



## OUR MISSION

### Inspiring investment in the Overton community by:

- Stimulating a spirit of giving
- Promoting sustainability through charitable donations and a permanent endowment which will be used to support strategic improvements
- Encouraging community involvement, volunteer commitment, and leadership
- Envisioning a better future with lasting legacies

## OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Overton Area Community Fund (OACF) provides a community-led means to use philanthropy to sustain and build the community of Overton. Volunteers with OACF work to increase charitable giving and to make grants that help create a sustainable and prosperous community. The Fund encourages people from all walks of life to give back to the community by providing a full range of charitable giving opportunities. The Overton Area Community Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

The Overton Area Community Fund Advisory Committee (FAC) shall consist of individuals committed to the purpose of the Fund. The FAC will set the strategy and goals of the Fund; lead fundraising and grantmaking efforts; coordinate and oversee activities of all accounts within the Fund; and be the point of contact with Nebraska Community Foundation.

Interested in becoming a member? Email [overtonareacommunityfund@gmail.com](mailto:overtonareacommunityfund@gmail.com)

## ALUMNI BANQUET



OACF members attended the Overton Alumni Board's annual meeting last May. More than 80 people attended the 2023 event.

OACF partnered with the Overton Alumni Board to bring this tradition back. It was a wonderful evening filled with a delicious meal, memories, reconnecting, and honoring classes. This year's alumni banquet will be May 26 at the Overton School.

## TRIVIA NIGHT



Overton Area Community Fund partnered with the Little Eagles Learning Center and the Overton Family Center for the third annual Overton Trivia Night in late March. The friendly competition saw nine teams participate in five rounds of trivia for a variety of prizes donated by local businesses including True Blue Collision, Mike's Sprinklers, Foster Lumber, OACF, OHS, Shively Repair, 321 Tavern, HB Designs, and Overton Golf Course.

## HOUSING



Access to housing continues to be an important discussion for our community, and OACF members want to be part of the conversation. In the last

year, community leaders and FAC members have reached out to other Nebraska Community Foundation volunteers and met virtually with Cliff Mesner from Central City's Mesner Development Co. for insight into approaching housing concerns. Our FAC welcomes additional discussion and ideas!

## HONORING CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the Lady Eagles volleyball and basketball squads on their state championships! Plans are underway to construct

a new sign honoring them for their outstanding accomplishments.

## YOUTH SURVEY

Last fall, OACF sponsored a survey of junior high and high school students at Overton Public School aimed at better understanding our youth, their interests and preferences when making future decisions. Ninety-seven students responded to the survey, and we think the results may surprise you:

- **Do you feel safe from violence or theft in your community?** 88% responded YES.
- **What size community would you like to live in as an adult?** 68% responded small like Overton
- **As an adult, how likely are you to live in the area you now live in?** 53% responded they would like to live in the Overton area as an adult.
- **Is there a negative stigma about returning home as an adult?** 67% responded NO.
- **Do you feel connected to the place where you now live?** 76% responded YES.

OACF was pleased with the high regard that the students have for their town and our community. Many indicated a positive attitude toward returning home. It is important that we provide housing, childcare, and other services to attract them home.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



Our fund advisory committee members once again joined the spooky fun at Overton's Trunk or Treat last Halloween. OACF had a table at the Overton Family Center where, along with treats, they shared updates about our work and plans for the future. We look forward to this relationship-building event every year.

## BIG GIVE



“Many threads. Woven together. One community.” That was the theme of 2023’s Give Big Overton. Eleven local worthy causes participated, raising over \$16,100 to better our community. OACF was pleased to partner with FFA and FCCLA to host this fun and impactful community event which included bingo and a soup supper. We are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers and generous donors.

In just three years, Give Big Overton has raised over \$52,000. Overton’s next Big Give event will be held **November 7, 2024**—mark your calendar!

## GOLF TOURNAMENT



OACF hosted its annual golf tournament at the Overton Golf Course last July with 40 hole sponsors and 25 teams participating. Overton FFA members served lunch, while OACF members and volunteers provided homemade desserts. Proceeds benefitted the OACF General Account.

“The tournament was a great success,” said Alison Robinson, OACF Advisory Committee member and event organizer. “It’s great to see so many teams return year after year to support the fund. We wouldn’t be able to do this tournament without all of our helpers and those who donate.”

## GRANT APPLICATIONS



OACF is always accepting grant applications for projects with long-term impact! With our endowment, we hope to award grants to efforts to aid economic development, strengthen community infrastructure, boost young engagement, attract young families to Overton, cultivate leaderships skills among existing and future leaders, educate potential donors, and more! The fund advisory committee considers and votes on grants in March and September.



The application is available at [www.nebcommfound.org/give/overton-area-community-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/overton-area-community-fund)

## HONORING LEGACY

Have you considered making your memorial gifts to Overton Area Community Fund? This is a simple way to support the future of Overton and recognize a loved one. FAC member Joyce Klintworth has made a strong commitment to OACF through her numerous memorial gifts. “I believe in the future of Overton and encourage others to consider OACF as another way to honor those who also believed in making Overton a better place to call home.” For more information contact Alison Robison at [alisonc.robison.3@gmail.com](mailto:alisonc.robison.3@gmail.com)

### I would like to make a forever gift to Overton’s community unrestricted endowment!

ONE CONTRIBUTION in full: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid by \_\_\_\_\_ .

ANNUALLY: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for \_\_\_\_\_ years beginning \_\_\_\_\_ .

QUARTERLY: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter for \_\_\_\_\_ quarters beginning \_\_\_\_\_ .

MONTHLY by ACH withdrawal from my bank account: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months beginning \_\_\_\_\_ .

Please complete a Donor ACH Authorization form found here: <https://www.nebcommfound.org/resources/forms/>

Donor Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  Please make this donation anonymous

How would you like your name(s) to be listed for donor recognition? \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about leaving a legacy in Overton through planned giving.

Checks may be made payable to “Overton Area Community Fund”

Mail to: OACF | PO Box 321 | Overton, NE 68863

Or give online at [www.nebcommfound.org/give/overton-area-community-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/overton-area-community-fund)

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