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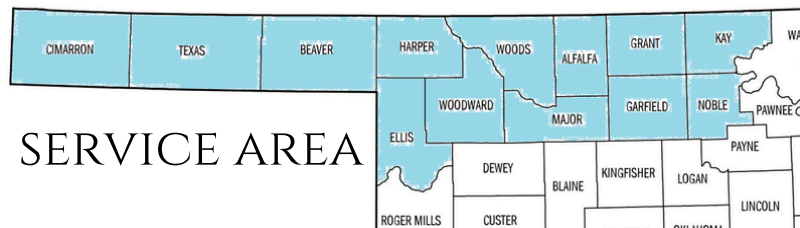
**CHEROKEE STRIP
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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OUR STORY



Our History



The Cherokee Strip Community Foundation began in 2000 as the Enid Community Foundation for Excellence, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Enid and Northwest Oklahoma. With an initial \$1.8 million challenge match from the Sisters of Mercy, the foundation has since grown to over \$32 million in assets and distributes more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships annually. In 2009, we adopted the name Cherokee Strip Community Foundation to better reflect our service to all of Northwest Oklahoma.

Our Core Purpose

- Promote Philanthropy
- Prudent Fund Management
- Support Nonprofits
- Community Initiatives



OUR FUNDS



Types of Funds:

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

With an unrestricted fund, you can support the community's most pressing needs without specifying a particular program or charity. Our experienced staff and board assess current needs and award grants to nonprofits addressing critical community challenges.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

A Field of Interest Fund allows you to focus your giving on an area of personal importance, such as youth, elderly services, literacy, or food security. Grants from this fund support initiatives within your chosen field or geographic area.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds let you support a specific nonprofit organization of your choice. Your gift provides a permanent, reliable funding source, along with investment and planned giving support for that organization.

AGENCY FUNDS (Organizational Endowment Fund)

Nonprofit and public organizations establish Agency Funds to ensure stable, long-term income for their mission. We manage all administrative and investment responsibilities, enabling organizations to focus fully on their work.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) allow you to actively participate in grant-making. Support the causes you care about, grow your donation tax-free, and recommend grants to charities you choose. This fund is also a great way to engage family members in philanthropy.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Create a Scholarship Fund to support students in reaching their educational goals. With your input, we establish scholarship criteria, manage applications, and handle awards, ensuring your gift makes a meaningful impact on students' lives.

OUR DONORS



2023 Donors to Funds:

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Timberlake Education Foundation
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OUR BENEFICIARIES

2023 Nonprofit Beneficiaries of Funds:

4RKids
Abounding Grace Biblical Ministries, Inc.
Awesome Marriage, Inc
Bennie's Barn, Inc
Boise City Fire Dept
Catholic Charities
CDSA
Chautauqua Council of Enid, Inc.
Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
Chisholm Foundation Inc
Cimarron Council Boy Scouts
Community Bible Study - Enid
Community Health Center
David Allen Memorial Ballpark Inc
Denny Price Family YMCA of Enid
Durant Public Schools
Enid Community Clinic Inc
Enid Higher Education Council Inc
Enid Public School Foundation Inc
Enid Public Schools
Enid SPCA
Enid Street Outreach Services
Enid Symphony Association
Enid Tree Board
First Christian Church Disciples of Christ
First Presbyterian Church Enid
First United Methodist Church
Forgotten Ministries
Gaslight Theatre
Girl Scouts - Western Oklahoma Inc
Hennessey United Association
Hosanna Institute of the Sahel, Inc
Hospice Circle of Love Association

Journey Women's Center
Junior Welfare League of Enid Inc
Leadership Greater Enid
Leonardo's Children's Museum
Little Flower Basilica of San Antonio
Loaves & Fishes NW OK
Making A Difference Inc
Northern Oklahoma College Foundation
Northwest District Junior Livestock Show
NW Domestic Crisis Services
Oklahoma Bible Academy
Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
Oklahoma Project Woman Inc
OSU Foundation
Our Daily Bread
Phillips University Legacy Foundation Inc
Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Academic Foundation Inc
Public Health Institute of Oklahoma
Public Library of Enid and Garfield County
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma
Rotary Club of Enid
RSVP of Enid
Rural Health Project Inc
Salvation Army Enid Corps
St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
St Joseph Catholic Church BISON
St Joseph Catholic School - Enid
The Care Campus (GCCAC)
The Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma
Timberlake Education Foundation
Transformation Living Center, Inc
United Way of Northwest Oklahoma
Warriors for Freedom
Western Plains Youth & Family Services
Woodward Arts Theatre
Woodward Public School Foundation
Youth and Family Services of NC OK
YWCA Enid

OUR GRANTS

2023 CSCF Fall Competitive Grants - Funds for Northwest Oklahoma

Each year the CSCF Grant Selection Committee reviews many submissions. This year, the committee selected 16 nonprofits that serve residents of Northwest Oklahoma to receive grant funds totaling \$70,035.00. The following grants were awarded:

4RKids, \$3,495

Cimarron Council Boy Scouts, \$1,000

Catholic Charities, \$7,000

Community Health Center (Wakita), \$2,790

Denny Price Family YMCA, \$2,251

Enid Street Outreach Services, \$3,500

Gaslight Theater, \$9,000

Loaves & Fishes NW OK, \$6,000

Making a Difference, \$3,500

Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, \$2,500

Oklahoma Project Women, \$5,000

Western Plains Youth & Family Services, \$5,000

Woodward Arts Theatre, \$4,000

Youth & Family Services of NCOK, \$4,500

YWCA Enid, \$5,500



OUR CIP GRANTS



Community Investment Program

CSCF awarded \$290,000 in grants from the Three Corners Connector Community Investment Program, benefiting nonprofits across the Panhandle communities. Funded by Grid United, which is developing the Three Corners Connector transmission line in Cimarron and Texas Counties, the program supports community-strengthening projects that enhance quality of life in Northwest Oklahoma. A local advisory committee reviewed applications to select impactful projects for funding. The following grants were awarded on December 18th, 2023:

Boise City Fire Department, \$20,000: replace pumper tanker equipment.

Cimarron County EMS, \$20,000: To help build a new ambulance station.

Cimarron County Food Pantry, \$20,000: For building expansion.

Felt Fire Department, \$10,000: To install a remote nozzle on a truck.

Guardians of the Ribbon, \$4,000: Assists cancer patients with co-pays, etc.

Hooker Fights Hunger Inc, \$20,000: To install freezer storage for frozen food.

Keyes Fire Department, \$10,000: To help replace an aging rescue truck.

Loaves and Fishes Food Cupboard (Guymon), \$25,000: Food purchases.

NW Domestic Crisis Services, \$21,000: For legal services to victims.

Panhandle Services for Children, \$22,500: Services for juvenile offenders.

Panhandle State Foundation, \$24,000: Establishes a scholarship at OPSU.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, \$16,500: Support food insecurity programs.

Ronald McDonald House, \$7,000: Housing families needing medical care.

Texas County Firefighters Assoc, \$25,000: Radios for 11 communities.

Panhandle Cares Association, \$6,000: Enhance health services for families.

Town of Texhoma, \$29,000: Renovate Little League fields for youth sports.

Wheless-Mexhoma Fire Department, \$10,000: Remote water cannon.

More information and the grant guidelines can be found on the community foundation's webpage at www.cherokeestrippcf.com/CIP.

OUR SCHOLARSHIPS



CSCF's endowed scholarship funds provide opportunities for local students to attend higher education. In 2023, CSCF awarded 73 scholarships to the following recipients:

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| Addyson Decker | Juliana Gonzalez |
| Alexandria Fowler | Kendall Nance |
| Alexis Smith | Kenzi Cronkhite |
| Alyssa Wall | Kirsten Ann Maly |
| Ana Paulina Cruz Hernandez | Kloee Black |
| Angel Kuli | Kristen Helm |
| Anne Le | Kylee Sutherland |
| Anthony Carranza | Lacey April |
| Ashlan Light | Landon Schultz |
| Austyn Neely | Lanie Goins |
| Blake Hilton | Lenna Avance |
| Brandon De La Torre | Lenni Resendiz |
| Brionna Clayton | Lucero Delgadillo |
| Callie Van Meter | Mackenna Markes |
| Carla Lopez | Madison Nickels |
| Chris Anej | Marisa Saucedo |
| Cooper Ridgeway | Meleah Meyer |
| David Granberg | Mia Yerian |
| Denisse Herrera | Miyah Ramirez |
| Diego De La Torre | Nadia Rodriguez |
| Emma Green | Nahi Ramirez |
| Esther Camacho | Phuong Nguyen |
| Felipe de Jesus Gomez | Riley Grantz |
| Jacelynn Phillips | Roque De La Torre |
| Jada Nichols | Santos Figueroa |
| Jarely Castillas | Sydney Haken |
| Jimena Castillo | Tyler Vanover |
| Josue Espinal | Vianney Fierro |
| | Victoria Aguirre |

\$375,000

TOTAL 2023
SCHOLARSHIPS
PAID



95%

OF STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN
OKLAHOMA
BASED
INSTITUTIONS

OUR BOARD



2023 Board of Directors:

Officers

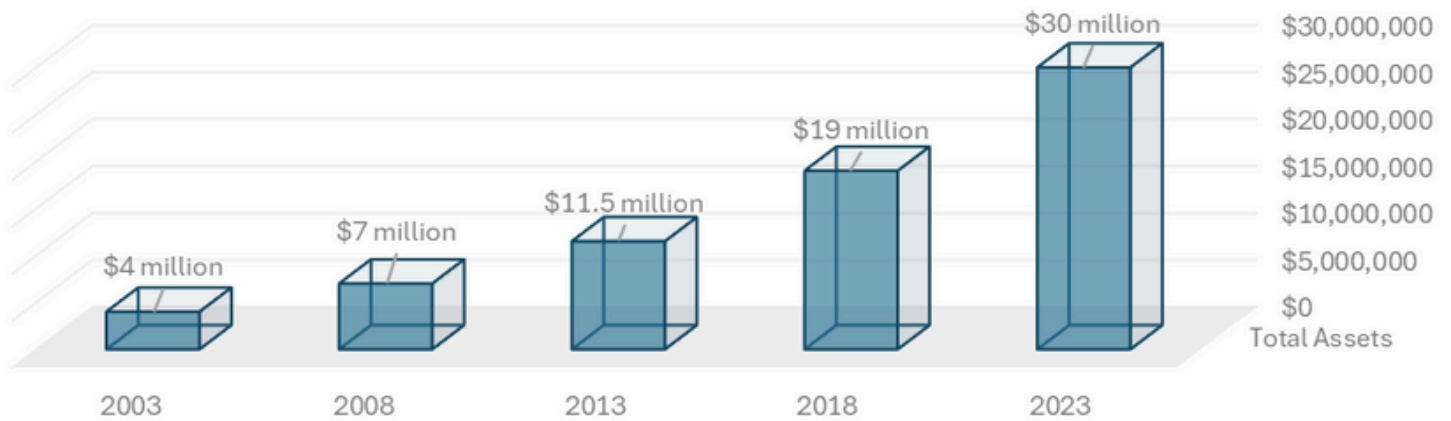
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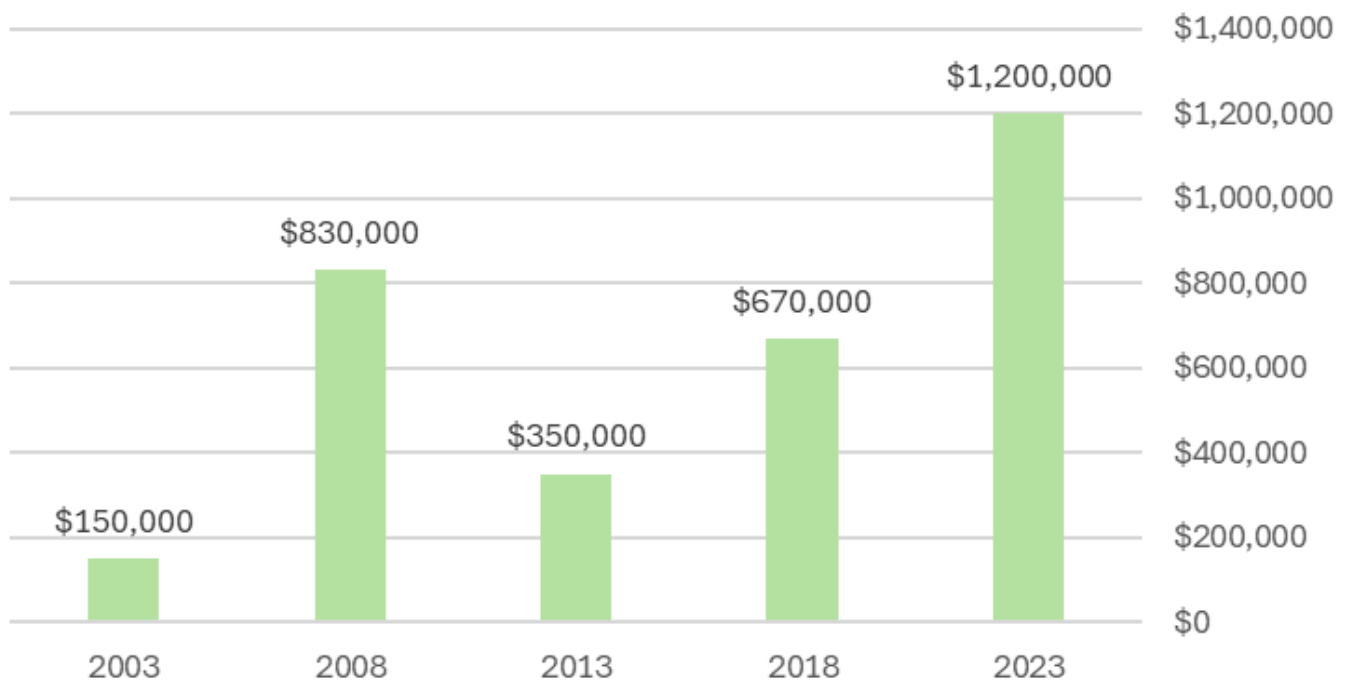


OUR NUMBERS

Total Assets



Annual Grants



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS



Professional Advisor Engagement

In 2024, CSCF will be shifting resources from the Cannon Webinar Series, launched in 2018, to support a new marketing initiative that enhances our outreach to professional advisors. Alongside this change, we're excited to now offer a monthly electronic newsletter to keep you informed on our services and philanthropic insights. We appreciate your support of the series over the years and apologize for any inconvenience regarding continuing education hours. As always, we're here to help you guide your clients toward their charitable goals—please don't hesitate to reach out.

Support Fees

As of January 2023, all funds are now charged our standard support fee monthly instead of quarterly. This change affects only the frequency, not the overall rate. For details, please visit the updated support fee schedule on our website.

Fund Advisor Portal

We're pleased to introduce the new Fund Advisor Portal, where fund advisors can log in to access fund statements and other features. Going forward, printed statements will be mailed only upon request—please contact our office if you prefer a printed copy. To set up your portal access, simply call or email us, and we'll provide a link and instructions.

Online Donations to Any Fund

We now accept online donations for all funds! To donate, simply click the "Donate" button on our website. You'll find a selection of featured funds as well as an option to view the full alphabetical list. Each fund has a unique, shareable donation link for easy access.

OUR GRATITUDE

Thank you for trusting us with your charitable giving. We are honored to serve Northwest Oklahoma by helping donors make a meaningful impact through philanthropy and endowments. Your support empowers us to strengthen our community and create lasting change. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the foundation office.



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