

The  
*Lawton*  
Community Foundation

An Affiliate of the  OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*2020 ANNUAL REPORT*

**GRANTS  
AWARDED**  
\$89,344

**ANNUAL  
DISTRIBUTIONS**  
\$218,756

**SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS**  
\$31,500

***“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much” – Helen Keller***

2020 has been one of the most trying and unprecedented years in modern history. As we look around our nation, we’ve witnessed the worst global pandemic in more than 100 years, civil unrest marring cities across the nation. Yet, we somehow managed to find a way to come together.

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to have also witnessed our citizens pulling together by investing in our community, our schools and our nonprofits. The passion, generosity and dedication of our Lawton-area residents have sustained this community throughout the year, and our future continues to look brighter and brighter.

This annual report showcases just how much we inspire each other and how we come together to make a significant difference in our community.



***David Towe, Lawton Community Foundation President***

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# SUPPORTING THE LAWTON COMMUNITY – IT'S EASY

An advised fund is the simplest, most effective and flexible way for you to accomplish your charitable goals. Using cash or other assets, you can easily take advantage of this tax-efficient tool to support your favorite causes. Under the current tax law, you can use advised funds to maximize your charitable deductions by bundling several years of charitable gifts into one calendar year to exceed the standard deduction, or sustain gifts to your favorite charities well beyond your lifetime.

With three types of advised funds with minimums ranging from \$1,000 - \$20,000, the Lawton Community Foundation offers low fees and provides you with the administrative expertise to help make your charitable giving as simple as possible.

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

A gift to your favorite charity will provide a one-time benefit, while a gift to that same charity's permanent endowment at the Lawton Community Foundation allows your contribution to be invested while providing an annual distribution in perpetuity.

## 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:

- Appreciated Assets such as stocks, bonds & business interests
- Real estate including homes, acreages or business properties
- 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](http://LawtonCF.org).

# FISCAL YEAR 2020 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Pooled Investments as of June 30, 2020

	Fiscal Yr (July-June)	Calendar Yr (Jan.-June)	3 Years (Fiscal)	5 Years (Fiscal)	10 Years (Fiscal)
<b>EQUITIES</b>					
Oklahoma City Community Foundation	4.70%	-4.49%	8.95%	8.87%	12.13%
S&P 500	7.51%	-3.08%	10.73%	10.73%	13.99%
Russell 3000	6.53%	-3.48%	10.04%	10.03%	13.72%
MSCI ACWI	2.64%	-5.99%	6.70%	7.03%	9.74%
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>					
Oklahoma City Community Foundation	7.81%	5.41%	4.97%	3.66%	3.32%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate	8.74%	6.14%	5.32%	4.30%	3.82%
<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>					
Oklahoma City Community Foundation	-24.61%	-24.81%	-7.59%		
<b>TOTAL RETURN</b>					
<b>Oklahoma City Community Foundation</b>	<b>2.76%</b>	<b>-3.32%</b>	<b>6.07%</b>	<b>6.08%</b>	<b>8.24%</b>
50% Russell 3000/15% ACWI Ex US/35% Bloomberg Barclays Capital G/C Int (Note A)	6.13%	-0.91%	7.41%	7.14%	9.14%
65% S&P 500/35% Bloomberg Barclays Capital G/C Int (Note B)	8.49%	0.50%	9.18%	8.72%	10.58%

**Note A:** Our total return benchmark is 50% Russell 3000 15% ACWI ex US and 35% Bloomberg Barclays Capital G/C Int.

**Note B:** This is the total return benchmark reported prior to 2012 when it was updated to the benchmark in Note A – this benchmark composite is 65% S&P 500 Index and 35% Bloomberg Barclays Capital B/C Int.

# LAWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

The donors listed below have made lifetime gifts of \$500 or more to permanent endowments at the Lawton Community Foundation.

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Donna Anderson	Gilbert C. and Aulena Gibson	Pauls Valley Veterinary Clinic
Owen and Jane Ard	Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	Gen. (Ret.) and Mrs. J. H. Binford Peay III
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Funds established with a gift of cash or other assets that allow donors to recommend grants to a charity or cause of choice.

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



# REMEMBERING VIRGINIA BREWCZYNSKI – A LIFE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Longtime employee and former CEO of the Lawton Retail Merchants Association, Virginia Brewczynski dedicated much of her life to giving back to the community she loved. Not only was she a member of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, serving two terms on the Board of Directors, but she also served on the Southwestern Medical Center Board of Directors for 15 years and was a member and former president of the Lawton Business and Professional Women’s Club since 1955.

In 1999, Virginia and the Lawton Retail Merchants Association helped create the Lawton Community Foundation, where she served as a Trustee for nine years. An affiliate of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, the Lawton Community Foundation has grown from the original \$400,000 gift from the Retail Merchants Association to more than \$10 million.

Dr. Gilbert C. Gibson was also very instrumental in establishing the Lawton Community Foundation and fondly remembers the great partnership he shared with Ms. Brewczynski “Virginia was vivacious and a smart businesswoman. She pretty much ran the show with her keen insight. She asked me to serve as Chairman of the Board, and I was happy to serve”.

Ms. Brewczynski passed away in 2020, but the impact she left on Lawton will be felt for many years to come.



Virginia Brewczynski (1930 - 2020)

**FISCAL YEAR 2020  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$691,710**

**CONTRIBUTIONS  
SINCE INCEPTION  
\$10,852,626**

# CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENTS

The Lawton Community Foundation administers permanent funds for 44 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, 2020, the market value for these endowment funds was more than \$4.9 million and the annual distribution to the organizations exceeded \$215,000.

	<i>Fund Value</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter	\$ 174,113	\$ 8,431
Arts for All	51,814	2,639
Association of the U.S Army Fires Chapter Lawton - Fort Sill	28,979	1,487
Cache School Scholarship	200,613	9,562
Center for Creative Living	24,140	1,156
Christian Family Counseling Center	18,657	457
Comanche County Memorial Hospital Foundation	107,263	5,459
Crime Stoppers/Drug Busters of Southwest Oklahoma	112,020	5,651
First United Methodist Church Foundation of Lawton	128,853	5,783
Fort Sill Armed Services YMCA Gene Love Endowment Fund	383,721	19,330
Frederick School Enrichment Foundation	23,478	1,159
Friends of Ft. Sill	75,351	2,908
Giddy Up 'N Go	66,285	3,365
Great Plains AMBUCS - Kid's Zone	20,143	1,041
Great Plains Technology Center Foundation	21,579	1,114
Great Plains – Jim Nesbitt Scholarship	58,756	2,992
Greater Lawton Rotary Club	200,612	
Hackberry Flat Foundation	57,276	2,916
Hearts That Care – Wendy Bartanen Fund	329,938	16,760
Holiday in the Park	26,037	1,323
Lawton AMBUCS Lou Brox Endowment	137,652	6,252
Lawton Athletic Foundation	31,604	940
Lawton Community Theatre	31,469	1,610
Lawton Family YMCA	21,055	1,047
Lawton Food Bank	188,415	7,474
Lawton Friends of the Library	34,431	1,520
Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra	64,463	3,084
Lawton Public School Foundation	728,335	28,551
Museum of the Great Plains	36,448	1,779
On the Chisholm Trail Association Heritage Center	68,332	3,242
Bernice Ford Price Library Endowment	69,359	2,789
Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese Memorial for the Benefit of St. Paul's Methodist Church	103,092	4,485
Roadback Inc.	23,938	1,233
Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society	20,150	1,042
St. John Lutheran Church Foundation	102,755	4,478
Tipton Children's Home	53,577	2,313
United States Field Artillery Association Foundation	366,383	18,640
General Donald R. Keith Memorial Scholarship Fund	36,310	1,847
General Jack N. Merritt Scholarship	24,135	1,229
General J.H. Binford Peay 111 Scholarship	24,008	1,223
Dennis J. Reimer Scholarship	30,146	1,535
General Carl E. Vuono Scholarship	24,008	1,223
U.S. Field Artillery Association All-Star Scholarship	23,502	1,197
U.S. Field Artillery Association Eagle Scholarship	21,236	1,081
United Way of Southwest Oklahoma	466,055	21,322
Western Trail Historical Society	84,332	2,342
World Christian Broadcasting	46,070	1,745
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,970,888</b>	<b>\$ 218,756</b>



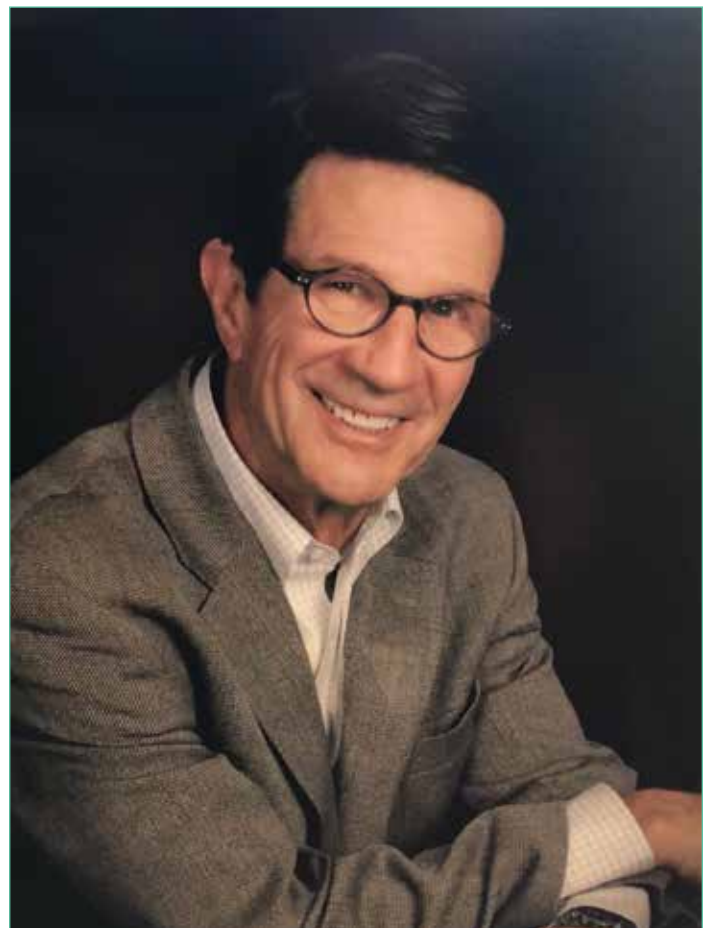
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

## A BROTHER'S FINAL GIFT

Honor student, all-state quarterback and a state champion pole-vaulter, Preston Holsinger was destined to make his community proud from a young age. After attending Oklahoma State University on a track and field scholarship, winning the Big Eight Championship three times and qualifying for the Olympic trials in 1964, Preston and his sister Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese decided to return to Lawton to serve their hometown in new ways.

To become better leaders, the siblings decided to pursue higher education – Preston with an MBA and Kathy with a master's degree from Kansas State University. Later, she became involved with the Lawton church community and worked as a teacher in the Lawton Public School system for 26 years. In the meantime, Preston embarked on a highly successful corporate business career that took him all over the world, until he retired as vice president and treasurer of oil giant Halliburton in 2007. He also served as a Trustee for the Lawton Community Foundation from 2010 through 2018. Preston passed away in 2020.

When Kathy passed away in 2011, Preston established a permanent endowment at the Lawton Community Foundation to benefit St. Paul's United Methodist Church, which had welcomed Kathy as an active member for more than 40 years. Thanks to Preston's impact, the Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese Memorial Fund benefitting St. Paul's United Methodist Church will continue on the siblings' legacy of community service in Lawton through an annual distribution for years to come.



Preston Holsinger

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In 2020, the Lawton Community Foundation awarded 16 Lawton area high school seniors with a total of \$35,500 in scholarships. The recipients represent five school districts in Lawton and the surrounding area.

## LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARS:

The Trustees of the Lawton Community Foundation provide a one-year, \$2,000 scholarship to graduating seniors from the Lawton, Frederick, Elgin and Cache public school districts. In addition, recipients attending Cameron University received a matching scholarship from the school.

Hannah Buttry – *Cache High School*  
Grace Bellofatto – *Eisenhower High School*  
Garrett Cooper – *Elgin High School*  
Brandon Craig – *MacArthur High School*  
Kailah Davis – *Lawton High School*  
Madalynn El Kouri – *Eisenhower High School*  
Samarah Hutchinson – *MacArthur High School*  
Blakelee Marco – *Eisenhower High School*  
Estella Reyes – *Frederick High School*  
Alec Santos – *MacArthur High School*

## Lamont N. Wilson ROTC Scholarship

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

Trinity Hoffman – *MacArthur High School*

## 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.

Jacquelyn Skinner – *Frederick High School*

## Lawton Business Women 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).

Blakelee Marco – *Eisenhower High School*  
Shalei Okamura – *Lawton High School*



Sydney Burke, 2020 McMahon Legacy Scholarship recipient



Colby Gilpen, 2020 McMahon Legacy Scholarship recipient

## 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.

Jadance Black – *Elgin High School*

## McMahon Legacy Scholarship

The McMahon Legacy Scholarship was established in 2018 by the Comanche County Saddle & Sirloin Club and is a \$1,250 award. Contributors are The Craig Foundation, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, All-America Bank and Liberty National Bank. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist graduating seniors of the Comanche County Livestock Show in his/her pursuit of a secondary education.

Sydney Burke – *MacArthur High School*  
Colby Gilpen – *MacArthur High School*

Learn more about Lawton area scholarships: [occf.org/lawton/scholarships](http://occf.org/lawton/scholarships)





Student receiving award from Comanche County Saddle & Sirloin Club.

## MAKING HIGHER EDUCATION POSSIBLE ONE SCHOLARSHIP AT A TIME

Six years prior to Oklahoma’s statehood, Eugene “E.P.” and Louise McMahon settled in Lawton, Oklahoma, as some of the first Comanche County residents. While Mrs. McMahon taught piano lessons, Mr. McMahon made a name for himself selling insurance and real estate. Upon the death of E.P. in 1940, Louise and her son Eugene started the McMahon Foundation that touched virtually all facets of life throughout Comanche County through the building of arts centers, schools, medical and recreation facilities.

In 2018, the McMahon Foundation partnered with the Craig Foundation, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, All-America Bank and Liberty National Bank to provide a matching grant to the

Comanche County Saddle & Sirloin Club to create a scholarship for graduating seniors active in the Comanche County Livestock Show. Administered by the Lawton Community Foundation, the scholarship will allow students to pursue higher education at an accredited institution or vocational-technical school.

“If it was not for the McMahon Scholarship, I am not sure I would have had the opportunity to attend college. Now, I am able to pursue my education and hope I, too, can give back to my community one day,” said Sydney Burke, a McMahon Scholarship recipient currently studying Animal Science at Oklahoma State University.

### SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

*In addition to 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 funds along with the fund values as of 2020.*

	<b>Fund Value</b>
Frank Curran Memorial/Lawton Noon Lions Club Scholarship	\$ 155,960
Lawton Business Women Nell Franklin Scholarship Fund	85,660
McMahon Legacy Scholarship Fund	81,472
Oklahoma Arts Institute Scholarship Fund	27,020
Lamont N. Wilson ROTC Scholarship Fund	31,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 381,123</b>

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Grants program awards grants of up to \$5,000 to support projects geared towards improving the quality of life and provide opportunities for Lawton-area citizens. In fiscal year 2020, \$56,844 in grants were awarded to 13 charitable organizations. For more information on our Community Grants program, visit [LawtonCF.org](http://LawtonCF.org).

## ARMED SERVICES YMCA LAWTON FORT SILL

\$5,000 to offer after-school programming to children of junior enlisted service members allowing spouses to return to work or school.

## CACHE SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$1,500 to support BEST! Mentoring, a community-based mentoring program for at-risk youth and teens.

## CENTER FOR CREATIVE LIVING

\$5,000 to support the Senior Nutrition Program intended to improve the quality of life for local senior citizens.

## COMANCHE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

\$5,000 to provide nursing education to students at the Duncan Learning Center.

## CRIMESTOPPERS AND DRUG BUSTERS OF SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

\$4,644 to provide police departments with the auxiliary supplies required for purchase by new officers.

## GIDDY UP 'N GO

\$4,000 to improve the program's accessibility and capacity by improving the mounting system in their indoor arena.

## GREAT PLAINS TECHNOLOGY CENTER

\$4,200 to provide two scholarships to students completing the SCORE high school dropout recovery program and continuing studies.

## LAWTON FAMILY YMCA

\$5,000 to purchase new equipment for Pedaling for Parkinson's, a fitness program for patrons dealing with Parkinson's Disease.

## LAWTON FARMERS MARKET INSTITUTE

\$5,000 to offer a permanent local farmers market and educational programs in support of local farmers and community members.

## LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

\$5,000 for Chromebooks in classrooms to help close achievement gaps by providing students with up-to-date resources.

## LAWTON ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

\$5,000 to support Live 2 Lead, an event series exposing high school and college students to nationally acclaimed and inspiring guest speakers.

## TEEN COURT

\$5,000 for a delinquency prevention program for first-time misdemeanor offenders ages 10-18.

## YOUNG MEN IN ACTION

\$2,500 for a character and leadership development program serving Central Middle School and Lawton High School.

## MATCHING GRANTS

Additionally, the Lawton Community Foundation offered \$2,500 in matching dollars for \$5,000 in gifts made to existing endowments through the matching grants program. In 2020, 13 charitable organization endowments received \$2,500 each for a total of \$32,500 in matching grant dollars.

Cache School Scholarship Fund  
First United Methodist Church of Lawton Foundation  
Friends of Fort Sill  
Greater Lawton Rotary Club Endowment  
Lawton AMBUCS Lou Brox Endowment Fund  
Lawton Food Bank  
Lawton Public School Foundation

Bernice Ford Price Library Endowment  
St. John Lutheran Church Foundation  
Kathy Bea Holsinger Reese Memorial Fund – St. Paul's  
United Methodist Church  
United Way of Southwest Oklahoma  
Western Trail Historical Society  
World Christian Broadcasting



Student using new Chromebook provided by community grant.

## MOVING STUDENTS AHEAD WITH TECHNOLOGY

In 2018, the Lawton Public School Foundation was awarded a \$9,000 community grant for the purchase of Chromebooks to increase technology in the classrooms and close achievement gaps. Because of the program's success over the last two years, they requested an additional \$5,000 in 2019 to provide more students with access to up-to-date resources. Through this additional technology, students have been able to combine digital skills with hands-on applications for relevant problem-solving.

For students to be prepared for a competitive, STEM-oriented world, technology must be tightly woven into the curriculum.

These Chromebooks will help broaden the teachers' ability to assist students in making substantial academic progress regardless of their aptitude. Because students are considered to be technophiles today, teachers can no longer rely or be limited to paper and pencil.

"Our goal at the Lawton Public School Foundation is to enrich the education of students while we lay a foundation for future children's success. Our partnership with the Lawton Community Foundation allows us to meet educational needs not only in the present, but to prepare for generations of students" said Lisa Carson with the Lawton Public School Foundation.

Learn more about grant opportunities for area nonprofits: [occf.org/lawton/grantopportunities](https://occf.org/lawton/grantopportunities)



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