK | 918.377.3367  
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United Way  
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RSVP to [nancy@bartlesvillecf.org](mailto:nancy@bartlesvillecf.org)



# The BCF Bulletin





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February 2025

### A Minute With Laura

Wise words from the BCF Executive Director Laura Jensen

#### SUSTAINABILITY MADE SIMPLE (AND FUN!?)

Sustainability takes discipline, partnerships, and a little future-focused thinking—but it doesn't have to be overwhelming! Managing the daily grind of a mission-driven organization is hard enough, but taking small steps now can lead to a big impact down the road.

At the Bartlesville Community Foundation (BCF), we partner with 33 local agencies that are building their financial future through endowment and reserve funds. These organizations are showing their donors they're serious about staying strong for years to come—and donors love it!

##### HERE'S MY CHALLENGE:

Block one hour a week to think about tomorrow. Set a goal (I'm happy to brainstorm with you!), and start small—\$500, \$5,000, or \$10,000 a year into a restricted fund. Over time, that adds up. Imagine having a \$500,000 fund providing \$25,000 annually for your mission. That's a game-changer!

#### What Does BCF Bring to the Table?

When you partner with BCF, you gain more than just a fund—you gain a dedicated ally. Here's what we offer:

- **Expert Fund Management:** We handle the complexities of fund management so you can focus on your mission.
- **Sustainability Guidance:** From setting goals to creating a long-term plan, we're here to help your organization map out opportunities.
- **Donor Confidence:** Partnering with BCF adds checks and balances that hold everyone accountable showing donors you're committed to financial stability.
- **Community Connections:** As a central hub for local nonprofits, we foster collaboration and share resources to strengthen our community together.

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Happy New Year

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#### DID IT -- TWENTY-FIVE IN TWENTY-FIVE!

Community foundations are catalysts for positive change, serving as trusted stewards of local philanthropic resources. Connecting donors' passions with community needs amplifies the impact we can make through strategic grant making and long-term investment, fostering collaboration among individuals, businesses, and nonprofits to build sustainable solutions.

In 2022, our organization set an ambitious goal: reaching \$25 million in assets by our 25th anniversary. At the time, we were at approximately \$21 million and thought, "why not? 25 by 25 - it's catchy!"



Well, I'm incredibly excited to move in to 2025 after celebrating the BCF's 25th birthday on December 3rd and officially celebrating the achievement of this goal with assets surpassing \$25 million.

This milestone is more than a number - it represents a vision achieved. It reflects the power of

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#### MAKE THE SEASON OF GIVING COUNT

As the year draws to a close, the holiday season inspires reflection, gratitude, and positivity. It's a time to cherish the memories we've made and consider the impact we want to leave on the world. One of the most meaningful ways to close out the year is through year-end giving, an opportunity to make a tangible difference in your community and beyond.

Whether you're motivated by causes close to your heart, a desire to support those in need, or the chance to maximize tax benefits before December 31st, your gift has the power to save lives. Nonprofits and charitable organizations rely heavily on year-end contributions to expand programs, expand services, and meet the ever-changing needs of those they serve. Every donation, no matter the size, plays a vital role in driving missions forward.

It isn't just about an amount, it's about the stories and lives you affect. Did you know that 30% of ALL giving happens in the month of December? Or, that of all giving sources, 67% is done by individual donors like you? There is a reason this is the season of giving!

Whether you're giving to the BCF, a fund we host, or a cause you support, today.

Happy Holidays!

Until next month,



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Remember is here which means we are kicking off the season of giving. In BCF's 2024 year-end giving campaign, we granted more than \$2.6 million from the ~200 component funds we host. That's over \$1,000 more than last year. If you are a fundholder and hope to make grants from your fund, please keep us in the loop so we can help make that happen.

If you are a fundholder who wishes to give to your fund or if you hope to become a fundholder, please also reach out to the BCF or your financial advisor so we can help you navigate year-end giving timelines. **Remember, it's a great time to process RMD's, QCD's, appreciated stock, as well as traditional gifts of cash. See more information in the article, "Important BCF Giving Deadlines Are Approaching," below.**

In the spirit of giving, the BCF is gearing up for our **new building's renovation project** on **Delaware Ave!** With that, I humbly ask you, our community, to consider joining us in making a difference to advance the Foundation's future in our new home.

This project will transform a dental office into a welcoming and functional space for the Foundation's operations. This new space will provide the BCF with much needed:

- On-site parking for staff and guests
- Large conference room/meeting room
- On-site storage
- Elevated presence to better represent the caliber of BCF's work

For additional details for this project, giving levels, donor recognition, what the BCF has done, and our anticipated timeline can be found in the button below. I hope you can help us in launching our next phase and take advantage of this rare opportunity to help our community thrive. Please contact us at 918.337.2287 or visit our website at bartlesvillecf.org.

# **Tell Your Story**

## **Grant**





Working on script and video content  
for The Journey Home's  
promotional video



# **Annual Report & Appeal**





**BARTLESVILLE  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
2024 REPORT

Together  
we...

US!

Executive Director

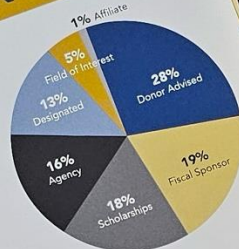
marks the Bartlesville  
Foundation's 25th birthday! As I  
proud of our team  
community to support local

dedication through the  
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achieve more.

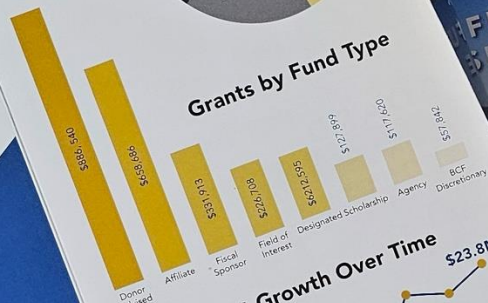
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## 2024 IN REVIEW

### Funds by Type



### Grants by Fund Type



### Asset Growth Over Time



## COMMITMENT

Our staff and board are committed to leading the way in giving to the BCF. We strive to build a board with expertise to guide & fulfill the BCF's mission & represent our community.

- ☒ Board - 100% participation in giving
- ☒ Staff - 100% participation in giving

## BUILD THE FUTURE WITH US

Open a fund  
to use today

Give to  
an existing  
fund!

3 Tell your  
friends  
about  
BCF!



Construction completion - March 2025

## GIVING LEVELS

the BCF's future. All donors will be recognized on a plaque and installed in a prominent location in our new home. Donor wishes to remain anonymous.

- Together We Lead \$2,500
- Together We Grow \$1,000
- Together We Can Up to \$500

If you are interested in other levels of giving, please contact the BCF. All donations will be attributed to the project costs and future building maintenance.

## CELEBRATE TOGETHER



George Halkiades recognized as inaugural "Community Catalyst Award Recipient in Memory of Charlie and Corky Bowerman"

Congratulations "Tell Your Story Grant" recipient, The Journey Home!



- BOARD**
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**Moving to  
321 SE Delaware**









