

FUNDED PARTNERS

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS- 620-640-8614

BUILDING BLOCKS @ RCDC- 620-275-0291

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SW KS- 620-272-0010

CPRF- 316-688-1888

FINNEY COUNTY RSVP- 620-275-5566

GARDEN CITY AREA YMCA- 620-275-1199

GARDEN CITY ARTS- 620-260-9700 **New!**

GIRL SCOUTS OF KS HEARTLAND - 316-684-6531

KS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE - 620-276-3232

LITTLE LEADERS OF GCK- 620-275-5757

MEALS ON WHEELS- 620-272-3620

MILES OF SMILES- 620-260-9997

QUIVERA COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA- 620-275-5162

RED DOG CHILDREN'S MUSEUM- 833-733-3641 **New!**

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SPARKWHEEL - 785-856-5190

SPIRIT OF THE PLAINS, CASA- 620-271-6197

THE SALVATION ARMY- 620-276-4027

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INITIATIVES



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THE BUS**



**Unmet Needs
Fund**

2026 Awards



Dave Sweley Volunteer Award
Shonda Collins



Corporate Citizen Award
Iron Insurance Partners

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UNITED WAY

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YEARS OF IMPACT



Shop with a Cop 2025

Over \$20,000,000 raised since 1946!

September, 1946



Community volunteers and directors of charitable agencies formed a "Community Chest." The first organized fundraiser set a goal of \$12,000 for the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, China Relief Fund, USO, Cancer Fund, and Recreation Fund.

Businesses had a large red feather placed on their front door when 100% of employees donated to the yearly campaign. Pictured is the Garden City Chamber of Commerce receiving their feather.



Campaign progress was measured by filling in the red feather on the giant thermometer that was downtown outside of Garden National Bank.



In 2005, the Corporate Citizen Award was started to recognize outstanding support of Finney County United Way and this community of corporate givers. The first to receive this award was Tyson Fresh Meats who is the largest single donor since the 80's.



2019 launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Finney County. Since then, 86,340 free books have been mailed to over 3,200 children, under the age of 5, in Finney County.

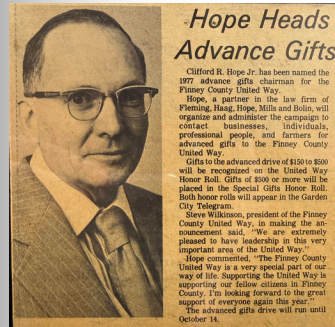


Looking ahead to 2027, FCUW's commitment to the community is driven by 20 funded partners and 6 specialized direct service initiatives. By pairing broad financial support with targeted programs, we ensure every resource creates a measurable, lasting improvement in the lives of those we serve.

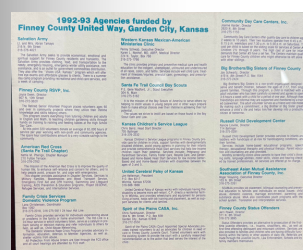


July 13, 1956

The Finney County Community Chest was dissolved. On July 31st the first board meeting of Finney County United Fund was held. In 1959, the campaign goal was \$37,714 to support 8 charities.



In the late 70's, the name changed to Finney County United Way, Inc. Clifford Hope, Jr was named the Advanced Gifts Chair for the 1977 Campaign.



In the 90's, fourteen agencies were funded by Finney County United Way. New agencies were CASA, Mexican American Ministries, and Catholic Social Services.

In 2008, the Dave Sweley Volunteer Award was started to honor a man who combined a dream, faith, and desire to better our community. Ray Mann was the first recipient of this award.



Covid Response

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

FCUW worked with Finney County Emergency Management, Salvation Army, Genesis Family Health and other agencies to provide emergency food boxes and medical supplies to those who were isolated due to Covid-19.

WEEKLY AGENCY ZOOM MEETINGS

FCUW facilitates a weekly Zoom call with local non-profits, community members, Finney Foundation and Western Kansas Community Foundation to increase collaboration and coordination of relief efforts and act as a support system to each other during these uncertain times.

WATER TO TOWNS RIVERVIEW

On several occasions, FCUW was called to help distribute water to Towns Riverview South due to a boil water advisory and lack of potable water.



In response to the pandemic, FCUW brought local nonprofits, Western Kansas Community Foundation, and Finnup Foundation together via Zoom to keep our communities supported and resourced. Today, we continue this vital work through bi-weekly Zoom meetings. As a consistent community connector, FCUW is committed to fostering collaboration and strengthening work in Finney County.

