



OTCF Donated to Food Pantries, Community Food Outreach programs and more with the OTCF Covid Food Fund



The Covid Food Fund Committee donated funds to help keep the Arrellano's "Blessings Box" well stocked for neighborhood children in need



OTCF Covid Food Fund donated to the local Meals on Wheels program for Seniors, so their volunteers would have the proper PPE to deliver to their clients.



ANNUAL REPORT

Oregon Trail Community Foundation
YEAR IN REVIEW

2020

'20 Year in Review

Our Mission

Dedicated to improving the quality, vitality and safety of life in Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming.

Statement of Purpose:

The purposes of this corporation are

- to receive, administer, and disburse funds for such charitable or education purposes as will, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, promote the mental, moral, intellectual and physical improvements and well-being of the inhabitants of Nebraska, and of Goshen and Platte Counties, Wyoming, and primarily of Scotts Bluff county, all regardless of race, national origin, creed, sex or age; and, without in any way limiting or restricting the foregoing but rather in enlargement and extension thereof.
- To assist charitable institutions (including educational institutions not operated for profit) whether supported by private donation or public taxation
- To improve living and working conditions.
- To provide for recreation.
- To promote and encourage the arts.
- To aid in the care and development of children.
- To aid in the care of the sick, aged and helpless.
- To promote health and the prevention of disease.
- To promote scientific research for the alleviation of human suffering.

OTCF STAFF



Cathy McDaniel
*OTCF Executive
Director*



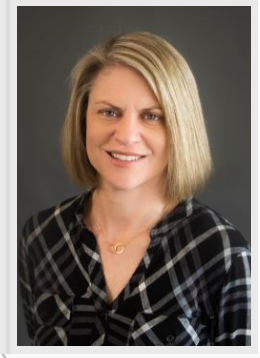
Shannon Crane
*OTCF Financial
Administrator*



Becky Horne
*OTCF Fundraising &
Fund Coordinator*



2021 Board Member Candidates



Jane Kelley

Jane Kelley grew up in Scottsbluff and graduated from SHS in 1995. After graduating from UNL, she worked in Denver as a CPA for three years before going back to school for her MBA at the University of Texas. She moved back to the community in 2004 and is an Accounting Instructor at WNCC.

Jane has been on the Board of Directors of multiple community organizations including the YMCA and the Scotts Bluff Country Club. She was President and Treasurer of Longfellow Elementary PTO for several years and is currently involved with the SHS Booster Club. Jane is also the Treasurer of the St. Francis Episcopal Church Foundation. Jane enjoys being involved with her kids' sporting activities and helps coach Junior Bearcat Basketball and the SHS Golf Team.



Jeff Jones

Jeff Jones is the Owner/Manager of Great Gardens in Torrington, WY, is the President of Jones Ag Corp in Huntley, WY, and operates JJJ, Inc., a financial consulting company.

Jeff is involved in many community organizations, and has been a member of Oregon Trail Community Foundation for many years. He looks forward to working with the Board of Directors for the betterment of our region.

**Three-Year Term
2021-2023**

Travis Hiner
Bev Overman
Joanne Krieg
John A. Selzer
Jeff Jones
Jane Kelley

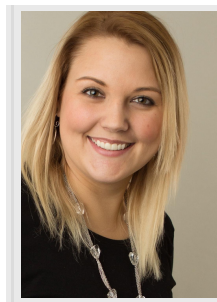
PREVIOUSLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Three-Year Term
2020-2022**

- Jack Baker
- Hod Kosman
- John Massey
- Krystal Palm
- Marilyn Rahmig
- Jim Reinhardt
- Barb Schlothauer

**Three-Year Term
2019-2021**

- Judy Chaloupka
- Lee Glenn
- Lonnie Miller
- Tom Holyoke
- Cricket Simmons
- Senator John Stinner
- Rick Tuggle



**2020 Elected Board Member:
Krystal Palm**

Krystal Palm was born and raised in Scottsbluff where she learned her work ethic from her parents. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2010 with a B.S. Business Administration.

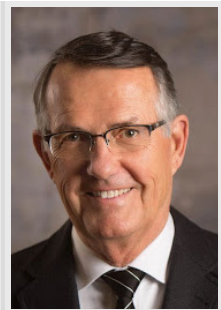
Returning to Scottsbluff she helped her parents in their businesses and met her husband Corey. They have 2 kids Peyton 6 months and Zoe 3 years old.

Krystal has been on multiple boards including Next Young Professionals and Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation. She is passionate about helping her community and making a contribution.

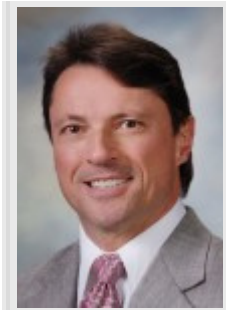
Thank You

to these dedicated gentlemen who are retiring from our Board of Directors.

We appreciate your many years of service, support and philanthropy.



Bob Kelley
14 Years of Service



Dr. Tom Rohrick
7 Years of Service

Board of Directors

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2020 OTCF EXECUTIVE BOARD

L to R

Travis Hiner / President

Marilyn Rahmig / Vice-President
& Midwest Theater Liaison

Lee Glenn / Chairman of the Board

Barb Schlothauer / Vice-Chairperson



Lonnie Miller / Treasurer

Jim Reinhardt / Grants Committee Chairman

Joanne Krieg / Scholarship Chairperson

Judy Chaloupka / Governance Chairperson



John Massey / Executive Board Member

John Selzer / Executive Board Member

Bev Overman / Executive Board Member

Dr. Tom Rohrick / Executive Board Member



2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

L to R

Jack Baker / Baker & Assoc.

Tom Holyoke / Chaloupka, Holyoke, et al

Bob Kelley / Kelley Bean Co.

Hod Kosman, / Platte Valley Bank



Krystal Palm / Stor-Aul

Cricket Simmons

Rick Tuggle / First State Bank

John Stinner / NE State Senator

Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center

To purchase additional coolers, shelving units and storage cabinets for the Meals on Wheels program. **Awarded \$820.44**

Bridgeport Library

To fulfill a community and library need for a laser cutter in the library's technology studio. Our technology studio engages the public with better opportunities and education. **Awarded \$2,500**

City of Bridgeport / Tennis Courts

To renovate the tennis courts at the west city park in Bridgeport, Nebraska. **Awarded \$2,500**

Old West Balloon Fest

To help with the costs incurred for publishing 16,000 copies of the program for the OWBF event. **Awarded \$6,000**

Scotts Bluff Celtic Gathering

To help provide humanities type entertainment to the public for this one-of-a-kind event and to help market the event 100 miles outside the Scottsbluff area. **Awarded \$2,000**

Community Christian

To purchase and install an Elkay water fountain and filling station for CC students/staff/guests in their gym hallway. The staff encourages the students to stay hydrated with fresh water throughout the day. **Awarded \$1,000**

Northfield Haven

To create a facility that would offer independent living apartments for individuals that are able to live independently but with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This facility includes a central place for socialization and gathering for the tenants, similar to a community center. This project is more of a community and not just an apartment that they rent. **Awarded \$25,000 (payable over 2 years, \$12,500 per year)**

Omaha Conservancy

For String Sprouts programming for Western Nebraska children. Currently String Sprouts serves 65 students from Scottsbluff and surrounding communities. They offer free violin, viola, cellos and bass lessons (including materials and instruments) to children aged 3 to 9 years old in underserved areas. **Awarded \$3,000**

Regional West Foundation

To help fund the purchase of the Da Vinci Robotics System for Regional West Surgical Department. Benefits of this minimally invasive procedure, and importance for patients, is less blood loss, less pain, quicker recovery, and faster discharge from the hospital. **Awarded \$30,000**

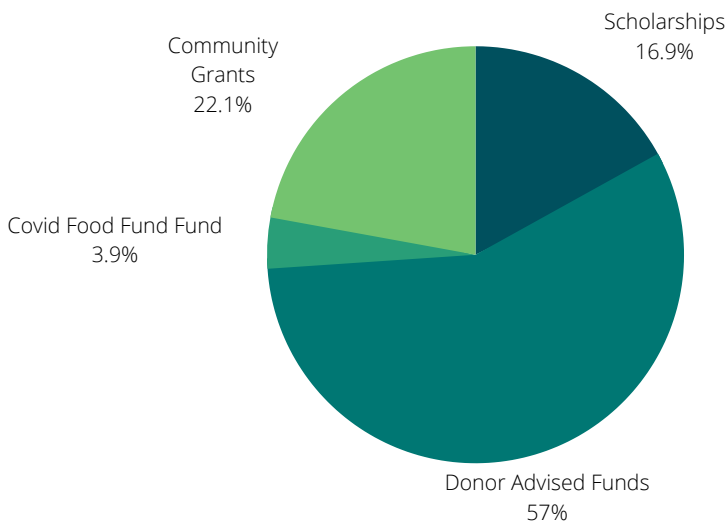


OTCF GRANTS

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Grants by Fund Type

Total Grants: \$487,489.22



Morrill Tri-Community Preschool

To purchase and construct shade structures over playgrounds at the preschool, to allow for longer play times and less damaging uv rays for the students and staff. **Awarded \$5,000**

West Nebraska Arts Center

To repair the façade of an historic Carnegie library building. The façade has been deteriorating for several years and has become a safety hazard for employees and visitors to our building. **Awarded \$5,000**

OTCF Covid Food Fund

A Disaster Relief fund to help fight food insecurity in the community, as a result of the Covid Pandemic of 2020. Read more on page 11. **Awarded \$20,000**

**2020 Total Community Grants
\$112,320.44**

University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Dentistry

To purchase a 3D printer for the UNMC College of Dentistry to use at the dental clinic located in Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN). This 3D printer would allow the most current technology in dentistry to be taught and available in the local FQHC. This would allow dental hygiene students to use an intraoral scanner to fabricate bleaching trays, mouth guards, night guards and fluoride trays with the 3D printer.

Awarded \$12,000

Ducks Unlimited

To expand public access on the Frey Wetland Complex in Nebraska. The grant moves DU close to acquiring 198 acres of critical wetland habitat, in order to maintain public access to one of western Nebraska's biggest wetland complexes for all to enjoy. **Awarded \$5,000**

Reunited in Heaven

Purchase of statue for Angel of Hope Memorial Park. This park will be in memory of the precious children that have left this world too soon. **Awarded \$5,000**



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\$84,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS



Agri-Business

Jakob Huck (Scottsbluff) \$2,000
Jonathan Pieper (Mitchell) \$2,000

Mitchell Community Scholarship

Regan Hodsden (Mitchell), \$1,000

Panhandle Drug-Free Youth

Hannah Splattstoesser (Gering), \$500

Clara E. Muehlberger Scholarship

Angelea Arnett (Sidney) \$4,000
Madelyn Watchorn (Leyton) \$4,000
Jori Stewart (Hemingford) \$3,000
Morgan Delaplane (Kimball) \$3,000
Collin Brauer (Sidney) \$3,000
Kinzee Swanson (Hemingford) \$3,000
Shelby Bewley (Scottsbluff) \$2,000

Lawrence & Pauline Lemons Scholarship

Brooklyn Shifflet (Scottsbluff) \$4,000
Jade Walker (Scottsbluff) \$4,000
Atkins Bequest
Sadie Cooley (Morrill) \$2,000
Seth Sherwood (Morrill) \$2,000

Class of '66

Anna Harveson (Scottsbluff) \$1,000

Pre-Engineering

Riley Amundsen (Scottsbluff) \$2,000

Hispanic Advisory Committee

Phillip Soto (Morrill) \$500
Noah Longoria (Gering) \$500

Dill Scholarship

Joslin Henkel (Mitchell) \$1,000

Fliesbach / McAlister Scholarship

Sydney Willey (Gering), \$1,000

CSI Scholarship

Nevaeh Heinold (Scottsbluff) \$6,000
Cody Fosket (Scottsbluff) \$6,000
John Spehar (Scottsbluff) \$2,000

Lawrence Lemons Scholarship

Gabriela Aguilar (Scottsbluff) \$500

Lovercheck Scholarship

Stephanie Woolsey (Gering) \$4,000

Jane & Chet Fliesbach Scholarship

Anna Harveson (Scottsbluff), \$1,000
Alessandra Elder (Scottsbluff), \$1,000
Aniah Mobley (Scottsbluff), \$1,000

CSPM Scholarship

Stephanie Woolsey (Gering), \$6,000
Madison Miller (Gering), \$6,000
Anthony Walker (Gering), \$2,000

Don & Dian Roth Scholarship

Mark Karpf (Gering) \$1,000

Floyds Truck Center Inc / Brian H. Greif Memorial Scholarship

Braeden Spiegelberg (Laramie, WY) \$5,000
Robert Stratton (Sterling, CO) \$2,000
Anthony Walker (Gering), \$1,000
Dylan Nolde (Fleming, CO) \$1,000
Jakob Ratliff (Scottsbluff), \$1,000



42 YEARS OF GROWTH

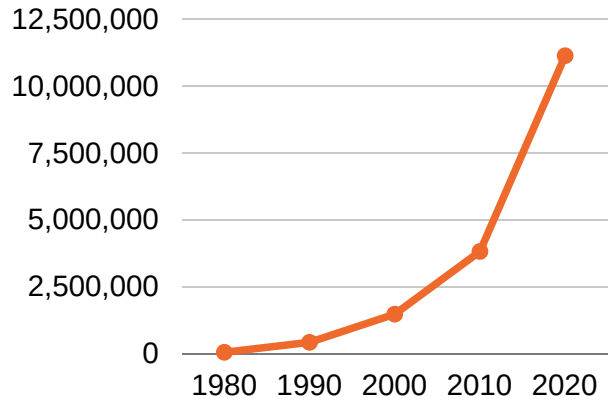
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OTCF Total Assets by Year

YEAR	TOTAL ASSETS	TOTAL GENERAL FUND ASSETS
2020	\$11,142,338	\$5,041,736
2019	\$9,432,394	\$3,405,207
2018	\$6,607,592	\$3,101,968
2017	\$7,114,099	\$3,360,994
2016	\$6,983,577	\$2,407,744
2015	\$6,633,588	\$2,145,852
2014	\$5,794,408	\$2,107,403
2013	\$5,516,197	\$1,893,704
2012	\$3,376,908	\$1,410,126
2011	\$2,893,971	\$1,224,327
2010	\$3,051,862	\$1,270,232
2009	\$3,819,727	\$953,826
2008	\$2,694,320	\$709,846
2007	\$2,987,569	\$1,173,499
2006	\$2,642,183	\$1,124,243
2005	\$2,496,168	\$990,072
2004	\$2,440,854	\$953,063
2003	\$1,850,713	\$866,714
2002	\$1,558,013	\$613,275
2001	\$1,653,045	\$693,267
2000	\$1,472,882	\$582,983
1999	\$1,945,652	\$621,537
1997	\$1,137,040	
1996	\$650,086	
1995	\$622,039	
1994	\$611,350	
1993	\$660,246	
1992	\$531,123	
1990	\$479,489	
1989	\$412,427	
1988	\$370,214	
1987	\$343,523	
1986	\$252,877	
1985	\$230,623	
1983	\$178,853	
1982	\$146,731	
1981	\$80,524	
1980	\$46,356	
1979	\$15,519	
1978	\$11,196	

16%

Increase in Total Assets (since 2019)



OREGON TRAIL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2021
AG RECOGNITION &
Awards Banquet

FRIDAY - NOV. 20, 2021

AT THE WEBORG 21 CENTRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.BIDPAL.NET/AGBANQUET

DINNER: FAMILY STYLE!
A TRIBUTE TO THE
GASLIGHT

ATTIRE: FARMER
FORMAL

REVERSE RAFFLE WITH
\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Fremont
A MOTOR COMPANIES COMPANY
Live Free DRIVE FREMONT

RURAL RADIO
SCOTTSDALE

PVC Platte Valley Companies

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NEW MANAGED FUNDS



This fund was created by OTCF as a way for local residents to donate to those who are helping fight food insecurities in our community due to the Covid Pandemic.



This fund was set up to build a basketball court in Legion Park in memory of Alan Hartzler who was known for his commitment to youth sports and coaching.



The Northfield Haven is a fund set up to create an independent affordable housing campus, social atmosphere and encourage a fulfilled life for adults with developmental disabilities to live in harmony in the community.



Set up by John Mentgen so he could raise money to donate to the school backpack programs, local food pantries and our local soup kitchens.



Dedicated to providing services to those in need after a fire. They provide motel stays, food and clothing, provide help with finding a new home and assistance with first months rent/deposit.



Scottsbluff Softball Association is dedicated to provide a recreational and fun softball learning experience. For girls ages 4-14.

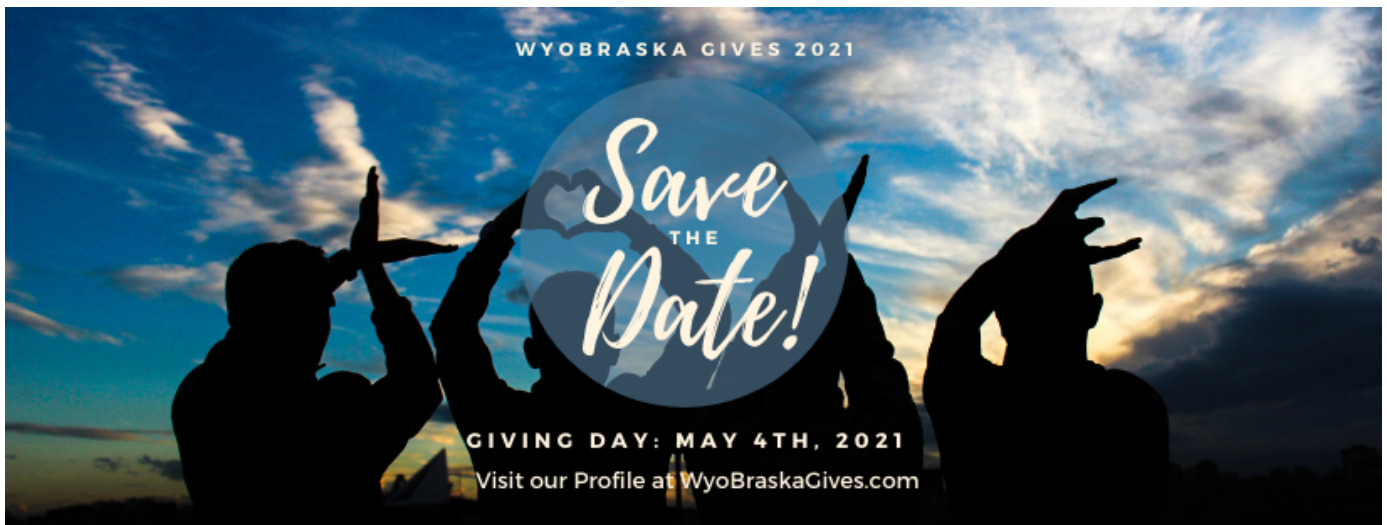


GIRLS STATE GOLF

Set up at the Oregon Trail Community Foundation for the Girls Class B State Golf Championship in 2020



DONOR ADVISED FUND James & Nancy Kerr





**Thank You
to all who donated**

**Oregon Trail Community
Foundation: \$20,000 Grant**

- John & Catherine Simmons
- Platte Valley Bank
- Mike & Brenda Sindt
- Joyce Dohse
- Allison Hertzler
- Stanley Lucke
- Fred Mai Construction
- Barbara & Marty Martinson
- Wayne Ferguson
- George & Barbara Schlothauer
- Eleanor R. Gardner Foundation
- Judy Chaloupka
- Kayla Mollet
- Dr. William & Shari Packard
- Linda Heilbrun
- Beverly Scott
- Julie Francher
- Jill C. Ellis
- Jane Sherrod
- Katie & Jeff Bradshaw
- Robert Manasek
- Thom & Larita Boskirk
- John & Rebecca Sorensen
- Team Auto Center
- Friends of the Midwest Theater
- Ruth Kozal
- John Wymore
- Jane Fliesbach



The Oregon Trail Community Foundation (OTCF) has provided grants to local businesses, food banks and community groups who were addressing food insecurities in our community due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. A fund was initiated to invite community-minded donors to help grow the fund to do more for those affected. Those interested in donating could do so via a special website we set up: covidfoodfund.com.

This effort initially provided funding to local restaurants that were addressing food insecurities, especially for youth and older adults. These establishments had been preparing and serving food since the disaster first began to unfold in our community with sack lunch programs. Donations payed the food distributors and/or grocery stores directly, so these establishments could continue doing what they were already doing, without the burden of fundraising.

Who We Helped

- Arrellano's Neighborhood Blessing Box
(Main Street Market gift card) - \$3,000.00
- 16th Empire (SYSCO Denver) - \$3,000.00
- OT Roadhouse (resh Foods giftcard) - \$5,500.00
- Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center /
Meals on Wheels - \$1,500.00
- Potter's Wheel Food Pantry - \$1,500.00
- OT Roadhouse (via Fresh Foods) - \$1,500.00
- Cirrus House - \$5,100.00
- Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center - \$1,500.00
- St Francis Episcopal Church - \$500.00
- First United Methodist Church - \$500.00
- Kiwanis Club of Scottsbluff - \$2,000.00
- Scottsbluff/Gering Soup Kitchen - \$680.92
- Thanksgiving in the Valley - \$2,000.00
- Christmas in the Valley - \$2,000.00

**Covid Food Fund
Total Gifts/Grants:
\$27,780.92**

As the months went by, we continued to help other community-minded groups who were addressing food insecurities: Food pantries, church soup kitchens, and food delivery to homebound populations. We were able to help a few organizations with the added expenses they incurred with needed PPE for their volunteers and disposable food containers for pick-up and delivery options.



**Platte Valley
Bank**



Fred Mai Construction





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