



Halstead COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An Affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

HCF \$100,000 MATCH MONTH IS JULY 11-AUGUST 11

The Halstead Community Foundation (HCF) has once again received a generous matching grant opportunity from the Patterson Family Foundation – this time for \$100,000! That means we have the **potential to raise at least \$200,000 to further our mission of transforming the Halstead community by making a difference right here at home.**

From **July 11 to August 11, 2025**, every dollar you give to the HCF fund* of your choice will be matched up to 50%, helping us support local nonprofit organizations, award scholarships to area students and invest in projects that make Halstead stronger and more vibrant (*donations to donor advised funds cannot be matched). The remaining

50% of matching dollars will support HCF's Impact Fund, used to make grants to community organizations and projects, and the HCF Operating Endowment, helping ensure we can serve Halstead well into the future.

With more than 30 available funds that support everything from the Kansas Learning Center for Health and the Halstead Historical Society to USD 440, local churches and more, it is easy to match your gift to your passion. Visit givehalstead.org to learn more about existing funds or contact us to discuss establishing a new fund.



DON'T MISS THE FESTIVE FUN

Our 12 Days of Christmas in July features a joyful mix of free community events and fundraising efforts as we kick off a month-long \$100,000 matching campaign **July 11-August 11**. Every event registration fee and dollar donated will be matched up to 50%, making your impact go even further to help support important projects and nonprofits in Halstead. Visit givehalstead.org to learn more, sign up for your favorite events and help us spread some mid-year cheer this summer!

12 DAYS OF
Christmas
IN JULY

HCF PLANS RIVERSIDE PARK LIGHT DISPLAY

HCF invites you to help bring a little extra sparkle to town with the creation of a festive Christmas light display in Riverside Park! Your contribution to the **Halstead Community Improvement Fund** will help us create a dazzling winter attraction that boosts community pride and draws visitors during the holiday season. Individual donations will be pooled to purchase displays, and sponsorships are available for local businesses looking to shine or families wanting to honor a loved one in a meaningful way that will help spread joy for years to come. All contributions made **July 11-August 11** will be matched! Plans are underway to light trees in the park this winter and continue growing the attraction in phases each year.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS MAKE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

Thanks to our generous donors, HCF recently awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to help Halstead High School seniors pursue their dreams and has allocated nearly \$18,500 to help fund vital community needs and innovative projects. Congratulations to these worthy recipients:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Charlsen Insurance Agency Scholarship

Kaci Young, Connor Herman

Bernice Wedel Memorial Scholarship

Dalaina Schutte

NTH Scholarship

Kahlyn Davis

Nightingale Family Scholarship

Kaci Young, Connor Herman

Delores Sexton Memorial Scholarship

Kaci Young

Halstead Public Service Scholarship

Finn Howard

Rupp Lawson Scholarship

Kahlyn Davis, Caden Harmon

Fleetwood Scholarship

Kaci Young, Dalaina Schutte, Kamara Head, Caden Harmon, Connor Herman

Clarence W. Scharff Memorial Scholarship

Kamara Head

GRANTS

Halstead United Methodist Church - food vouchers

Halstead Senior Center - healthy meals for seniors

Halstead Cloverleaf 4-H Club - Main Street planters

Halstead Interfaith Council - 2026 vacation bible school

Post 231 American Legion Auxiliary - Wreaths Across

America program and updates to Civil War Memorial

Halstead Historical Society - archival materials

United Way of Harvey & Marion Counties - Dolly

Parton's Imagination Library for Halstead families

Kansas Learning Center for Health - landscaping and beautification projects

Halstead High School Choir - New York City trip to perform at Carnegie Hall

HCF - Christmas light display in Riverside Park

HCF RECOGNIZES PHILANTHROPIST, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



HCF is proud to announce Bill Charlsen as our 2025 Philanthropist of the Year. As the owner of Charlsen Insurance Agency, Bill has built a thriving local business and used his success to support countless organizations, projects and individuals in need over the past

four decades. He has been a steadfast sponsor of the Halstead Old Settlers pedal pull event, a longtime member of the Halstead Lion's Club and a past president of the Halstead Chamber of Commerce. He is a former HCF board member and has established a scholarship fund to benefit Halstead High School seniors. His quiet leadership and spirit of service have strengthened Halstead in many ways over the years.

HCF is thrilled to recognize the Halstead Cloverleaf 4-H Club as our 2025 Volunteer of the Year. For decades, the club has embodied the 4-H motto – “To Make the Best Better” – by instilling a spirit of service, leadership and hard work in its members. The club’s commitment to beautifying our town is evident in the Main Street planters they have carefully created and maintained the past several summers. The club annually delivers treats to local emergency personnel, and members actively participate in a variety of other service projects that benefit local organizations and schools. As the club celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2025, we recognize not only its rich history but also the lasting impact its members continue to make in our community.

