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**Osmond affiliates with Nebraska Community Foundation**

Osmond has joined a growing grassroots network of over 250 ambitious communities using philanthropy to create a brighter future.

A group of local volunteers have launched the Osmond Community Fund as an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation. Now part of a statewide movement to spearhead community development and create future prosperity, the Fund is working to build a robust, permanent unrestricted endowment to benefit the community of Osmond.

“We’ve been looking for ways that enable residents and alumni to give back to their community to help schools, businesses, housing and quality of life in Osmond,” said Clark Gansebom, elected chair of the Osmond Community Fund Advisory Committee (FAC). “This fund enables anyone to make a tax-deductible contribution that will perpetuate our way of life in Osmond.”

For over 25 years, Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) has been networking communities statewide in providing proven goals for community development through local charitable gift-giving. NCF is a Nebraska based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is an accredited member of the Council on Foundations, meeting the most rigorous standards of philanthropy.

Kelly Hodson led a team from Osmond Venture Resources to search for best ways to provide more community gift giving. “OVR can only do so much,” said Hodson. “We are not a non-profit and are limited in our fundraising because of that. Our affiliation with NCF connects Osmond with hundreds of small Nebraska communities for sharing best gift-giving practices.”

Aaron Gutz, President of Security Bank of Osmond said, “Being part of the NCF network will give Osmond the chance to participate in education and training opportunities that involve our peers from Greater Nebraska communities across the state. Connecting with other communities is a tremendous advantage for Osmond and will help us dream bigger about what is possible in the future.”

The fund advisory committee will be sharing ways for community members to give back to their hometown and seek input from the public for local projects and programs to consider. “This can be a win-win for all of us,” said Roger Tacey, “The funds that are given to the Osmond Community Fund stay in Osmond and can be tax-deductible gifts of cash, grain, land, or other commodities. We’ve never had anything like this locally that embraces the entire community.”

To learn more about the Osmond Community Fund, the NCF network and to support the work of the local fund advisory committee, visit [www.nebcommfound.org/give/osmond-community-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/osmond-community-fund).

**Photo Caption: New Osmond Advisory Fund board members include back row: L-R: Kelly Hodson, Clark Gansebom, Leah Orr, Aaron Gutz, Doug Ketelsen, Terri \_\_\_\_\_, Roger Tacey and Linda Krohn. Not pictured is Robbi Gansebom.**

**About Osmond Community Fund**

Osmond Community Fund is dedicated to the improvement and long-term viability of the Osmond community. A volunteer fund advisory committee works actively to increase charitable giving and award grants to local worthy causes and projects that are addressing emerging needs and future opportunities in the county-wide community. Established in 2019, Osmond Community Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

**About Nebraska Community Foundation**

Nebraska Community Foundation unleashes abundant local assets, inspires charitable giving and connects ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

In the last five years, 41,776 contributions have been made to NCF and its affiliated funds. Since 1994, NCF has reinvested $323 million in Nebraska’s people and places. For information, visit NebraskaHometown.org.