

IMPERIAL

Community Foundation Fund
2020 NEWSLETTER

Happy holidays from the Imperial Community Foundation Fund!

We hope you and your loved ones are staying safe during this global pandemic.

ICFF is in the final days of our Building Community Capacity fundraising campaign. This campaign is an opportunity to grow our unrestricted endowment through a challenge grant from the Sherwood Foundation. We have been challenged to raise \$500,000, and for every \$2 we raise, Sherwood Foundation will provide an additional \$1 "match," up to a maximum \$250,000.

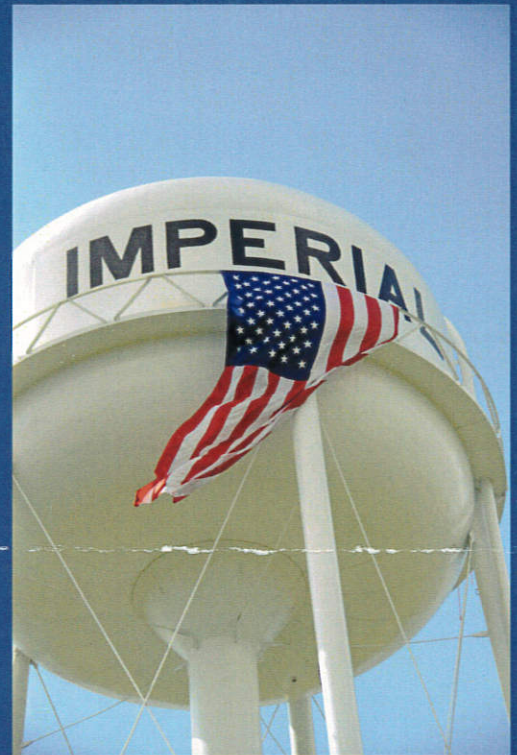
In a year like 2020, we have seen just how vital an unrestricted endowment can be for our community. In March, ICFF partnered with the City of Imperial to provide computer workstations and webcams for the Imperial Manor and Parkview Heights to allow their residents to safely stay in touch with family and friends during the lockdown of those facilities. In May, we doubled down on those efforts to keep those residents connected by purchasing eight iPads for resident use.

Through the Bridging the Learning Gap matching grant from the Nebraska Community Foundation, ICFF granted \$40,000 to purchase technology to outfit Chase County Schools classrooms to easily pivot to hybrid or entirely virtual classroom instruction, if necessary. A grant from our unrestricted endowment and our strong relationships with the Chase County Schools Foundation and Imperial Rotary, provided the necessary local contributions to obtain the maximum matching grant.

As you can see, our unrestricted endowment and strong relationships with local organizations have allowed us to provide crucial resources to our community in the most critical of times. We hope you will consider a gift to our unrestricted endowment so additional resources will always be available to benefit Imperial, especially in times of need. In order to be considered for our Building Community Capacity campaign, donations must be received by December 31, 2020.

Inside, please enjoy reading more about our grants and work in our community over the past year.

Stay safe,
Tyler Pribbeno,
ICFF Chair



OUR VISION

Nurture a thriving community where we grow and prosper together.

Our Volunteer Leadership:

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OUR MISSION

Connecting people and fostering impactful giving for a stronger Imperial.

Share your dreams and suggestions on how to make Imperial better!
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Connecting Elders with Family Grant

ICFF received a matching grant to purchase eight iPads for the Imperial Manor and Parkview Heights for residents to connect with friends and family from anywhere and enjoy other online activities.

Sherry Coleman plays solitaire which is among the many activities the iPad offers besides communication. Restrictions for visits due to the pandemic have kept volunteers from assisting the residents, however it is hoped that will be an option eventually.



Imperial Community Center meals continue

ICFF granted just under \$2,500 to the Imperial Community Center to assist in ongoing operation to continue to provide daily nutritious meals. Although the Center's doors have been closed during the pandemic, those who typically ate at the Center could stop by to pick up a meal, and the Meals on Wheels deliveries continued. For years, volunteers have served a monthly Sunday buffet dinner to the public as a fundraiser to keep the Center going.

COVID restrictions have kept the dinners from happening so the grant helped with the financial void. In addition to meals, the Center provides social opportunities including group exercising, coffee gatherings, card playing, etc. The doors opened for a time when state restrictions were lifted, however more local COVID cases stopped inside access again.

Don Welch of Champion picks up his meal at the Imperial Community Center.



Imperial Campus Expansion

ICFF granted \$15,000 toward the expansion project at the Mid-Plains Community college Imperial campus.

The project includes adding six classrooms with one classroom equipped with a hospital bed and equipment for nursing assistant labs. Phase 1 of the building project is nearly finished with plans to move into the new addition in December, then into the existing building.

"We are really excited about the ability to expand class offerings and provide additional testing and study space!" said Brenda Ledall, Imperial Campus Administrator.



Summer Intern

This summer the Imperial Community Foundation Fund was fortunate to welcome Hannah Meeske as its first intern.

“The thing I appreciate most about my hometown is how supportive my community is to new ideas,” said Hannah.

Throughout the summer, she gained experience through working on several different tasks and projects.

She conducted a survey of young adults between the ages of 18-30 to find out whether they would consider returning to Imperial. She also worked with the school to start a job shadow day to expose students to occupational opportunities within Imperial.

Hannah previously served for two years as ICFF’s student representative, giving important insight from and a voice for the youth of Imperial.



Graduating Senior Mailboxes

ICCF Chairman Tyler Pribbeno presents a mailbox to Hannah Meeske, who represents the CCS Class of 2020. ICFF takes pride in the local students and has gifted mailboxes to seniors with congratulations as well as a sincere invitation to stay or someday return to make the Imperial area home.

Surveys of young adults confirm that they are eager to stay or return to their hometowns. Although some graduates don’t anticipate ever desiring to return, stories confirm that many of them realize the values and quality of life in raising their families with opportunities they had growing up.

School Grant

Chase County Schools saw an opportunity to utilize technology since COVID forced remote learning. ICFF granted \$40,000 to help purchase Swivl devices that follow the teacher’s movement while recording. If a student is in quarantine, sick or gone to a school activity, the device allows them to join live and participate in class or access a recording to reference a missed lecture at a later time.

“We are currently piloting four devices but have 30 total devices that we are working on unboxing,” said Superintendent Adam Lambert. “There are limitless possibilities with these devices, and I can’t wait to see how they can set CCS apart from all other school districts.”



Wound Care Training Program

ICFF made a \$12,000 grant to Chase County Community Hospital to help establish a much-needed wound care program.

Patients currently travel to other hospitals for care which typically requires daily trips for dressing changes.

Proper care of chronic wounds benefits the patient’s quality of life and health. COVID changed the original plan for five local staff members to attend extensive training in California. Currently Brandy Hanes, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), has been taking online classes since in-person training isn’t available at this time.

Advance planning by the late Kermit Karns made the hospital grant possible, funded by one of five endowments he established for the community through his estate plan.

His legacy lives on, making a difference for future generations.

Consider ICFF in your estate plan!

**Our Star Builder program recognizes the ongoing generous support to the
ICFF Unrestricted Endowment to improve the quality of life
in the Imperial area year after year.**

**Diamond
\$50,000 or more**

Hunt Family -
Great Plains Communications
Imperial Beef
Johnson, Loral & Elna
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Pankonin, Russ and Lori
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\$10,000 - \$20,000**

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Anonymous - JJJ
Frenchman Valley Coop
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Medsker, Frank & Carol Mead
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Pivot Electric
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The Nolan Family
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Whitcomb, Richard & Georgia

**Bronze
\$2,500 - \$5,000**

Banks, Don & Jan
Batterman, Dennis
Buckner, John
Burke, Joel, Attorney-at-Law
Carman, Douglas & Rabecca
Colton, Charles & Carla
Golf Tournament 2019
Haarberg, Kay
Keil, John & Linda
Kunnemann, Dennis & Zo
Leyland, Jeff & Jo
Luhrs, Tom & Lynn
Maucher, Donald
McDonald, Mike & Janet
Meeske Land & Cattle
Moline, Roger & Jean
Moreland Land Co.- Gene
Pirog, Jim & Linda
Pribbeno, Jeff & Connie
Pribbeno, Logan & Brianna
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Robertson Farms, Inc.
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Stromberger, Sheila
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**Gifts received by
December 31, 2020
will qualify for the
campaign's 50% match.**

**Starbuilder
\$1,000 - \$2,500**

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Johnson Brandt, Brenda
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Longan, Annette
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Savage, Terry
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Shopp, Bryce & Wanda
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Swanson, Owen & Claudette
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ONE CONTRIBUTION in full: \$ _____ to be paid by _____ .

ANNUALLY: \$ _____ per year for _____ years beginning _____ .

MONTHLY by ACH withdrawal from my bank account: \$ _____ per month for _____ months beginning _____ .

Please request and complete a Donor ACH Authorization form.

I would like to fulfill my pledge with: Cash Marketable securities Other

Donor Name(s) _____ Email _____

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