



## MEET OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**NAME:** Kris Walahoski

**HOMETOWN:** Sargent, NE

**Returner, Stayer or Newcomer:**  
Newcomer

**OCCUPATION:**  
Registered Dietitian

### **What is the best thing about living in Overton?**

Since moving to Overton in 2007, we've made so many friends, and since we don't have family in the near vicinity, those friends have become like a second family. Our kids are enjoying the pleasures of growing up in a small town, where the several teachers join them at coffee and rolls after church, their pee wee football coach is also their classmate's and good buddy's father, the neighbor gives our future farmer "free" combine rides each harvest, and our family dentist waves hello to them at the local golf course. My kids know almost all the local firemen and EMT's by first name, friends in town constantly open their home to our kids when there isn't enough time to run to our home in the country, and carpooling kids with other parents within a five mile radius is a common occurrence. As parents, we enjoy that practically everyone in town knows our five kids—as the old statement goes, "It takes a village to raise a child" is certainly a blessing for us!

### **What was the most important factor in your decision to move to Overton?**

My husband is a veterinarian, and Overton Vet Services offered him a job that provides us with financial stability and more family time, compared to other vet practices. It also allowed me to find several options for employment as a registered dietitian in nearby Lexington, Kearney, or Holdrege.

### **For you personally, what has been the most valuable part about moving to Overton?**

I think I mentioned that in question #1! A church family, jobs that allow us financial stability, happy kids, a home in the quiet country, and great friends!

### **Any surprises?**

We struggled to find housing when we first moved to town. We needed to be near the vet clinic so my husband could be accessible during veterinary emergencies. We eventually found property outside of town, but making the place our own has been a constant and unending work in progress.

### **What would you tell someone who is thinking about moving to Overton?**

It's a great place to raise a family and live a quiet life! People were very inviting when we moved to town, and finding opportunities to fit in and get involved are easy to find.

### **If you could have one wish for Overton, what would it be?**

In order for Overton to grow, the housing shortage will have to be addressed. It's harder for people to become invested in the community if they don't live in town or the immediate vicinity.

### **Why did you choose Overton Area Community Fund to give so much of your time?**

Because I was asked! I believe in the power of community involvement, so when your community asks for volunteers, I feel a sense of responsibility. The school, church, and businesses have certainly taken care of my family, so it's the least I can do to help the community. I still have love and appreciation for my old hometown and I want my kids to have those same fond memories of Overton.



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