Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is a group devoted to the future of Norfolk and creating a vibrant hometown for years to come.

**Vision**
The Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund envisions a growing, thriving community where giving back is a priority and an ongoing process for all citizens. A community where there is available funding for innovative projects, services, and opportunities that enhance the Norfolk area and make a difference in people’s lives.

**Mission**
To build a permanent endowment that creates and sustains innovative projects, services and opportunities that enhance the Norfolk area and make a positive impact on people’s lives.

Message from the Chair
It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair for the 2018-2019 operating year for your Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. It has been a year of change. We have said goodbye to several committee members who have served for many years and welcomed a number of new members to our team. We welcomed a new staff person, Callan Collins, who has brought new ideas and energy to our committee. We are also pursuing a new marketing strategy with a new website in development and a larger social media presence.

But as much as things change, the constant that remains is our shared vision that we want Norfolk to be a growing, thriving community. Our mission is to build an endowment that can be a resource for the betterment of Norfolk. An endowment, particularly an unrestricted endowment, allows your Fund Advisory Committee the ability to award earnings on those monies based on the current needs of Norfolk, both today and in the future. The need today might be housing, the arts, or helping our neighbors recover from a flood, but tomorrow’s need may be something completely different. The beauty is in the flexibility to meet the current needs of the community. It’s also an investment that continues to give back exponentially. If you are a past or current donor, we thank you for your investment in Norfolk’s future. If you haven’t yet seized the opportunity to contribute, we invite you to invest in the future of Norfolk today.

Tara Buell Korth

**How You Can Help**
Thanks to your generous donations, you will continue to help enhance Norfolk both now and for years to come. 100% of your donation stays in the Norfolk area.

As you can see from the efforts shown in the previous community projects, the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is investing in giving back to the Norfolk community.

If you share our passion of giving back to our great community, we hope you will support our operations and endowment funds.

Together, we are planning for our future. Together, we are achieving more. Together, we are building a greater Norfolk.

Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

**Donor Card**
Donate to the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. Please fill out this donor card and lend your support today.

Name: ____________________________ Donation

Address: __________________________ I would like to give $ ________

Phone: __________________________ For: q Today q Monthly q Annually

Email: __________________________ q Operations q Endowment

Your gift is tax-deductible and will be reinvested back into the Norfolk community for projects and programs that will address the emerging needs and opportunities of the area. Thank you.

Send this form to the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund
609 W Norfolk Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701

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*This is an example using the following assumptions: 7% return (net of fees), 4.5% annual endowment payout, actual allocation over 75% grants, 25% endowment.*
Our Grantmaking in Action

The unrestricted endowment surpassed $1 million for the first time in 2018! Since 2013, the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund has reinvested more than $100,000 in grants back into community-led projects and programs to help the Norfolk area. One hundred percent of the fund’s endowment earnings are set aside to support the community. The Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund awarded a record number of grants — 10 grants totaling almost $33,000 were given to local nonprofit organizations. Last year’s grant recipients were:

Norfolk Arts Center: Fifth-grade Passport to Art Program
The inaugural launch of the program in 2018 had a core group of 90 students inspire creativity and expand their knowledge and appreciation of the arts through hands-on and experience-based opportunities. School-home students from Grieshop are among the regular participants, and organizers have heard from several families of fourth-grade excited about getting involved next year. "It provided a good way for my friends and I to learn about art," said a fourth grader.

Norfolk Family YMCA: Rock Steady Boxing
This program provides an effective form of physical exercise to people who are living with Parkinson’s disease. Studies have shown that focused intense exercise programs may delay the progression of Parkinson’s symptoms. Grant money from NACFF was used to purchase equipment, marketing material and RSB coach certifications. Family members also are encouraged to become involved as “corner men,” helping members with their boxing gloves, being a cheerleader and even participating themselves. The hope is to eventually offer an additional class time option. "Overall, since starting Rock Steady Boxing, I have more energy and can do things I never thought I would be able to do. The program has given me a renewed sense of self-esteem, boundary setting, building skills to recognize unsafe relationships and, and provide the tools to protect your body and your life. After becoming certified instructors, they will present this program to schools all across our service area to students in middle school through college and community members. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20.9% of female high school students and 13.4% of male high school students report being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. Nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by a partner every year.

Bright Horizons: Project Homeless Connect Norfolk
Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless are able to receive a wide variety of immediate, on-site services and care. The project serves unmet needs, such as meals, medical services, haircuts and more. The second annual event served 350 guests, with the largest number of adults between the ages of 51-61 and children between the ages of 6-12 years old. "More businesses and private sectors want to get involved and be a part of this project," said coordinator Lacy Aimes. "They see the effects that this project has on hundreds of people in their own community, and many have voiced their wish to see it continue to grow."