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for a Better **Tomorrow.**

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REPUBLIC COUNTY
**community
foundation**

ANNUAL REPORT
2022

Our Mission

is to help people invest in meaningful ways to make a difference in the community by building permanent endowment funds and meeting charitable community needs.

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Board Chairperson's Letter

Dear Donors and Friends,

As you will see in this year's annual report, we have a lot to be thankful for. You may have noticed that we got a new logo in August. Since the Community Foundation's inception in 2007, it has continued to grow abundantly. To continue this positive momentum, the Republic County Community Foundation wanted a logo that represents its commitment to its donors and communities. Like the infinity sign that the new logo was derived from, the Republic County Community Foundation is here forever to help you impact today and transform tomorrow.

The Republic County Community Foundation serves all of the communities in Republic County, which include Agenda, Belleville, Courtland, Cuba, Munden, Narka, and Republic. We have helped many of these communities in the past year through the grants we offer. The Foundation has also helped many area students through the scholarships we offer. It is truly rewarding to help our communities and students.

The vision of Our Founding Donors, Sustaining Donors, Fundholders and original board members has truly paved the way for us to be successful in helping others. Our current donors and new Fundholders pave the way for our continued success. We continue to participate in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation initiatives. We were able to once again meet our match month goal in December. This is only attainable with your generosity in donating. By meeting our match we are able to grant \$50,000, from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, to our communities in this year. The Republic County Community Foundation will also have money from their Action Fund and Health Fund to grant in this year.

We encourage you to consider leaving a lasting legacy by designating a portion of your estate to the Foundation in a permanent fund that can impact our communities in the years to come. If you missed the Republic County Community Foundation - Leaving a Legacy Event, you can view it from a link on our website, republiccountycf.org. It is truly an eye opening presentation.

The Republic County Community Foundation Board would like to say "Thank You" to our donors and friends for your continued support. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our retiring board member Kathy Johnson of Courtland, for her leadership and commitment to the Republic County Community Foundation. I would also like to thank our current Board of Directors for their generosity, time and talents.

"Each of us brings our own history and strengths to our community. And when we bring our individual strengths together, we can accomplish almost anything. We can't imagine us...with out You." -Unknown

Lesley Popelka

Board Chairperson

Many of our photos in this years annual report book are courtesy of Josey Hammer and Shelley Kuhlman

Grant Recipients

In FY2022, twenty organizations received funding for projects in the community. In total, \$132,637 in grants were awarded for 33 charitable projects. The following organizations received donor-directed and competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Belleville Public Library | Kansas Wesleyan Foundation |
| Blair Center for the Arts Foundation | Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc. |
| Church People Concerned Foundation | Republic County 4-H Council |
| City of Belleville | Republic County Historical Society |
| City of Courtland | Republic County Hospital |
| City of Munden | Smoky Hills Public Television |
| City of Republic | USD 109 |
| City of Scandia | USD 426 |
| Courtland Community Arts Council | Zion Evangelical Church |
| Courtland PRIDE Club | |
| Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc. | |

\$156,243

Total grants & scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2022.



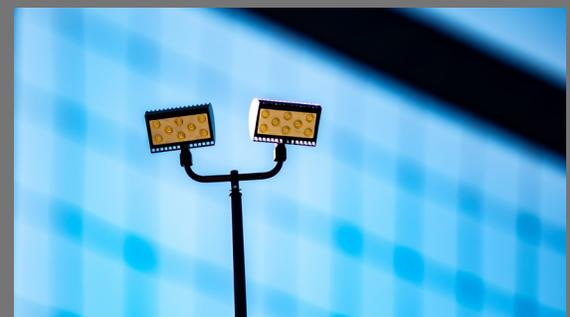
\$1,692,767

Grants & scholarships awarded since the inception of the Republic County Community Foundation.



53

Grants & scholarships given to organizations & students in fiscal year 2022.



Scholarship Recipients

Republic County Community Foundation awarded over \$24,000 in scholarships to the following students.

Amos & Joyce Blecha 4-H Scholarship

Andrew Hubert
Blake Aurand

Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan Dyke

Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship

Emma Morris

Florea Family Scholarship

Halle Hartner

Joyce And Jim Hill Scholarship

Trevor Lewellyn
Keaton Reeves

Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship

Erica Sublett
Carolina Barraza
Leah Benne
Keaton Reeves
Paisley Benne

Scott Family Scholarship

Carolina Barraza
Brianna Maldonado
Ethan Benne*
Katrina Ball*
Tobi Wilber*
Trevor Martin*
Grant White*
Brailyn Carlgren*

*Denotes Scholarship Renewal



\$437,692

Total amount in gifts received in fiscal year 2022.



262

Gifts received in fiscal year 2022.



235

Donors in fiscal year 2022.



Grants

Republic County Hospital

Panda Infant Warmer

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Republic County- \$12,224

The Republic County Hospital was able to purchase a Panda Infant Warmer for their OB department with funds from a grant from the Republic County Community Foundation.

The Panda Infant Warmer helps keep babies' bodies warm through temperature regulation. Panda Warmers are utilized in all births to immediately warm the baby as the pediatric teams assess and evaluates the infant while it is unclothed and unwrapped. It also makes it easy for footprints and banding.

Having access to new equipment like the Panda Infant Warmer greatly impacts the hospital's ability to provide quality care for future infants and their families. New equipment like this gives our healthcare providers confidence knowing they have a dependable and capable machine to care for their tiniest and newest patients.



Republic County - Riverview Cemetery Directory

Dane G. Hansen Community Fund - \$6,665

Republic County received a grant to purchase the cemetery directory at the Riverview Cemetery.



Republic County - Commercial Building Bathrooms

Republic County Action Fund - \$36,000

Republic County received a grant to install new restrooms & showers at the NCK Fairgrounds.



Smoky Hills Public Television - Literacy Leadership for Republic County

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - \$500

Smoky Hills PBS received a grant to provide books to children enrolled in Head Start in Republic County and defray the costs of educational television programs for children in the county.



What We Do



The Republic County Community Foundation was founded in 2007 to benefit the communities of Republic County. The Foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet the current and future needs of our county. We value supporting our community, organizations, and causes you care about by implementing our core values. No matter what your role is in our community, our team is dedicated to helping people like you make a difference to give today for a better tomorrow.



CONNECT

We help donors and nonprofits bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come.



PROVIDE

We provide personalized services, leadership and insight on important issues in our region.



SERVE

We invest and manage charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations by serving as a charitable savings account.



ESTABLISH

We strengthen nonprofits through charitable grants, training and other resources by establishing permanent endowed funds to create a lasting legacy.

Founding Donors

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Ward & Ilene Aurand
Brad & Jill Boyer
Tony & Kim Bombardier
Collins Family: Jack, Sue, Jack Jr.,
Steven, Stephanie & Percy Jr.
Dorothy M. Fisher
Ken & Sue Fischer
The Maurice, Mark & Mike Gieber Family
and The Robert Morris Family
Fred & Lorine Gleue
Tim & Julie Gottschalk

Beverly Hyde
Kenneth & Jacalyn Moravek
Bill & Chris Navis
John & Dorothy Rhine
Sid & Pam Scofield
Steve & Jewelda Scofield
Brent & Rachelle Scott
Robert, Georgene & Steven
Surber Family
Dr. Andy & Vickie Walker

BUSINESS ENTITIES

Arbuthnot's, Inc.
Astra Bank
The Citizens National Bank
Crossroads Pharmacy, Inc.
Gottschalk & Company CPA's, LLC
Jensik Insurance
Nesika Energy, LLC

New Century Bank
People's Exchange Bank
Republic County Historical Society
Rural Gas, Inc.
Strategic Asset Management, LLC
Swedish-American State Bank
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.

SUSTAINERS

Alan & Lanie Engle
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
Gottschalk & Company CPA's, LLC

David & Janet Heyka
Jim & Lori McDonald
Steve & Jewelda Scofield

How it Works



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Kuhl County-Scapes



GIVE

You make a gift to the community foundation to establish your fund.



GROW

We grow your fund by investing the assets for long-term growth.



GRANT

You recommend a grant to support a charity or cause you are passionate about and we distribute the grants in your name or anonymously.

[CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE](#)

Fund Story - Blessed by Clara

When we sat down with Matt and Tynan Dowell, you could immediately see how much they love their family and Republic County. Matt had ties to Republic County where his family farmed and when he and Tynan were dating he made it clear that he and Republic County were a package deal. Tynan ended up accepting a teaching position there and the rest is history. Together they have four children—two boys and two girls. And as most fathers might agree, Matt pointed out that having daughters is “just a little different,” than having sons.

And he was right! On May 22, 2020, Clara DeLou entered the world with bright blonde hair, a feature that no one else in the family had. They knew at that moment she would be special.

Clara always had a smile on her face and loved her older brothers, Clayton and Mason. In fact, she learned to crawl and walk early just to keep up with them! Clara loved being outside picking mulberries and was meant to be on the family farm. She enjoyed playing with, and watching the chickens and cats, as well as going on field checks with her dad. “Being outside was her thing,” said Tynan.

Clara passed away at just 14 months of age. During this unimaginable time, Matt and Tynan needed to find something positive to focus on. They were blessed by their family, friends and even people they had never met, and they quickly realized that they needed to do something with these blessings to honor Clara's life and legacy.

Matt is a board member of the Republic County Community Foundation, and they came up with the idea of starting a scholarship fund in Clara's name. This would allow them to not only carry on Clara's legacy, it would help them

return the blessing by helping people in the future.

The ideal candidate recipient of the Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship is a female who lives and wants to return to a rural area after college. “Clara lived her whole life in a rural area. It will be great to see girls receive this scholarship that babysat Clara, or in the future, girls that would have gone to school with her,” said Matt.

The first recipient received a scholarship in May of 2022, which would have also been Clara's birthday. “Awarding the scholarship every May ties it all together,” said Tynan. “It helps us celebrate Clara in a way in which we hope she would be proud of us.” The Dowells have created a legacy memory book. This book will be a place to read the hopes and plans of the scholarship applicants. They hope this will honor Clara and be a beautiful memory of her for her family to cherish over time.

Starting a fund at the Republic County Community Foundation allowed them to focus on something they were passionate about and honor Clara. Matt and Tynan can't send their daughter to school, but hopefully this scholarship can bless someone else in the way others blessed them.



“Our primary goal in establishing this scholarship is to honor Clara's life and the legacy of rural living passed down by the generations that came before us.”
~ Matt Dowell



2021-2022 Donors

Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.

Families & Individuals

Marilyn Abel
Elizabeth Ablah
Mitzi Alexander
Jack & Judy Allen
Steve & Kathy Anderson
Adam & Sara Anderson
Ward Aurand
Jo Anne Balthazor
Nolan Beavers
Alvin & Nicole Begnoche
Emma Berggren
Judy Blackburn
David & Retha Blecha
Joseph Blecha
Nancy Bolden
James & Connie Boyer
Rodene Brooks
Jay & Ashley Carlgren
Troy & Allison Carlgren
Derek & Audrey Carlson
Russell & Lindsey Carlson
Karen Carter
Franklin & Barbara Cherney
Barry & Susan Childs
Kurt & Kelli Childs
Paul Chopp
Michael & Sandra Cole
Dr. Jared & Anne Collette
William Connolly & Candy Denk-Connolly
Alex & Melissa Coonrod
Timothy & Annette Coonrod
Amber Cornett
Carroll & Jane Couture
Dorothy Cox
Rebecca Crotty
Jane Faulkner Dart
Nick & Audrey Day
Geraldine & Andrea Delgado
Darren & Julie Dick
Dayul & Kathy Dick
Dan & Monica Douglas
Annette Dowell
Diane Dowell
Jeanne Dowell
Matt & Tynan Dowell
Colton & Katie Dozler
Carmen Dunlap
Judith Dunn
John & Kandy Eickman
Louis & Mary Enoch
Randall Erickson
Ron Evert
Mary K. Eymann
George Faulkner
Lucile Faulkner
Pam Ferron
Haley Gile
John & Angela Girard
Mary Girard
Zachary & Janelle Goodrich

Gary & Peggy Goodwin
Ronald & Donna Goodwin
Tim & Julie Gottschalk
Jed & Alexis Gunn
Kevin & Jayne Gunn
Larry & Amy Hadachek
Mike Hadachek
Lois Hammond
Steve & Amy Hanna
Joyce Hansen
Marcia Hansen
Angela Havel
Mary Havel
Glenn & Karen Henke
Kevin & Amber Henke
Jim Herink
Larry & Cindy Hibbard
Lorene Holloway
Dorinda Honn
Terry & Allie Honn
Lonnie & Paula Hoops
Shirley Hostetler
Gary & Julie Housholder
Laverna Huncovsky
John & Marlea James
James & Jean Jensby
Stephanie Jensen
Les & Barbara Johns
Tanner & Kathryn Johnson
Gary & Marilyn Juneke
Adam Juneke
Idan & Doris Kauer
Nathan & Rebecca Kejr
Dr. Greg & Lori Scott Kelley
Jerome & Marlene Kieffer
Roger & Sandra Kling
Gregory Knedlik
Lana Knedlik
Kimberly Kolman
Lance & Cindy Kopsa
Richard Krueger & Judy Hill
Christian Smith & Sara Ku
Betty Larson
Jeanne Larson
Randy & Christine Lawson
Gale & Barbara Longenecker
Jackie Lopez
Gary Loring
Bill & Sheri Mahin
Luke & Jennifer Mahin
Brent & Melissa Martin
Gene & Anita Martin
Gary McCarty
Greg & Tawny McHenry
Donald & Judith Melby
Brent Melby
Glenn & Nancy Millington
Max & Lauren Mobley
Elijah Moore & Rana Cline
Bill & Chris Navis
Cole & Shara Neidenthal
Jordy & Emily Nelson

Kelsey Nelson
Cody & Rebecca Neville
Kevin & Claudette Noble
Becky Odell
Travis & Marsha O'Leary
Barb Oplinger
Christopher Ostmeyer
Jim & Marilyn Pachta
Vincent & Judith Pachta
Wayne & Lynne Pachta
Mary Parry
Brianna Pickett
Robert & Dolores St. Pierre
Barbara Popelka
Frank Popelka
Joel & Kayla Popelka
John & Terri Popelka
Robert & Lesley Popelka
Phillip & Korin Poppe
Hannah Purviance
James Racette
Bob & Becky Reed
Allen & Amy Renz
Nick & Pam Reynolds
Heath & Lori Rhine
Melvin & Roma Robinson
Delton & Belinda Robison
Doyle & Brenda Robison
Brandon & Lori Rogge
Danielle Romme
Cody & Lindsay Runft
Mark & Paula Russell
Kenneth Schmitt
Wesley & Kayla Schou
Dennis Schuessler
Brent & Rachele Scott
Jon & Brenda Sharp
Claygatt & Connie Shulda
Luke & Leah Sigle
Garry & Linda Sigle
Edward & Janice Slavik
Tommy & Ann Smith
Dwight & Gayle Smith
Joel & Sidney Smith
M. D. & Lois Smith
Trevor Smith
M Sothers
Ed & Karen Splichal
Leroy Splichal
Bruce Springer
Randall & Cathy Steiner
Garry & Mary Stover
Tony Strnad
Jerry & Kathleen Stump
Steven Surber
Dennis Swenson
Galen Swenson
Larry & Linda Tebow
Mark & Deb Tipton
Thomas & Jane Tipton
Linda Toomire
Millard & Glenda Trecek

Jillian Tuma
Alan & Joanna Usher
Joseph & Janet Vavricek
Charles & Marge Vieselmeier
Dottie Vohs
Bethany Wallin
Cynthia Walters
Carrie Warren-Gully
Morris & Christine Wilber
Brad & Darice Wilkinson
Samuel & Lora Wiruth
Tyler & Ashley Wit
Betty Wohler
Greg & Lesa Zenger

Businesses & Organizations

Astra Bank
Bayer Fund
Belleville Lions Club
Blackwood Chiropractic Clinic, P.A.
Blair Center for the Arts
Butlerville Farms, LLC
C & W Farm Supply, Inc.
Catholic Diocese of Salina
Church People Concerned Foundation
Class of 1984
D K Farm and Ranch, LLC
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Farmers National Company
Fiser Ranch, Inc.
Gottschalk & Company, CPA's, LLC
Jensik Insurance, Inc.
Joseph White Farms, LLC
K of C Council # 2609
Koch Excavating, Inc.
KREP-FM
Livingston Family Farms, LLC
McCook County Dental Center, P.C.
Polansky Seed, Inc.
Relax Therapeutic Massage & Bodyworks, LLC
Republic County Community Foundation
River Hills Seed, Inc.
Rural Gas, Inc.
Seifert Jewelry
Sheets Enterprises, Inc.
Solar & Wind Systems
Strategic Asset Management, LLC
The Meiller Family Trust
Tibbetts Bros., Inc.
Western National Bank

Memorials

Clara Dowell,
our sweet "Clara DeLou"
Viola Gritten

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. This list contains funds opened prior to July 1, 2022. If you believe an error has been made, please contact the Foundation.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Enable the Foundation to fulfill its mission and provide long-term sustainability to the organization.

Republic County Administrative Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Provide a permanent source of income to support your favorite charities even long after you are gone.

Republic County Schools USD 109 Designated Fund
Strnad Family Designated Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Simple and flexible “charitable savings accounts,” that let you decide when and where to give.

Clifford & Betty Makalous Donor Advised Fund
Hop for Heroes Donor Advised Fund
Julie & Tim Gottschalk Family Fund
Pike Valley Foundation Fund
Roger Simms Family Foundation Donor Advised Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Supports current and future needs of the community.

Republic County Community Action Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Respond to current and future needs by letting you support a specific cause or geographic area rather than a specific charity.

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund – Republic
Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Republic County
North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation -
Health Field of Interest Fund
Republic County Health Fund

ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Offer a simple and efficient way for your nonprofit to build capacity and provide long-term support for your mission.

Belleville Public Library Fund
Belleville United Presbyterian Church Fund
Blair Center for the Arts Fund
Church People Concerned Foundation, Inc. Fund
High Banks Hall of Fame Fund
Republic County Historical Society Fund

PROVISIONAL FUND

Serve as a short-term vehicle to collect charitable donations for a community project, such as a public-private partnership.

Belleville Community Center Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Support student education and impact our future leaders.

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Kansas Emergency Management Association, Inc.
Scholarship Fund

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Amos & Joyce Blecha Scholarship Fund
Bruce Bowersox Memorial Scholarship Fund
Clara Dowell Legacy Scholarship Fund*
Florea Family Scholarship Fund
Johnson-Granstedt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joyce & Jim Hill Scholarship Fund
Scott Family Scholarship Fund

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

These donors have designated a gift to RCCF in their estate.

Melvin & Ora Lee Jeardoe

* denotes a new fund established between 7/1/2021-6/30/2022

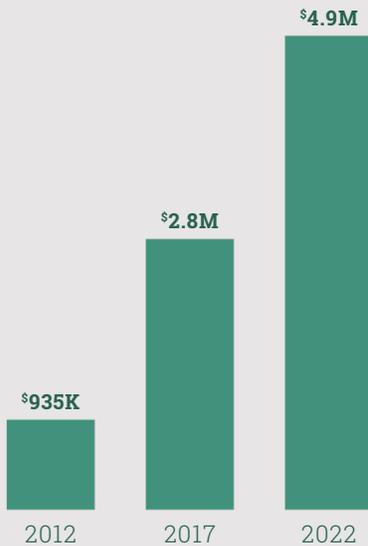
2022 Financials

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

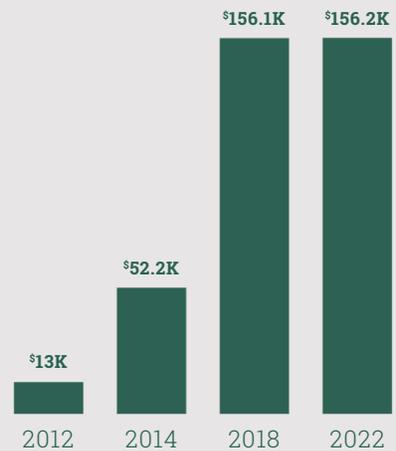
Total Grants and Scholarships awarded since inception

\$1,692,767

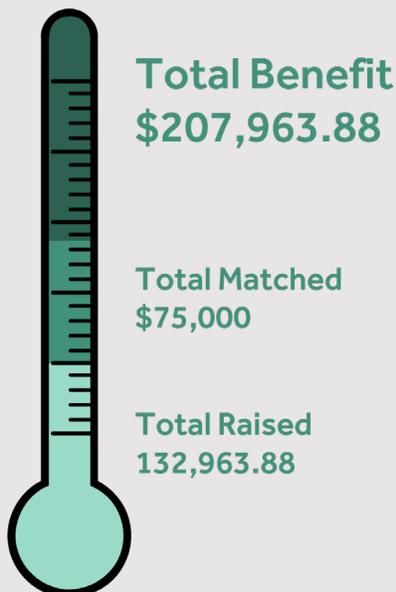
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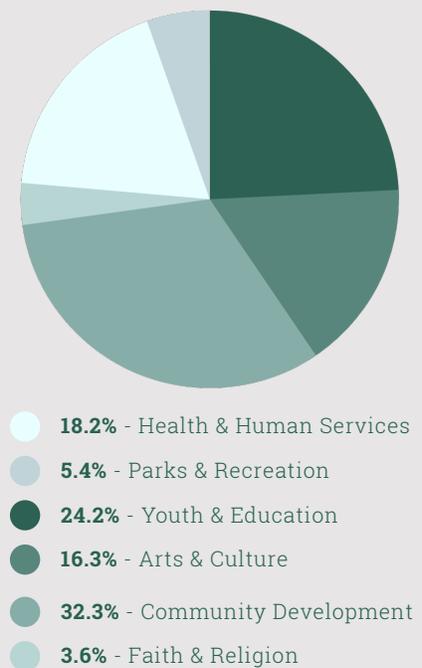
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



MATCH MONTH SUCCESS



GRANTS BY AREA OF IMPACT



Statement of Financial Position

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Assets

Cash - Bennington State Bank
Pooled Investment - Vanguard
Segregated Investment Accounts

2022

\$128,799
\$4,371,531
\$434,156

Total Assets

\$4,934,486

Liabilities

Accounts Payable
Grants Payable

\$(500)
\$500

Total Liabilities

\$0

Net Assets

Fund Balance - Principal
Fund Balance - Income

\$3,550,245
\$1,384,241

Total Net Assets

\$4,934,486

Total Liabilities + Net Assets

\$4,934,486

Statement of Activities

Revenues

Gifts & Bequests - Principal
Gifts & Bequests - Income
Gifts & Bequests - Internal
Dividend Income
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments

2022

\$356,692
\$81,000
\$5,000
\$83,448
\$53,730
\$(880,896)

Total Revenue

\$(301,026)

Expenses

Grants Authorized
Grants Authorized - Internal
Scholarships Authorized
Administrative Fees
Operating Expenses

\$132,637
\$5,000
\$23,606
\$48,110
\$19,441

Total Expenses

\$228,794

Change in Net Assets

\$(529,820)



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