



# Halstead COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*An Affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation*

## MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

### JINGLE FOR JOY CAMPAIGN SPREADS CHEER DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

Thanks to the generosity of community members and businesses during our Jingle for Joy campaign, HCF donated 116 wreaths to honor veterans laid to rest in Halstead Cemetery through the Ruth-Wilson Post 231 Auxiliary's Wreaths Across America program. Additionally, the campaign raised more than \$3,760 for the Sons of the American Legion's (SALs) annual Christmas for Kids program, which purchases presents for children in the community and helps ensure families have resources to celebrate the holidays with joy.

### I ♥ HALSTEAD CAMPAIGN BOOSTS COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Our recent I ♥ Halstead community spirit campaign was a huge success! From the banners at the edges of town to the yard signs displayed throughout the community, Halstead pride is shining bright. We especially enjoyed giving away blue pom-poms and seeing the Halstead High School student section rocking their spirit shirts at the home basketball games on Feb. 11. Thank you to everyone who participated in our weekly Facebook contests, placed a sign in their yard or shared an encouraging word about the outreach effort – your enthusiasm has truly helped foster a stronger, more connected community!

#### I ♥ HALSTEAD T-SHIRTS ON SALE

Due to the overwhelming positive feedback, I ♥ Halstead t-shirts are now available for purchase! We're excited to partner with Dragonbackers to offer these shirts so you can show your Halstead pride in style. Use the QR code or visit [givehalstead.org](http://givehalstead.org) for more info.



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### BRICK STREET LOVE STORY STEVE AND CINDY SEIRER

During our recent I ♥ Halstead campaign, we hosted a Facebook contest encouraging community members to share their “Brick Street Love Story” during the week of Valentine’s Day. Below is the crowd favorite submitted by longtime Halstead resident Cindy Seirer:

“We came to Halstead on Feb 14, 1985. Steve interviewed that day for the head football job and we’ve been here ever since. All four of our kids are Dragon alumni and Halstead is home for us. We Love Halstead!”

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2025 HCF Scholarship Cycle

Opens: Monday, Feb. 24

Closes: Sunday, Mar. 30

#### 2025 HCF Grant Cycle

Opens: Wednesday, Mar. 26

Closes: Monday, Apr. 28

Visit [givehalstead.org](http://givehalstead.org) for more info and links to applications.

## HCF 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

HCF is proud to highlight the incredible ways local philanthropy has strengthened our community this past year. Thanks to our donors, we provided vital funding for local nonprofits, organizations, grants and scholarships – directly benefiting those who call Halstead home. This year’s efforts were further amplified by the successful Patterson Family Foundation matching campaign. As we continue our mission “For the Good of Halstead, Forever,” we look forward to engaging new donors and identifying additional opportunities to build a thriving community for generations to come!

**May:** Awarded \$20,650 in scholarships to HHS students

**June:** Announced \$6,000 in grants to local nonprofits

**August:** Exceeded \$70,000 Patterson Family Foundation matching opportunity

**August:** Hired new associate director Macey Mueller

**October:** Hosted a community open house in our new office space at 306 Main Street

**December:** Jingle for Joy campaign raised more than \$4,900 to support community organizations

**December:** Partnered with Halstead Chamber of Commerce to host the community Christmas Jingle



The 2024 Christmas Jingle was a festive celebration filled with Santa visits, community caroling, horse-drawn wagon rides and the joy of coming together to kick-off the holiday season. Thank you to our sponsors, local businesses, the City of Halstead and the Halstead Chamber of Commerce for their support of this annual tradition!