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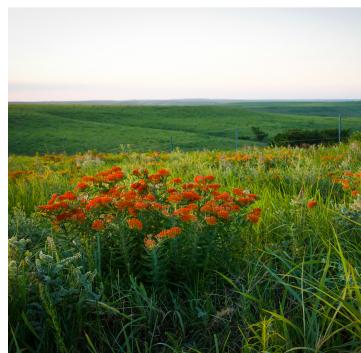


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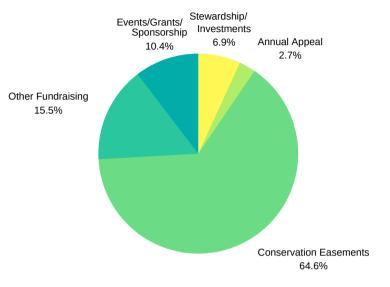


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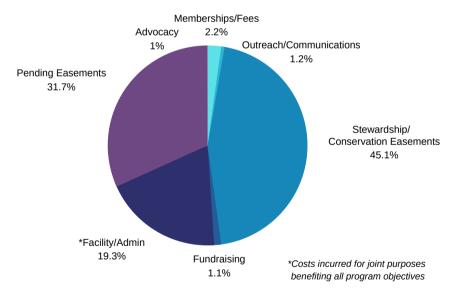
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INCOME \$708,046.53



EXPENSE \$654,171.17





RTK Conservation Easement efforts to date

A message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

2020 was a year for the record books, but maybe not in the ways that term is typically used. In March, we quickly learned about social distancing and Zoom as COVID-19 restrictions became the new normal. Many of my friends in Washington D.C. and other large cities were quick to exit and perform their remote work in a more rural setting. Some do not think they will ever return.

Never have wide open spaces been appreciated more than during these times when they can bring needed rejuvenation and a sense of normalcy. Our great Kansas ranchers have been social distancing all along as a matter of lifestyle. Outside of some missed meetings and travel, their days continued as usual.

We should all be proud of how well Ranchland Trust of Kansas has weathered a year that was difficult for so many non-profits. When the forecast changes, plans must pivot. The Symphony in the Flint Hills was canceled and, with it, the RTK Pre-Symphony event. Still, our work with landowners desiring to place voluntary conservation easements on their working agriculture land continued. We also added some events for those who were comfortable, like our first RTK charity golf tournament.

Navigating 2020 took strong leadership. We are certainly blessed to have that in Lynn Gentine, who was hired as RTK's first full-time Executive Director in 2019. We have benefited from her vision and adaptability.

Looking forward, we are excited to continue the great work of RTK and hopefully connect with our great supporters and partners, ideally in person!

Chelsea Good, Board Chair

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