

**Planting victory gardens, buying war bonds, and women working as Rosie the Riveter...**...in the 1940s Americans made contributions large and small that collectively made a big difference in the effort to win WWII.

Sixty five years later, there is again a critical time, this time for rural areas. For years, our rural towns have lost population as youth migrate to urban areas. At the same time, the U.S entered a golden age of business growth and personal prosperity. Americans created, invested and multiplied unprecedented wealth. Real estate increased in value exponentially. Over the next 50 years, this capital – a conservative estimate of **\$598 billion in Kansas** – will change hands.

**In Stafford County alone, this averages to over \$5.5 million each year that is transferred from one generation to the next. In many cases, that wealth – and support for communities – will leave the area forever.**

*But if just 5% of that were set aside in local endowments for our county it would add up to over \$5.5 million by year 2028, and it would provide over \$275,000 in revenue each and every year for local community causes.*

Counties with aging populations will find the transfer of wealth is expected to peak and then start to decline over the next generation.

**This is a call to action before the opportunity decreases over time.**

Here's a few of the more than 80 endowment funds managed at the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

Contributions to any of these funds could impact the quality of life in Stafford County.

Hudson Community Improvement Fund

Stafford County Fund

St. John Hospital Endowment Foundation Fund

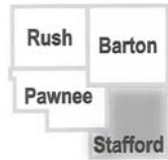


*...with your help...*  
**Stronger Kansas Communities!**



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The Golden Belt Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity serving the counties of Stafford, Barton, Pawnee, and Rush. Created by and for the people in the Golden Belt, it enables individuals with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about most — immediately, or through their estate plan.



Community foundations build endowments to ensure that funding is available to support local communities *forever*. In an endowment, the principal is saved and invested in a permanent pool of investments and the earnings (interest and dividends) are given back to the community in the form of grants. These grants support the good work of local communities and non-profits, ultimately strengthening Kansas communities.

Kansas community foundations are leading an effort to preserve and invest wealth in communities across Kansas.

For generations, people lived their entire lives close to their birthplace and as wealth passed from one generation to the next, most stayed in the same county. This is no longer true. Once the wealth leaves our community, *it may never return*, so it is vital to encourage residents to designate a portion of their estates, 401(k) and IRA accounts, life insurance policies or land to community endowments.

The  
**Hudson Community Improvement Fund**  
is one of the many funds held at  
Golden Belt Community Foundation.  
It is established to provide a means to  
support any purpose that benefits the  
Hudson Community.

Just about anything that Hudson needs to  
remain a strong rural community qualifies to  
receive grants from this fund...examples  
might include:

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Community Hall maintenance/  
improvements

City-wide events that provide quality of life  
and build community spirit

City park improvements

Leadership training for citizens who want to  
contribute to the community

Efforts to retain youth  
to live and work in our area

Services that improve the health and health  
care of Hudson's citizens

Citywide promotional efforts aimed to  
highlight the community to tourists  
driving on the new Scenic Byway

Cemetery care and maintenance

City beautification

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**The list is limited only by the creativity of  
Hudson's leaders!**

The Golden Belt Community Foundation is here to help make a lasting impact. It has the expertise, tools, and resources that make charitable giving easy, flexible, and effective.

### **How can you make a difference?**

1. Make a tax-deductible donation to the Hudson Community Improvement Fund—or another fund that fits your interests.
2. Take advantage of free, confidential, no-obligation legal advice in estate planning with John Griffin of Stewardship Counseling.
3. Start your own fund named for your family or for the cause you wish to support.
4. Encourage others in your community to support the community.



Contributions to the Hudson Community Improvement Fund or any other fund may be sent to:

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