



The
Lawton
Community Foundation

An Affiliate of the  OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

\$75,850

**AWARDED IN
GRANTS**

Our Community Grants program awards up to \$5,000 to local nonprofits with projects that will improve the quality of life and provide opportunities for Lawton-area citizens. Our Matching Grants program reinforces local nonprofits' fundraising efforts by matching donations. *See page 10 for more.*

\$204,339

**AWARDED IN ANNUAL
DISTRIBUTIONS**

Thirty-seven charitable organizations serving the Lawton community have established an endowment fund at the Lawton Community Foundation to provide annual sustainable income to support their mission. These 37 funds total \$4.6 million, and in Fiscal Year 2019, \$204,339 in annual distributions was returned back to the organizations. *See page 6 for more.*

\$28,500

**AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The future of our community is important to our donors. For this reason, the Lawton Community Foundation administers five scholarship funds that, in total, value \$390,195. In Fiscal Year 2019, \$28,500 in scholarships was awarded to 14 Lawton area high school seniors. *See page 8 for more.*

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King

Did you know 2019 marks the Lawton Community Foundation's 20th year of existence? It's gratifying to look back and see how the compassionate actions of our community members have shaped Lawton and the surrounding area for the better.

It's also humbling to witness your ongoing investment in creating greater teachers, better accessibility and increased opportunities for our community. Most importantly, though, is how joyful it is to observe our community joining together in philanthropy and promoting sustainability for our cherished nonprofits.

We hope you enjoy this year's annual report, and are inspired to continue thinking of how you can make a difference for our community.

David Towe, *Lawton Community Foundation President*



TRUSTEES

David Towe, *President*

Janice Bell

(through June 30, 2019)

Brent Copeland

Jennifer Dennis

(term began July 1, 2019)

Preston Holsinger

(through June 30, 2019)

Michael Mayhall

John McArthur

Hossein Moini

Linda Neal

(term began July 1, 2019)

Nancy B. Anthony

Assistant Secretary & Treasurer

Gene Love

Trustee Emeritus

SUPPORTING THE LAWTON COMMUNITY

IT'S EASY.

An advised fund is a simple, flexible and tax-efficient way to support your favorite charities – especially with the recent increase in the standard deduction. Under the new tax law, many donors are using advised funds to maximize their charitable deductions by “bundling” charitable gifts for several years into one calendar year to exceed the standard deduction. Donors can then use the advised fund to support their favorite charitable causes over several years.

The Lawton Community Foundation has three types of advised funds to choose from, with minimums ranging from \$1,000-\$20,000. Our advised funds offer low fees, and we provide administrative support to help make charitable giving simple. Advised funds can be established with a gift of cash or other assets such as real estate, stocks and bonds, oil and gas royalty interests or a life insurance policy.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The Lawton Community Foundation ensures your charitable gifts will be used for good and forever. An outright gift to charity provides a one-time benefit, while a gift to that same charity's permanent endowment at the Lawton Community Foundation allows the gift to be invested and distributed year after year.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By designating a gift through your will or trust, you can maintain your current cash flow and preserve your assets for retirement. Contact us to learn more about the following giving options:

- Real estate including homes, acreages or business properties
- Appreciated Assets
- Oil and Gas Royalty Interests
- Life Insurance Policies
- Retirement Plans

To learn how we can help you support your community, please call 580/353-4747 or visit LawtonCF.org.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Pooled investments as of June 30, 2019

	Q4 (April-June)	Fiscal Yr (July-June)	Calendar Yr (Jan.-June)	Three Years (Fiscal)	Five Years (Fiscal)	10 Years
GENERAL ENDOWMENT POOL						
Oklahoma City Community Foundation	3.30%	7.72%	13.79%	8.86%	6.37%	9.27%
Benchmark	3.70%	7.86%	13.61%	9.33%	6.61%	9.84%
<i>(50% Russell3000/15% MSCI ACWI/35% Barclays Capital G/C Int)</i>						

100% EQUITY POOL (funded May 2018)

Oklahoma City Community Foundation	3.71%	9.78%	17.58%	**	**	**
Benchmark	3.97%	7.92%	18.00%	**	**	**
<i>(85% Russell 3000/15% MSCI AWI ex us)</i>						

MODERATE GROWTH POOL (funded Aug. 2018)

Oklahoma City Community Foundation	3.36%	**	13.87%	**	**	**
Benchmark	3.01%	**	12.13%	**	**	**
<i>(67.5% FTSE Global All Cap/32.5% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate)</i>						

LAWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

The donors listed below have made cumulative gifts of \$500 or more to permanent endowments at the Lawton Community Foundation as of June 30, 2019.

All America Bank
Donna Anderson
Owen & Jane Ard
Stephen & Nancy Arntz
Bank of the Wichitas
Bar-S-Foods
Wendy Bartanen
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee & Theresa Baxter
Lt. Col. (Ret.) L.A. Beckman III
Michael Bilbrey
Bivens Memorial
Dianne & Chad Bledsoe
Richard & Elaine Boatsman
Stan & Paula Booker
Aaron & Tanja Boyd
Glen & Joanne Boyer
Boynton Williams & Associates
Harold Brent
Dr. George I. Bridges
Leonard & Tanya Case
Eva Chrisner
David A. Clement
Robert A. & Darcy A. Cline
Dennis & Anita Clippinger
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Francis & Joanne F. Curran
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Kenneth E. & Pamela A. Easton
Daniel P. & Cynthia M. Farrell
Darrel B. Fruit
Issac Jay & Kimberly A. Furrh
Ronald L. & Loree B. Gaines

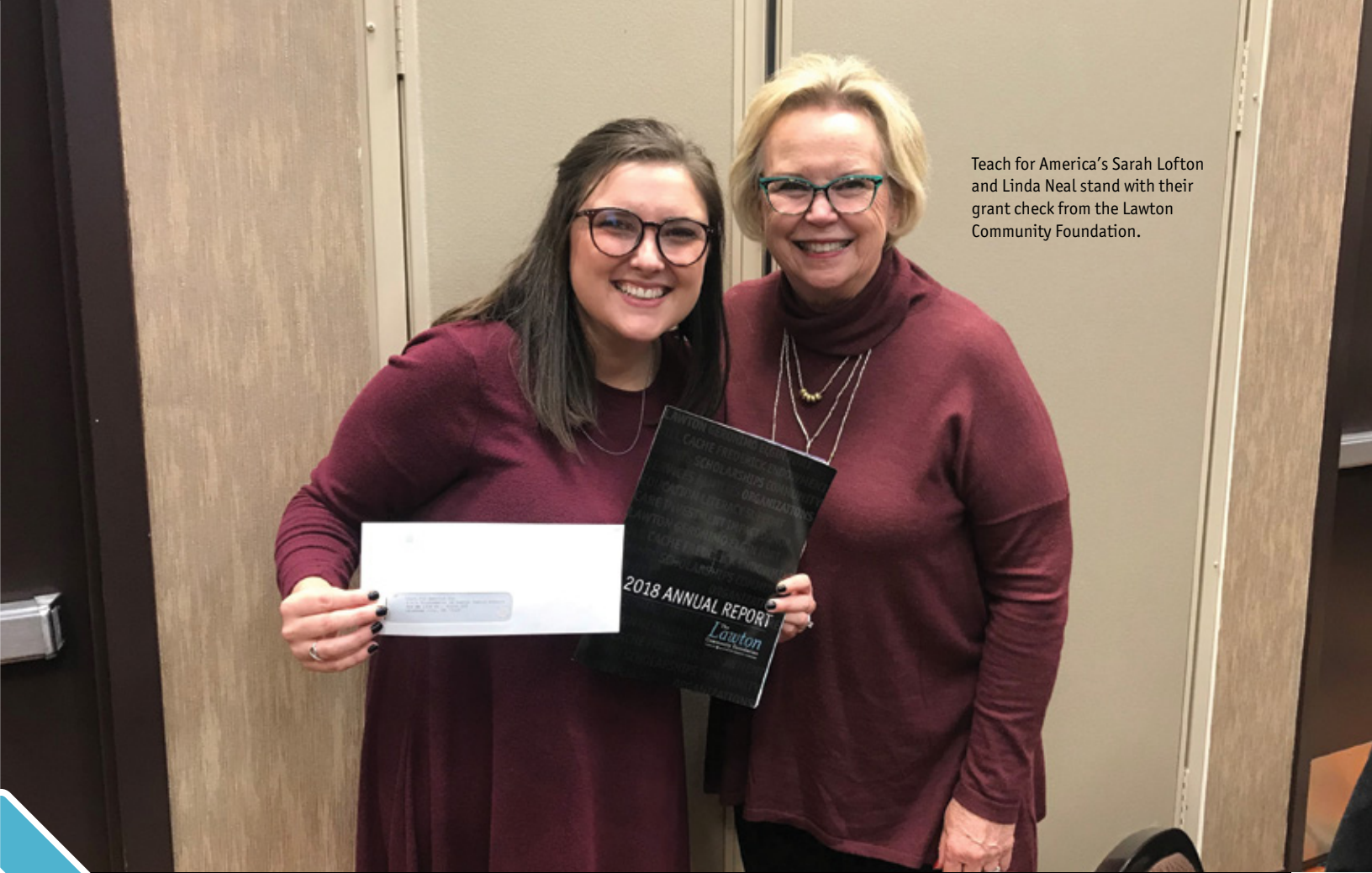
Randall & Marcia Garrett
Gilbert C. & Aulena Gibson
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Cameron & Lisa Halbert
Robert G. & Jean P. Harbison
Robert Hinman
Preston & Sandra Holsinger
Darline Bridges Hornbeck
Marilyn Hugon
Wayne P. Hunt
Randy N. & Eileen M. Jensen
Kirk Jessup
Michael T. & Carolyn Keith
Joann Knecht
Frank Howard & Anna Claire Kuchta
Lawton Community Theatre Guild
Lawton Retail Merchants Association
John F. & Jane Kinzer Lewis
Stephen & Michelle Livingston
Gene & Carolyn Anne Love
Terry & Sharon Marsh
Karla J. Oty & John M. McArthur
Lyndon McDonald
The McMahon Foundation
Gen. (Ret.) & Mrs. Jack N. Merritt
Dennis & Kathleen Meyer
Hugh Montgomery
Paul Morgan
George & Tresea Moses
Rodney & Jeri Mosiman
Jack & Ronda Norrell
Oklahoma Abstract Co.
Johnny Owens

Pam & Barry Inc.
Gary & G. Lynda Parker
Pauls Valley Veterinary Clinic
Gen. (Ret.) & Mrs. J.H. Binford Peay III
The Pepsi Bottling Company
Public Service Company of Oklahoma
David & Judy Ragland
Red Rock Corral, LLC
Reese Chiropractic & Wellness P.C.
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Mary Sankaran
Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Bill Schneider
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Signal Mountain Associates
Michael & Jamie Smith
Orville & Melba Smith
Southwest Foodservice Excellence
Southwestern Medical Center
Vickie Spurgeon
Richard Story
Travis H. Tomlinson
David Towe
Robert M. & Barbara B. Vaughan
Gen. (Ret.) & Mrs. Carl E. Vuono
Dennis & Sandra K. Ward
Lynn & Jeanne Webb
Lanny & Florence Wilson
Bob & Maurine Wiseman
James F. & Jackie R. Wood

ADVISED FUNDS

Terry K. Bell Charitable Trust Fund
Arnold & Corrine Boyd Family Endowment Fund
Virginia Brewczynski Legacy Fund
Cowboy Fund

Cleo Craig Memorial Cancer & Research Foundation Fund
First United Methodist Church Foundation Gift Fund
Katherine D. Lacy Fund
Gene & Carolyn Anne Love Gift Fund



Teach for America's Sarah Lofton and Linda Neal stand with their grant check from the Lawton Community Foundation.

TEACH FROM THE HEART(LAND)

Most students remember that one special teacher who made an impact on their lives and shaped them into the person they are today. In many ways, teachers weave the fabric of a community by inspiring and encouraging their students to be the best citizens they can be. Thanks to a community grant from the Lawton Community Foundation, six newly trained teachers from the Teach for America corps descended on Lawton area schools to leave their mark.

It was Linda Neal (pictured, right), board member at Teach for America Oklahoma City, who came across the Lawton Community Foundation community grant program. Linda helped Teach for America apply and receive the \$5,000 grant that will support ongoing training and development for six Teach for America corps members teaching at Lawton schools.

“This grant will impact dozens of students in Lawton by allowing us to put excellently trained teachers in front of the classroom,” said Sarah Lofton, director of development and communications at Teach for America Oklahoma City. “We are thrilled to be a recipient of these donor dollars and so thankful for the opportunity to continue our relationships within the Lawton community. ”

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENTS

The Lawton Community Foundation administers permanent funds for 37 nonprofit organizations serving Lawton and the surrounding area. The endowments provide a reliable source of income for program participants and offer a convenient way for donors to contribute. As of June 30, 2019, the market value for these endowment funds was more than \$4.5 million and the annual distribution to the organizations exceeded \$200,000.

	FUND VALUE	DISTRIBUTION
Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter	\$ 178,699	\$ 7,836
Arts for All	53,297	2,599
Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Fires Chapter – Lawton-Fort Sill	29,497	1,469
Cache School Scholarship	198,400	9,146
Center for Creative Living	23,852	1,100
Comanche County Memorial Hospital Foundation	110,330	5,330
Crime Stoppers/Drug Busters of Southwest Oklahoma	115,179	5,435
First United Methodist Church Foundation of Lawton	124,165	5,390
Fort Sill Armed Services YMCA Gene Love Endowment Fund	394,516	18,549
Frederick School Enrichment Foundation	23,293	1,149
Friends of Fort Sill	65,280	2,409
Giddy Up 'N Go	67,943	3,313
Great Plains AMBUCS-Kid's Zone	20,907	1,034
Great Plains Technology Center Foundation	22,375	1,106
Great Plains - Jim Nisbett Scholarship	60,437	2,947
Greater Lawton Rotary Club	189,346	
Hackberry Flat Foundation	58,914	2,872
Hearts That Care - Wendy Bartanen Fund	339,329	16,723
Holiday in the Park	26,917	1,266
Lawton AMBUCS Lou Brox Endowment	133,517	5,726
Lawton Community Theatre	32,478	1,586
Lawton Family YMCA	20,889	1,028
Lawton Food Bank	155,371	6,592
Lawton Friends of the Library	35,284	1,375
Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra	66,130	2,741
Lawton Public School Foundation	545,409	26,225
Museum of the Great Plains	35,766	1,734
On the Chisholm Trail Association Heritage Center	67,126	3,048
Bernice Ford Price Library Endowment	63,310	2,417
Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese Memorial for the benefit of St. Paul's United Methodist Church	97,690	3,942
Roadback Inc.	24,785	1,221
Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society	20,914	1,035
St. John Lutheran Church Foundation	96,290	3,951
Tipton Children's Home	49,761	1,847
United States Field Artillery Association Foundation	376,747	18,209
General Donald R. Keith Memorial Scholarship Fund	37,337	1,814
General Jack N. Merritt Scholarship	24,819	1,209
General J.H. Binford Peay III Scholarship	24,688	1,203
Dennis J. Reimer Scholarship	30,999	1,511
General Carl E. Vuono Scholarship	24,688	1,203
U.S. Field Artillery Association All-Star Scholarship	24,167	1,186
U.S. Field Artillery Association Eagle Scholarship	21,837	1,064
United Way of Southwest Oklahoma	451,443	19,621
Western Trail Historical Society	58,205	1,732
World Christian Broadcasting	37,982	1,446
Totals:	\$ 4,660,747	\$ 204,339



INSPIRING MOBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Dedicated to inspiring mobility and independence, the century-old AMBUCS was created as a national service organization for young business professionals. In the 1990s, one of their members presented an opportunity for the club to make a difference for children experiencing mobility challenges by building tricycles to help strengthen and tone their bodies and self-confidence. AMBUCS members knew it was the perfect fit for their service organization.

Today, more than 160 AMBUCS chapters across the U.S. help children and adults who are experiencing mobility issues gain access to helpful resources including adaptive tricycles, physical, occupational and speech therapy and wheelchair ramps for homes.

To help support mobility and independence throughout the Lawton community, the Lawton AMBUCS chapter established an endowment fund at the Lawton Community Foundation that provides annual financial support for their programs.

“Our charitable endowment at the Lawton Community Foundation is another source that provides valuable dollars to support our programs,” said Dennis Clippinger, an active member of the Lawton AMBUCS chapter. “It helps us sustain mobility and independence throughout our community, which is invaluable to those who are looking to conquer these types of challenges.”



The 2019 Lawton Community Foundation scholarship recipients, front row, left to right: Courtney McEunn, Haylee Stanley, Chealsity Moreno, Lisette Taylor, Mikalyn Moreland, Tatiana Gonzalez and Haley Olsen. Back row, left to right: Matthew Roberts, Chandler Darnell, McKenzie Love, James Austin, Nevaeh Roman, Jaci Hernandez and Markiese Boykin.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In April 2019, the Lawton Community Foundation awarded 14 Lawton area high school seniors with a total of \$28,500 in scholarships at the foundation's annual scholarship breakfast. The recipients represent five school districts in Lawton and the surrounding area.

2019 LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARS:

The Trustees of the Lawton Community Foundation provide a one-year, \$2,000 scholarship to students in each high school of the Lawton, Frederick, Elgin, Geronimo and Cache public school districts. This year's recipients were offered a matching scholarship from Cameron University.

- James Austin** – Cache High School
- Markiese Boykin** – Lawton High School
- Chandler Darnell** – Geronimo High School
- McKenzie Love** – Lawton High School
- Courtney McEunn** – Eisenhower High School
- Chealsity Moreno** – MacArthur High School
- Haley Olsen** – Frederick High School
- Matthew Roberts** – Eisenhower High School
- Haylee Stanley** – MacArthur High School
- Lisette Taylor** – Elgin High School

2019 FRANK CURRAN MEMORIAL/ LAWTON LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:

A four-year, \$1,500 award established by the Lawton Noon Lions Club in memory of longtime member Frank Curran offered to Lawton-area graduating seniors who plan to attend Cameron University.

- Mikalyn Moreland** – Elgin High School

2019 LAMONT N. WILSON ROTC SCHOLARSHIP:

A \$1,000 award established in 2010 by the friends and family of Lamont N. Wilson offered to Eisenhower High School graduating seniors who participate in ROTC.

- Nevaeh Roman** – Lawton High School

2019 NELL FRANKLIN SCHOLARSHIP:

A \$2,000 award established by longtime Lawton resident and Lawton Business Women's Club member Nell Franklin offered to Lawton Public Schools graduating females who plan to attend Cameron University or Great Plains Technology Center (Lawton Campus).

- Tatiana Gonzalez** – Eisenhower High School
- McKenzie Love** – Lawton High School

2019 BENNY MCREYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$2,000 award established by Frederick High School and Western Oklahoma State College graduate Benny McReynolds to encourage Frederick High School graduates who plan to attend Western Oklahoma State College.

- Jaci Hernandez** – Frederick High School

"SLEEP WELL, AMERICA"

"Sleep well, America." That's how Lance Cpl. Lamont N. Wilson signed off every letter he sent back home from the frontlines of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His mother, Florence, remembers that Lamont had dreamed of a military career since his early childhood. "To make his father proud," she recalls.

Lamont graduated from Eisenhower Senior High School in Lawton in 2003 and enlisted in the U.S. Marines the same year. A year later, his mother received a letter no parent ever wishes to read. Her 20-year-old son had died in combat in Fallujah, Iraq – making the ultimate sacrifice to the country he loved so fiercely.

With the support of an anonymous donor, the Wilson family established the Lamont N. Wilson ROTC Scholarship Endowment at the Lawton Community Foundation to honor Lamont's service and support selfless ROTC graduates just like him.

"When I heard the story about Lamont's death it really hit home," says the donor. "Through this scholarship, we hope to honor his memory. He was a true American hero."

For the past 15 years, Florence Wilson has awarded the scholarship to each recipient in person. Every April, she ensures that her son's legacy lives on in deserving ROTC students throughout the Lawton community.



Florence Wilson (center) stands with 2019 Lamont N. Wilson Scholarship recipient Neveah Roman (right) and her father, Jose Roman (left).

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

Separate and apart from the Lawton Community Scholars program, the Lawton Community Foundation administers five endowment funds that provide support for area scholarship programs. Below is a list of the scholarship and award funds along with the fund values as of June 30, 2019.

	Fund Value
Frank Curran Memorial/Lawton Noon Lions Club Scholarship	\$ 160,020
Lawton Business Women Nell Franklin Scholarship Fund	88,150
McMahon Legacy Scholarship Fund	82,636
Oklahoma Arts Institute Scholarship Fund	27,876
Lamont N. Wilson ROTC Scholarship Fund	31,513
Total	\$ 390,195

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Grants program awards grants of up to \$5,000 to support projects that will improve the quality of life and provide opportunities for Lawton-area citizens. In Fiscal Year 2019, \$36,850 in grants were awarded to nine charitable organizations. For more information on our Community Grants program, visit LawtonCF.org.

ARMED SERVICES YMCA LAWTON FORT SILL

\$5,000 to purchase supplies for The Soldier's Closet, a thrift store providing free items to active duty military soldiers ranking E-1 through E-5 and their families.

CACHE SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$2,850 to support BEST! Mentoring, a community-based mentoring program in Cache that matches adults with fifth- through eighth-grade students who need a positive role model in their lives.

GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA, INC.

\$5,000 to support a program helping girls develop and maintain an interest in STEM education.

IKE IGNITION

\$2,500 to support a freshman mentorship program at Eisenhower High School that helps freshmen learn college, career and life skills.

LAWTON HIGH SCHOOL

\$3,000 to support Ignition, an orientation and mentorship program preparing new students for the first day of class and helping them stay on track throughout the school year with the guidance of upperclassmen.

LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

\$9,000 to increase students' access to technology and close achievement gaps by updating technological resources with the purchase of 24 Chromebooks.

TEACH FOR AMERICA OKLAHOMA CITY

\$5,000 to support a program recruiting, developing, supporting and sustaining transformational leaders for Lawton-area schools.

TEEN COURT INC.

\$5,000 to support a delinquency prevention program for first-time juvenile offenders.

UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

\$3,500 to support Success by 6, educational programs that help ensure all children are ready and able to succeed when they enter school.

MATCHING GRANTS

The matching grants program offered \$2,500 in matching dollars for \$5,000 in gifts made to existing endowments at the Lawton Community Foundation. In Fiscal Year 2019, 14 charitable organization endowments received \$2,500 each for a total of \$35,000 in matching grant dollars.

Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter

Cache School Scholarship

First United Methodist Church Foundation of Lawton

Friends of Fort Sill

Lawton Friends of the Library

Greater Lawton Rotary Club

Lawton AMBUCS Lou Brox Endowment

Lawton Food Bank

Bernice Ford Price Library Endowment

St. John Lutheran Church Foundation

Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese Memorial for the benefit of St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

United Way of Southwest Oklahoma

Western Trail Historical Society

World Christian Broadcasting

COOKING UP SOMETHING GOOD

Bar-S Foods has become a recognizable name in grocery stores throughout the country. The bestselling hot dog brand in the U.S. does more than just help communities enjoy a backyard gathering, though. They are also into giving back.

Originally from Seattle, Bar-S foods moved their operations and distribution facilities to Oklahoma in 1996. Two years later, the Lawton plant opened, and with it came the philanthropic presence of the Bar-S family.

“This community is a huge part of our lives – it’s a huge part of our employees’ lives,” said Travis Bilbrey, controller at Bar-S Foods in Lawton. “We want to do our part by helping organizations that are working hard to support our community.”

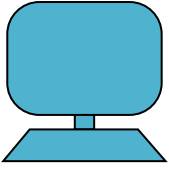
In 2016, Bar-S Foods began using the Lawton Community Foundation to administer their philanthropic efforts. Travis said the convenience of using the Community Foundation is what drew them in.

“The Community Foundation is a one-stop shop for giving,” said Travis. “We try to switch up our giving every year and donate to different organizations that really need our support. Giving to these organizations through the Community Foundation really helps us eliminate unnecessary administrative procedures, saving us time and money.”

The Lawton Community Foundation exists to simplify giving for those who are charitably minded. Whether it’s connecting a donor to an organization who shares their charitable interests, helping a donor leave a legacy in the most tax-efficient way possible or streamlining charitable giving for a busy organization, the Community Foundation is here to help.



Bar-S Foods employees demonstrate charitable values by delivering a donation to Lawton nonprofit.



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