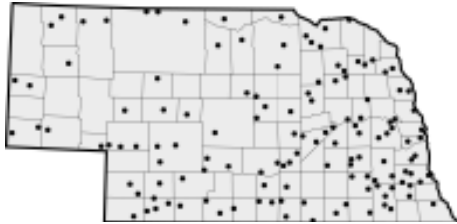


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The Nebraska Community Foundation exists to help concerned individuals mobilize charitable giving to support the betterment of Nebraska communities and organizations. The Foundation is a nonprofit charitable corporation providing financial management, strategic development and education/training services to communities, organizations and donors throughout Nebraska. Started in 1993, the Foundation is now providing affiliated fund status (allowing communities and organizations to achieve nonprofit charitable status without forming their own nonprofit corporation) to more than 150 communities, organizations and donors. For more information about the Nebraska Community Foundation call 402/323-7330 or visit the website at www.nebcommfound.org.



The single most important factor in community success is the involvement of citizens in their community. Your gifts of time, talent and dollars make all the difference.

Have you considered what a bequest would do for your community and for you?



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Wills and Bequests

- √ A Gift that Doesn't Leave it All to Chance
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Make a Choice...

Think of all the good things you have enjoyed...your family, friends, your hometown and the rewards for many years of hard work. Your will and bequest can help you celebrate your good life and share the fruits of your labor with those you love and care for.

A will is much more than a legal document. It is an opportunity to responsibly provide for the security of your loved ones. It can be a lasting legacy of your life and commitment to your community.

Why have a Will?

Your will allows you to make choices regarding who will receive all the property you have accumulated during your lifetime. Without a will, the laws of the State of Nebraska distribute your property, disregarding your personal wishes and the needs of your loved ones. Do you want to take the chance that the State of Nebraska's plan is exactly as you would have intended?

Your will allows you to make choices about how your family's future security is provided. A properly drafted will allows you to make the choice of minimizing death taxes and other costs.

Why update an existing Will?

An outdated will can often be as bad as dying without a will. Common events in life, such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces and retirements, can trigger the need to update your will. Also, changes in tax law, an inheritance received, assets purchased or sold can impact your estate plan.

"People have plenty of opportunities to give their money away. Why not give it back to the community where you lived and made your money?"

**-- Frank Sibert
Foundation Board Member &
Retired Rancher of Valentine**

Don't Leave it all to Chance

If you haven't reviewed your current will within the past 12 months, now would be a good time to read your will to make sure that it will still allow you to share the fruits of your labor with those you love and care for.

How to make a Will

Making a will is neither difficult nor expensive. Your first step is to make an appointment with your attorney to plan your will. If you do not have an attorney, ask a friend or relative to recommend one, call your local bar association, or call us at the Nebraska Community Foundation.

The second step involves careful consideration of those people and institutions that are important to you. Caring for family, friends, your hometown, and other institutions can be accomplished through your will.

How to make a charitable gift in your Will

A bequest, a gift in your Will, is an opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life in your hometown and continue the support you have provided during your lifetime. Many people discover that a bequest is a satisfying way for the them to provide for future resources in their hometown.

Your bequest can be a percentage of your estate or a stated dollar amount. Others prefer to gift a percentage of the "residue" or what remains after paying all inheritances, debts and costs.

Finally, there are special arrangements that allow you to make a gift that can provide income to your family and later be used by your hometown.

Would you like to learn more about the benefits of making a charitable gift through a bequest in your will?

The Nebraska Community Foundation, in accordance with its mission, would be glad to help. You can:

1. Complete and return this form to the Nebraska Community Foundation, or
2. Contact one of the gift planners listed here.

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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E-mail _____

Please send me information on how to direct a gift in my will to my hometown and/or other favorite charities.

I would like someone to contact me regarding a private and confidential visit about planning a gift from my estate.

In confidence, I have already included my hometown in my will.

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