

# Bank It ...**TODAY**

## Creating a Habit of Helping Since 2009

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WOW! What an AMAZING community we have in Alva. Since 2009, together with our local financial institutions we have raised almost \$560K for our local people, projects, and organizations in need.

# \$559,341.91

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2023 CommUNITY Visions. We raised over \$46,000 in donations last year! The banks matched \$12,000 of that allowing the CommUNITY Visions to receive over \$29,000 to support their organizational goals for the future. This was \$8,000 more than we raised in 2022, making this the most successful fundraising year since 2015. Our most popular donation amount is \$10 per month. We invite you to join us in "Banking It" for Alva by creating your own "Habit of Helping" with a monthly donation amount that fits our budget. All funds donated are used to help make Alva even better- now & in the future.



## Together We Bank It for our CommUNITY

### NEW WEBSITE UPDATE!

Bank It is excited to announce that our recently updated website can now accept online donations! The new website also allows you to print CommUNITY Vision, Mini-Grant and Rainy Day Fund Applications. You can view photos of previous visions, mini-grant recipients and see the Rainy Day Fund grants Bank It has provided. A new 'contact us' page is available for any questions or concerns you may have. The new website will help keep you more informed of our mission and how "Together We Bank It for our CommUNITY". Visit [www.ahabitofhelping.com](http://www.ahabitofhelping.com) to see the updates!





# Introducing

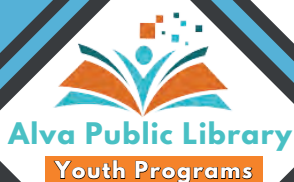
## 2024 CommUNITY Visions



### Alva Fire & Rescue Department

January 1-March 31, 2024

The Alva Fire & Rescue Department is working hard to raise funds for a new combination extrication and spreader unit (jaws of life machine). Their current equipment is outdated and they are hoping to purchase a newer unit so they can work safely and efficiently when on the scene of an accident. Their fundraising goal is a little over \$18,000.



### Alva Public Library: Youth Programs

April 1-June 30, 2024

The Alva Public Library is hoping to raise funds to enhance and grow their youth programs. They hope to be able to offer more after school activities for children of all ages. If you haven't looked into the current programs the Library offers, now is the time to check it out! Their fundraising goal is \$5,000-\$7,000.



### Alva Rotary Toys for Tots Program

July 1-September 30, 2024

The Alva Rotary is raising funds to help fund the Toys for Tots program for children in need. This program typically supports 200-300 local children each Christmas, providing not only toys, but various items including clothing and hygiene products. Their fundraising goal is \$12,000.



### Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

October 1-December 31, 2024

'Bank It for the Food Bank' was the original CommUNITY Vision for Bank It and therefore remains the 4th quarter vision each year. They serve over 200 individuals each month and help provide food stability for families struggling to make ends meet. Their fundraising goal is \$10,000.



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# 2023 CommUNITY Vision Recap



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for our CommUNITY

**Alva Mural Society**  
**\$6,895.85**

The Alva Mural Society plans to bring more murals to Alva. Visit the Alva Chamber office to pick up a map of all the murals! Thank you donors!



**NW Domestic Crisis Services**  
**\$7,628.40**

NWDCS plan to use these funds to update the apartments and playground. Thank you to all of the donors who supported this program.



**Cherokee Strip Museum**  
**\$7,933.90**

The Cherokee Strip Museum has already begun renovations and updates to the labor and delivery room. Be sure and make plans to visit!



**Alva Wesleyan Food Bank**  
**\$7,446.45**

The Alva Wesleyan Food Bank will use these funds to continue supporting our Neighbors in Need every Thursday in 2024.



## Funding Allocations

All donations stay within this community to help now and in the future. When all donations are collected at the end of each quarter, Bank It allocates 65% of those funds to the current CommUNITY Vision. Then 20% is allocated to the Growth Fund which serves as a grant funding opportunity for local organizations and future large community projects. The final 15% of funds donated each quarter gets allocated to the Bank It Rainy Day Fund for families in crisis.

## Bank It Growth Fund

**\$39,460**

Since 2011, the Growth Fund has approved 27 mini-grants in support of local organizations in need. Grants range from \$300-\$2500. Any organization, project or program can apply for funding and the rules are simple. Visit our website to learn more and see all of the previous mini-grant recipients.

## Bank It Rainy Day Fund

**\$51,842.15**

Since Bank It began, over \$50k has been granted from the Rainy Day Fund to aid families going through an unexpected life crisis. Grants range from \$50-\$2500 and anyone can apply on their own behalf or on the behalf of a friend or loved one. Visit our website to see the crisis scenarios Bank It has supported in the past and learn how to apply for help.





# Begin your Habit of Helping Today!

## Donate Online!

Visit our website & use a credit or debit card to donate directly to the current COMMUNITY Vision

### Facebook

Visit our Facebook page and click Donate!

**Quick & Easy**

## Visit your local Bank

Getting involved is easy! Just stop by any Alva or Hopeton Bank and do your normal banking business. When finished, let your teller know how much you would like to donate to Bank It. They will handle the rest!

**Safe & Reliable**

## Monthly Bank Draft

Visit our website to print a pledge form to have your donation automatically sent each month. Your local bank can set up the draft up for you!

**No Hassle**



## Large Dollar & Memorial Contributions

Bank It is a 501C3 non-profit foundation making large dollar contributions tax deductible. We also encourage community members to list Bank It as a recipient of donations made in memory of a loved one.



Back Row L-R: Baylei Hada, Dr. Halah Simon, Joe Parsons  
Front Row L-R: Christie Kornele, Magen Lehr, Kelsey Martin  
Not pictured, Tasha Hamil

### Our Mission

Bank It: a Habit of Helping Foundation strives to make Alva a better place by providing support to local organizations and families in need. We help create a safe, secure opportunity for community members to begin their 'Habit of Helping' by donating at your local Bank.

## THANK YOU!

Our board would like to thank all of our donors and financial institutions for believing in Bank It and continuing to support our mission each year. We truly believe Alva is the best community around and we thank you for being part of the reason why. To those who are new to Bank It, we invite you to join our team by supporting the local organizations who make this a great place to raise a family. Your support will also allow the Rainy Day Fund to help more families experiencing a life changing crisis. Creating a Habit of Helping, no matter how small can have a huge impact on the positive things in Alva's future.

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