



Appreciation Dinner honors RCCF donors *RCCF's third annual dinner*

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Red Cloud Chief

The Red Cloud Community Foundation (RCCF) hosted its third Donor Appreciation Dinner Friday evening, May 28 at the Red Cloud Opera House. The dinner honored the RCCF's past, current and future donors. Kiley's Kookies (Terry and Kiley Maudlin) and helpers catered the meal and served 85 people.

The RCCF expressed appreciation to a listing of sponsors for contributing to the success of the evening.

The RCCF was established in 1995 when a \$100,000 challenge grant was received from Frank and Shirley Sibert now of Kearney. This grant was matched and assets now total more than \$357,00. More than \$600,000 are promised to the foundation through four planned gifts. The success of the foundation and the passion behind it proves that little towns

can do big things too! Community-minded donors are looking to the future of this community by making contributions to the RCCF with the goal of having Red Cloud remain the beautiful and proud community it is. They are proof that the quality of life through charitable giving is making a difference.

This foundation is directing support to our community toward education, fire and rescue, economic development, historic preservation, building additional leadership capacity, creating new and better economic opportunities and encouraging the youth of our community to return 'home' to become proactive members of the business community.

Jeff Yost, President/CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation noted in his address that evening that surveys of more than 2,000 middle and high school youth in Nebraska have indicated that more than

half see themselves living close to their hometowns sometime in the future. The surveys were conducted to determine the interest of students in staying in or hoping to return to their hometowns, and to give adults in those communities an idea of what the future may hold. A big part of a community foundation's goal is to find ways to attract our young people out of the city and back to our small communities.

Continued—The program that evening included the Welcome and Invocation by Alan Amack, Chair of the RCCF; Introductions by Jay Yost, Vice Chair of the RCCF who introduced Richard Walter of Shickley. Mr. Walter is President of the Shickley Community Foundation; Jeff Yost, President/CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation.

Walter outlined projects which the Shickley Community Foundation has been successful with.

Alan Amack presented Katilynn Schriner an award winner that evening. Katilynn won this year's RCCF scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Amack also announced this year's additional awards which had been directed from the foundation — Red Cloud Economic Development (for business improvements); Historic Homes; Willa Cather Foundation for tourism and marketing; Webster County Historical Museum (for maintenance on the museum); Legacy Barn Quilts and Nebraska Heritage Highway #136.



Foundations' officials

Jim Farmer, left, of the RCCF, visits with Jeff Yost, President and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation.



Vice Chair of RCCF

Jay Yost of New York City gave a presentation at the foundation's dinner. May 28.

RCCF Advisory Committee names

The Red Cloud Community Foundation's board members as of May, 2010 include: Alan Amack (Chair), Jay Yost (Vice Chair), Roger Crook (Treasurer), Kay Blackstone, Jay Hall, Barb Sprague, Jim Farmer and Dennis Hansen.

You may contact any of these board members for information about RCCF or to make a donation.



Longtime friends

Dick Amack of Costa Rica visits with a school friend, Kay Blackstone at the donor dinner May 28l.



Social event

Louise Mountford and Patti Yaussi, both of Lincoln enjoy a visit.



Family friends

Marlene Hansen and Bernadine Wherry had school/family memories to visit about.



ALAN AMACK, RCCF CHAIR -- addresses the crowd at the RCCF Donor Dinner Friday, May 28. Photo—Harriett Zade



Red Cloud Community Foundation donors

Barb and Don Slaby, seated, of Naperville, Ill., exchange conversation at the RCCF Donor Dinner with Janet and LeRoy Maruhn. All were among the many donors at the Friday evening, May 28 dinner.

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Family fun

Brothers Cole Hansen, left, and Matthew Hansen, RCHS alumnus, joined other family members at the RCCF dinner.
