I believe that philanthropy can play a leading role in transforming our community. In fact, I believe philanthropy is compelled to use every tool in its tool box to create the kind of community we all dream of – one that offers health and hope for all.

That’s why I’m excited about the Topeka Community Foundation’s strategic move to use a portion of our assets for local impact investing. By moving a small percentage of our investable assets from Wall Street to Main Street, we will redefine the definition of “returns” from seeking just a financial return to also including a social return as part of our investment objectives – all while advancing our mission.

When a person’s zip code determines more about their future health than their genetic code, when educational experiences and attainment look so different for our neighbors in these zip codes … we can not simply “grant” our way to the change we want. We must consider every option we have. With impact investing, we will now be tapping into the power of our investments to contribute to a dual bottom line: financial and social.

Thank you for partnering with the Foundation to make real and lasting change in our community.

MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT
LOCAL IMPACT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Impact investing embraces the Community Foundation’s value of collaboration. The Local Impact Investment Committee is the backbone of our new strategy of impact investing. This committee reviews opportunities, mitigates risk, and engages partners to ensure the success of investments. After an opportunity passes through the Local Impact Investment Committee, the Foundation’s Board of Directors will give final approval.

The Local Impact Investment Committee members are local leaders with expertise relevant to the practice of local investing.

Local Impact Investment Committee

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Dr. Shane Van Dalsem
Associate Professor of Finance, Washburn University

Keith Warta
President, Bartlett & West

“Impact investment is an opportunity for donors to be a part of something bigger than what one person or one fund can achieve. Together we can serve our community by investing in those that see a need and can respond but need someone to invest in them and their idea. Together we can make transformational and lasting change for the people of Topeka.”

TARA DIMICK, Local Impact Investment Committee Member

OUR MISSION

Encourage philanthropy by providing leadership on key community issues, by connecting donors with their interests and community needs and by ensuring accountability for effective investment of donor dollars.

THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established seven new funds
- Third quarter investment performance: (.70)%

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