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TOGETHER A GREATER NEBRASKA



2017 Annual Report



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Friends: Nebraska is terrific! Nearly everything and everyone works. Jobs are abundant and quality of life is high. We have great public schools, an engaged citizenry, the streets are safe and clean and people are kind and giving. In September, WalletHub ranked Nebraska the fifth happiest state. Nebraska has what people want.

This didn't just happen. It is the result of ambitious people making bold plans, sharing a collective vision, mobilizing community assets, and working together. In hundreds of hometowns across the state, our affiliated funds are at the center of this good work.

In this report, you will see evidence of the extraordinary things Nebraskans are

accomplishing together. Education, wellness, prosperity and quality of life are all improving. Peer learning amongst our 1,500 affiliated fund leaders is frequent and fruitful. Nebraska Community Foundation stands proudly beside these leaders to secure the capital, consensus and partnerships necessary to make it all happen.

And our network continues to grow. Three hundred Nebraskans have told us they are including their hometown in their estate plans. Last year over 8,500 gifts were made to NCF and its affiliated funds, and \$29 million was reinvested in Nebraska's people and places.

Together, we are taking control of our future. Together, we are achieving more. Together, we are building a Greater Nebraska.

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Cover photo: Future students of The Valley Child Development Center break ground on what will soon be Red Cloud's new state-of-the-art facility for early childhood education. The Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund has been instrumental in this community's audacious investment in early childhood development, a critical need and key people attracter across Greater Nebraska.

Photo at right courtesy of Hastings Tribune



Building Assets for Today and Tomorrow

(\$ in millions)



NCF in Numbers

- 219 affiliated funds serving 250 communities in 80 counties
- 1,487 volunteer Fund Advisory Committee members
- 8,506 contributions in FY 2017
- 39,142 contributions in the last five years
- \$80.3 million in endowed assets
- \$130.6 million in total assets
- 307 planned gifts totaling \$60.2 million
- \$291.6 million reinvested in Nebraska and its hometowns since 1994 (\$128.6 million in the last five years)
- \$603 billion estimated intergenerational transfer of wealth in Nebraska by 2060 (see page 18)

BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

There is a familiar old saying, “If you want something done, ask a busy person!”

That about sums up the situation for the five very active working mothers who are moving full speed ahead for the future of Atkinson in north-central Nebraska. These young women, in their mid-to late-30s, form the super majority of the volunteer advisory committee of the Atkinson Community Foundation Fund.

Some are “returners” – people who left to go to school and start their careers, but found their path back to their hometown. Others are newcomers to Atkinson. All share a passion for the future of their community and a zeal for building its unrestricted endowment.

Shannon Olberding, the chair of the Fund said, “We believe an unrestricted endowment is important because it is permanent. It’s here for the long-term. When we give back, it keeps giving back, to our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren.”

An opportunity to demonstrate the Fund’s commitment to its community arose in the summer of 2013. The City of Atkinson agreed to have the Fund begin raising money for new playground equipment and other improvements at Mills Race Park, a former state recreation area.

Shannon Olberding (left), Lisa Bilstein, Erin Jelinek, Nicky Cadwallader and Megan Gotschall (not pictured) are five ambitious young women leading the Atkinson Community Foundation Fund. According to Fund Advisory Committee member Jim Brennan (bottom left), “These younger people have a different perspective. They’re engaged and moving forward.”



“I had memories from childhood of the old equipment, but I wouldn’t want my kids crawling up the slide on a ladder with rungs 18 inches apart!” Olberding said.

It took two years and a lot of work, but the Fund met its \$50,000 goal in the summer of 2015, and the modern park and playground were completed and formally dedicated in June 2016.

The park is just one example of the new amenities aimed at making Atkinson a more attractive location for young people to raise their families. Fortunately for Atkinson, these returners and newcomers are demonstrating loads of enthusiasm and talent. And increasingly, the new crop of community leaders includes fearless young women with fresh ideas.

Exploring the Better Half of Nebraska

Millions of people across the country and around the world are reading about Greater Nebraska through NCF’s new collaborative venture with Omaha World-Herald known as “The Better Half.”

The Better Half is a collection of columns celebrating Nebraska’s intriguing places and fascinating foods. These stories, written by Omaha



The Better Half follows journalists and married couple Matthew Hansen and Sarah Baker Hansen across the state to discover Nebraska’s intriguing people, places and foods.

Illustration by Matt Haney/The World-Herald

World-Herald journalists Matthew Hansen and Sarah Baker Hansen, encourage us to experience more of what makes Nebraska unique. As part of the collaboration, complementary stories contributed by NCF were also published, celebrating the work, achievements and generosity of affiliated fund volunteers and donors.

The entire series can be viewed at omaha.com/living/the-better-half. Read them and you’ll learn how people working together are creating stronger communities in places as small as Byron (pop. 83) and as large as Norfolk (pop. 24,210).

Coming Together

The Hear Nebraska Good Living Tour aims to expose new audiences to Nebraska's homegrown musical talent, meanwhile giving young people across Greater Nebraska another reason to love their hometown. That's why Nebraska Community Foundation was proud to sponsor the statewide tour which celebrated its third year in existence this summer.

Community-based affiliated funds have been instrumental to the tour, working closely with Hear Nebraska to supply concert goers and musicians with unique performance venues, additional funding, and fun activities for fans of all ages. This year, Hebron, Auburn, Imperial, Red Cloud, McCook, and Norfolk each drew hundreds to their towns to celebrate great music and community.

Photo by Lauren Farris | Hear Nebraska

Hundreds flocked to Auburn's Legion Memorial Park on a warm evening in June to hear Nebraska singer-songwriter Daniel Christian perform as part of Hear Nebraska's third annual Good Living Tour.



PARTNERING WITH SCHOOLS

A stimulating educational environment for children is a critical element for creating a community where students, parents and businesses will thrive. Boone County Foundation Fund took the lead by supporting the research and planning for a quality afterschool program at Boone Central Schools. Now it provides salary support for the afterschool program director, Mollie Morrow.

"The idea for this afterschool program came about based on the needs of the community and a school survey," said Morrow. "Initially, it was going to be just that, an afterschool program where kids could get a nutritious snack, have care, and work on homework."

However, early in 2017, Boone Central Schools was awarded a Nebraska Extended Learning Opportunities grant. "We are one of five districts that are a part of a challenge to create quality programs that are replicable in other districts. Working together with Boone County Foundation Fund was a big step up for Boone Central when it came to competing for the grant," said Morrow.

In addition to traditional afterschool programming, Boone Central's curriculum is rooted in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) topics. The program opened in September with 33 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Activities are being designed around the students' interests and



Fifth grader Clay Sandman (left), and third graders Dalton Rolf (middle) and Zeke Sandman, settle in for fun and games during their first week of afterschool care at Boone Central Schools, a program supported by Boone County Foundation Fund.

in some cases, gender and age. The local 4-H program is helping with Lego robotics. Third through fifth graders will design wearable technology, like LED bow ties and badges. Younger children will build wind-powered boats.

The cost of the program is \$30 per week. Boone County Foundation Fund may also consider awarding grants to the school to cover the cost for families in need.

"The afterschool program is such a blessing for our family and my kids," said Lynne Webster of Albion. The enrichment opportunities they have are invaluable. I have been so impressed with the organization and engagement of our program! I am truly grateful!"

A MAIN STREET ATTRACTION

If you live in one of Nebraska's larger cities, you probably take for granted grabbing a bite to eat and heading off to a first-run movie. People in Stuart, Nebraska (pop. 590) take it for granted, too.

The Murphy Theatre & Media Center was a movie theater only in the imaginations of a group of community visionaries. But even they may have found it hard to believe that within the first five years of operation, the venue would sell nearly 38,000 tickets, out-performing many similarly-sized theaters.

The last business to occupy this turn-of-the-20th-century, solid brick structure was the LP Gas Company, owned by Clement and Mary Murphy.

The Murphys gifted the building to the village of Stuart, but had one condition. They wanted their gift to be used as a special place for young people to gather, grow and engage in the community. With the help and guidance of community leaders, they finally settled on a state-of-the-art media center.

Doing it right would require significant funding, both public and private. Fortunately, the

Stuart Community Foundation Fund was in place and all contributions to the renovation project were tax-deductible.

Planning and work on the \$375,000 renovation project took years to complete and involved the entire community, donating both funds and labor. When the Murphy opened in April 2013, everyone realized the final product was worth the wait and the effort.

Said Jon Schmaderer, a key volunteer who helped guide the late Murphys' dream into a reality, "Watching as families and children fill the theater each weekend makes us confident that Clement and Mary would know that their wishes had been honored."



Moviegoers enjoy a 3-D film at the Murphy Theatre & Media Center in Stuart. The Murphy enjoys sellouts, like this one, on a regular basis. In fact, in its first five years of operation, an astonishing 38,000 tickets have been sold.



Pictured from left to right, Jon Schmaderer, Dr. Jonna Kohle, Jay Wallinger, Alicia Knapp, Jim Brennan, Jan Krotter Chvala, Darby Paxton, Joel Steinhauser, Don Claussen, Darrel Dexter, Steve Brewster, and Nicky Cadwallader.

Collaboration Powers Philanthropy

Great things happen when the leaders of public and private organizations, businesses and institutions come together to design community solutions based on local talent, resources and assets. This type of synergy can be found in Holt County. Here, people are living, working and succeeding, 100 miles from an interstate highway.

This highly successful county-wide collaboration among communities facilitated by Nebraska Community Foundation caught the attention and earned the respect of corporate leaders beyond Holt County.

In June, representatives of NCF community funds throughout Holt County visited the Grande Prairie Wind Farm to accept an \$80,000 contribution from BHE Renewables, the first of five annual distributions to benefit the respective community-based affiliated funds in Stuart, Atkinson, O'Neill and Chambers. Also sharing in the generous annual contribution is NCF affiliated fund, Holt County Economic Development Fund.

Telling Our Story Together

Nebraska Community Foundation's partnership with Norfolk Daily News presents yet another opportunity for us to share more good news out of Greater Nebraska. The 10-part series of articles, which kicked off in August 2017, features amazing communities doing extraordinary things in Northeast Nebraska.

In a recent editorial, Daily News editor Kent Warneke called the partnership a "win-win endeavor," adding "choosing to work with Nebraska Community

Foundation is a reflection of the important role it plays in helping communities, counties and the region look toward the future."

Called "Together a Greater Nebraska," the series highlights stories from around the region that center on unique community culture, leadership development, economic development, team- and community-building, business success stories, and the benefits of building an endowment.

An archive of Together a Greater Nebraska articles can be viewed at norfolkdailynews.com/greater_nebraska.

"The excellent work done by Nebraska Community Foundation — in helping communities, counties and the region better plan for the future — speaks for itself... I would be hard pressed to come up with a better organization to partner with."

— Kent Warneke
Norfolk Daily News Editor

EMBRACING EVERYONE



Keagan Sullivan gets a push from his sister McKenna. Before the completion of Embrace Park, Keagan had never been able to fully experience the joy of a swing set due to limitations of his ventilator tubing. This specially designed, fully accessible swing allows Keagan to enjoy unrestricted play. It's clear he is loving the new experience.

"Without the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund, we wouldn't have a park," said Emily Afrank, a pediatric physical therapist at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. Afrank was the first to conceive of the idea that Norfolk might one day have a fully accessible park for children of all abilities to enjoy.

"Embrace Park was a dream of mine which quickly became a reality with the assistance of the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. Their expertise in fundraising and grant applications, as well as their relationship with donors were huge assets to be able to raise the money for Embrace Park," said Afrank.

Fundraising for the \$630,000 project was handled and swiftly achieved through the Norfolk Area

Community Foundation Fund. Afrank's passion for the project spread quickly among Fund volunteers and community members alike. Over 130 donors contributed generously to the project, which held its grand opening on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September.

"The outpouring of support has been humbling to say the least," Afrank said. "We've had contributions of all sizes."

The park includes a labyrinth of pathways meant to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers or crutches, handicap-accessible swings, a vast selection of slides and bars to hang from, music and sensory boards, and a wheelchair accessible teeter-totter. All aspects of the park are specifically designed to be enjoyed by all children without restriction, no matter their abilities.

Located just west of the YMCA, Embrace Park will eventually include a fully accessible splashpad as well as new parking and two new sports fields adjacent to the park.

"I am so grateful for the Fund's support and guidance and look forward to working with the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund in the future on other projects," Afrank said.

In the meantime, she can't wait to enjoy the park and put it to use with her young therapy patients. After all, they were the original source of inspiration for this ambitious endeavor.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

When Sandhills Care Center, a privately-owned nursing home in Ainsworth, closed in 2015, it was an unexpected shock – not just to the residents and employees – but to the entire healthcare community and the people of Brown County.

Staff members were left unpaid. Residents and their families were left with an uncertain future.

Through an interlocal agreement, the City and County assumed ownership and established a board of directors to get the facility up and running again. The Brown County Community Foundation Fund (BCCFF) assisted in securing funds to reopen the center. The North Central Nebraska Development Center launched a relief fund to help those who were suddenly left without incomes.

The center reopened early in 2017 and is currently serving 16 residents. With community support for remodeling the facility, BCCFF committed \$10,000 for

interim improvements. More than \$300,000 has been raised to build a new facility, once the current center begins to cash flow again. BCCFF will provide \$50,000 to enhance the new facility when it is completed. At that point the City/County care center board will seek a new private owner.

“The Sandhills Care Center is of vital importance in establishing a continuum of health care services in the area,” said Jerry Ehlers, BCCFF volunteer.

“The funding assistance provided by the BCCFF through its unrestricted endowment is an outstanding example as to how we can become a major player in addressing a vital community need,” Ehlers said.

BCCFF’s unrestricted endowment continues to grow, thanks to the Building Community Capacity in Rural Nebraska initiative, an opportunity presented to Brown County through its affiliation with Nebraska Community Foundation. It is nearing its goal of raising \$500,000 to earn a \$250,000 challenge grant from The Sherwood Foundation. When completed, the Fund will have well over \$1 million in unrestricted endowment to provide ongoing support for critical needs throughout the county.

“The recently opened independent living complex, the assisted living center, county hospital, and now the reopened Sandhill Care Center provide a full range of services to maintain quality of life for our aging population.”

– Jerry Ehlers
Ainsworth

Sandhills Care Center administrator Stephanie Rucker (left) is pictured with director of nursing Chelsea Hladky, in front of the nursing home that was reopened in Ainsworth in 2017. Brown County Community Foundation Fund worked together with numerous public and private partners to make it possible.



Cathy David, RN, and Abby Frihauf demonstrate how a new defibrillator works when a person goes into cardiac arrest.



Sharing Resources

Imperial Community Foundation Fund uses the payout from its unrestricted endowment to help attract an increasing number of young families to this growing Southwest Nebraska hometown.

In addition to recent support for projects such as a skate park, public art, and the Smokin’ on Broadway community party, the Fund provides significant support to Chase County Hospital and the area’s emergency medical services. This year the Fund granted more than \$11,000 for a defibrillator and other emergency medical equipment. Over the years, about \$22,500 has helped the hospital enhance services and recruit doctors.

In Imperial, leaders don’t compete for charitable dollars – they collaborate to multiply the resources and the benefits that make living in their hometown a great choice for families.

Regional Relationships

"When I venture outside my comfort zone to visit other communities, for regional meetings or to serve as a mentor, I come away with a greater appreciation for the good people working to make their communities better. There is always at least one thing they are doing that is more creative and inspiring than what we have thought of doing. The nature of the NCF network is that we share these ideas to raise everyone up, and we are very good at 'borrowing' ideas! This creates new and broader relationships all across the state.

"This is collaboration, not competition, and it's contagious. We celebrate the quality of life we have in our communities, regardless of size or location. Every time I look around the room full of folks from all across the state, I get the same feeling – this is truly Nebraska at its finest! Why wouldn't I want to participate in such a wonderful adventure?"

– Peggy Been
McCook Community Foundation Fund



McCook Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee member Peggy Been records comments from the group at a peer learning session held in Shickley.

SHARING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

"Generative. That is how I would describe the McCook Community Foundation Fund," said Andrew Ambriz, the community's new economic development director. "The word represents their presence in this community."

It also describes the impact McCook Community Foundation Fund (MCCFF) has had on other NCF affiliated funds that are seeking creative, workable solutions to challenges shared by hometowns across the state. McCook Fund Advisory Committee members are known throughout the NCF network as generous mentors. Seven current McCook FAC members travel many miles to spend countless hours sharing with other affiliated funds what they have learned about building quality relationships, strengthening community connections, and investing in homegrown talent.

MCCFF was established in 2001; it was energized in 2007 through NCF's HomeTown Competitiveness initiative; and in 2015, it surpassed its fundraising goals and added almost \$1 million to its already robust endowment.

"Along the way, the Fund's reputation helped recruit a skilled cadre of respected and connected community

Asuncion Ball received help learning English and earning her nursing degree through an adult education program funded in part through the McCook Community Chest, an organization revitalized by the McCook Community Foundation Fund.



leaders," Ambriz said. "The Fund Advisory Committee is looked to for direction."

Those leadership qualities helped revitalize the McCook Community Chest when fundraising began to fall off and board members were becoming discouraged and burned out. However, the organization was valuable and greatly needed for the overall well-being of the community.

The Community Chest board members looked to MCCFF for help and joined as an account within the Fund. FAC members assisted with board recruitment, provided strategic direction, and instilled enthusiasm. In 2016, MCCFF provided a grant to the Community Chest to set up the website for McCook's first-ever Big Give day. More than \$100,000 was raised to benefit 18 local charities.

MCCFF's mission is to "inspire investment in the quality of life for the people of Southwest Nebraska." As it works to fulfill its mission, the Fund is inspiring others along the way.

"We think of a foundation in terms of estate planning and charitable giving. There is more. The other part is giving time and talent, and nurturing leaders and change makers by sharing knowledge."

– Andrew Ambriz
McCook Economic Development Director

BUILDING ON TEAMWORK

Volunteers in Howells, a community of about 600 people in Northeast Nebraska, wondered what to do with more than \$50,000 left over from a wildly successful quasicentennial celebration in 2012.

“I just thought, wow!

We’ve been so used to doing short-term projects for so long.

Our Q125 goal was to make memories.

This was different.

We needed something that was a legacy,”

said Kathy Heard, Howells Community Fund Advisory Committee member.

“When we first started talking about organizing the fund we thought, who do we go to? Did we want to manage the money? No!” said Kent Smith, chair of the Howells Community Fund.

“We interviewed a dozen or so communities about the pros and cons of starting their own foundation. We wanted the service, the history and guidance, and importantly, the credibility we could get through NCF. It was a professional structure, not just us deciding what to do. I am proud that people trust us with their charitable dollars, and Nebraska

“I would say giving an endowment gift is not just about the money, it is about helping build on the heart and soul of the community and keeping the community engaged and together.”

– Jeff Wegner, Vice Chair
Howells Community Fund

Community Foundation is a big part of that,” Smith said.

Within a year of forming, the Fund made its first grant to purchase a new sound system for the community’s beloved Howells Ballroom. Since then, the Fund has made improvements at the parks and worked with the Howells Community Club on several projects. Recently the two groups joined forces to resurface the east side of the Howells tennis courts, converting the area into a basketball court with a new interlocking rubberized surface and new backboards.

“There’s a lot to be said about the process of raising money instead of just getting one huge gift from a single donor,” said vice chair Jeff Wegner. It’s about the team, the time, the learning, the effort, the sense of accomplishment, and all those things that sustain a community.”



Howells Community Fund worked with the Community Club to resurface the east side of the tennis courts, converting the area into a basketball court with a new interlocking rubberized surface and new backboards.



Community volunteers and peer mentors gather in Stuart to share ideas and plan for action.

Together, We Do Better

At Nebraska Community Foundation, we believe adults learn best from their peers, especially when they’re working toward the same goal – building a Greater Nebraska.

Based on this principle, NCF deploys a corps of volunteer peer mentors hailing from all corners of the state. Each mentor possesses special expertise or skills honed from their own experiences in community development and generously volunteers their time to other community leaders in the form of workshops, in-person and virtual meetings, conferences, and webinars.

Affiliated fund leaders tell us that access to these peer mentors is one of the most valuable aspects of being part of the NCF network. Peer-to-peer interactions are producing remarkable results in communities of all sizes. Through shared success stories and strategies, peer mentors equip volunteers with new ideas and renewed inspiration.

OPENING OPPORTUNITY DOORS



At Syracuse Summer Blast, kids experience STEM curriculum hands-on by dissecting parts of a cow!

Expanded Learning

The Syracuse Library Foundation Fund has big dreams for its hometown, especially local youth.

At the top of the wish list was the creation of an expanded summer learning program. NCF put Fund volunteers in touch with Bright Lights, an organization that has been offering summer learning adventures to elementary and middle school students in Lincoln for nearly three decades. Bright Lights staff members were delighted to lend their expertise to launch Syracuse Summer Blast, the first program of its kind in the area.

In its inaugural year, Syracuse Summer Blast offered courses like Disgusting Science and Lego Robotics, all with a special emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) curriculum.

“They don’t even realize how much they are learning,” said Joy Stilmock of the Syracuse Library Foundation Fund. “They are having fun and there are no tests!”

In 2009, Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee members rewrote their mission statement to more closely reflect the needs of their community. “Investing in people” has guided their grantmaking ever since.

Part of that investment involves mentoring their youth advisory committee. This is no token committee. The group has authority to award 20 percent of the Fund’s annual payout from its unrestricted endowment. With that endowment now exceeding \$1 million, it is a big responsibility.

Chloe Higgins, a high school senior, has been on the youth advisory committee since eighth grade. Last year, she recommended a \$5,000 grant for a program

that directly impacts young children, especially those who come from underprivileged families.

Readers EDGE serves all pre-school and kindergarten classes in the public schools, plus children in Head Start. Once a month, volunteer readers – known as “Book Besties” – visit the classes to read a book and lead a related activity. Most importantly, every child receives a copy of the book to take home.

In Nebraska City, 47 percent of children qualify for free or reduced lunch. Literacy has been shown to reduce generational poverty, yet many children are being raised in homes where there are no books.

The pilot program in April 2016 was very successful. The book was “Peter Rabbit.” Children’s comments included questions like, “Can I read this every day?” “Can I keep this book at my house?” These are gratifying responses for the 12 volunteer readers and others who help with the program.

Chloe Higgins is no stranger to the power of philanthropy. She has been recognized in the past, by Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund and the Nebraska Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals for her volunteer work. She says, “I grew up being taught to serve others, and that’s what I try to do in every area of my life. Making just a small difference in somebody’s day can turn their whole life around.”



Kindergarten students at Northside Elementary School each receive their own copy of “Owen,” a storybook provided through the Readers EDGE program, funded by Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund’s youth advisory committee.

CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP

Jesse Osborn (left) and Joe Massman work together to complete a project involving electronic and mechanical engineering at Columbus High School's STEM Academy.



For more than a decade, public and private partners in Columbus have worked together to build a quality workforce to fill hundreds of jobs that require 21st century skills. Recruiting people from outside the community has not kept up with the vacancies. Columbus Area Future Fund is doing its part to support a strategy that relies on “growing your own.”

The Fund is part of a broad coalition investing in programs that prepare students for the many good-paying jobs that are available in their community right now. To assist with fundraising, Columbus Area Future Fund has made grants of \$30,000 to each of the area's three high schools.

The STEM Academy at the new Columbus High School opened in March 2017 and is considered by many educators to be a standard bearer for STEM

(science, technology, engineering, math) facilities and curriculum.

Scotus Central Catholic High School will integrate the arts with its STEAM programming, to include classes in robotics, 3-D printing, drones, graphic design, and video and audio editing. Virtual reality equipment may also support certain science subjects.

STEM courses at Lakeview Community Schools will incorporate a focus on agriculture. “Get Growing” will offer experiential learning to K-12 students in aquaponics, tower gardens in the greenhouse and classrooms, an outdoor garden, and eventually a chicken coop and community partnerships in livestock production.

“Certainly, people are making decisions about where to locate based on more than just jobs,” said K.C. Belitz, president of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Columbus Area Future Fund and Nebraska Community Foundation board.

“Educational opportunity is a key consideration for our target market – young families. The high quality of all our schools and our public amenities make a strong statement that this is a community willing to invest in its people,” Belitz said. “Beyond being a conduit for major funding initiatives, Columbus Area Future Fund is becoming a facilitator, and every community needs that.”

Exploring New Worlds Together

Bertrand Area Community Fund recently awarded \$1,600 to Bertrand Community School to purchase virtual reality equipment for the library. The grant enables teachers to take students on virtual field trips without leaving the classroom.

These virtual excursions open a world of possibilities for students and educators. Teachers who incorporate virtual field trips into their curriculum can provide an interactive learning experience. Students can tour the International Space Station, the White House, the Great Barrier Reef, and learn about sharks while being surrounded under water!

“Everything I use is free,” said Stephanie Dannehl, school librarian and technology integration specialist. “Google Expeditions is the app that has about 300 places to learn about. The teacher can guide the students or the students can learn at their own pace.”

Students at Bertrand Community School can travel to and explore hundreds of different places through the new virtual reality equipment provided by a grant from the Bertrand Area Community Fund.



NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The NCF Board of Directors. Pictured from left (front) Judy Parks, Lynn Roper, Steve Brewster, Lora Damme, Judy Brockmeier, Sara Coffee Radil, Carol Lockwood, Dennis Stara. (Back) Lori Pankonin, Dan Bahensky, Doug Bereuter, Al Steuter, Paul Madison, Casey Garrigan, Greg Vasek, Dale Dueland. Not pictured: K.C. Belitz, Richard Walter.

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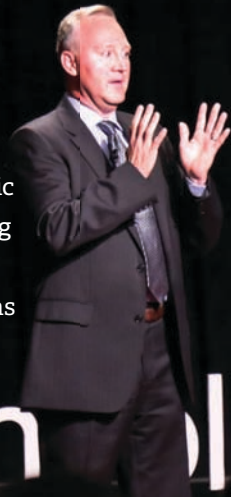
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Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska Community Foundation serves communities, organizations and donors throughout Nebraska. We provide a wide range of services including financial management, strategic development, education, training and convening to 219 affiliated funds statewide.

Nebraska Community Foundation isn't your typical community foundation, nor is it a grantmaker. We don't do things to people or for people. We work with nearly 1,500 volunteers across the state to put financial and human capital to work in their places, based on local needs and priorities. Using the tools of philanthropy, community development and economic development, we're helping Nebraskans across the state create the hometowns of their dreams.



A Voice for Rural Development Philanthropy

Nebraska Community Foundation is heralded as a national model for its groundbreaking work in community development philanthropy. NCF is frequently asked to speak about our innovative approach at special events, and national and international conferences. In September, NCF President and CEO Jeff Yost was selected to deliver a TEDx talk titled "People Attraction Priority One" sharing how progressive communities across the NCF network are rewriting their futures.

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Cumulative Lifetime Gifts through June 30, 2017

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\$50,000 to \$99,999

Bruning State Bank
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Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln

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Jeff Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost
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* Donor is deceased

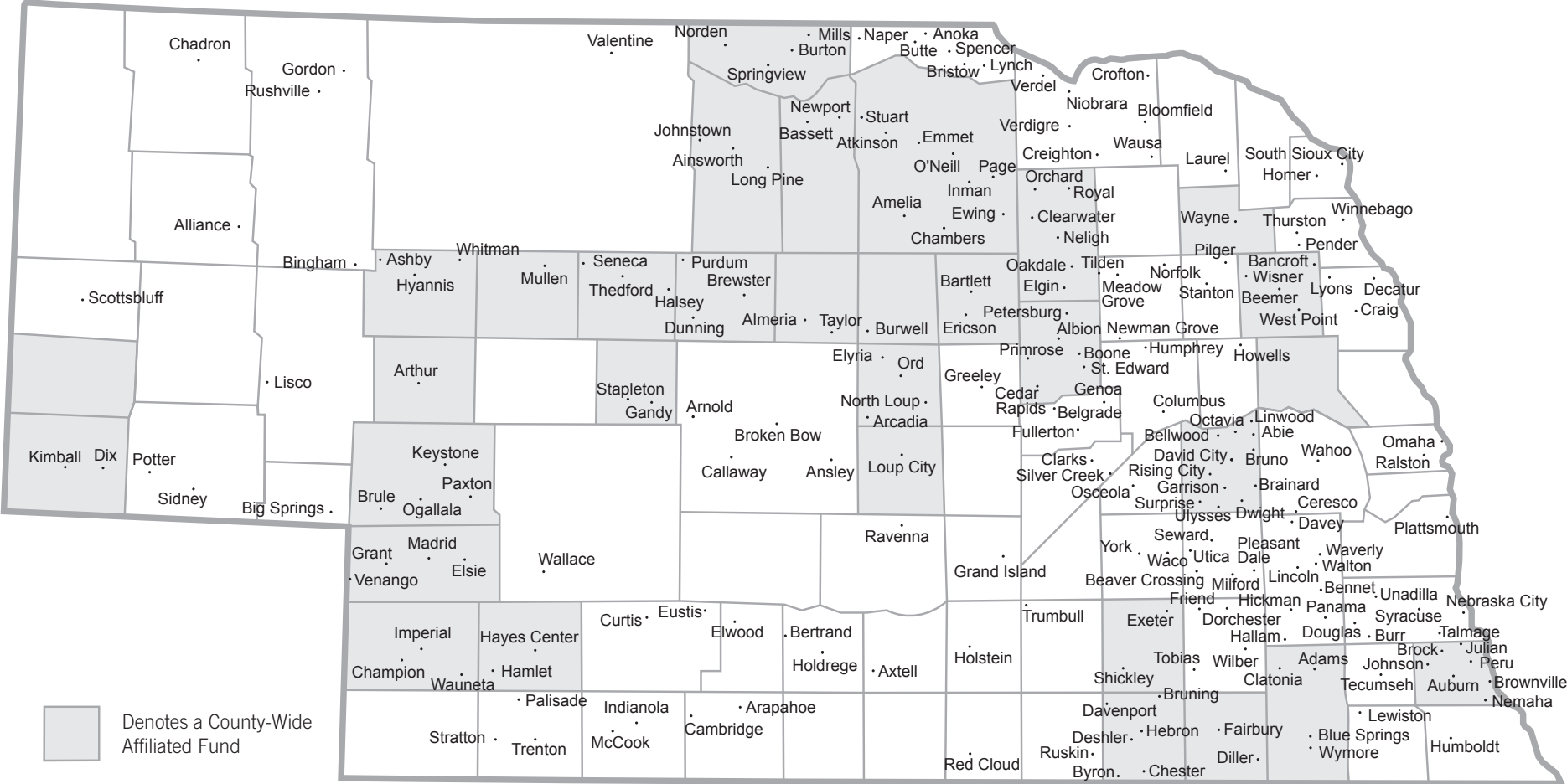
219 AFFILIATED FUNDS

of Nebraska Community Foundation

**Benefiting 250 Communities
in 80 Counties**

June 30, 2017

This map depicts counties and communities that benefit from planned gifts and affiliated funds of Nebraska Community Foundation.



94 Community-Based Affiliated Funds

Ansley Area Community Foundation Fund
 Arnold Community Fund
 Arthur Area Community Foundation Fund
 Atkinson Community Foundation Fund
 Axtell Community Fund
 Bennet Area Community Foundation Fund
 Bertrand Area Community Fund
 Big Springs Community Fund
 Blaine County Area Community Foundation Fund
 Bloomfield Community Foundation Fund
 Boone County Area Foundation Fund
 Brown County Community Foundation Fund
 Burr Community Fund
 Butler County Area Foundation Fund
 Byron Community Foundation Fund
 Calamus Area Community Fund
 Callaway Community Fund
 Ceresco Community Foundation Fund
 Chambers Community Improvement Foundation Fund
 Chester Community Fund
 Columbus Area Future Fund
 Craig Community Fund
 Creighton Community Foundation Fund
 Crofton Community Foundation Fund
 Cuming County Community Fund
 Curtis Community Foundation Fund
 Davenport Area Community Fund
 Davey Area Community Foundation Fund
 Deshler Community Fund
 Diller Community Foundation Fund
 Dorchester Community Foundation Fund
 Elgin Community Foundation Fund

Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund
 Exeter Area Community Foundation Fund
 Friend Area Fund
 Future of Decatur Foundation Fund
 Greater Waverly Area Foundation Fund
 Greeley Community Fund
 Hallam Area Fund
 Hayes County Community Fund
 Hebron Community Foundation Fund
 Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund
 Holstein Improvement Committee Fund
 Holt County Economic Development Fund
 Howells Community Fund
 Humboldt Area Community Foundation Fund
 Hyannis Area Community Foundation Fund
 Imperial Community Foundation Fund
 John and Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund (Valley County)
 Keith County Foundation Fund
 Keya Paha County Foundation Fund
 Kimball Area Foundation Fund
 Laurel Area Community Foundation Fund
 Logan County Community Foundation Fund
 McCook Community Foundation Fund
 Mullen Area Foundation Fund
 Naper Community Foundation Fund
 Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund
 Nemaha County Development Foundation Fund
 Newman Grove Community Foundation Fund
 Niobrara Community Foundation Fund
 Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund
 Oakdale Community Fund

O'Neill Community Foundation Fund
 Palisade Community Foundation Fund
 Pender-Thurston Education & Community Foundation Fund
 Perkins County Community Foundation Fund
 Plattsmouth Community Foundation Fund
 Ralston Community Foundation Fund
 Ravenna Area Vision Fund
 Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund
 Rock County Community Fund
 Rushville Community Fund
 Ruskin Community Foundation Fund
 Shickley Community Foundation Fund
 Spencer Community Foundation Fund
 Stratton Community Fund
 Stuart Community Foundation Fund
 Syracuse Development Foundation Fund
 Tecumseh Community Foundation Fund
 Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund
 Tilden-Meadow Grove Community Foundation Fund
 Trenton Community Foundation Fund
 Trumbull Community Foundation Fund
 Unadilla Area Community Fund
 Valley County Community Foundation Fund
 Verdigre Community Foundation Fund
 Wallace Community Foundation Fund
 Wauneta Community Fund
 Wausa Community Foundation Fund
 Wayne Area Legacy Fund
 Wheeler County Community Foundation Fund
 Wilber Area Community Foundation Fund
 Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund



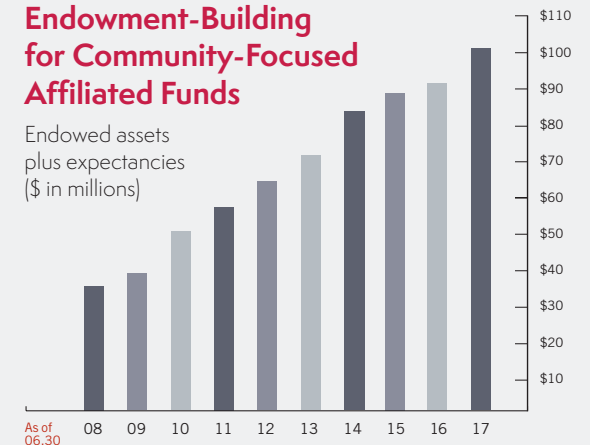
Growing Together

With an unrestricted endowment of nearly **\$1.7 million**, the Shickley Community Foundation Fund's investments in community – and especially the school – continue to grow. The Fund has supported construction of the school's new greenhouse, where students of all ages get hands-on learning opportunities, plus fresh vegetables for lunch.

In this district of about 150 students, there is no skimping on extra-curricular activities; top-notch equipment; or superior, full-time early childhood development. They have the unwavering support of the Shickley Community Foundation Fund.

Endowment-Building for Community-Focused Affiliated Funds

Endowed assets plus expectancies (\$ in millions)



As of 06.30



Scott Steinhauser of the Brown County Community Foundation Fund leads a discussion at a peer learning event held in Ainsworth.

Succeeding Together

More than \$13 million in new contributions to locally controlled, unrestricted endowments.

That is the financial goal for a partnership of 25 NCF community-based funds which began in 2012 and will continue through 2020. Equally important are the skills, the knowledge, and the relationships developing among dozens of leaders across the state.

The Building Community Capacity in Rural Nebraska initiative involves 13 affiliated funds each challenged to raise \$500,000 to receive a \$250,000 matching grant from The Sherwood Foundation. Another 12 funds are working to raise \$200,000 each for a \$100,000 Sherwood Foundation matching grant.

The first round of communities – McCook, Nebraska City, Norfolk and Shickley – have successfully completed the challenge, and many of those volunteers are mentoring others in strengthening community engagement and leadership.

219 Affiliated Funds of Nebraska Community Foundation *(continued)*

29 Organizational Affiliated Funds

Brown County Hospital Endowment Fund
 Chase County Hospital Foundation Fund
 Christian Heritage Endowment Fund
 Diane Nelson Endowment for the Governor's Residence Fund
 Fillmore County Hospital Foundation Fund
 Foundation for Thayer County Health Services Fund
 Friends of the Governor's Residence Fund
 Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Fund
 Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Charitable Foundation Fund
 Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund
 Lucille Burch Foundation for Animal Companions Fund
 Milford Public Schools Foundation Fund
 Nebraska CASA Association Dodge County Fund
 Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Fund
 Nebraska DECA Foundation Fund
 Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund
 Nebraska Library Association Foundation Fund
 Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Fund
 Northeast Nebraska RC&D Foundation Fund
 Northern Cheyenne Breakout Legacy Fund
 ServeNebraska Fund
 SkillsUSA Nebraska Foundation Fund
 Syracuse Library Foundation Fund
 The WealthSpring Fund
 Ukena Charitable Trust Fund
 Valley County Health System Foundation Fund
 Wachiska Audubon Society Fund
 West Holt Medical Services Foundation Fund
 Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund

45 Donor-Advised Funds

Howard and Peggy Atkins Fund
 Erna R. Badstieber Trust Donor-Advised Fund
 BCBSNE Fund for Quality & Efficient Health Care
 Bruning State Bank Donor-Advised Fund
 Cabela's Donor-Advised Fund
 Connie Fund

William H. and Erma C. Damme Fund
 Daycos4Good Donor-Advised Fund
 Alice Devoe Fund
 Dennis and Ruth Demmel Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Rudolph R. Elis Donor-Advised Fund
 Farmers National Education Foundation Fund
 First National Bank of Omaha Fund
 First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund
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 Lawrence Goscha Scholarship Fund
 Graff Charitable Foundation Donor-Advised Fund
 Dale and Sharon Harlan Donor-Advised Fund
 Robert and Jeanette Hunt Great Plains Communications Fund
 Leona Ihde Fund
 Kenner Family Fund
 Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund
 McGregor Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Steven J. and Lorraine K. Miller Charitable Fund
 Eugene and Donna Oakeson Family Fund
 Tom and Cynthia Olson Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Omaha Hearing School for Children Donor-Advised Fund
 Ron and Judy Parks Donor-Advised Fund
 Jennifer Reinke Donor-Advised Fund
 Marguerite Rose Donor-Advised Fund
 Margaret Russell Trust Donor-Advised Fund
 Paul and Karen Seger Family Fund
 Brad and Nancy Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund
 James Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund
 Sherwood Foundation Fund for Rural Nebraska
 Frank and Shirley Sibert Donor-Advised Fund
 Irene C. Stenger Donor-Advised Fund
 The Nelson Institute Fund
 Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Wolf Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
 Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (4)

7 Public/Private Partnership Funds

Basin Coalition Fund
 FutureForce Fund
 Nebraska Habitat Projects Fund
 North Platte Decree Committee Fund
 Partnerships for Innovation Fund
 Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Fund
 Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Fund

23 Designated or Field of Interest Funds

Orin and Ruby Barlean Scholarship Fund
 Butte Anoka Scholarships Fund
 Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund
 Concordia University Nebraska Endowment Fund
 Don and Artice Fells Fund
 Bobby Foehlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Ken Good Scholarship Fund
 Lyndall A. Harris Memorial Fund
 Neal and Pauline Keller Scholarship Fund
 Donald Keenan Memorial Fund for Math and Science Education
 Martens Family Scholarship Fund
 McManigal Family Fund
 Nagengast Family Scholarship Fund
 Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
 Omaha Hearing School for Children Scholarship Fund
 Irene and Verne Pretzer Scholarship Fund
 Edna and Richard Reinke Scholarship Fund
 John and Geraldine Slama Designated Fund
 St. Edward Medical Clinic Fund
 Tri-Valley Medical Foundation Designated Fund
 Verner and Mildred Vinzant Elwood Care Center Endowment Fund
 Waco Community Scholarship Fund
 Youth Scholar College Scholarship Fund

21 Life Income Funds

Additional gifts are invested through NCF to benefit Nebraska communities and organizations and provide income for the donors.

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Gifts received 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017

\$100,000 and above

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Omaha

The Sherwood Foundation
Omaha

Anonymous

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Talmage

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska
Lincoln

Judy and Ron Parks
Papillion

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Abel Foundation
Lincoln

Consolidated Companies
Lincoln

Great Plains Communications
Blair

Carol and Fred Lockwood
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MNB Financial Group
McCook

Pinnacle Bank
Omaha

Lynn and Dana Roper
Lincoln

Dale Tinstman*/Tinstman Family Donor-Advised Fund
Lincoln

Union Bank & Trust
Lincoln

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Ameritas Charitable Foundation
Lincoln

Steve Buttress
Kearney

Cornerstone Bank
York

Sandra and Steven Wendell
Axtell

Westwood Trust
Omaha

Wolf Foundation
Albion

Jay and Susie Wolf
Albion

\$2,000 to \$4,999

Auburn Agency Crop, Inc.
Auburn

Baird Holm LLP
Omaha

Bellevue University
Bellevue

BKD, LLP
Lincoln

Bradford Insurance Agency
Norfolk

Bruning State Bank
Bruning

Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather LLP
Lincoln

Community Hospital
McCook

D.A. Davidson
Lincoln

Daycos
Norfolk

Dale and Mary Dueland
McCook

Farmers National Company
Omaha

Fillmore County Hospital
Geneva

First State Bank Nebraska
Lincoln

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Shickley

Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative
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Frontier Bank
Pender

Mark and Linda Graff
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Roca

Jim and Terri Gustafson
Lincoln

Jeffres Sand & Gravel
Burwell

Elna Johnson
Imperial

Paul and Angie Madison
Nebraska City

McPherron, Skiles & Loop CPAs
McCook

Millard Manufacturing
La Vista

Moeller Electric
Byron

Nebraska Farm Bureau
Lincoln

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Lincoln

Nebraska Life Magazine
Norfolk

Tom and Cynthia Olson
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Lori and Russ Pankonin
Imperial

Pender Grain Elevator
Pender

Pinpoint Communications
Cambridge

Sara Coffee Radil and Gary Radil
Omaha

Reinke Manufacturing Company
Deshler

Reliant Transportation
Lincoln

Sandhills State Bank
Bassett

Sandman Family Foundation
Diller

Security Bank
Laurel

Springdale Title & Realty
Ord

The Ambassador Group
Nebraska City

Jeffrey Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost
Lincoln

\$1,000 to \$1,999

Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Charlotte, NC

Douglas and Louise Bereuter
Cedar Bluffs

Bettenhausen Family Foundation
Lincoln

Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
Eustis

Reggi and Doug Carlson
Lincoln

First Central Bank
McCook

Graff Charitable Foundation
McCook

Lorensen Lumber & Grain
Pender

Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln

Al and Lois Steuter
Johnstown

The Colonial Press
Omaha

\$500 to \$999

Acklie Charitable Foundation
Lincoln

Dan and Beth Bahensky
Kearney

Samuel* and Joyce Baird
Lincoln

K.C. and Colleen Belitz
Columbus

Steven Brewster
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Auburn

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Walton

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INSPRO
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Lane Gewecke Consulting
Lincoln

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Anders Olson
Norfolk

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Richard and Catherine Schmoker
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James Stuart III Family Foundation
Lincoln

Susan Ugai
Lincoln

Kiel VanderVeen
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Diane Wilson and Kay Richter
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Lincoln

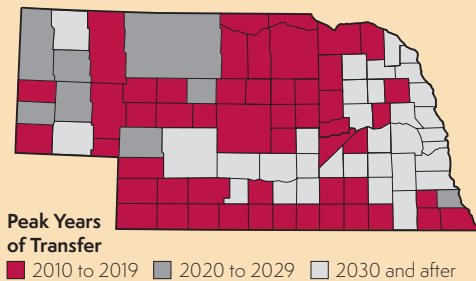
The Transfer of Wealth Opportunity

Whether you have spent your whole life in Nebraska, or were born and raised here, moved away, but still care deeply about your hometown, now is the time to think about giving back.

Nebraskans are generous by nature. Nebraska Community Foundation empowers people who hold true to their Nebraska values. You can provide for your family, realize tax benefits, and importantly, create a lasting legacy through charitable gifts to your community.

Our 2011 Transfer of Wealth Study estimated that more than \$600 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in Nebraska by 2060. In 51 counties, the peak years for this transfer are happening right now.

**Nebraska Community Foundation
Intergenerational Transfer of Wealth Analysis**



Think of the opportunity! If only a small portion of our intergenerational wealth were shared with the communities where that wealth was built over generations, our hometowns would have abundant resources for reinvestment.

In 2002, when we began a serious effort to encourage planned giving, there were only 18 planned gifts totaling \$6 million to benefit 14 communities. Today, there are 307 planned gifts, conservatively estimated at \$61 million, to benefit dozens of communities and organizations across the state.

We are honored to be working with generous donors and their financial advisors who care about the future of our hometowns.

GIVING WISELY

Don and Arlyce Ausdemore feel a sense of community pride and volunteerism when they return to their hometown of Crofton. Both husband and wife grew up in farming families that had homesteaded near this Northeast Nebraska community. After college graduation, they both became teachers and moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the far northeast side of the Upper Peninsula.

Don and Arlyce return to Crofton regularly to see relatives and for special events. “There is something about the values of faith and family that is so impressive in Crofton,” said Arlyce. “When we visited for the 125th anniversary, people really stepped up to welcome us.”

Don spoke proudly of Crofton’s numerous state titles in track, basketball and football. “The town is continuing a strong tradition of excellence in education and athletics,” he said. “It’s a great place to be a student.”

These warm feelings for their hometown have inspired Don and Arlyce to contribute to the Crofton Community Foundation Fund. “We began working with Jim Gustafson and NCF when we started using the

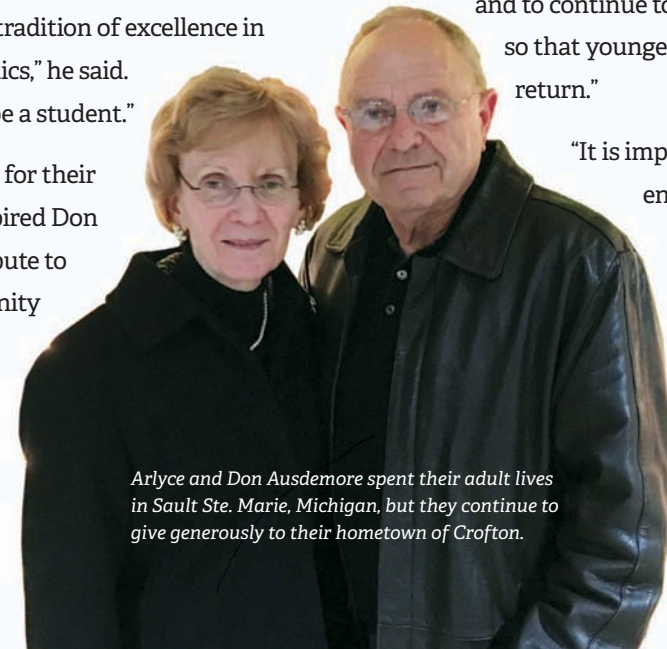
Charitable IRA Rollover as a giving method,” Don said. “Jim answered all our questions, and he even gave us his cell phone number,” Don laughed.

This giving method can be used by individuals age 70-1/2 or older.

“The great thing about a Charitable IRA Rollover is that it adds nothing to your gross income, which is important if you are filing a short IRS tax return. Now, we can transfer our annual required distribution to our church, the college, and back to our hometown through the Crofton Community Foundation Fund,” Don said.

Arlyce added, “Our hope is that the community continues to have the same Midwestern values and environment we see every time we return for a visit, and to continue to improve the quality of life so that younger people will want to stay or return.”

“It is important to have a robust endowment because, unlike income from farming, with an endowment, you can count on having funding for necessary improvements year after year. It will be there forever,” Arlyce said.



Arlyce and Don Ausdemore spent their adult lives in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, but they continue to give generously to their hometown of Crofton.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Becoming a Member of the Legacy Society

Nebraska Community Foundation's Legacy Society is our way to celebrate and say thank you to generous donors of both current gifts and future gift provisions through estate plans that benefit Nebraska. You will be enrolled in the Legacy Society when you let NCF know of your charitable intentions. With permission, you will be honored in NCF's annual report and you will receive an invitation to attend the NCF annual banquet.

If you would like to support Nebraska Community Foundation, give back to your hometown, or if you have already made a future gift intention in your will, through a beneficiary designation, or with a life income arrangement, contact Jim Gustafson, Director of Advancement and Gift Planning, at (402) 323-7341 or jgustafson@nebcommfound.org.

Recognition in the Legacy Society is based on contributions made through and information known on or before June 30, 2017.

THE NCF STAKEHOLDERS CLUB

Honors those generous individuals who have made a planned gift of any amount to Nebraska Community Foundation to support our community-building mission.

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Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
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Ten Tools for Planning Your Gift

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A provision in your will that creates a legacy
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Avoids potential double taxation
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Easy, convenient and flexible
- 4) Donor-Advised Fund
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- 5) Charitable Gift Annuity
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- 8) Gift of Real Estate
Produces significant tax advantages
- 9) Charitable Remainder Trust
Increases income and bypasses capital gains taxes
- 10) Wealth Replacement Trust
Helps provide for family and charity

To learn more about planning your gift, visit nebcommfound.giftlegacy.com.

THE JIM AND ELAINE WOLF CLUB



The Jim and Elaine Wolf Club recognizes the generosity of those individuals, foundations and corporations who have made cumulative, lifetime gifts of \$100,000 or more to an NCF affiliated fund. The Club is named in honor of the late Jim and Elaine Wolf, who initiated NCF's endowment with a gift of \$100,000, and provided the first \$100,000 challenge grant to Boone County to build a permanent endowment.

Russ and Laurie Allen
Pender

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Gary Jon Aten and Caroline Skopec Aten
Atkinson

Howard and Peggy Atkins
Kimball

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
Omaha

Brandt Family
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Elwood

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Omaha

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Omaha

Frontier Bank
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Lincoln

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Great Plains Communications
Blair

Gerald* and Verlene Gunderson
Wausa

Bonnie McManigal Gupta
Sebastopol, CA

Robert Harm*

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McCook

In Memory of Lyndall Harris

Judy Hemberger
Estes Park, CO

Humboldt Community Foundation, Inc.
Humboldt

Robert Hunt*

Darrel and Deb Johnson
Shickley

Kermit* and Lottie Wolf* Karns
Imperial

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
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Ron and Wanda Kelly
Thurston

Kenner Family
Hebron

Peter Kiewit Foundation
Omaha

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Nebraska City

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Wahoo

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Omaha

Judy and Ron Parks
Papillion

Pinnacle Bank, Nebraska
Omaha, Columbus, Gretna, Ogallala, O'Neill

Raimondo Foundation
Columbus

Anthony F. and Jeanne Raimondo
Columbus

Rolland R. Ramsthal*

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Laurel

Reinke Manufacturing Company
Deshler

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Pender

Rock County Growth, Inc.
Bassett

Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation
Omaha

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Atkinson

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James Sherwood
Big Pine Key, FL

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Kearney

Steinhart Foundation
Nebraska City

The ARC Norfolk
Norfolk

The Sherwood Foundation
Omaha

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Maywood

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Tri-County Bank/Schmaderer Family
Stuart

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Wiebe Ralston Foundation
Ralston

Hugh, Bill and Cam* Wilkins
Geneva

Wilkinson Family
Curtis

Paul John Anton and Doris Wirth Foundation
Nebraska City

Jay and Susie Wolf
Albion

Jim* and Elaine* Wolf

World's Foremost Bank
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Michael Yanney Family/America First Companies
Omaha

Dale and Janie Zadina
Ord

John and Frances* Zuroske
Albion

* Donor is deceased

THE CONNIE DAY CLUB



The Connie Day Club honors individuals who have made a planned gift of \$500,000 or more in their will, through a beneficiary designation or with a life income arrangement to an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation. By designating a \$500,000 life insurance policy to establish the Connie Fund, Connie Day created an endowment to benefit the children of Northeast Nebraska.

Lemoine "Andy" and Geri* Anderson
McCook

Estate of Erna R. Badstieber

Estate of Shirley Kreutz Bennett

John* and Maurine* Biegert
Shickley

Estates of Bruno and LaVerne Boettcher

Densil* and Elaine Christiansen
Pender

Gary Chvala* and Jan Krotter Chvala Family
O'Neill

Estates of Leonard and Audrey Cumming

Tom and Deanne Damkroger
Lincoln

Brandon and Tammy Day
Norfolk

Estate of Connie Day

John Day
Ravenel, SC

Estate of Russell DeVoe Mary Kay Dolejs
Omaha

Estate of Rudolph Elis

Estate of Don and Artice Fells

Estate of James Fisher

Estate of Lawrence Goscha Bernard and Susan Hay
Scottsdale, AZ

Estate of Sharon K. Holmberg Jerry and Karla Huse
Norfolk

Estate of Leona M. Ihde

Estate of Clarence W. Kettelhut

Mark A. and Suzanne M. Kolterman
Seward

Estate of Glenn Korff

Estates of Margaret and Mary Linhart

Estate of Helen E. Martens

Estate of Grace Moller Dr. D.J.* and Josephine Nagengast
Bloomfield

Greg M. Retzlaff
Adams

Estate of Margaret Russell Frank and Shirley Sibert
Kearney

Estate of Irene C. Stenger Allen D. Strunk
Las Vegas, NV

Estates of Gerhard J. and Amelita A. Tunink

Estates of Mildred and Verner Vinzant Jay and Susie Wolf
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Lester* and Helen* Wolfe
McCook

Estates of John and Alyce Wozab Benedict and Jane Zach
Omaha

John and Frances* Zuroske
Albion

** Donor is deceased*

Investing in Young Adults

Twenty-one years ago, the late Connie Day of Norfolk used a \$500,000 life insurance policy to establish a donor-advised fund with NCF. Over the years, earnings from her endowment have funded nearly \$300,000 in programs that improve the lives of children and young adults in Northeast Nebraska; yet the principal of the endowment has grown to \$867,500.

This past year, the Fund made a commitment to a popular program for teens in Norfolk. The Zone is a place for youths to hang out with friends and play games. It is also a program that encourages community involvement, health and wellness, and leadership.

When federal funding disappeared in 2010, former Zone youths helped to form a new board and reopen The Zone in 2012. With 65 youths on its roster, the program is currently at capacity.

A \$37,000 grant from the Connie Fund will provide bridge funding to allow staff and board members time to explore how to evolve to the next stage and address program development and leadership succession.

Future funding will support sustainable growth of this important program through coaching and mentoring for staff as well as leadership development for board members.

Executive director Julee Pfeil of The Zone joins a discussion on how to decorate the windows for Norfolk's Oktoberfest celebration. From left to right, staff member Hayley Stamp, Kallie Arnold, Julee Pfeil, and Maleia Taylor. The students in this photo have been coming to The Zone for three years.



THE HOMETOWN HERITAGE CLUB

The Hometown Heritage Club recognizes friends who have made provisions in their estate plans with a future gift intention of any amount to benefit an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

Colin and Teresa Albers
Nebraska City

Estate of Wyonna Alfs
Sally Andersen
Omaha

Estate of Laura "Merle" Atkinson
Larry and Kelly Ballinger
Pender

Estate of Dr. John L. Batty
Guy and Bonnie Bechtel
Ogallala

Estate of Kenneth Beckmann
Kerry and Colleen Belitz
Columbus

Estate of Trudy L. Bergen
in Memory of Don Keenan

Estate of Charles Wilton Berryman
Estate of Barbara J. Birmingham

F. Kay Blackstone
Red Cloud

Marcia A. Boden
Roseville, CA

Wayne and Pat Boilesen
Albion

Estate of Mary Ellen Bosworth
Estate of Elizabeth Boyce

Jim and Helen Bradford
Norfolk

Jim Brennan
Atkinson

Janet S. Brewster
Stuart

Estate of Joe G. Brewster
Steven A. Brewster
Stuart

Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
Eustis

Steve and Sharon Brown
Valentine

Frank L. and Mary B. Bruning
Bruning

Fred and Penni Bruning
Bruning

Rick and Tracie Chochon
Columbus

Janet L. Krotter Chvala
O'Neill

Judith Scherer Connealy
and Matt Connealy
Decatur

Estate of John E. Daro
Edwin and Barbara Dickau
Newport

Eugene and Judy Dondlinger
Shickley

Bob and Michelle Dudley
Norfolk

Dale and Mary Dueland
McCook

Eric Duhachek
Ogallala

Estate of Raymond W. Eisenhower
Rori D. Erickson
Albion

Bette J. and Robert A.* Essig
Burwell

Estates of Dale and Irene Fadschild
Jared and Julie Faltys and Family
Norfolk

Joe and Bev Ferguson
Norfolk

Estate of Blanche A. Fillipi
Bud and Rita Fleischer
Columbus

Estates of L.J. and Mitzi Fox
Estate of Paul M. Fox

Douglas A. and Patricia L. Friedli
Nebraska City

Erv and Marcia Friesen
Nebraska City

Douglas and Judy Gaswick
Imperial

Estate of Kenneth J. Good
Mark and Linda Graff
McCook

William and Sandra Graves
McCook

Wayne and Linda Green
Chambers

Daniel and Tacy Griess
Alliance

Estate of Gerald G. Grote
Jim and Terri Gustafson
Lincoln

Steven and Beverly Harms
Davenport

Don and Alice Harpst
McCook

Jerry and Kathy Heard
Howells

Peggy and Steve Hemphill
Diller

Estate of Joan Hendrickson
Estate of Arnold W. Henrichs

Sharon A. Hersemann
Nebraska City

Carol Hilker
Pender

In Memory of Leo Hink

Richard Holland and
Kathleen High Holland
Lincoln

Estate of Eleanora F. Houser
Don* and Phyllis Hovendick
Four Seasons, MO

Dave Hunt
Holdrege

Neal* and Elizabeth Hunt
Albion

Stephen Hunt
Plattsmouth

Estate of Richard W. Jacoby
Larry and Pat Jakubowski
Howells

Estate of Helen F. Jasa
Jana M. Jensen
Bingham

Nick and Susan Jensen
Pender

Estate of David C. Johnson
Gene and Beverly* Johnson
Wausa

Loral* and Elna Johnson
Imperial

Calvin* and Audrey Jones and Family
Thedford

Jay Jones
Thedford

Sally Juilfs
Nebraska City

Joseph R. and Gina D. Kamler
Shickley

Estate of Franklin Kjeldgaard
Estate of Wayne C. Kjeldgaard

John C. Klosterman
David City

Keith and Karen Knudsen
Laurel

Dawn Koehlmoos
Fremont

Wendell* and Joyce Kronberg
Ralston

Kurt and Jerene Kruse
Albion

Bethanne Kunz
Ord

Estate of H. Neil Lancaster
Larry R. Larson
Omaha

David and Susan LeGrand
Nebraska City

Estate of Arlen Lohmeyer

Estate of Raymond Lohmeyer
Susan Lorence and Ray Newton
Plattsmouth

Mark and Jana Lorensen
Pender

Chad Lottman
Diller

Douglas and Cindy Lottman
Diller

Bonnie and Gerry Luckey
David City

Estate of Donald Lundeen
Ronald Maas
Bennet

Paul and Angie Madison
Nebraska City

Cora Lynn Fosler Malmberg
Pender

Estates of Bonnie and
Eugene Martinson

Brian and Joan Mastny
Clarkson

Travis and Heidi McConnell
Wallace

Marilyn D. McNabb
Lincoln

Redge and Phyllis Meierhenry
Clancy, MT

Dorothy Mejstrik*
Howells

Funding Together in Friend

Jerry and Nadia Meyer

Callaway

Estate of Martin H. Meyer

Estate of Doris B. Miller

Randall Moeller

Pender

Maxine and Francis Moul

Lincoln

Jordan and Jennifer Mueller

Columbus

Michael and Lynn Namuth

Sidney

Kathryn Nelson

Nebraska City

Estate of Barbara Fassler Neumann

Estate of Elsie A. Newman

James F. and Ginger Nissen

Lincoln

LG Norman

Pender

Chuck and Jana Olsen

Norfolk

Janet and Glen Olson

Laurel

Lori and Russ Pankonin

Imperial

David and Tammy Partsch

Nebraska City

Estate of Edward and Eldiva Pavlik

Estate of Kendall M. Peterson

Larry and Angie Peirce

David City

Hope M. Peterson

Lincoln

Patricia A. Petsche

Petersburg

Estate of John B. Petteys

Paula Mitchell Pflueger

Norfolk

Tom and Verla Plummer

Lincoln

Annette A. Pritchard

Laurel

Mark and Kelly Ptacek

O'Neill

Gail DeBuse Potter and

James E.* Potter

Lincoln

Richard* and Lois Quimby

Nebraska City

Rob Rainer and Cindy Kai

Pender

Pauline Ragan*

Wymore

Estate of Rolland R. Ramsthal

Estate of Eris G. Randall

Molly A. Reinecke

Norfolk

Mary Peterson Reinholt

Plattsmouth

Estate of Edith M. Robbins

Keith Roby

Plattsmouth

Beth and Dean Roelfs

Diller

Jason and Jenny Roth

Pender

Bill and Gladys Sandman

Diller

W. Randall Sandman

Diller

Jon D. and Jennifer L. Schmaderer

Stuart

Mike Schuldt

Plattsmouth

Dennis D. Schmidt

Diller

Nicole Sedlacek

O'Neill

Estate of John H. Seide

Ron Sheppard

Callaway

Shari Sheppard

Callaway

James Sherwood

Big Pine Key, FL

Dennis* and Rita Shimmin

Ogallala

Shawna L. Silvius

Nebraska City

Jim and Cathy Smith

Wallace

Mary and Kent Smith

Howells

Estate of Randall J. Smith

Janice Spurling

Shickley

Ron and Connie Stauffer

Norfolk

Estate of Esther Stehl

Joel and Kendra Steinhauser

O'Neill

Gerald and Loydeen Stengel

Shickley

Al and Lois Steuter

Johnstown

Estates of Charles and Gracie

Stoops

Bob and Jean Stowell

Ord

Doug and Jenise Straight

Shickley

Al and JoAnn Svajgr

Cozad

Jim* and Peggy Thalken

Ogallala

Estate of JoAnn Tharp

Ted and Ramona Thieman

Petersburg

Matthew and Leslie Timm

Pender

Estate of Daniel E. Timms

Estates of Dale and Jean Tinstman

Estate of Russell Troxell

Bryan and Melissa Turner

Nebraska City

Lee and Joyce Turner

Nebraska City

C. Scott and Brenda VanderVeen

Nebraska City

Kiel VanderVeen

Nebraska City

Richard Vosteen and

Joyce Flood Vosteen

Lincoln

Jim and Susan Wakefield

O'Neill

Estate of Kathryn A. Wall

Estate of W. Gaylord Wallace

Richard and Darlene Walter

Shickley

Jo Ann Ward

Albion

Merritt C. Warren

Creighton

Gene Weedin

McCook

Roger and Jeanene* Wehrbein

Plattsmouth

Ray and Deb Welsh

Pender

Bill and Maureen Wenke

Pender

Bruce and Cheri Werner

Petersburg

Estate of Mary Louise Weverka

Charles and Kelsey Wiest

Nebraska City

Annette and Bruce Wiles

Plattsmouth

Estate of Sylvia Viola Wilson

Estate of Karen J. Winship

Don and Michelle Wolfe

Overland Park, KS

** Donor is deceased*



Avery Tuttle, age nine, enjoys the new park equipment installed with the help of community volunteers and funding from the Friend Area Fund. Additionally, the city constructed a new park clubhouse, thanks to funding from an endowed donor-advised fund, created by the late Leona Ihde of Beaver Crossing.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFFILIATED FUNDS

\$7,500 and above for the 12 months ending June 30, 2017

Donor	Beneficiary Affiliated Fund	Donor	Beneficiary Affiliated Fund
\$500,000 and above		\$25,000 to \$49,999	
First National Bank of Omaha	First National Bank of Omaha Fund, Butler County, Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund, Diller, Nebraska, LEAD Program Foundation Fund	Alice E. Christiansen	Pender-Thurston
Estate of Russell D. Devoe	Alice Devoe Fund	Estate of Esther Pilster	Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund
John T. Zuroske Trust	Marguerite Rose Donor-Advised Fund	Nucor Corporation	Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund, Norfolk Ralston
\$250,000 \$499,999		Estate of Kendall M. Peterson	Boone County, First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund, Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund, Red Cloud, Wheeler County
The Sherwood Foundation	Sherwood Foundation Fund for Rural Nebraska	Cornerstone Bank	Spencer
Estate of Mary Louise Weverka	Calamus Area	Estate of Sharon Holmberg	Valley County
Duncan G. McGregor Revocable Trust and Janice E. McGregor Revocable Trust	McGregor Family Donor-Advised Fund	Dale and Janie Zadina	Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
Jennifer R. Reinke	Jennifer Reinke Donor-Advised Fund	Brian and Carey Hamilton Charitable Fund	Brown County
\$100,000 to \$249,999		Anonymous	Red Cloud, Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
Rock County Growth, Inc.	Rock County	Dennis and Sally Hansen	Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund, Stuart
Anonymous	Columbus	Donald J. Schmaderer	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Fund, Pender-Thurston
Raimondo Foundation	Columbus	Ron and Wanda Kelly	Boone County
Graff Charitable Foundation	Graff Charitable Foundation Donor-Advised Fund, McCook, Stratton	Kurt and Jerene Kruse	Red Cloud
The ARC Norfolk	Norfolk	Brad and Kathy Wulf	Pender-Thurston
Lawler Foundation	Orin and Ruby Barlean Scholarship Fund	David J. and Shirley J. Hoelting	Diller
W3 Cattle LLC	Pender-Thurston	Bob and Cynthia Milligan Fund	Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund, Pender-Thurston
Fillmore County Hospital Foundation	Fillmore County Hospital Foundation Fund	Pender Implement Company	Valley County
Harold and Marilyn Rink	Pender-Thurston	Bob and Jean Stowell	Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund, Norfolk, Rock County
Frontier Bank	Pender-Thurston	US Bank	Norfolk
\$50,000 to \$99,999		Norfolk Iron & Metal	Imperial
BHE Renewables	Atkinson, Chambers, Holt County, O'Neill, Stuart	Elna Johnson	Pender-Thurston
Estate of Lance F. Johnson	Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund	Penro Construction Company	Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund
Tri-County Bank	Atkinson, Holt County, O'Neill, Rock County, Stuart	James E. Gran	Red Cloud
Russ and Laurie Allen	Pender-Thurston	Gottsch Livestock Feeders	Pender-Thurston
Estate of Oscar Hemenway	Wheeler County	Ron Bruns Feed Yards	Eustis
Daycos	Daycos4Good Donor-Advised Fund, Norfolk	Neil and Kristen Jack	Boone County
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Fund	Kayton Farms	Laurel, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund
The Jerry & Blanche A. Fillipi Foundation	Pender-Thurston	Richard E. and Joan S. Adkins Jr.	Red Cloud
Faith Regional Health Services	Norfolk, Wayne	Gary and Bev Meyer	Diller
Biles Farm	Pender-Thurston	Anonymous	Keith County
Anonymous	Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund	Larry and Mary Lynn Callen	Diller, Irene and Verne Pretzer Scholarship Fund
Rupert Dunklau Foundation	Pender-Thurston	V & I Family Trust	Big Springs
Anonymous	Perkins County	Estate of Wayne Kjeldgaard	

Donor	Beneficiary Affiliated Fund
The Riverview Donor-Advised Fund	Rock County
South Central State Bank	Red Cloud
Dolores K. (Dot Kokes) Speidel	Valley County
Jay Yost and Wade Leak	Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
Lorensen Lumber & Grain LLC	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Fund, Pender-Thurston
Jay and Susie Wolf	Boone County, Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund
Eustis Body Shop	Eustis
James A. Vanous	Butler County
Elmer and Mary Beth Vanous Betterment Fund	Butler County
Wanda M. McCabe	Callaway
Kathleen Lute	Keith County
\$10,000 to \$14,999	
Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation	Nebraska City
Renée and Jim Adkisson	Brown County
Matthew and Leslie Timm	Pender-Thurston
Pinnacle Bank	Arnold, Diller, Dorchester, Holt County, Imperial, Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund, Perkins County, Verdigre
Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier	Eustis
Nebraska Cattlemen	Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund
Charter West Bank	Pender-Thurston
Mike Schuldt	Plattsmouth
Master Hand Feeds	Thedford
Robert and Myrna Krohn Family Foundation	Boone County
Al and Lois Steuter	Brown County
Citizens State Bank	Friend, Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund
Dennis D. Schmidt	Diller
Heritage Bank	Red Cloud
Bill and Maureen Wenke	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Fund, Pender-Thurston
Laugh & A Half Marathon	Norfolk
Terry and Lynette Roth	Pender-Thurston
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust	Norfolk
Alice J. Chace	Laurel
Rex A. and Julie K. Mahoney	Boone County
Lora Damme and Jay Longinaker	William H. and Erma C. Damme Fund, Nemaha County

Donor	Beneficiary Affiliated Fund
Matthew D. and Connie Felber	Pender-Thurston
Donald B. and Arlyce Ausdemore	Crofton
Tuttle Inc.	Friend
Gerald and Darlene Ehlers	Brown County
John C. and Patricia K. Phillips	Red Cloud
Wayne and Bev Buller	Boone County
Bob Dudley	Norfolk
Bob and Marilyn L. Harris	Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
Richard A. and Mary Heyne	Pender-Thurston
Janet L. Krotter Chvala	Stuart
Todd G. and Brenda Syfie-Mundhenke	Brown County
Josh Swan	Norfolk
Advance Services	Norfolk
Byron State Bank	Byron
Cornhusker Auto Center	Norfolk
Harmar Farms Consolidated	First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund
Pillen Family Farms	Boone County
Stutterheim Crop Advisory	Eustis
Svajgr Family Descendants Trust	Diller
The Leroy Thom, Jean Thom and T-L Foundation	Red Cloud
Union Pacific Foundation	Cheyenne County
Valley County Health System Foundation	Valley County Health System Foundation Fund
Estate of William A. Wisnieski and Patricia J. Wisnieski	Howells
\$7,500 to \$9,999	
Mark and Linda Graff	Graff Charitable Foundation Donor-Advised Fund, McCook, Red Cloud
Steven L. and Jill M. Smith	Pender-Thurston
Appeara	Norfolk, Pender-Thurston
McCook National Bank	McCook, Stratton
KRK	Perkins County
Wakefield Insurance Agency	O'Neill
Wagonhammer Ranches	Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation Fund, O'Neill, Wheeler County
R. L. March Farms	Rock County
United Methodist Church	Friend
DeKalb Seed	Arnold
South Loup Seed	Arnold
Raymond J. Scott	Valley County

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$6,436,752	\$22,342,039
Certificates of deposit	28,694,043	22,578,969
Investments	94,910,394	72,269,318
Investment in real property	75,131	75,131
Interest receivable	57,281	–
Gift annuities insurance	309,449	328,001
Due from related party	–	16
Property and equipment, net	83,172	76,028
Total assets	<u>\$130,566,222</u>	<u>\$117,669,502</u>
LIABILITIES		
Funds held for agencies	\$8,670,617	\$7,920,637
Accrued payroll liabilities	69,250	52,048
Accrued other liabilities	2,931	6,991
Gift annuities payable	812,505	845,328
Total liabilities	<u>9,555,303</u>	<u>8,825,004</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted, undesignated	104,033,110	90,589,127
Unrestricted, board designated	1,016,101	1,004,552
Temporarily restricted	14,112,373	15,401,984
Permanently restricted	1,849,335	1,848,835
Total net assets	<u>121,010,919</u>	<u>108,844,498</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$130,566,222</u>	<u>\$117,669,502</u>

Statement of Activities

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

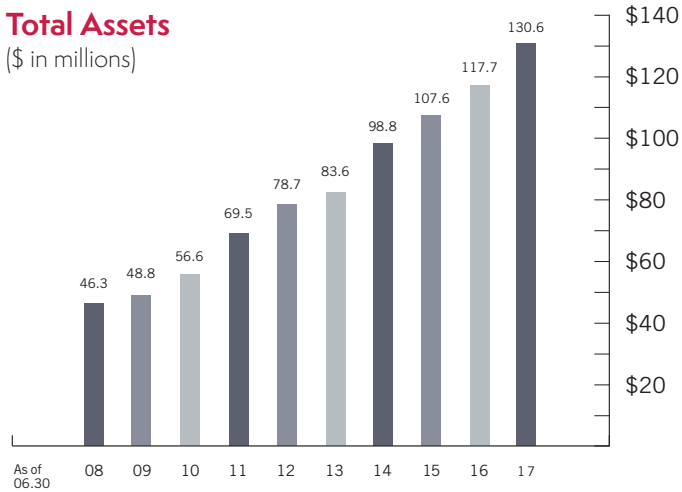
	2017	2016
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Revenue and support		
Contributions	\$29,253,406	\$27,229,661
Investment income/(loss)	8,322,283	(240,702)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(49,691)	(34,271)
Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements	1,711,731	1,250,198
Total revenue and support	<u>39,237,729</u>	<u>28,204,886</u>
Expenses		
Program services	24,561,153	17,920,764
Management and general	2,142,543	1,766,800
Fundraising	367,612	347,034
Total expenses	<u>27,071,308</u>	<u>20,034,598</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	12,166,421	8,170,288
Net assets, beginning of year	108,844,498	100,674,210
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$121,010,919</u>	<u>\$108,844,498</u>

The financial statements of Nebraska Community Foundation are audited annually by an independent public accounting firm. A copy of the audited financial statements may be obtained by contacting the Foundation's office. A copy of the Foundation's tax filing (Form 990) may be obtained on the Foundation's website or by contacting the Foundation's office.

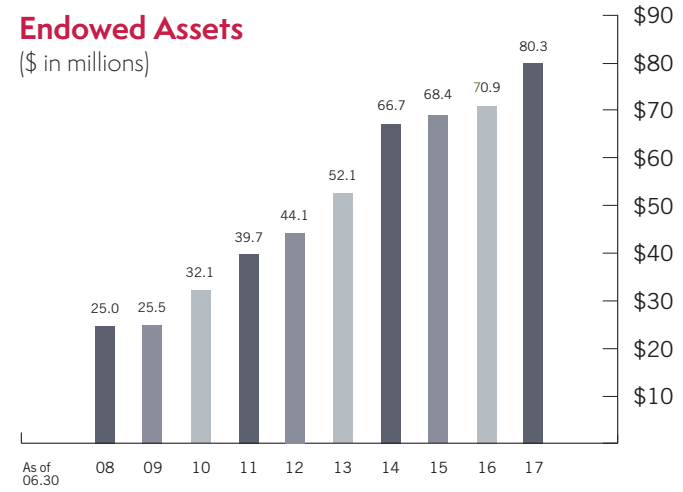
Assets, Disbursements and Contributions

of Nebraska Community Foundation with its Affiliated Funds

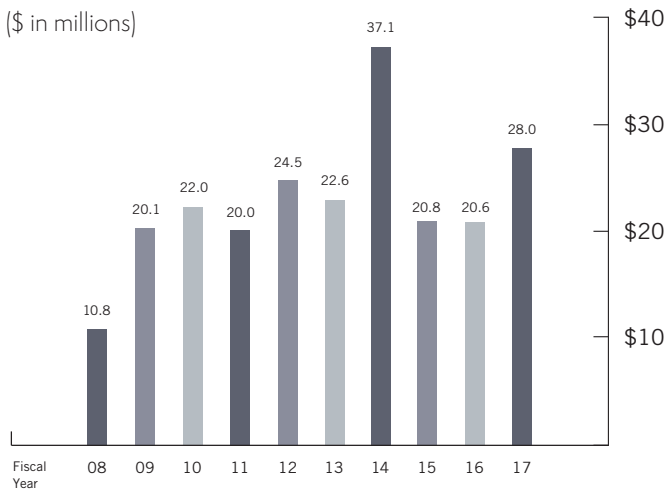
Total Assets
(\$ in millions)



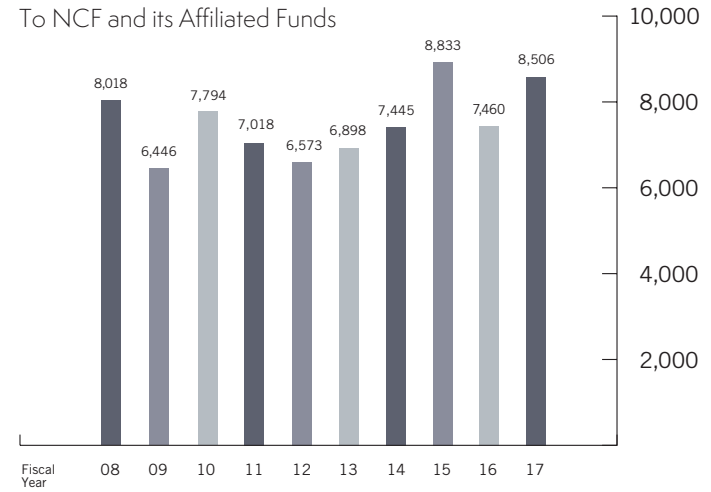
Endowed Assets
(\$ in millions)



Grants and Disbursements
(\$ in millions)



Number of Contributions Per Year
To NCF and its Affiliated Funds



TOGETHER A GREATER HOMETOWN



Every fall, the Pender-Thurston Education and Community Foundation Fund provides "welcome back" bags to Pender Public Schools staff and holds a brief presentation to talk about the Fund's mission and vision. This year, 51 out of 56 school staff members generously contributed to the Fund. Pictured here are Fund volunteers Katie Gutzmann (left) and Susan Jensen.

Drive through Pender, Nebraska and you're sure to notice numerous construction projects taking place – a 38,000-square-foot community center, a hospital expansion, a new law enforcement center and jail, as well as new Main Street housing and storefront restoration. In all, that's about \$50 million being invested into community revitalization.

Fifty million dollars in a town of just over 1,100 people. That equates to about \$45,000 for every Pender resident.

But "Pender Pride" extends far beyond financial contributions. At the heart of that pride is the Pender-Thurston Education and Community Foundation Fund.

Evidenced by its name, the Fund has long enjoyed a collaborative and mutually beneficial partnership with Pender Public Schools. For many years, the school has offered teachers and other staff members a payroll deduction opportunity to contribute to the Pender-Thurston fund. Nearly all employees — 51 of 56 — are taking advantage of this giving method this year.

In return, the Fund offers support to the school through a scholarship program for teachers, funding for the band program, and continuous aid and guidance as they navigate, together, the growing needs of an ever-expanding student body. Class sizes at Pender Public Schools have been rising significantly and steadily over the past several years.

"We are very fortunate to have a strong school system within our community and even more fortunate that a great partnership exists between our Fund and the school," said chair, Katie Gutzmann. "We are humbled by how many staff members at the school choose to donate to our cause each year. Pender has a lot of great initiatives happening, and that's because of everyone stepping in to help make things happen and supporting one another along the way."

"Nebraska Community Foundation helped us achieve pride. A pride in our community and how we can work together to do something way beyond what we thought we could do. Or ever dreamed we could do – that we ever dreamed was possible!"

– Melissa Kuhlmann
Byron



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