The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Sherman County.

## Educating Leaders

### Students

KU has 13 students from Sherman County: 5 undergraduate, 5 graduate, and 3 students at KU Medical Center.

KU students from Sherman County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $38,784 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 6 Sherman County students for FY 2015.

KU has 80 alumni from Sherman County.

## Building Healthy Communities

### Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 21 law enforcement officers and 60 fire and rescue officials from Sherman County were trained at KU.

### Healthcare – KU Medical Center

#### Enhancing Student Education

- 1 Sherman County doctor serves as a volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with training in rural communities through KU’s [Rural Preceptorship Program](#).
- 12 high school students in Sherman County participated in activities during the 2013-14 school year that encouraged them to consider careers in health care, math and science. These events were hosted by the [KU Area Health Education Center](#).

#### Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 3 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Sherman County.
- 2 health care provider have been placed in Sherman County since 2004 through the [Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center](#), which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations and seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of health care professionals in rural Kansas.

“Graduates of health programs at the University of Kansas are critical to the well-being of all Kansans, in every corner of the state. Half of all Kansas physicians trained at KU. The majority of pharmacists and other allied health professionals are KU graduates. Thousands of Kansans every day are cared for by KU-trained nurses, whether Kansas City graduates or the two-year degree programs supported by the KU School of Nursing. It’s hard to imagine Kansas without KU.”

– Dr. John Jeter, c’77, m’81, CEO Hays Medical Center
• 1 Sherman County physician received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.

• 5 shifts were covered by temporary physicians, which allowed Sherman County physicians necessary time off in Fiscal Year 2014. These coverages were made via KU Medical Center’s Kansas Locum Tenens and Kansas Medical Resource programs.

• 8 professional education and administrative visits in Sherman County occurred in FY14 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and interprofessional collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

• Sherman County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 442 times via telemedicine in FY14. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, telemedicine services are provided through the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

• Sherman County residents made 6 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.