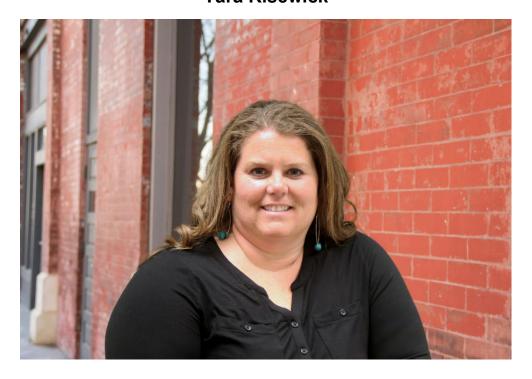


Tara Risewick



Tara (Vance) Risewick is the Director of e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, working alongside Don Macke to build sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems across North America. Tara comes to this role after ten years as the Executive Director at the Norton County Community Foundation (NCCF) on the plains in northwest Kansas. Community development was an accidental career choice for Tara, who comes from a long line of entrepreneurs in rural Kansas. Tara grew the NCCF both in size and impact, proudly being a pioneer of impact investing within community foundations. Tara's role at Network Kansas will include transitioning to the day-to-day operations of e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems as well as working with the Impact Center on Impact Investing projects. Fostering relationships, networking and connecting the innovative work in Kansas with the rest of North America drives Tara's work with Network Kansas. Tara is a lifelong Kansan; she and her husband own five rural grocery stores in western Kansas where they've raised their three kids.