



▶ **COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE**
\$2,693,000

To fund implementation and evaluation of eight multi-sector community collaboratives working to increase the number of Kansas fourth graders proficient in reading that aligns with the Kansas State Department of Education's statewide early literacy strategies.

▶ **ENGAGING IN EDUCATION**
\$750,000

Create a distribution and engagement strategy for a reading handbook targeted to lower household income parents in Southwest Kansas for them to build an understanding of the importance of early childhood literacy and improve reading skills for young children.

▶ **2019 HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTION**
\$50,000

Contribute funds to Kansas Library Association Education Foundation to strengthen literacy, community development and educational partnerships in Kansas.

▶ **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM OF RENO COUNTY (DPIL)**
\$25,000

Expand reach of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program of Reno County beyond Hutchinson into nine rural communities to increase reading levels and kindergarten readiness.

▶ **WICHITA LITERACY: BECOMING THE LITERACY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!**
\$25,000

Conduct marketing/social media campaign to build awareness and promote the Family Literacy Improvement Project that focuses on the literacy proficiency of a family unit in targeted low-income, high-risk schools within USD 259 in Sedgwick County.

▶ **ESTABLISHING A COLLABORATIVE CULTURE IN LINN AND BARBER COUNTIES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT BIRTH TO AGE FIVE**
\$25,000

Provide matching funds to establish and implement the efforts of a community collaborative that will ensure full funding for the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library satellite and the participation of all local libraries in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

▶ **LEARN & PLAY PARENT CHILD GROUP FORMALIZED RESEARCH AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY**
\$25,000

Capture and formalize the Learn & Play Project curriculum, an early screening and development program, to disseminate and implement in other rural and isolated communities in Southwest Kansas and beyond.

▶ **IGNITING LITERACY THROUGH QUALITY TEACHER TRAINING**

\$25,000

Train 25 educators to serve as reading specialists for children K-3rd grade who are dyslexic or struggling readers within eight identified high-need/low-income school districts to support increasing 4th-grade reading proficiency levels in Kansas.

▶ **RISE UP AND EMPOWER**

\$25,000

Create strategic marketing/communications and fund development strategies to increase capacity, sustainability and effective messaging to continue growing work for at-risk youth in South Central Kansas.

▶ **EXPANSION OF TRAUMA-INFORMED ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT: IMPACT IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY**

\$24,860

Provide childhood trauma and resilience training to early childhood educators to help inform and equip them to recognize, assess and respond to trauma's impact on the social emotional development and learning capabilities of young children in Douglas County.

▶ **KANSAS-NEBRASKA INDIAN EDUCATION STUDY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT**

\$24,476

Collect foundational data related to demographics, geographies, enrollment and student success to assess the status of Native American education across Kansas and identify key areas for practice improvement.

▶ **SUMMER COUNTS**

\$23,358

Expand and conduct summer school literacy, math and STEM activities to help low-income K-3 students in South Central Kansas who are at high risk of educational failure reach, maintain and exceed grade-level literacy skills.

▶ **BECOMING TRAUMA RESPONSIVE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

\$21,152

Training resilience coaches in USD 267 to raise awareness of adverse childhood experiences, thereby, reducing behavioral issues and improving academic achievement of students.

▶ **BALLARD CENTER**

\$24,985

Increase organizational capacity to effectively expand childhood education and wraparound services to low-income children, ages 2 to Pre-K, in Douglas County by implementing donor management/accounting software specific to child care services.





► **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY DOUGLAS COUNTY**

\$19,021

Launch the Dolly Parton Imagination Library focusing on recruitment with Title I schools within two zip codes before expanding to the entire county to increase early childhood literacy and ultimately fourth grade reading levels in Douglas County.

► **PRESCHOOL SOCIAL SKILLS SUPPORT GROUPS—KINDERGARTEN READY!**

\$10,000

Provide social skill support groups focused on social-emotional development to better prepare pre-school children and their parents for kindergarten entry based upon the 2018 Community Needs Assessment by Heartland Early Education with input from Abilene educators.

► **RAISING RAIDERS**

\$6,000

Implement a new mentoring program targeting the 43.1% of students approved for free or reduced lunches to improve academic achievement and increase graduation rates.

► **STEVE COEN RETIREMENT RECOGNITION CONTRIBUTION**

\$3,100

Contribute to the Steve and Monica Coen Scholarship fund at Emporia State University in honor of Steve Coen's retirement and 31 years of service to Kansas Health Foundation.

