

THE NEBRASKA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND



OUR VISION

Nebraska City is known as a thriving, vibrant & highly engaged regional leader.

OUR MISSION

Invest in people & inspire a culture of giving by developing knowledge, skills, leadership & the commitment necessary for community engagement.

OUR VALUES

Trustworthy. We are fair, forthright in our interactions with donors, recipients and the community, and good stewards of the resources (time, talent and treasure) entrusted to us.

Caring. We have passion, compassion, respect and empathy for the community and its members. We are sincere in all we do and approach everything with a positive attitude.

Collaborative. We work with and reach out to other organizations in the community to leverage our effort and investment. We are inclusive and cooperative.

Learn more at www.NebraskaCityCommunityFoundation.org or at: www.facebook.com/NCCFF

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2023 Annual Report

Over **23 Years**, NCCFF Put Nebraska City First By Reinvesting Nearly **\$6.3 Million**

\$130,000 in NCCFF Scholarships Dispersed Across Two Decades Benefits Both Residents & Local Businesses

Through the efforts of the Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund, adults in this community who want to improve or supplement their job skills have more than one avenue to success.

Since 2001, over 80 adults in this community have received scholarships to put them on the path to acquiring new job skills or advancing their careers.

These scholarships, now totaling \$2,000 each, are called NCCFF Non-Traditional Scholarships. Across the past two decades, these scholarships have benefited dozens of educators, healthcare workers, law enforcement personnel and technical workers, just to name a few.

A second NCCFF scholarship, begun five years ago, offers even more financial aid to Nebraska City residents. Anyone living in the 68410-zip code area or within 20

miles of its border, can have 75% of their tuition paid by NCCFF at the Southeast Community College (SCC) Nebraska City Learning Center. So far, nearly 90 SCC students have used this unique scholarship to get the training needed to achieve new career goals and better their lives.

Beyond investing in the future of the adults who take advantage of these two NCCFF scholarships, many Nebraska City employers benefit by gaining access to more skilled workers right in this community.

This is indeed a 'Win-Win' for Nebraska City and its residents and it is another example of NCCFF achieving its goal of 'investing in people' in this community.

This is all due to your continued financial support of your home-town non-profit.

Thank you!



NCCFF's 2023 Non-Traditional Scholarship winners hold up the ceremonial checks they were presented at the annual meeting. From left to right are Susan Bartman, Benjamin M. Foust, Shannon Buckminster and Mark Fritch.

At left, Lacie Bruns-Morris, right, used her scholarship to get a CNA degree at SCC. She took classes with her daughter, Lexis.

\$54,000 in NCCFF Grants Delivered All Over Town in 2023

‘Nebraska Narratives’ Book Becomes a Reality

Jenna Box and Cora Krog, both seniors at Lourdes Central Catholic High School, began collecting memories from Nebraska City senior citizens in the fall of 2022. A grant from NCCFF enabled them to publish their completed book this past December. Jenna and Cora distributed the books to businesses around Nebraska City over Christmas break. “We would like to thank NCCFF for its investment into the past, present, and future of our community,” the students said.



Lourdes Seniors Cora Krog, left, and Jenna Box, right, distributed copies of their senior memory books to Nebraska City businesses.

Here are just a few of NCCFF’s 2023 grants

EDGE Challenge Grant

Many Books One Community with the Morton-James Public Library

Pioneer Participation Program with NCPS

Strategic Planning with NCPS

Nebraska City Community Picnic



NCCFF FAC members Denise Davis, left, and Carol Crook set up a booth at the Nebraska City Community Picnic seeking ideas for a Nebraska City Wish List.

NCCFF Delivers Two Philanthropist of the Year Awards

This year marked the first time NCCFF named two Philanthropist of the Year award winners. One award went to a longstanding community service organization, the Nebraska City Jaycees. The other award was given to Nile and Mary Farris, owners of Valentino’s Restaurant.

Summer wouldn’t be the same in this town without the massive Fourth of July Fireworks Show put on by the Nebraska City Jaycees for the past 36 years. This service organization was lauded for the thousands of hours its members, both past and present, have put into its

annual world-class Fourth of July Show and accompanying daylong festivities in Steinhart Park.

Nile and Mary Farris were praised for the massive amount of donations they have made in the past 30 years in conjunction with their restaurant. Scores of community organizations, schools and churches have been the recipients of these donations, estimated at around 100 a year.

Each winner received a \$500 award to donate to their favorite non-profit in Nebraska City.



Left, Nile and Mary Farris receive their Philanthropist of the Year Award from FAC Chair Melissa Turner. Right, Several Nebraska City Jaycee members, both past and current, were at the annual meeting to celebrate receiving the Philanthropist of the Year Award. Pictured here, left to right, are Bryan Turner, Laura Liesemeyer, Loren Steinman, current Jaycee President; Lynette Prouty, Laura Steinman, Gail Walford, Duane Koehlmoos and Paul Stevenson.

NCCFF Increases Its Annual Donors

During 2023, the Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund saw a 16% increase in annual donors for the Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund. These additional donors provide an additional annual increase to NCCFF’s operating fund of nearly \$3,000. This is money the Foundation uses to support its day-to-day operating

and marketing expenses.

“Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our supporters whose donations allow NCCFF to continue to invest in the people of this community,” said Melissa Turner, Foundation Advisory Committee (FAC) Chair.

Windmill Gifts Insure a Future of Giving

At right, FAC member Cory Schlichtemeier and his wife Jenny were presented a Windmill Award by FAC Chair Melissa Turner during the 2023 NCCFF annual meeting. Windmill Awards are given to NCCFF supporters who add a planned gift to their estate that will benefit the Foundation’s Unrestricted Endowment. The windmill is symbolic of assets that will continually pump into NCCFF to be used for the benefit of the Nebraska City community.



‘Five to Thrive’ Keeps Nebraska Healthy

The NCCFF strongly promotes the Nebraska Community Foundation’s “5 to Thrive” program. Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than \$100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In 50 years, that number exceeds

\$950 billion. The program’s goal is to encourage Nebraska residents to leave 5% of their personal estates to their hometowns by earmarking donations to local nonprofits in their communities.

Looking Forward . . . Giving Back

Here’s my gift to Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund’s Unrestricted Endowment, which will pay back forever:

YES! I would like to be a 2024 Annual Donor

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Individual Donor:

\$100 Community Partner

\$250 Impact Partner

Business Donor:

\$100 - 1 to 5 Employees

\$200 - 6 to 15 Employees

\$300 - 16 to 30 Employees

\$400 - 31 to 99 Employees

\$500 - Over 100 Employees

I will mail my check to: Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund, PO Box 444
Nebraska City, NE 68410



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Select “Annual Donor-General Account”

You can make your donation with one payment or set up a recurring gift.

THANK YOU!!