

Congratulations to our 2022 #500forGood Recipients!

Colorado | Kansas | Nebraska | Oklahoma

Colorado Members

Bank of Colorado | Estes Park, Colorado
Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success funds childcare provider support and education. The $500 will benefit efforts to increase childcare in Estes Valley.

First FarmBank | Greeley, Colorado
First FarmBank is investing in the future by donating to the Boys and Girls Club of Weld County. The goal is to support the future of their community.

Bank of Colorado | Fort Lupton, Colorado
The needs fulfilled by the Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank continue to grow. Bank of Colorado will use its $500 to help give to the more than 8,000 people in need.

Gunnison Savings and Loan Association | Gunnison, Colorado
The community has a hard-working senior citizens group that provides meals to fellow seniors three days a week. Many of the meals are free of charge to seniors in need and are often the only hot meal they have that day. Gunnison Savings and Loan has been given $500 to help support this program.

SunWest Credit Union | Pueblo, Colorado
The Pueblo Community College has a program with the local alternative education high school to provide an education in a flexible environment and, with the concurrent enrollment, can achieve both a high school diploma as well as college credits. The program doesn't cover the cost of books, and SunWest will be using its $500 to help with those extra needs.

Bank of Colorado | Estes Park,Colorado
The Estes Valley is a unique and beautiful place in Colorado, and the Estes Valley Land Trust works to protect it from over-development. The Bank of Colorado will be donating its $500 to protect properties and preserve the land.

Kansas Members

Union State Bank | Arkansas City, Kansas
Union State Bank will give 10 staff members $50 to go out and do something good for the community. Union State Bank will add to the funds for a total of $150 per project.

First Heritage Bank | Centralia, Kansas
No matter the size of a town, it can be difficult to find your destination when one is not familiar with the town. This project will provide a directional sign at the entrance of town that would show visitors which way to go to common sites. Providing this information, Centralia knows, will make visitors feel more welcome to the community.

Peoples Bank | Coldwater, Kansas
Peoples Bank has an Angel Tree that brings the community together to support families who don't have the funds for gifts during the holidays. While generosity from customers helps pay for the gifts, Peoples has been awarded $500 to help cover gift cards to local restaurants so the families can also enjoy a meal. The funds have a dual purpose of supporting local businesses and families.

Hanston State Bank | Hanston, Kansas
Hanston State Bank will donate the $500 to help support the Splish, Splash in the Park project that will be constructed in Jetmore's City Park. The 800-sq.-ft. fresh water, multi-feature splash pad will be installed adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy for children to go back and forth to cool off as they enjoy their day in the sun. And the splash pad will be available for everyone to use, free of charge.

The First State Bank of Hill City | Hill City, Kansas
Abigail McKeever and her First Night Stay Bag Project fills bookbags with essential and comforting items that are donated to the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center and given to children as they come in to foster care. When children are taken out of the home, they often have little to nothing to take with them. The $500 will be donated to help create bags and make the first night a little easier.

Farmers State Bank | McPherson, Kansas
Farmers State Bank will be giving its $500 to the McPherson Housing Coalition to help fund the McPherson Cottages, a series of tiny homes for individuals and families in need. The program is meant to be for short-term housing as people get back on their feet and are able to get into a different place.

First State Bank of Plainville | Plainville, Kansas
Plainville, Kansas, is finally getting a daycare that will allow parents to find work when they previously needed to be home with their kids. It's huge for their community, and First State Bank of Plainville is eager to support. But the cost of a daycare is expensive. The $500 will go toward purchasing a four-seat stroller for the daycare, which itself is almost $500.

First Bank | Sterling, Kansas
Kid's Cove is a program that provides children with working parents a place to go from 3-6 p.m. They provide engaging activities to both entertain and help students learn. The facility is in need of cameras for extra security, and First Bank will use the $500 and match it to help the funding.

Kansas Members (continued)

First Bank | Sterling, Kansas
First Bank will use $500 to fund education.com subscriptions. As part of an overall program, education.com provides worksheets, video content and interactive games and activity plans for teachers on financial literacy.

FNB Bank | Goodland, Kansas
FNB started an educational reading program where books were donated to every student from one branch in their area. The $500 will be used to expand the program so every FNB branch can participate and children from all over will get a book.

Golden Belt Bank | Hays, Kansas
Golden Belt Bank is teaching kids about banking firsthand. They have been awarded $500 to help continue a program where they head into the classroom for sessions on spending, saving and more. The money will help pay for a field trip to the bank for the students to do mock deposits and loan applications.

Solutions North Bank | Hill City, Kansas
The Graham County Fairgrounds are in need of repairs as they head into their 75th anniversary of the rodeo. Run mostly by volunteers, the fair association will be using the funds to improve the facilities so they can keep their small town fair going strong.

Lyndon State Bank | Lyndon, Kansas
The city of Lyndon is currently in the planning stages for a brand-new community center. Lyndon State Bank would like to add a rose garden to the area to add not only beauty but economic value from weddings and other events.

Nebraska Members

Thayer County Bank | Hebron, Nebraska
The Thayer Central Titan Branch Bank is a financial institution made for students to deposit money on a weekly basis and learn about banking at a young age. To further the program, Thayer County Bank will use $500 to pay a local videographer to film a promotional video using the sixth-grade tellers to educate the community about identity theft in banking and how to protect yourself. The video will be shown at the local volunteer movie theater for 108 showings a month.

First State Bank | Loomis, Nebraska
The Village of Loomis needs a new way to welcome visitors after their signage has significantly deteriorated over the years. First State Bank has been awarded $500 to help the town build a new "Welcome to Loomis" sign.

Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust | Norfolk, Nebraska
Project Homeless Connect is one day, one stop for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to get a wide variety of services for free including medical, dental, mental health, haircuts, housing and more. The $500 will help provide services for these people to improve their lives.

Nebraska Members (continued)

State Bank of Odell | Odell, Nebraska
Odell, Nebraska, is in great need of a new public library to create space for the museum about the Old West trails. The $500 will help purchase a vacant building on Main Street to relocate the library and start work on the historical center.

Security National Bank of Omaha | Omaha, Nebraska
Avenue Scholars helps at-risk students learn financial literacy. Each year, 30 students are asked to participate. As they raise money toward their goal, the money is matched by the program. The $500 will be used to help the students' efforts.

Town & Country Bank | Pleasanton, Nebraska
Town & Country Bank will use its $500 to help area students in the new FFA program build a greenhouse. As an added bonus, what the students grow is used as additional fundraising to help the FFA program.

The Bank of Steinauer | Steinauer, Nebraska
The Village of Steinauer is a proud small community of 65 people, and they need a better way to share celebrations. The Bank of Steinauer will be helping fund a new digital community sign to highlight birthdays, town events and more.

The Tri-County Bank | Stuart, Nebraska
This $500 is awarded to the Stuart Development Corporation, which is forming an organization to help purchase the local grocery store. They have many interested community members but need funds to officially form an entity. The $500 will provide economic incentive to pursue this much needed project.

Henderson State Bank | York, Nebraska
Henderson State Bank will create birthday bags for its community and the families that cannot afford to celebrate their children's birthdays. The bags will contain cake mix, banners, decorations, paper plates and everything families need for a party. Additionally, there will be a gift card for eggs for the cake and a gift for the birthday kid.

Clarkson Bank | Clarkson, Nebraska
Everything from the picnic tables to the playground equipment at the city park in Clarkson, Nebraska, is in need of improvement. Clarkson Bank will put its $500 award toward the Park Revitalization Project to help beautify an important part of their town.

Premier Bank | Omaha, Nebraska
Ironhawk Juniors Triathlon Club strives to engage the youth of our community in physical fitness, to create a positive from a negative and to always be kind. Premier Bank will be donating $500 to the organization to invest in the wellbeing of area kids.

Security National Bank of Omaha | Omaha, Nebraska
Completely Kids is a program in Omaha that along with providing food and healthy culinary lessons for ESL families also helps Spanish-speaking parents learn English. The $500 will be used to help buy English/Spanish books to aid the language learning process so parents who would like to learn English can work toward being bilingual.

Oklahoma Members

Community Bank | Bristow, Oklahoma
Community Bank will use the $500 to assist Bristow Social Services with Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for local families. Community Bank recently joined in the effort to deliver weekly meals to senior and shut-in residents throughout the town. Its employees have seen firsthand what a difference a warm meal can make and want to expand that effort to help families for the holidays.

American Exchange Bank | Henryetta, Oklahoma
A community group in Henryetta, Oklahoma, petitioned several years ago to stop the city from tearing down a historic care takers house inside the city park. Now, the group of volunteers wants to restore the house, and American Exchange Bank will use its $500 to fund their aspirations.

Gateway First Bank | Jenks, Oklahoma
Gateway First Bank opened a North Tulsa Community Mortgage program as a strategy to increase homeownership and promote financial education in underserved communities. The area Habitat for Humanity is also leading an affordable housing charge in North Tulsa, an area that has been devastated since the Tulsa Race Massacre. Together, they are aiming to build 250 affordable homes in the next five years, and the $500 will be a valuable part of the efforts.

True Sky Federal Credit Union | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
True Sky Federal Credit Union is starting a training program for students and women to learn about investing. The program is specifically designed for people who don't typically have access to this type of programing. Students who go through the year-long program will be encouraged to start an investment club and help teach future participants in the program. Funding from #500forGood will be used for materials and expenses during the meetings.

The Bank of The West | Thomas, Oklahoma
Thomas, Oklahoma, went too many years without a daycare. Since opening a year ago, it meant so much to the town. Still the facility can use help, including shade for the children in the yard. The $500 will purchase a tree to add extra protection for the kids in play.

Frazer Bank | Altus, Oklahoma
The Stephen E. Booker Foundation at the Jackson County Memorial Hospital provides free services to children who have been neglected or abused. Frazer Bank is proudly using the $500 to provide more financial assistance for children in need of support.

Community Bank | Bristow, Oklahoma
Community Bank will use the $500 to sponsor the efforts of a 14-year-old Bristow resident named Kaitlyn, who is working hard to make a positive impact in the life of seniors in their community. Kaitlyn was inspired by her great-grandmother to ensure that local seniors are reminded they are loved and not forgotten. She formed Coffee Creek Care Co. and has coordinated and organized various parties, care packages and gift baskets for the residents at the local assisted living and nursing home facilities.

Oklahoma Members (continued)

Oklahoma Fidelity Bank | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Homelessness is an issue so many communities understand. Oklahoma Fidelity is helping by donating sleeping bags for those in the need this winter.

Security State Bank of Oklahoma | Wewoka, Oklahoma
Wewoka experiences a very high rate of poverty. Security State Bank of Oklahoma will use $500 to help fund holiday food and gifts for school students in the greatest need of help. Each student served takes about $100 in donated funds. The $500 will mean five more students of the more than 100 have a better holiday.

Bank of Beaver City | Beaver, Oklahoma
Beaver needs improvements to their softball and baseball fields. The Bank of Beaver City will be funding facilities that benefit so many youths in the community.