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2023 ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND TRAINING

Kearney, NE | November 9, 2023



REGISTER AT NEBCOMMFOUND.ORG/CELEBRATE

The NCF network is built on dreams. Each year, those dreams grow, evolve, and get more ambitious. They inspire new dreams in hometowns across Greater Nebraska. You are invited to join us for Nebraska Community Foundation's biggest event of the year. An opportunity for Nebraskans who love their communities and have bold ideas for the future to convene under one roof, learn from each other, and get inspired to achieve their dreams.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8



LEADERSHIP CHAUTAUQUA
12:00–6:30 PM

Today's global challenges have complicated the world so much that community leaders can no longer rely on traditional leadership practices. Transformative change demands new ways of thinking about and practicing leadership development that considers both global realities and local norms.

We invite you to join us for a Leadership Chautauqua prior to NCF Annual Training, organized and led by faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Together, we will consider new approaches to leadership development that go beyond individual leader training to engage communities in creating a leadership ecosystem that builds more robust leadership capacity and culture. Some travel support is available.

Registration Opens | 7:00 AM: Check-in at the registration desk and receive your swag bag and materials for the day. Grab a cup of coffee, say hi to your neighbor, and get ready to make some connections!

Welcome! | 8:30–9:45 AM: Kick off your morning with a high energy, interactive opening session. Meet returners and newcomers from across the NCF network. Hear how their hometowns and adopted hometowns are working to attract ambitious young people and giving them space and opportunity to achieve their dreams.



MORNING BREAKOUTS
10:00–11:15 AM

New FAC Members: Embracing Your Role Have you joined your local Fund Advisory Committee within the past three years? Then this session is for you! Learn from fellow beginners and a few seasoned pros on what to do to become an effective member of your FAC and how to maximize your relationship with NCF.

Big Dreams, Small Steps: How to Make Your Community's Aspirations a Reality Join NCF staff for an inspirational experience of identifying manageable (bite-sized!) goals and actionable steps (you can do this!) to get you and your community closer to your dreams. You will leave this session with specific, measurable goals and small, do-able steps that will move you further along the spectrum of successfully implementing your BIG dream!

Planning and Implementing a Five to Thrive Campaign Unlock the potential of planned giving in this insightful breakout session. Explore effective strategies and tap into extensive resources to plan and implement successful campaigns, ensuring your affiliated fund secures support for your unrestricted endowment and your work as an FAC member has a lasting legacy.

The Grantmaking Challenge: Turning Dollars into Change Are you ready to change the future of your place? You've worked hard to build your unrestricted endowment and now your affiliated fund wants to truly make a difference through grantmaking. Learn the importance of knowing your community, building relationships, including all voices, and looking at long-term impact.

Belonging Starts Here: Best Practices for a Welcoming Community Join us for an enlightening breakout session that delves into the best practices for fostering a sense of welcoming and belonging in your community. Discover practical strategies and actions that will empower you to create inclusive spaces where every individual feels valued, connected, and vital to the community fabric.

FAC Chairs: Strengthening Resilience and Avoiding Burnout Uncover the keys to thriving as an FAC chair in this empowering breakout session. Learn how to strengthen resilience, avoid burnout, and maintain a healthy balance in your leadership journey, guided by experienced FAC chairs who prioritize sustained success.



Asset Mapping with Hometown Interns Immerse yourself in this breakout session where Hometown Interns share their transformative experiences and invaluable lessons learned. Engage in an interactive asset mapping process and witness its potential to empower communities. Explore how intern projects pave the way for extended community initiatives and leave a lasting impact on the journey towards positive change.



LUNCH
11:45 AM—1:00 PM

Dreams Inspire Dreams Get ready to be inspired! This session will showcase exceptional changemakers who have dedicated themselves to making a positive impact in their communities. The series of speakers will share their unique experiences, innovative ideas, and transformative projects that have fostered unity and connection.



EXPO EXPLORATION
1:00 PM

Affiliated funds across the NCF network are doing tremendous work in their places to engage youth, attract new residents, and foster a sense of belonging. This session showcases over a dozen communities that have implemented unique programs, projects, and processes in furtherance of creating more welcoming places.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS:



Round A | 1:30 PM
Break | 2:15 PM
Round B | 2:45 PM

Endowment Basics: Why, How, and for What? Are unrestricted endowments new to you? Do you need to learn more about their power and purpose? Discover why an unrestricted endowment is critical to your community's future, how it functions, and how to harness its potential as an FAC member.

Gifts You Leave Your Children and Community Join us as author and financial advisor Mark Weber discusses values-driven estate planning in this enlightening session. Step into a donor's mindset as they align their estate plans with meaningful values that balance their impact on family dynamics and community prosperity.

When Everyone Leads Embrace leadership as an activity, not just a role, and navigate adaptive challenges effectively in this experiential breakout session. Learn practical and easy-to-use leadership skills for real-world application. Discover how to identify and practice these skills at home and address situations with confidence.

K–12 Curriculum Enhancements Learn how FAC members are convening stakeholders, identifying opportunities, and collaborating on innovative initiatives that enrich educational experiences and positively influence students' learning journeys.

Endowment Building Strategies Explore some of the NCF network's most effective fundraising strategies fueling the growth of endowments across the state. Learn how to identify your strategy, cultivate donor relationships, and implement effective campaigns.

Transformational Grantmaking Using the principles of Rural Development Philanthropy and Asset-Based Community Development, affiliated funds across the state are investigating their community from every angle and strategizing how to make the most of local assets and relationships. Learn from experienced FAC members on how your fund can do the same!

Let's Talk Housing with NIFA | BREAKOUT SESSION A ONLY Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) has announced a bold, new plan to create fundamental changes in statewide housing efforts. Learn more about Nebraska's 2022 Strategic Housing Framework led by NIFA Executive Director Shannon Harner, former NCF Board Chair and current NCF Honorary Board Member.

Unleashing Your Fund's Voice | BREAKOUT SESSION A ONLY Elevate your affiliated fund's visibility by discovering effective strategies to market your affiliated fund in this dynamic breakout session. Learn to maximize available marketing resources, craft compelling messages for diverse media channels, and create a comprehensive marketing strategy.

Donor Stewardship | BREAKOUT SESSION B ONLY Donor stewardship is more than just sending a handwritten thank you note and printing a name in donor list. It's about building a connection! Learn the keys to deepening donor relationships, expressing gratitude, and cultivating long-term support that will amplify your fund's impact!

Resources at Your Fingertips | BREAKOUT SESSION B ONLY *Please bring a laptop computer to this session.* We will be demonstrating the many financial, marketing, and fundraising resources available to you through NCF Connect and the NCF website. Get ready to put them to work as soon as soon as you return home!



CLOSING PLENARY
3:45 PM

Round out your day with a celebration of the dreams that inspire the NCF network to continue imagining all that is possible when we come together.



BANQUET CHECK-IN / EXPO & SOCIAL HOUR | 5:00 PM
BANQUET | 6:30 PM



Enjoy good food, great company, and inspiring, youth-centered community stories as we celebrate the incredible evolution and growth of the NCF network and our efforts to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.



PEOPLE ATTRACTION SUMMIT

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 AM–1:00 PM: The 2023 People Attraction Summit focus is youth engagement!

Over the past four years, Nebraska Community Foundation has helped conduct youth surveys across the state, and we have heard a resounding message from our youth: “We are looking for places where we can make a difference!”

If your affiliated fund has hosted a Hometown Intern, conducted a youth survey, or completed Impact Planning, this is an opportunity you should not pass up! Nebraska Community Foundation and Nebraska Extension in partnership with the Nebraska Chamber are convening people attraction proponents across numerous communities, professions, and industries for a day of connection, collaboration, and innovation. Our time together will be participant-led, high energy, and fully interactive. Expect to leave with a real plan to take action on youth engagement in your place.

NOTE: To attend, you need a team of at least six people from your community, three of which are required to be youth. In addition, there will be a required online pre-session in October for participants to make the most of the People Attraction Summit. Contact your Affiliated Fund Development Coordinator for additional details.

EVENT REGISTRATION COSTS AND DEADLINES



Leadership Chautauqua

\$35 per person



Affiliated Fund Annual Training

\$50 per person

\$125 for those not affiliated with NCF



Banquet

\$75 per person

\$750 per table (10 seats)



People Attraction Summit

\$25 per person with the purchase of Affiliated Fund Training (affiliated or non-affiliated)

\$100 per person if only attending Summit (and not Affiliated Fund Training)



Deadline for All

Friday, October 27, 2023

LODGING INFORMATION



Crowne Plaza Kearney | 707 West Talmadge Street, Kearney, Nebraska | 308.238.7000

Be sure to mention Nebraska Community Foundation to receive a discounted room rate (\$150 per room, per night, + applicable taxes).

Deadline for reservations at the group rate: **October 20, 2023**

REGISTER ONLINE



Register: www.nebcommfound.org/celebrate



If you have questions or need assistance, please get in touch!

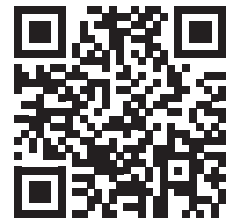


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OTHER INFORMATION

- NCF's Annual Celebration will be video recorded, audio recorded, and photographed.
- By submitting your registration, you are giving NCF permission to use your image in publications and online.
- All times listed are Central Standard Time.
- The Affiliated Fund Annual Training registration fee will help offset a portion of the cost to provide training.
- If you have questions about NCF's Annual Celebration contact us at 402.323.7330 or info@nebcommfound.org

