



NCF Celebrates 40,000 Contributions

This spring, the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) received its 40,000th contribution since the beginning of 1999, a true milestone in the foundation's history.

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Jeff Yost, NCF President and CEO

This milestone is a tribute to the generosity of the dedicated donors, Fund Advisory Committee members and thousands of people who are committed to the long-term sustainability and viability of Nebraska communities and organizations.

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NCF received 6,946 contributions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. The total dollar amount contributed was up significantly from any previous year.

While contributions came primarily from Nebraska donors, 581 (one out of every twelve) came from 44 other states, the District of Columbia

and Canada. Of NCF's 193 Affiliated Funds, 144 received contributions in FY 2007.

Excluding the 20 contributions received of \$100,000 or more, the average contribution was \$900. On any given day, contributions ranged from \$25 to \$1,000,000 and were made for a wide variety of purposes and causes depending on local priorities.

"People are rallying behind a vision for their hometown. NCF provides a framework for those volunteers across Nebraska to build a better future. Many local donors are developing a habit of giving back to their community," said Doug Friedli, NCF Development Director.

The vast majority of contributions were made by check, with increasing numbers of non-cash contributions (including securities, grain and antique tractors) and contributions made by automatic monthly debits.

Today, NCF's affiliated funds originate in 73 Nebraska counties, and since 1993 have reinvested over \$60 million to encourage economic development and keep young people and wealth in the state.

We'd love to help you invest in your hometown. Return the enclosed envelope today to make a difference in the future of Nebraska.

A LOOK INSIDE...



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WEALTHSPRING FUND HOLDS ITS INAUGURAL EVENT

Beth Klosterman, her daughter Meg Kester and granddaughter Molly Kester help to launch the women's economic empowerment fund.

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COMMUNITY FUND SNAPSHOT

McCook Community Foundation affiliated with NCF in 1999.

McCook has a vision of becoming a one-stop shop for local charitable giving including causes ranging from K-12 education to community improvements to economic development projects.

In the last 12 months, McCook Community Foundation received **257** contributions to **15** different accounts totaling **\$503,000**.



McCook Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee includes (back l-r) Doug Skiles, Mark Graff, Stan Goodwin, Gene Morris, Don Harpst, (front l-r) Denise Ringenberg, Director, Cheryl Beckenhauer, and Susan Harris-Broomfield. Kay Flaska and Kathy Latta not pictured.

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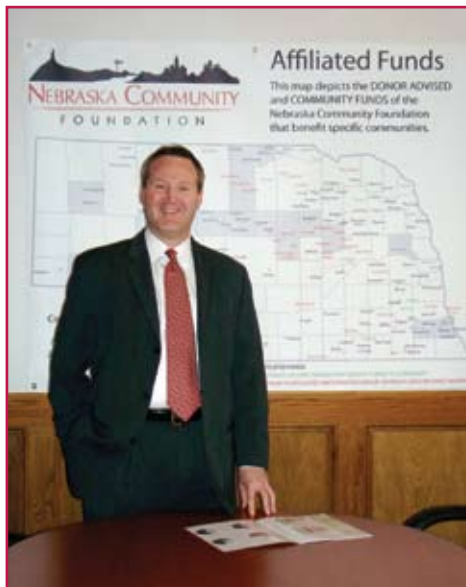
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Business Journals Feature NCF Work



Jeff Yost, President and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation

“Nebraska Community Foundation Promoting Long-Range Economic Development” was an article recently featured in both the *Lincoln Business Journal* and the *Midlands Business Journal*.

With a discussion of the transfer of wealth research, HomeTown Competitiveness program, and economic development-related affiliated funds, the article highlighted the Nebraska Community Foundation’s (NCF) services and successes. The following excerpts highlight the author’s interview with Jeff Yost, NCF President and CEO.

“Places that do well are places that control their own local assets,” Yost said. “That’s why the foundation exists—to encourage proactive investments in the future of Nebraska communities, through private sector investment, philanthropic gifts and estate planning.”

“Last year our endowed assets grew 40 percent,” Yost said. “We’d love to see trend lines like that continue. We’ve been growing at 20 percent per year for the last five years.”

“The foundation’s more proactive role is helping community volunteers to understand the impact that charitable giving can have and how they can use endowments to encourage community and economic development. Community priorities are determined at the community level,” Yost said. “Pretty much whatever nonprofit and civic infrastructure you can think of, we’re helping somebody with it.”

Foundation-affiliated programs include the Nebraska Microenterprise Partnership Fund, which encourages the establishment of small businesses; the WealthSpring Fund, aimed at empowering women to have more economic independence; and the Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition, which concentrates on developing greater workforce availability.

Yost is upbeat about the possibilities for the foundation to head off the worst consequences of the transfer-of-wealth scenario and positively influence community preservation and development. “The big challenge is having a wide swath of community leadership see this as a robust opportunity,” Yost said.



NCF Staff Profile: Teri Alley-Davis

As NCF Office Manager, Teri Alley-Davis has a broad range of responsibilities. She is responsible for vendor relationships, manages the administrative workflow, prepares customized brochures and does contract administration. Teri greets visitors as they enter the NCF office and is one of the voices you may hear when calling NCF’s main phone. Teri joined the NCF staff in 2003. A life-long Nebraskan, Teri lives in Lincoln with her husband Bob and their four children. Teri can be reached at (402) 323-7330 or at talley-davis@nebcommfound.org.

NCF Meets National Standards



NCF and its affiliated funds have been recognized by the Council on Foundations for having organizational and financial practices that meet National Standards for Community Foundations in the United States.

National Standards were developed to distinguish community foundations from other philanthropic vehicles, build the capacity of community foundations to carry out their missions, and assist the field with self-regulation in a manner viewed positively by the Internal Revenue Service.

“Adopting and adhering to high standards is the best way we can demonstrate our ongoing commitment to maintaining the trust of our donors and affiliated funds,” said Jeff Yost, President and CEO of NCF. “We are committed to fiscal responsibility and integrity that are hallmarks of our foundation.”

The 43 National Standards address six key areas of community foundation operations:

- Mission, Structure and Governance
- Resource Development
- Stewardship and Accountability
- Grantmaking and Community Leadership
- Donor Relations
- Communications

The Council on Foundations is a Washington, DC-based nonprofit membership association of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs. The Council provides the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good. For more information see www.cof.org. For more information on NCF's new National Standards recognition, contact Diane Wilson, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer at (402) 323-7333 or dwilson@nebcommfound.org.

Christian Science Monitor Highlights NCF

A recent article featured in *The Christian Science Monitor* titled “In Rural America, Community Philanthropy Thrives” highlights the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF). The following are a few excerpts:

A 2004 survey found that the number of rural foundations had more than doubled over the six previous years, said Janet Topolsky, director of the Aspen Institute's Community Strategies Group. “A lot of it has come from the energy of local activists seeing other communities and saying, ‘We can do it, too.’”

“We’re in an era when federal and state money for rural development has really declined,” says Don Macke, co-director of the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. “That means if communities are going to develop, they need to find money locally.”

Making the matter more urgent are “transfer of wealth” studies that show wealth in rural hometowns is slipping away. As the rural population gets older, elderly residents are increasingly transferring their assets to children who have moved to distant cities.

Jeff Yost, president and CEO of NCF, says much rural infrastructure – schools, libraries, swimming pools, community centers – dates from periods of greater government largess and is aging.

Foundations also face the difficulty of changing the patterns of charitable giving in rural America. Rural Nebraskans are “incredibly generous with their habits of giving with current income” but give mainly to churches and colleges, says Mr. Yost. “We’re talking to people about keeping up this ethic of giving, but have you thought of these other things in their hometown?”

“The crisis is not a lack of capital,” says Yost. “The crisis is a crisis of hope, of having a more optimistic outlook.” Advocates of rural philanthropy are counting on one advantage: the attachment of many longtime rural residents to their communities.

DONATIONS ON AUTOPILOT



In a recent article from the *Wall Street Journal* titled, “How to Put Your Donations on Autopilot”, the author suggests that while many Americans

have excellent charitable intentions, they may have poor follow-through.

The Giving USA Foundation estimates that in 2005, the average household gave only 2.2% of its after-tax income to charity.

One solution to this dilemma is to treat charitable giving like any other monthly bill that is paid automatically via credit card or a direct debit from a bank account.

Interest in this approach to giving is growing. Many people have already moved to having their gas bill or mortgage automatically paid from their checking account. Once introduced to the concept, it's only natural they would want to set up charitable giving this same way.

Regular contributions to non-profits are ideal because they even out cash flow and create longer-term expectancies. The best thing about this type of giving is that people tend to give more over the course of a year if they give in smaller bite-sized amounts rather than in one lump sum.

Affiliated Funds with the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) already have access to this type of giving tool through automatic monthly bank account withdrawals or credit card contributions.

For automatic monthly bank account withdrawals, the donor must fill out an easy authorization form and send it to NCF 10 days before the first withdrawal date. These contributions are processed on the last working day of the month and there is no fee for this service.

For credit card contributions (MasterCard or Visa), either one-time or recurring, information needed includes amount, frequency, card type and number, expiration date, signature, name, address and phone number. There is a fee to the Affiliated Fund to help defray bank charges paid by NCF.

To set up a secure monthly contribution to NCF or your favorite affiliated fund, contact Amy Fey, NCF Accountant, at (402) 323-7334 or amyfey@nebcommfound.org.

Affiliated Fund Updates

NCF Community Funds



Modeling a best practice, the **Arthur Area Community Foundation** erected a sign to let everyone know that the foundation is an active part of the community.

Columbus Public Schools Foundation has established an affiliated fund with the Nebraska Community Foundation. In a strategic planning session they expressed a desire to expand “beyond scholarships” and raise significantly more money “to provide financial support for innovative programs not covered by the school district’s traditional funding sources”.



Creighton Community Foundation (CCF) successfully raised the required \$75,000 in cash donations enabling them to receive a \$25,000 challenge grant check from the Robert and Jeanette Hunt Family Fund. The \$100,000 will be added to their community endowment funds. Their goal is to raise another \$75,000 before December 2009 allowing them to receive another \$25,000 match. Pictured (l-r) are Mike Zerby and Mic Jensen of Great Plains Communications and Cameron Mathis and Steve Schindler of the CCF.

Curtis Community Foundation received a \$142,000 gift from an estate to benefit the Klyte Burt Memorial Library. Construction has begun on the **Curtis Memorial Community Center**. The community center was made possible by a \$1 million gift from Dr. George Garlick.

Davey Community Foundation received a \$13,000 gift from an estate to support and maintain their new community center building.

David City Area Community Foundation received proceeds of \$10,000 from the late John E. Daro’s gift annuity. Mr. Daro had expressed his wishes to do more, but passed away suddenly before the plans were in place.



Eustis is starting a “Youth Foundation” account, the first among NCF affiliated funds. High School juniors and seniors have volunteered to raise and grant money for community projects.

Hebron’s public library transferred its assets to the **Hebron Community Foundation Fund (HCF)**. The library board was impressed with the benefits of affiliation allowing them to focus more attention on their mission. With assets in excess of \$280,000, HCF houses a variety of accounts benefiting the school, library and scholarships.

McCook Community Foundation received its largest gift ever from anonymous donors for their endowment. The donors cited two primary reasons for the gift: the tax benefits and their desire to give back to the community that supported their business.

Milford Public School Foundation received a \$133,000 check from the estate of retired teacher Dorothy Bender. She had made a provision in her will to establish an endowment to benefit the school 22 years prior to her death. Earnings will be used for continuing education for teachers. The news article announcing the gift inspired another donor to contribute \$13,000 to this new fund.



St. Edward’s Medical Clinic will benefit from an endowment, thanks to a bequest estimated to be \$1 million, from a local couple. In their wills, the couple expressed a desire to support the local medical clinic in their hometown, which has a population of 796.

Spencer Community Foundation received \$700,000 from the estates of Bruno and Laverne Boetcher, life-long residents of Spencer. The donors requested that \$200,000 be used to establish a scholarship fund and the remainder of the money be added to Spencer’s unrestricted endowment.

Valley County’s Wozab Memorial Fund awarded grants totaling \$43,850 to 32 programs and projects. Since it was established in 2002, a total of \$380,689 has been distributed to local recipients from this endowed fund.



Wauneta’s new Medical Clinic is now open for business providing medical services to local residents. The new clinic replaces a building that was built in the 1940s. Over \$200,000 was raised through the **Wauneta Community Foundation**.

Wausa Community Foundation successfully raised \$90,000 in cash donations enabling them to receive challenge grant checks from the Robert and Jeanette Hunt Family Fund totaling \$30,000. They celebrated their success at an annual community porkchop barbecue. Over 425 people attended. Their goal is to raise another \$60,000 before August 2009 allowing them to receive another \$20,000 match.

“Over the past three months, we have visited with donors about a small short-term community betterment project. Now these same donors are discussing a much larger long-term endowment fund for the community.”

Tara Hemberger, Roseland, NE

NCF Organizational Funds

FUTUREFORCE Nebraska Fund



FutureForce Nebraska Fund was established to support the mission of a consortium of business and education entities to provide a well-trained workforce for Nebraska businesses. FutureForce Nebraska partners with schools, employers and workforce resources to help the state's young people

and adults in transition understand the many excellent opportunities for employment, future growth, and career satisfaction that are available to them in Nebraska. For more information visit www.futureforcenebraska.org.

The Groundwater Foundation Endowment Fund



The Groundwater Foundation Endowment Fund was established to support the mission of the Groundwater Foundation, Inc., which is to educate and motivate people to care about groundwater issues in Nebraska. NCF will serve as an Endowment Partner to help grow this fund. Visit www.groundwater.org.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Fund

Northeast Nebraska RC&D established an endowment fund to support the mission and sustain this 501(c)(3) entity which serves seven counties in Northeast Nebraska. Visit www.northeastrcd.org.

Wachiska Audubon Society Fund



Wachiska Audubon Society received news that a Gift Annuity has been established by an anonymous donor to support their endowment. An additional \$36,000 anonymous gift was also recently given to support the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. For over 30 years, Wachiska Audubon Society has been serving 17 southeast Nebraska counties. It

provides volunteer and monetary support on behalf of birds, wildlife habitat, preservation of several tall grass prairie remnants, responsible urban development and support of nature education for children and adults. See www.wachiskaaudubon.org.

The WealthSpring Fund



The WealthSpring Fund Advisory Committee presented their first grants to Amy Evans, Executive Director of the Friendship Home (front, far right) and Monica Braun, Executive Director of REAP Women's Business Center (front, second from left).

The WealthSpring Fund awarded \$10,000 in their inaugural grant cycle to support women's economic empowerment programs. Started in 2006 to honor Maxine Moul upon her retirement from NCF, this statewide fund is dedicated to the economic self-sufficiency of women and their families. The Fund focuses on the issues of entrepreneurial training, banking skills, budget and financial management, financial literacy, education and training needed for employment or advancement, and work related child care needs. For more information visit www.nebcommfound.org/communities/WealthSpring.htm.

SAVE THE DATE

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Consider sponsoring a table to reconnect with old friends during a positive community-focused evening.

Show and tell displays at the Expo will feature the work of dozens of communities. Success stories will also be highlighted during the banquet.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR AFFILIATED FUND LEADERS

Annual training for affiliated fund leaders will be Friday, November 9, 2007 at the Omaha Marriott Hotel from 8 am to 12 pm.

Topics include:

- Effective Marketing Strategies
- Working with the Media
- Engaging Youth / Youth Foundations
- Engaging Alumni
- Leadership Development / Board Engagement
- Effective Donor Visitation Methods
- Grantmaking for Community Development

The training will include individual and team learning activities. An "Ask the Experts" session will also be held. There is no charge to attend the training, but pre-registration is required.

For banquet tickets or sponsorships, or to register for the training, contact Teri Alley-Davis at (402) 323-7330 or talley-davis@nebcommfound.org.

Charitable Giving

Cambridge and McCook Benefit from IRA Distribution

"Choose your ruts carefully as you will be in them for a while," was the saying used by the pioneers who crossed Nebraska in the early 1800s.

Don and Alice Harpst of McCook, Nebraska have taken this advice and followed the example set by their parents of community involvement and development work throughout their working years and now in retirement.

For example, they have been active in community theatre productions and Don currently serves on the Fund Advisory Committee of the McCook Community Foundation, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.



Don and Alice Harpst of McCook used a tax-free distribution from their IRA to benefit the McCook Community Foundation.

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Don Harpst, McCook, NE

As a result of this involvement with the McCook Community Foundation, Don learned of the

benefits of the new tax law that permits tax-free distributions from an IRA to a community foundation no later than December 31, 2007. "I was in the right position age wise and fortunate to have an IRA fund balance that I could consider such a tax-wise gift," shared Don.

The Harpsts' next step was to meet with their legal, tax, and financial advisors. "Our advisors shared with us that this was a smart way to make a

charitable gift since our children would pay a substantial amount in taxes if they received the IRA," explained Don.

"Don and I had been thinking about how to help the communities and people of Cambridge and McCook as an expression of our appreciation for all the community and people have done for us and our family since we met at the McCook Junior College many years ago," said Alice.

Knowing they wanted to make a gift but not certain of how or when to make the gift, the Harpsts sought the assistance of Jim Gustafson, Gift Planning Director.

"Jim helped us think through several decisions such as the best gift option available, to think of our community as another member of our family, and to see the benefits of our charitable gifts during our lifetime," explained Don.

"Once Don and I reached our decision it gave us a feeling of satisfaction to share in this way" said Alice.

Charitable IRA Rollover Law Expires December 31, 2007

In 2006, the Pension Protection Act (PPA) was enacted, allowing IRA owners to share the wealth of their retirement savings by giving directly to community foundations, without first counting it as income and paying income tax. The law has been a boost to local community foundations throughout Nebraska, but it is only available until the end of 2007, as the law is set to expire December 31, 2007.

Thanks to decades of deliberate saving and favorable investment returns, a substantial share of today's retirees have more money in their IRAs than they'll ever need. Many have expressed an interest in giving the funds to charity, but income tax must be paid on all withdrawals, which sharply reduces the value of the gift. Others have asked about designating their children as beneficiaries, but that may create additional tax consequences.

"For larger estates, a good portion of IRA wealth goes to estate taxes and income taxes of beneficiaries," said Jim Gustafson, NCF Gift Planning Director. "Experts estimate heirs may receive only 25% to 30% of IRA assets that pass through estates."

A provision in the federal Pension Protection Act of 2006 creates a new option: transferring IRA assets directly to charity. By going directly to charity, the money is not included in the IRA owner's income and, most importantly, is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes.

Owners of traditional IRAs who are at least 70½ years old can make direct charitable transfers in any amount up to \$100,000 in 2007, free from federal tax. A married couple can transfer any amount up to \$200,000 from separate accounts free from federal tax.

As a qualified public charity, the Nebraska Community Foundation can help donors execute the transfers and choose from several charitable fund options for their gift. Donor Advised Funds do not qualify for tax-free IRA transfers.

For details on the Pension Protection Act contact Jim Gustafson, Gift Planning Director at (402) 323-7341 or jgustafson@nebcommfound.org. Jim will explain how to benefit your hometown or favorite charity with a tax-free distribution from your IRA in 2007.

"The Nebraska Community Foundation is a full-service charitable institution that I recommend to my clients. With its statewide focus and a can do attitude, the Foundation has helped my clients solve problems or craft innovative solutions."

Jim Fehring, Columbus, NE

Setting Life's Priorities

By Jim Gustafson, Gift Planning Director



Often I am asked, "What do you do?" The best way to explain my work with individuals, families and professional advisors is three fold: to help them discover, based upon their interests and experiences, what causes they care about; to provide information on the various gift options that are available; and to work with donors and their professional advisors to help implement charitable giving plans.

As a result of my work I have had hundreds of discussions with Nebraskans and former Nebraskans. I have found that most have the following three priorities:

1. Future financial security
2. Providing for their families
3. Giving back to hometowns and favorite charitable organizations

The following highlights some thoughts on each of these priorities.

Future Financial Security

"I don't know if I will have enough money?" Have you ever asked that question or heard someone else ask it? This is the most common question raised by those with whom I meet.

No one has a crystal ball to give a definitive answer to this question. However, I have found that qualified financial advisors may help provide guidance to determine how much money you will need in the future. With this information you will be able to address the next two priorities.

Family

"How much is enough for my family?" This is the second most common question asked. Unfortunately there is no one answer that is right for every family. It depends upon many factors. To help you in this area, here are some questions to ask yourself: Do I want to treat all of my family members equally? How will an inheritance affect my children?

Another way to help you answer the question of how much is enough is to think of your hometown or favorite charitable organizations as another member of your family and divide your assets accordingly. Therefore, if you have three children, you would divide your assets four ways instead of three. Then ask yourself, will this reduced inheritance to your family materially affect their lifestyle?

Charity

Once you have defined the first two priorities you are ready to consider how you want to help your hometown and favorite charitable organizations. There are many gift options to consider. Among the options is one that allows you to benefit your family and charitable interests at the same time. Another option allows you to provide a fixed lifetime income for yourself and a loved one. At the end of your lifetimes the remainder of your gift is used by your hometown or favorite charity. Depending upon your situation, you may find there is a gift option that will allow you to meet all three priority areas of your life.

As you consider your life's priorities, I encourage you to seek the advice and counsel of professional advisors. When you are ready to address your charitable interests, contact me on a no-cost, no-obligation basis at (402) 323-7341 or jgustafson@nebcommfound.org.

GIFTS OF GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK

With grain prices rising to their highest levels in the past 10 years, the advantages for ag producers to gift agricultural commodities to a community foundation fund are greater than ever. Many Nebraska farmers and ranchers have found that they can save significant taxes by contributing commodities to a charity instead of selling the commodities and making a cash contribution.

When an agricultural producer transfers legal ownership of the commodity to a charity before it is sold, the producer will not have taxable income from a sale, thus minimizing taxes. The producers are still able to deduct the entire cost of the production of that commodity on Schedule F. Savings may be realized on federal income tax, state income tax and self-employment tax, depending on the producer's specific circumstances.



In southeast Nebraska, farmers realized significant tax savings by donating grain directly to the Shickley Community Foundation.

NCF affiliated funds who have benefited from gifts of grain and livestock include the communities of Chambers, Diller, Shickley, and Thedford.

Farmers and ranchers should get the professional advice of their tax advisor before making these types of gifts. In addition, it is important to notify the Nebraska Community Foundation prior to delivering the commodity to the marketplace so specific procedures that need to be followed can be communicated.

For more information, please contact Diane Wilson, NCF Chief Financial and Administrative Officer at (402) 323-7333 or dwilson@nebcommfound.org.

Best Practice: Youth Members on Fund Advisory Committees



Hyannis Area Community Foundation Youth FAC members Amanda Johnson and Dain Applegarth.

The Eustis Community Foundation (ECF) and the Hyannis Area Community Foundation (HACF) have implemented a Best Practice of having youth members on their Fund Advisory Committees (FAC). Both have two youth fund advisory committee members who have full voting rights on the FAC.

Amanda Johnson with the HACF said, "When I was asked to serve on the HACF I said yes because I thought it would be a neat experience and I wanted to share ideas from a youth perspective. I was excited to hear the community wanted our input."

The youth bring a fresh perspective on what the next generation of leaders envision for the future of their communities. Through their involvement in the local foundations they get first-hand experience in leadership development, endowment building, investments, grant making and lots more.

Judy Brockmeier from Eustis felt very strongly about having youth members on their local FAC.

"Our youth have great ideas and we wanted to learn from them and in turn we hoped they would learn from us – particularly skills like leadership development and especially the value of giving something back to your community," she said. Eustis chose two sophomores so they could be involved with the community foundation through their junior and senior years of high school.

Jeanne Davis from Hyannis said, "Our young people have great, fresh, new ideas and we value their opinions. Their contributions to our board have been very insightful and valuable. We appreciate that they take time from their busy schedules to be a part of our community group."

Youth represent the future of the community and many times donors are willing to support projects, programs and efforts when they are led by the youth. Often the youth are successful at soliciting contributions and working with donors, thus mentoring and nurturing the next generation of philanthropists.



Eustis Community Foundation FAC members include (front l-r) Judy Brockmeier, Susan Strong, and Jean Loshonkohl. (Back l-r) Kermit Smith, Bob Grabenstein, and youth members Jeff Loshonkohl, and Jordan Rieker. LaRaye Schurr not pictured.

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