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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

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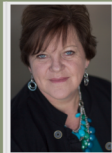
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2025 Elected Board Members

Three-Year Term 2025-2028

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Robin Hoxworth
Jonas Longoria

PREVIOUSLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three-Year Term 2023-2026

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47 YEARS OF IMPACT '24

OTCF NEW BOARD MEMBERS 2025



Robin Hoxworth



Jonas Longoria

We Moved in 2024!



Northern Heights
Professional Plaza

416 Valley View Dr
Suite 700
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

(Hwy 26 and 5th Ave,
North side)



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Monument Prevention has had a close relationship with OTCF since 2012. They have been our fiscal agent since then and we are so thankful that we have this partnership. Cathy and Tera are so willing and available to answer any questions we may have. We are a small organization, but they treat us as equal importance as those larger organizations. OTCF has been a godsend for these last 12 years.

”

Lanette Richards, Executive Director -
Monument Prevention Morrill County
Prevention

OTCF NEW FUNDS IN 2024

- Juanita Gibbs Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Mitchell Booster Club
- Mitchell Chamber of Commerce
- Circle the Bluffs Powwow

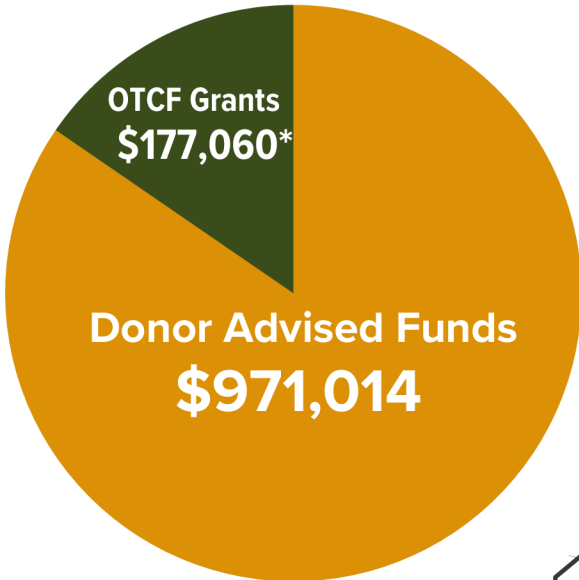
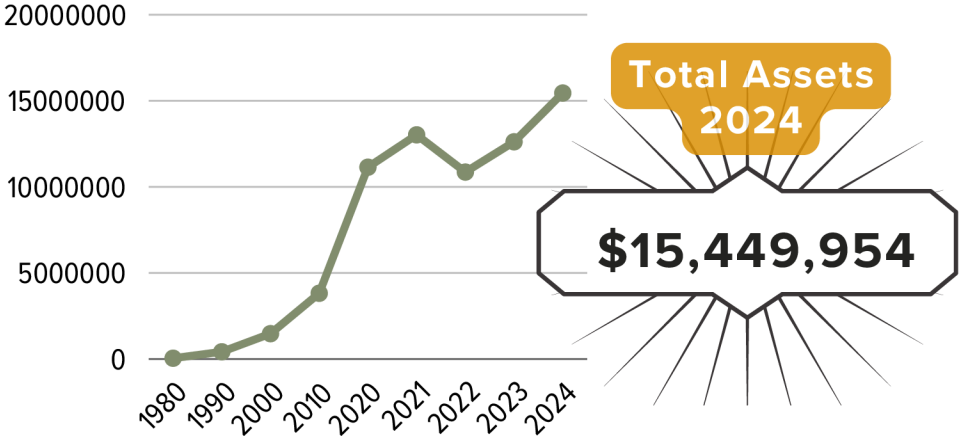
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and **DONATE** to one our
managed nonprofits

47 YEARS OF IMPACT '24

OTCF Total Assets (since 1980)



**Amount Paid in 2024
This includes all grants
paid that were pledged in
year(s) prior*

Total Grants to Charitable Organizations 2024

(OTCF and DAFs):
\$1,148,074

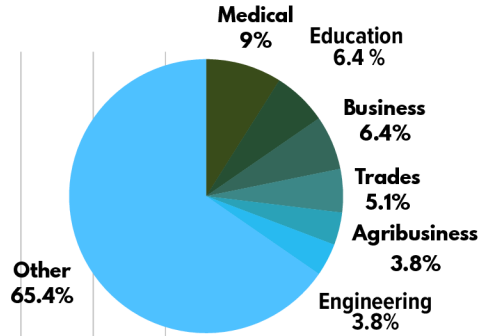
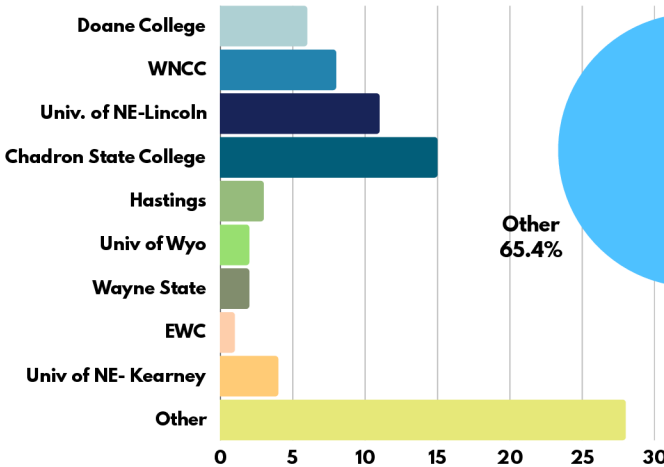
Amount OTCF Pledged to Nonprofits in 2024

Total: \$138,860

OTCF SCHOLARSHIPS '24

Where did the Class of 2024 go to College?

What are they studying?



The Oregon Trail Community Foundation is pleased to introduce **THE JUANITA M GIBBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Available for the 2025/26 school year.

Detailed information about this scholarship can be found on the Foundation's website at otcf.org.



For Gering and Scottsbluff High School seniors, majoring in Business and attending Western Nebraska Community College

The Juanita M Gibbs Memorial Scholarship provides two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each (\$500 per semester) to a graduating senior from Scottsbluff or Gering High School. Candidates must be attending Western Nebraska Community College and majoring in Business. Recipients must be a full-time student and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

OTCF SCHOLARSHIPS '24



Jennifer Eickmann

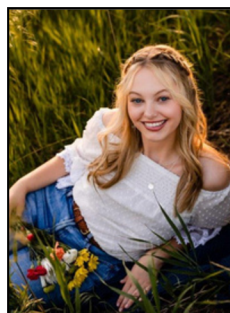
A HAND UP SCHOLARSHIP

(NEW in 2024):

- Jennifer Eickmann of Humboldt, NE, \$6,000

AGRIBUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP:

- Erin Fitts of Gering, \$2,000
- Justin Dobrinski of Bridgeport, \$2,000



Megan Peister

AUTUMN H. ELSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (NEW IN 2024):

- Grace Dean of Bridgeport, \$4,000
- Jackson Howard of Gering, \$4,000

DOROTHY BRONSON SCHOLARSHIP:

- Elia Ybarra of Scottsbluff, \$1,000
- Goshen County High School students attending International Thespian Festival: \$3,000

JOAN CROMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Rodolfo Avalos of Scottsbluff, \$1,000

CLASS OF '66 SCHOLARSHIP:

- Abigail Pieper, \$1,000

CSI SCHOLARSHIP

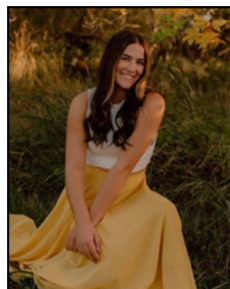
- CSI-A: Emilee Bentley, \$6,000;
- CSI-B: MaCee Neu, \$6,000

CSPM SCHOLARSHIP

- CSPM-A: Grady Robbins, \$6,000;
- CSI-B: Mason Gaudreault, \$6,000;
- CSPM-C: Braeleigh Rein, \$2,000

ALAN DILL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Gabriella Anderson of Mitchell, \$1,000



Grace Dean



Emilee Bentley

THE OTCF OFFERED



SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2024!

OTCF awarded \$105,000 in scholarships to 80 local students enrolled in trade schools, community & state colleges, and universities across the Midwest, and beyond!



OTCF SCHOLARSHIPS '24



MaCee Neu

CLARA E. MUEHLBERGER SCHOLARSHIP:

- Hans Bastron of Scottsbluff, \$4,000;
- Grace Dean of Bridgeport, \$4,000;
- Jaleigh Kumm of Gering, \$4,000;
- Rebecca Reece of Harrison, \$4,000;
- Cadence Schleicher of Gering, \$4,000;
- Sarah Wiese of Gering, \$2,000



Kaylee Barnett

JANE & CHET FLIESBACH SCHOLARSHIP

Scottsbluff High School Scholarship

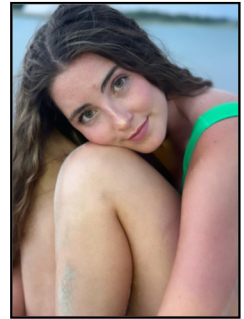
- Hans Bastron
- XayVian Gonzales
- Tallon McDonald



Zachary Araujo

FLIESBACH MCALLISTER SCHOLARSHIP:

- Kaylee Barnett of Bridgeport, \$1,000



Jaleigh Kumm

SHARON HOFFMAN MUSIC EDUCATOR'S SCHOLARSHIP:

- Aiden Zaro of Alliance, \$1,000



Jackson Howard

FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER/ BRIAN GREIF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Eهران Cantu of Pierre, SD, \$3,000;
- Ryan Nate of St. George, UT, \$2,000;
- Trey Peterson of Powell, WY, \$2,000;
- Jonathan Young of Mitchell, \$2,000



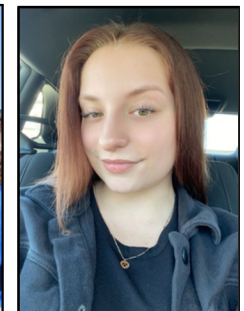
XayVian Gonzales

HISPANIC ADVISORY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 scholarship):

- Lluvia Montelongo of Scottsbluff,
- Collin Ramirez of Mitchell,
- Zach Aguallo of Gering



Emma Robbins



Kathryn Blakenship

OTCF SCHOLARSHIPS '24



Justin Dobrinski

LAWRENCE AND PAULINE LEMONS SCHOLARSHIP

(\$4,000/ scholarship):

- Emma Robbins of Mitchell
- Katelyn Shimic of Gering

LAWRENCE LEMONS SCHOLARSHIP:

- Megan Peister of Scottsbluff

MITCHELL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- Emma Robbins, \$1,000

PANHANDLE DRUG-FREE SCHOLARSHIP:

- Grace Dean of Bridgeport, \$500

PRE-ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP:

- XayVian Gonzales of Scottsbluff, \$2,000

DON AND DIAN ROTH SCHOLARSHIP:

- Kathryn Blakenship of Gering, \$1,000

SHANE SIEGFRIED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Bayard High School Scholarship):

- Zachary Araujo, \$1,000

Torrington High School Thespians Club -
Dorothy Bronson Scholarship



Mason Gaudreault



Ryan Nate



Katelyn Shimic



Cadence Schleicher



Erin Fitts



Abigail Peiper



Nonprofit Funds Managed by OTCF in 2024:



The Oregon Trail Community Foundation manages several nonprofit, charitable organizations in our community, providing numerous benefits to organizations, making it easier to manage their finances and focus on their mission. The nonprofit organization can use the fund to support their programs and services, and the community foundation provides support and guidance on managing the fund.

- Riverside Soccer Assoc.
- Bronson Scholarship Fund
- Bayard Public Schools Support
- Agri-Business Scholarship
- Sharon Hoffman Scholarship Fund
- Mitchell Scholarship Fund
- Fliesbach Scholarship
- West Nebraska Tourism Coalition
- Class of '66 Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Fliesbach / McAlister Scholarship
- Team Ashtyn Foundation
- CSI Scholarship Fund
- CSPM Scholarship Fund
- Panhandle Drug-Free Scholarship
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Dill Scholarship Fund
- 18th Street Plaza
- Heartland Express Fund
- Gering Community Ever Green House
- Centennial Park Fund
- Gering Library Fund
- Hemingford Community Foundation
- James Family Trust
- Atkins Scholarship Fund
- Lemons Scholarship Fund
- Hispanic Advisory Scholarship
- Lovercheck Scholarship Fund
- Life Change Connection
- Friends of Alzheimers-Dementia
- Downtown Scottsbluff Assoc.
- Muehlberger Scholarship Fund
- Monument Prevention Coalition
- Old West Balloon Fest
- Pre-Engineering Scholarship
- Japanese Hall
- Platte River Basin Environments
- Reunited in Heaven
- Lied Scottsbluff Library
- ESU #13
- Firefighter Ministry
- West Nebraska Arts Center
- Western Trails Scenic & Historical
- Floyd's Truck Center Scholarship
- OTCF Disaster Relief Fund
- 1887 Foundation /SB County Fairgrounds
- A Hand Up Foundation
- CAPWN Foundation
- Festival of Hope
- Scottsbluff/Gering Sports Council
- Creative Art District
- M Joan Cromer Scholarship Fund
- Autumn H. Elsen Memorial Scholarship
- Shane Siegfried Memorial Scholarship
- Austin Mitchell Memorial Fund
- Peggy A. Olsen Scholarship Fund
- Mitchell Area Chamber of Commerce
- Neva Mae Robinson Foundation
- Circle the Bluffs Powwow
- Mitchell H.S. Athletic Booster Club
- Juanita M. Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
- Common Grounds Dog Park



OTCF GRANTS '24



Hemingford Community Foundation

To support upgrading the playground equipment in Hemingford.

Awarded \$20,000



FarWide Conservation Trust

Completion of Ninemile Creek restoration project in Scotts Bluff County by Minatare, NE

Awarded \$5,000

Bayard Schools

Purchase of new stage curtains for visual art integration, improved acoustics, professionalism in production, enhanced learning environment. **Awarded \$3,000**

West Nebraska Pioneers

Purchase of an ATV vehicle for professional - level playing surface, and replace current field maintenance equipment

Awarded \$2,500

West Nebraska Art Center

Repair of West end stairs of historic Carnegie Library building. **Awarded \$2,500**

AIM Institute

To fund Ipads & laptops, charging cart and secure cabinet for students at AIMS in Scottsbluff. **Awarded \$4,000**



Kids First Preschool & Daycare

Resurfacing of two existing playground areas.

Awarded \$5,000

OTCF GRANTS '24



Scotts Bluff County Robotics Club

Purchase of storage solutions, classroom equipment, and robotic supplies to support local team.

Awarded \$12,722

Post Playhouse

Improvement of technical infrastructure of historic building. **Awarded \$10,000**

Riverside Discovery Center

Large cat exhibit upgrades.

Awarded \$15,000

Scottsbluff Schools Foundation

Update Scottsbluff High School auditorium (floors, ceiling, lighting, Sound, ADA, etc)

Awarded \$25,000

Village of Potter

Renovate the Historic Theater /aka community civic center. **Awarded \$5,000**

Potter's Wheel Ministries

Renovate 2 apartments for transitional housing. **Awarded \$5,000**

Hope Radio

Replacement of aging transmitter

Awarded \$5,000



Omaha Conservancy of Music

String Sprouts - Area sprouts program & sponsorship of Strings concert

Awarded \$5,000

Community Christian

Purchase of Electric Piano

Awarded \$1,048

Guadalupe Center

Chairs for the Guadalupe Center

Awarded \$3,000

The DOVES Program

For conference tables and chairs for new offices. **Awarded \$15,090**

OTCF GRANTS '24

NEVA MAE ROBINSON TRUST

The OTCF granted \$260,000 in 2024 to various community nonprofits, to address immediate needs in food, shelter and clothing

The Oregon Trail Community Foundation received proceeds in 2024 from the Neva Mae Robinson Trust. It was Ms Robinson's wish for the OTCF to provide a grants to those ...

“charitable organizations providing food, clothing, shelter, medical care and other benefits to low-income persons or disadvantaged persons including children and adults who are mentally or physically challenged, living within a 100 mile radius of Scottsbluff, Nebraska.”



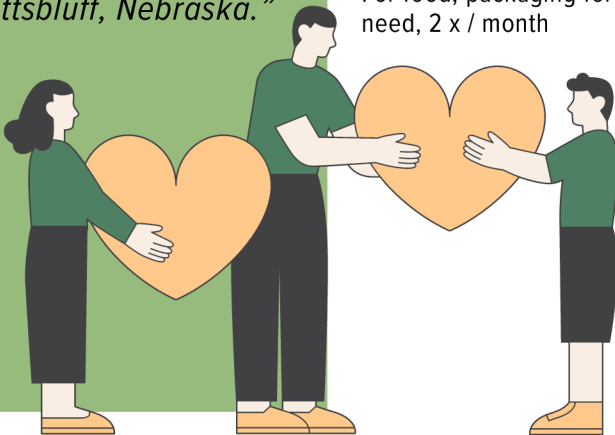
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY VOLUNTEER CENTER \$47,619

Programs that address food insecurities: Meals on Wheels, Snow Angels, Food Pantry, Thanksgiving in the Valley



THE VINE CHURCH SACK LUNCH PROGRAM \$1,000

For food, packaging for for 150 people in need, 2 x / month



OTCF GRANTS '24

NEVA MAE ROBINSON TRUST



THE CIRRUS HOUSE - \$30,900

To provide shelter for low-income, special needs (mental illness) persons living in Scottsbluff, NE



COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF WESTERN NEBRASKA \$54,900

To enhance the system of support for homeless individuals and families who fall through the gaps of current community funding streams in service area



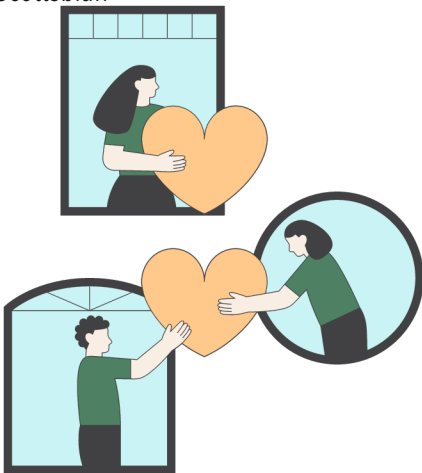
11 13 MINISTRIES - \$19,200

For food, and the equipment to prepare it, package it and deliver it to those experiencing food insecurities in Scottsbluff



NEBRASKA DIAPER BANK - \$2,500

to support the cost of diapers & distribution to Scottsbluff food pantry for those with low income or financial hardship



WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM \$50,000

For food for the backpack program for school aged kids with food insecurities

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS '24

Hiram Scott \$5,000 & above

Hod & Willa Kosman
Cliff & Ann James
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Jim & Helen Reinhardt

Trailblazer \$2,500 - \$4999

Travis & Sue Hiner
Platte Valley Bank

Monument \$1,000 - \$2499

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Wills Chiropractic Clinic P C
Debra & Clarence Gealy
John & Megan Massey
James & Nancy Kerr
WPCI
Dennis Hadden

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The OTCF had a very impactful year in 2024! I am so very pleased that we were able to be part of grants that helped students, lifted low-income families, and fostered long-term projects for our communities, all while continuing to grow our resources. Our network of charitable funds with different missions also continue to grow. It is truly my honor to be a small part of a foundation that will last for generations. Thank you to our donors for your continued support in 2025!

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*Rick Tuggle,
OTCF Board President*

Platte River \$500-\$999

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I am deeply grateful to the Oregon Trail Foundation for their unwavering support and dedication to our community and to the Team Ashtyn Foundation. Your timely and responsive actions have made a significant impact on our efforts and the cancer families we serve. Your kindness and commitment to overseeing and uplifting all nonprofits in our area are truly commendable. Thank you for your tireless efforts and the positive change you bring to our community every day.

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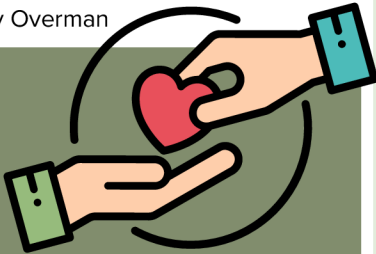
*Jennifer Schwartz,
Team Ashtyn Foundation*

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\$250 - \$499

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\$50 - \$249

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Dr. Ken & Bobbie Johnson
Steven & Helen Plummer



The impact of the Oregon Trail Community Foundation (OTCF) support is felt throughout the 11 13 Ministries umbrella. Our partnership with OTCF has enabled more of our resources to reach other 11 13 Ministries missions tailored to specific target populations. Thousands of families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons have received assistance. Our homeless/shelter insecure in/around the East Overland neighborhood has been better served. We have been able to provide more food boxes, rent assistance, clothing funds, medical equipment and travel assistance to area families and individuals.

Oregon Trails Community Foundation has been instrumental in the ability of 11 13 Ministries to impact and enhance the lives of thousands of our neighbors as far away as Torrington, Wyoming. The Oregon Trail Community Foundation is a valued team mate and 11 13 Ministries is grateful to serve alongside them.



*Larry Massie, Executive Director
11 13 Ministries*

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