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Eugene & Judy Wolff
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CLASS CHALLENGE:

1965	\$570.00
1970	\$100.00
1974	\$190.00
1975	\$570.00
1980	\$3,365.00
1985	\$100.00
1987	\$20.00
1995	\$100.00
2004	\$100.00
2005	\$284.00
2009	\$71.00
2010	\$65.00

Thank You

...for caring and donating to the Howells Community Fund. You are helping to make Howells a great place to live, work and enjoy. Some donations are not listed on this page due to anonymous donations. The HCF respects your private donations and anonymity and will never post those contributions. Our apologies if any names were inadvertently overlooked. Please let us know if we missed you.

Ways to Give Today Assets for Outright Charitable Giving

1. IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you may make a qualified charitable distribution up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a charity without paying taxes on the distribution. The gift may also qualify as your required minimum distribution. This is like receiving a 100% tax deduction.

2. APPRECIATED STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS

Making gifts of stocks or mutual funds that have increased in value since purchase has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, it can be deducted at its current market value. Second, the sale of appreciated stocks or mutual funds generates a capital gain upon which you are taxed. However, when you make a charitable gift of the stocks or mutual funds you pay no capital gains tax.

3. GRAIN

A delivery of grain to the elevator in the name of a charity allows for the avoidance of claiming the sale price as income. This is like making a tax-free gift. In addition, the cost of production may still be deducted as a business expense.

4. LIVESTOCK

Similar to a gift of grain, a gift of livestock allows a farmer to avoid claiming the sale price of the commodity as income and deduct the cost of production as a business expense. In other words, the gift can be made completely tax-free.

5. REAL ESTATE

A gift of real estate that has increased in value since you have owned it has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, the gift of real estate can be deducted at its current market value. Second, the sale of the appreciated real estate generates a capital gain upon which you are taxed. However, when you make a charitable gift of the real estate, you pay no capital gains tax when it is sold by the charity.

6. CLOSELY HELD STOCK

Transferring business ownership, either at retirement or as an inheritance, offers unique opportunities and benefits of charitable giving. Not only does transferring your stock bypass capital gains and provide a charitable deduction, but it also allows the corporation to buy back the stock.

7. ANNUITY

The current value of the annuity is fully tax deductible when gifted to charity. The growth in the value of the annuity

will be taxed as ordinary income and may be offset by the charitable income tax deduction.

8. COLLECTIBLES (AND OTHER TANGIBLE PROPERTY)

Transferring ownership of a collection prior to the sale to a charity allows for the avoidance of paying capital gains tax on the growth in the value of the collection since it was acquired. The tax deduction is usually limited to the price originally paid for the collection.

9. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

The current value of the bonds is fully tax deductible when gifted to charity. The growth in the value of the bonds will be taxed as ordinary income and may be offset by the charitable income tax deduction. Turn an idle asset into an income producer with a contribution to a charitable gift annuity.

10. PAID-UP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

By naming charity the owner and beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy, you will be able to receive a current income tax deduction. The income tax deduction is approximately equal to the policy's cash value or the premiums paid, if less. Or, name a favorite charitable organization or community foundation as the beneficiary of the policy.

BONUS...CASH

A gift of cash is simple to make and immediately put to good use. Cash gifts may be deducted on your tax return for up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Excess charitable contributions may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

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Or explore our **FREE** tools for tax-wise charitable giving at: Nebcommfound.GiftLegacy.com

Seeking your own legal and tax counsel in these matters is strongly encouraged.

Ideas abound in Community Council

Nearly 40 people representing various organizations throughout the area attended an organizational meeting hosted by the Howells Community Fund. The gathering was held Wednesday, March 4 at the Howells Legion.

Jeff Wegner, chairman of the HCF, welcomed all those in attendance thanking them for their volunteerism.

The purpose for the meeting was to form a philanthropic council of sorts — formed from representatives of every group in the community to bring all ideas and all voices to the table to share, cooperate and work on projects together in the future.

Wegner introduced Greta Leach, a representative of the Nebraska Community Foundation, who started the dream discussion with this quote: "If you want to go fast—go alone. If you want to go far—go together." With teamwork being key to the conversation, the group heard inspiring ideas from other communities and started brainstorming.

All kinds of projects arose from the informal discussion. Most ideas are based not only to draw young families to return to make Howells their home but also to keep the older generations happy to retire here, too. Economic development will play a key role. A welcome committee was formed.



"The Flights of Honor" display at the Ballroom in September was an awesome example of Howells groups working together!

Howells Community Fund

P.O. Box 63 – Howells, NE 68641



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November 2020

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Our Vision

Howells is a caring, thriving community with a place for all to call home.

Our Mission

Creating a lasting impact by inspiring the generosity of our community to support educational, social, recreational, economic opportunities, and services.

Our Values

The Howells Community Fund is a hardworking team supporting our community's future and progressive goals. We are dedicated, positive, compassionate and always work with integrity.



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Grant Campaign headed for finish line

Most people in our community have been wondering about the progress the Howells Community Fund has made on the Sherwood Challenge Grant Campaign.

Fund members are proud to announce that this community has raised over \$480,000 which means we are very close to our \$500,000 goal. Obtaining the maximum match of \$250,000 from the Susan Buffet Sherwood Foundation is within reach!

There's only a short time before the December 31st deadline to reach that goal and we need everyone's help to push through and finish strong!

This four-year journey started with some fear about raising a half million dollars, but with donations from so many in this community and great help from alumni and memorial gifts, the light is glowing at the end of the tunnel.

What can you do to help? Donate!! – every amount matters! Now is the time to add your name to the list of donors. Or if you have already donated and wish to give more, we are very grateful for your generosity and support.

This accomplishment deserves recognition! We have ideas for a large wall display of donors but we always welcome more designs. After all, look what this community has built since the humble beginnings of this endowment account! It was started in 2013 with \$50,000 in "leftover" profits from the community's Q125 Celebration. Joining the Nebraska Community Foundation was a huge and momentous decision which has led to mentoring, training and opportunities that made the Sherwood Grant a reality.

December 31st is not the end of the story for the Howells Community Fund endowment! It is just the beginning to a new chapter and a brighter future for Howells!

Class of 1980 Wins "Challenge Contest"

The class of 1980 has won this year's Class Challenge Contest. This contest is held yearly alongside of the Alumni Banquet and Alumni Golf. Honored Classes go head to head with donations. This giving game is a fun way to donate back to our community and becomes quite a competition! The Class of 1965 broke out early in the lead, but 1980 soon passed them and held on to the end. The class challenge money is added to our Endowment Account.

1st: 1980 with \$3,365.
2nd: 1965 with \$570.00
3rd: 1975 with \$370.00
Total donations: \$5,310.00
The Sherwood Grant 50% match will add another \$2,655 to these totals!
The Howells Community Fund would like to thank all classes who participated. Together we are hopeful and anticipate that our community will reach our Endowment Account goal of \$500,000.00 by December 31, 2020



Please update Alumni information

The HCF has been working to create a database of addresses and contact information for all alumni and "friends of Howells," including former teachers and residents of the area.

We are gathering class lists and would really appreciate e-mail and address updates. These addresses will be used for community newsletters and updates. The addition of e-mail addresses will help to cut postage costs.

Alumni class lists or any address updates can be sent to Marilyn Sindelar at mrsjoy@megavision.com. Thank you for your help!

Wanted!

Looking for donors to put us over the top and beyond our \$500,000 goal!

Contact any

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Thanks to our Donors & Volunteers

We want to thank all of our donors and volunteers who always come through for us when we call for help! Whether it be for working at our events or attending community meetings. Sometimes, these simple things mean the most.

For all those little and big ways you have pitched in to help, we thank you! Being affiliated with The Nebraska Community Foundation has taught us so much. One of the very first things we learned is that donations can come in the form of Time, Talent and/or Treasure. Each is a valued piece of the "teamwork" and each is needed to make the dream work.

You have no idea how much your help and support has meant to us. We want you to know that you are all greatly appreciated. Thank you for believing in Howells and its future.

As the Endowment Grows, the Grant Possibilities Grow!



From left: Ryan Baumert, Rescue Captian, Delvin Hegemann, Howells Fire District Board President and Mike Semerad, Fire Chief accept check for purchase of new Jaws of Life from Howells Community Fund Secretary Austin Coufal.

Howells Rescue getting new Jaws of Life!

The Howells Community Fund was able to grant \$10,000 to the Howells Rescue department for a new and more powerful Jaws of Life!

Park Improvements

Community Club Project

The Howells Community Fund presented the Community Club with \$2,000 in grant funding for their project of new picnic tables and trash containers at the Howells Park and campgrounds. The Community Club has ordered the equipment and it arrived in August.

The two groups have teamed together on several projects for the betterment of the Howells Community.



From left are Marilyn Sindelar of the HFC, Rachel Sindelar, secretary and Jackie Martin, president, both of the Howells Community Club, & Joan Mastny, of the HCF

Mailboxes for graduating seniors at H-D

The Howells Community Fund donated mailboxes to HD 2020 graduates to encourage them to remember home. "There is always a place for you within our small communities and look forward to seeing how you change the world! Congratulations!" from the HCF.



Courtney Bayer & HCF member, Donna Brester



Darrin Pokorny & HCF member, Donna Brester



HCF members presented a donation to the Little Angels Child Care. Back (l to r): Brent Coufal, Derek Coufal, Joan Mastny, Gary Brester, Marilyn Sindelar, and Bryon Janata. Front: Janelle Brester, Laura Mejstrik, Linda Grovijohn, Carly Faltys, Father Stan Schmit, Kathy Heard, Christi Mastny, and Allen Kampschnieder.

Little Angels Child Care held open house

The Little Angels Child Care committee held their open house on Sunday, July 26th, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the future location of the child care center, the Howells Catholic Social Hall. Many residents of Howells and the surrounding communities attended the open house to tour the facility, ask questions, and view construction plans. A free will donation was available for coffee, juice, and rolls, which raised nearly \$2,000. This money will be used towards renovation costs to ensure the building abides by state regulations and is up to code.

Little Angels has also received donations from the Howells Community Fund, Knights of Columbus, and the Howells FCSLA Branch. The Little Angels committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the donors who are helping to make this project become a reality. As a donor, you are making a difference in our community by supporting the current and future needs of our children and their families, helping Howells continue to grow by providing the necessary resources for young people to move back home, and creating additional job opportunities. In addition, thank you to the Howells Council of Catholic Women, Main Express, Bill's Food Mart, and the Clarkson Bakery for contributing to the success of our open house.

Little Angels is anticipated to open its doors in early 2021. The committee encourages families who are interested in sending their child/children to contact one of our members. This will assist us in estimating the appropriate staff that may need to be hired, as well as equipment needed in the facility. The Little Angels committee members are as follows: Janelle Brester (402-350-9027), Brent Coufal (402-649-7525), Derek Coufal (402-649-6010), Carly Faltys (402-380-4805), Linda Grovijohn (402-615-2460), Bryon Janata (402-649-5718), Allen Kampschnieder (402-649-0145), Christi Mastny (402-750-1997), and Laura Mejstrik (402-631-7322).

Golf Outing

The Howells Community Fund hosted their annual alumni golf tournament on Friday evening, June 5 at Club 91 golf course in Leigh. Proceeds from this year's successful outing will help to build the Howells endowment account.



The first place team from Alumni Golf on Friday, June 5 is pictured above from left: Joe Smith, Bernie and Gary Baumert (class of 1972) & Ed Anibal

Golfers included Alumni from years 1968, '72, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80, '81, '87, '88, '91, '94, 2004 thru 2010, '12 - '14, '16-18 and 2020 and guests.

The HCF would like to thank Gary and Bernie Baumert for all their time and talents organizing the tournney. Thanks also to Club 91 in Leigh, their management and staff for all their work. Special thanks to all our golfers for attending and contributing. Everyone worked together to make the event a success!

Class challenge donation winners for the evening were: 1st - 2005, 2nd - 1974, and 3rd - 2009.

Knights of Columbus purchase much needed fryers



From left: Marilyn Sindelar HCF member, Francis Baumert, Knights Trustee and Ron Coufal, Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus fish fries have become the place to go during lent. People from Howells and surrounding towns enjoy the fish dinners so much that the Knights frying them could not keep up! Thus the need for larger capacity fryers. Earlier this year the Howells Community Fund helped out with a donation for the purchase. Thanks to the Knights and the donation from HCF, the fish fries will resume next year.

American Legion project



Legion members Glen Mlnarik and Duane Schlautman with the new Legion Hall doors paid for with a grant from the Howells Community Fund.

79 "Soup for Seniors" Meals Served



Janet (left) and Dave (right) Eurek receiving their Soup for Seniors meal from Howells Community Fund member Marilyn Sindelar



Elsie Kinsel (left) receiving her Soup for Seniors meal from Howells Community Fund member Donna Brester

On Saturday, Feb. 15 the Committee members gathered to put together a "soup package" for our community seniors in Howells and to the surrounding rural area. Included in the box lunch was a bowl of hot chicken soup, a sandwich, 2 cookies, crackers and an apple. It was said that many of them made it into two meals!

The soup was made by the Owl Café. 79 deliveries were then made between 10:00 and 12:00 noon in Howells and even out to rural areas.

It is a pleasure to give back to our seniors who have contributed to our community in the past and how they continue to serve and contribute even into their golden years.

Thank you to Bill's Food Mart for the apples and supplies, Russ and Kathy Pickh-inke for ordering other supplies and making the soup. Thanks to individuals on the committee who baked cookies, supplied chickens and cooked chickens and to those who made the deliveries. This community continues to thrive and work together. This is Home.... this is Howells.



Mary Ann Brester is shown with her Soup for Seniors meal

Howells Community Fund Endowment & General Fund Balance Sheets

2019

Beginning balance, January 1, 2019.....\$329,025.91
Donations/Income \$114,834.72
Expenditures (includes grant payouts).... [\$18,102.15]
Ending balance, December 31, 2019.....\$425,758.48

2020

Beginning balance, January 1, 2020.....\$425,504.29
Donations/Income as of August 31, 2020....\$81,504.29
Expenditures (includes grant payouts).... [\$17,149.25]
Ending balance as of August 31, 2020.....\$490,113.52*

*This is actual funds in the bank and does not include pledges yet to be realized.

The Power of Endowment

We can create a bright future for our community through the Howells Community Fund. The endowment is an important tool to keep our hometown growing and improving for current generations and all who come after us.

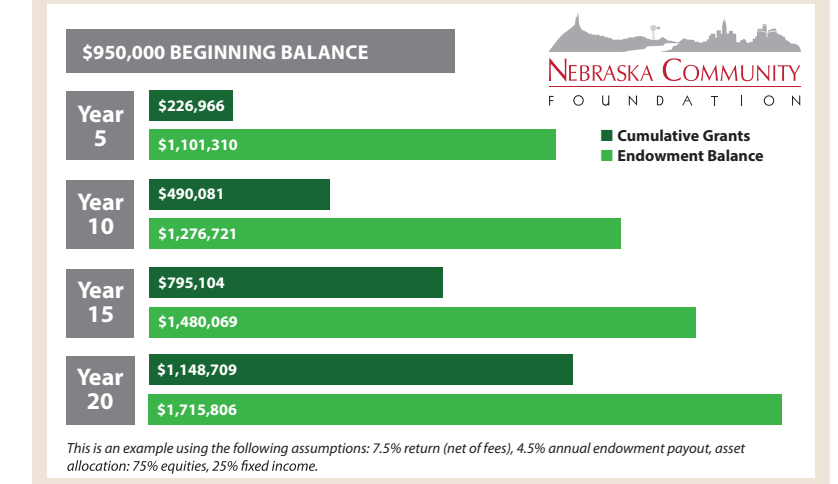
While the Howells Community Fund grants out a portion of the income earned by the unrestricted endowment each year, the principal – and your gift – remains intact to continue to build the fund, making your contribution a "forever" gift that increases over time.

Achieving our campaign goal and adding the matching grant will increase the endowment by \$750,000, enabling the Fund to provide increasingly significant support to worthwhile causes each year. The \$950,000 beginning balance on the chart below will be the balance of our HCF Endowment after the entire grant is fulfilled!!

The immediate impact of a robust unrestricted endowment is the increased capacity to award meaningful grants to local projects. The long-term benefit of building a permanent endowment for Howells is the foundation it provides for a steady stream of revenue for future community needs.

Projects come and go, facilities require updates and renovations over time, community leadership changes, but our endowment will continue to be a bedrock of philanthropic resources for the community for years to come.

Each gift to the permanent endowment helps assure the sustainability and vitality of Howells!



Howells Community Fund

Yes, I would like to support my community and invest in our future!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Gifts of any size are needed and appreciated!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift in the amount of \$ _____

Please use my contribution for the:

General Fund

Endowment Fund (*Your gift will be matched by the Sherwood Grant*)

Memorial — In Honor of: _____

(How you would like the name shown)

Gift of Grain
To donate bushels of grain to the Howells Community Fund please contact Les Long, Controller, Nebraska Community Foundation, 402-323-7330

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For more information or to make a donation visit:
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