2018 Annual Report

Unleash

Inspire

Connect
A Letter from the Board Chair and the President

Friends: Nebraska is a place where our hometowns are achieving their dreams. Though this phrase has only recently become NCF’s vision statement, it has long defined our work across the state.

Over the past several years, Nebraska Community Foundation has experienced significant growth, and like any growing organization, our success has given us reason to pause, reflect, synthesize our goals and formulate a path forward.

NCF’s newly-adopted Strategic Framework centers on six goals:

1. Affiliated Funds have the capacity, competence and confidence to inspire, lead and support progress in their place
2. Affiliated Funds are using payout from their unrestricted endowment to create positive change that otherwise may not occur
3. People attraction is occurring in Nebraska hometowns
4. The NCF network is diverse and inclusive
5. NCF is known for building an optimistic, confident brand for Greater Nebraska
6. NCF has the institutional capacity and financial stability to carry out its mission

It has been our pleasure to share this strategic vision with communities and affiliated funds throughout the NCF network, not only because we are proud of the work, but because we have heard again and again that community builders across the state share our dream of what is possible.

We’ve never been more hopeful and optimistic about the future of both the NCF network and Greater Nebraska as a whole. Read the stories captured in this annual report, and we think you’ll see why.

On the Cover:

Unleash: Financial and human assets are abundant in Pender where a $7.1 million community center was recently constructed. Read more on page 7.


Connect: Hundreds of volunteers gather in La Vista for Nebraska Community Foundation’s Annual Celebration and Affiliated Fund Training, a chance for communities in the NCF network to meet and learn from one another’s successes. See page 8 for more.

Jeff Yost
President and CEO

Al Steuter
Board Chair

Building Assets for Today and Tomorrow

NCF in Numbers

- 220 affiliated funds serving 257 communities in 82 counties
- 1,424 volunteer Fund Advisory Committee members
- 9,532 contributions in FY 2018
- 41,776 contributions in the last five years
- $88.4 million in endowed assets
- $148.3 million in total assets
- 319 planned gifts totaling $66.5 million
- $323 million reinvested in Nebraska and its hometowns since 1994 ($137.4 million in the last five years)
- $603 billion estimated intergenerational transfer of wealth in Nebraska by 2060 (see page 18)
Last year’s annual report introduced readers to Stephanie Dannehl, an ambitious technology integration specialist at Bertrand Community School, who was using virtual reality headsets to send students on a world of excursions without leaving her library. The equipment was purchased with a grant awarded by the Bertrand Area Community Fund.

This year, Ms. Dannehl, her students and other staff are leaping even further into the future of education by integrating Microsoft’s HoloLens with their regular curriculum. A HoloLens is the first self-contained, wireless, holographic headset that allows users to engage with digital content and interact with holograms in the world around them. Once again, the Bertrand Area Community Fund was inspired and stepped up to help the energetic educator with a grant for the exciting new project, aided by an anonymous NCF donor, and other area funders.

“In the years ahead, this will transform the way we teach and learn,” said Ms. Dannehl. “It’s time to rethink education and teach lessons kids will need for careers we can only imagine today,” she said.

Science teacher Sara Scholz will use a HoloLens app to illustrate how chambers of the heart work. Students can move the 3D hologram anywhere in the room, adjust the size, and walk around to see it from every possible angle.

Bill Ford, the school’s industrial arts teacher, will use the HoloLens while collaborating with a local mechanic who will communicate virtually via Skype and walk the class through lessons on automotive repair.

“This will be great for students who do not plan to attend a four-year college,” said Ms. Dannehl. “Many companies are already using the technology to train employees, and kids from Bertrand will have a leg up on others for on-the-job-training.” To her knowledge, Bertrand is the only school in Nebraska using this cutting-edge technology.

Bertrand is just one example of a Nebraska hometown with an eye toward the future. All across the NCF network (and throughout this report), you’ll find countless communities that are unleashing abundant local assets, inspiring charitable giving, and connecting ambitious people to build stronger communities and an even brighter tomorrow.
Richard Walter of Shickley describes NCF’s intergenerational transfer of wealth study as, “A real eye-opener. I couldn’t believe how big the numbers were.”

Shickley (pop. 341) is located in Fillmore County, where in the next 50 years or so, nearly $2 billion will transfer from one generation to the next.

The numbers are so large, in fact, that NCF volunteers talk about the transfer of wealth within a 10-year time period so donors can better grasp the opportunity. Their goal is to unleash at least five percent of this abundance to build stronger, more vibrant hometowns.

Explaining the impact of the transfer of wealth helped open donor doors for Richard and other Shickley volunteers. “When we showed them the numbers, people realized we weren’t there for a $50 donation,” Richard said, only half joking.

Shickley leads NCF community funds in harnessing a proportion of their community’s intergenerational wealth transfer. The Fund has $2,057,128 in assets and nearly all assets are endowed. Another $1,960,780 is promised through planned estate gifts for the future.

Volunteers are as adamant about reinvesting in Shickley as they are successful with fundraising. Since 2002 they have granted $392,243 to area nonprofits, village projects, and the school, which has received more than $110,000.

The Fund uses all of its annual endowment payout to award grants and each year, more dollars are available to enrich the lives of residents. If you volunteer for the fire department, work as a teacher, frequent the public library, take a dip in the pool, have a blast at summer camp, or do just about anything in Shickley, you benefit from the generosity of your neighbors in your hometown.

Unleash ABUNDANT ASSETS

Nebraska Community Foundation approaches its work with a mindset of abundance, not scarcity. Investing in one opportunity, one person, one project, one talent or one day of one’s life does not deplete the next. Rather, investments in our people and our places create more wealth in financial capital, human capacity and community prosperity. We are firm in our belief that everything we need is right where we are.
Arts as “Attractors”

Smart communities recognize that access to arts and culture is not a luxury; it is a necessity for attracting young families and building vibrant communities.

Sponsorship of the Prairie Roots Festival is one recent example of the McCook Community Foundation Fund’s ongoing support for live entertainment, cultural experiences, and historical and architectural preservation.

In a place where, for over 20 years, people have flocked to the multi-day, multi-venue Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival, the arts have abundant opportunities to thrive. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people who love their hometown, the McCook Community Foundation Fund will continue to play a lead role.

The Nebraska-based OK Sisters Kate Fly and Karen Lee perform at the third annual Prairie Roots Festival in August at Barnett Park in McCook. The festival is free and offers a full day of fun, food and music for people of all ages.

After completing a big fundraising campaign, one might expect volunteers to take a break. But in the NCF network, raising charitable assets energizes the community.

Almost seven years ago, McCook Community Foundation Fund’s unrestricted endowment totaled about $181,000. Volunteers were offered a challenge grant and quickly met their two-to-one match 20 months ahead of schedule, adding $750,000 to their unrestricted endowment. Almost immediately, the Fund accepted another challenge, this one from the Arvene and Neva Myers family. The successful and early completion of that challenge raised another $270,000. In just four years, the community had built an unrestricted endowment valued at $1.3 million.

The growth in assets greatly increased the Fund’s capacity to distribute more high-impact grants from the earnings on its endowment—in addition to the nearly 30 separate accounts the Fund holds for designated purposes ranging from youth entrepreneurship to leadership opportunities.

But there are many more assets—both financial and human—in place and ready to be realized. McCook (pop. 7,698) is a hotspot for arts and culture. Not surprisingly, when Susan Stuart of Lincoln honored her parents, Walt and Jean Sehnert, by offering a $100,000, two-to-one challenge grant earlier this year, the match was quickly met. When Ms. Stuart doubled the challenge, the Fund accepted. Now, more than two dozen volunteers and donors are actively seeking pledges and contributions for the “Sehnert Challenge,” for arts, culture and community.

When successfully completed, the Fund will have a total endowment of nearly $3 million, creating an annual payout of more than $100,000 to unleash new energy—each and every year—in this truly remarkable community.
GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Inspire
CHARITABLE GIVING

We invite contributions of time, talent and treasure from all people. We nurture trusting relationships among people who believe in the future of their place, and what they can do to make their community even more attractive to a growing number of people who, in the 21st century, can choose to live wherever they want—including their hometown.

Tyler Smith and Hudson Hookstra were inspired by their summer robotics camp offered through The Valley Child Development Center. The program was made possible through a grant from the Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund and an anonymous NCF donor.

Greater Nebraska abounds in beautiful places and big-hearted people, and Keith County is one inspiring example. Each year the community welcomes visitors to Lake McConaughy, Boot Hill, the Petrified Wood Gallery, and the Wild West Soap Box Derby, one of the best tracks in the nation. Each of these economy-driving attractions receives support from the Keith County Foundation Fund (KCFF).

Keith County does an exceptional job of taking care of its own as well. Whether it is lending a helping hand to the community senior center or building a new library with the next generation in mind, “The Keith County Foundation Fund provides a means for us to dream,” said Fund Advisory Committee member Mary Weber. “Since 2004, the Fund has given out more than $300,000. That’s amazing. The more we grow, the more we can give each year.”

About 15 years ago, KCFF volunteers were inspired to dream big. Longtime Ogallala residents Larry and Mary Lynn Callen presented the group with a challenge to raise $200,000 in matching contributions for a challenge gift of $100,000 for an unrestricted Legacy Endowment. The Fund Advisory Committee set an even more ambitious goal of a three-to-one match, and within only four and a half months, the unrestricted endowment totaled $436,000.

Today, two years ahead of their deadline, KCFF is well on its way to its latest goal to raise $500,000 to receive a matching grant of $250,000 from The Sherwood Foundation of Omaha.

“The Wild West Soap Box Derby held its inaugural race in 2007. It is considered one of the top tracks in the nation.”

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“By having an unrestricted endowment, we can be prepared for future opportunities we can’t even imagine today,” said KCFF Chair Eric Duhachek. “In the future, the next generation of fund advisors will have the flexibility to act on new opportunities.”
Musical Garden Sprouts

Wilber Area Community Fund and an anonymous NCF donor teamed with local donors and volunteers to purchase and install five large, all-season, outdoor musical instruments in the garden area south of the Dvoracek Memorial Library. The project was completed in the summer of 2018, and has enthralled residents of all ages, according to library director Sharon Kastanek. The garden includes a set of hand pipes, colorful xylophone, five drums, and a set of 11 colossus chimes.

If you are in town for a kolache, stop by the library and play a tune or two!

The ethic of philanthropy and love of community; the willingness to give back. That is what people before us taught us how to do. And I think it’s our job to pass that gift on. That gift of knowing how to give.

RAY WELSH
Pender Education & Community Foundation Fund
Connect

AMBITION PEOPLE

Ours is a movement of forward-thinking citizens, banding together to achieve big dreams. Ours is a place where ideas build on one another, energy is shared and relationships are strengthened. We embrace a diverse cadre of talents—a force dedicated to creating a Greater Nebraska. There is no one we do not need.

NCF volunteers report that the most powerful reason for attending an NCF training—especially our statewide Annual Training in November—is the opportunity to connect with peer affiliated fund leaders. “Just the honest engagement and sharing of ideas and strategies by so many people who are committed to improving our communities,” wrote one recent participant.

Last year’s Annual Training drew 260 volunteers representing 41 communities, plus more than 20 community development organizations. The energy from these passionate trailblazers is contagious.

It may be because NCF gatherings focus on so much more than raising money. They are lessons in raising up community: How should we use our abundance to truly make a place at the table for everyone in the community? How do we do things with youth instead of for youth?

And importantly, who has successfully faced a community challenge similar to our own?

These are the deeper discussions that build enduring relationships among volunteers from every corner of the state, NCF staff members, and our valued program partners. When people participate fully within the NCF network, they tend to stay involved for a long time. It is a natural progression to move from training participant, to session presenter, to skilled peer mentor willing to travel miles to help another community. We count at least 100 individuals who make up our pipeline for peer-to-peer learning at any given time.

Nebraska Community Foundation does not do for community, or to community. We do everything with community. That includes sharing the responsibility of teaching and learning from one another.

One word today really made me pause and think.

STEWARDSHIP.
The definition of stewardship is taking care of something that’s not yours. Every one of us here today is taking care of something that is not ours. Without even knowing anything about all of you, that tells me a lot about you already.

— JAY WALLINGER
Stuart Community Foundation Fund
AND A GREATER NEBRASKA

In a “Disgusting Science” session during Syracuse Library’s Summer Blast program, Addison Bates documents her growing culture of bacteria found on typical surfaces such as door handles and phones.

Syracuse’s Summer Blast enrichment program drew twice as many youngsters as its first effort in 2017. About 50 elementary students experienced inspiring and creative learning in courses ranging from computer coding to cupcake decorating. Classes were held at the school, developed by the Syracuse Library Foundation, and funded by the library’s endowment through NCF.

One of Nebraska Community Foundation’s six core goals is to help affiliated funds use their endowment payout to create positive change “that otherwise may not occur.”

When the Syracuse Library Foundation received a $1.8 million gift from the estate of Sylvia Antholz in 2016, it was made clear that the funds were not to be used for expenses that are the City government’s responsibility.

“We were expecting a gift, but we were completely overwhelmed when we learned about the size,” said Abbie Widger, who serves on the library foundation’s board.

“Managing the investment and learning all the policies and procedures would be like a full-time job.”

Instead, the board established a permanent endowment through NCF and began working with staff members to develop a high-impact strategy to utilize the funding.

“They assisted us in brainstorming, action planning and prioritizing goals. This was critical in deciding what to do first,” said Joy Stilmock, library board member and Summer Blast coordinator.

The desire was to offer educational programs, especially in the summer. NCF staff member Janny Crotty knew how to help. “Janny put us in touch with Pam Mangdanz, who was the former director of the Bright Lights program within Lincoln Public Schools. It was so important to establish that relationship,” said Joy. “We were able to adapt their structure and didn’t have to reinvent the wheel.”

Next year’s plans call for five additional STEAM-focused classes (science, technology, engineering, arts, math). Thanks to significant endowment payout, funding will not be an issue.

Better Together

What are the odds that three women who graduated from Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School and moved away would reconnect 25 years later at NCF’s 2017 Annual Celebration? And that one woman could offer another exactly what she was looking for?

Actually, these serendipitous connections happen frequently within the NCF network.

Jodi Sell of Arcadia introduced Melissa Turner of Nebraska City to a leadership curriculum developed especially for youth in her community. It impressed the Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund’s youth advisory committee, which awarded a grant for student leadership development to the city’s two high schools.

The plan now is to expand the training to include all students from eighth grade on up, so kids can focus on their strengths, gain communication skills, and learn how to fill important leadership roles in their community today and in the years to come.
If the Shoe Fits

It’s a clever name for a serious effort. The Ponnia sisters of Norfolk have completed charitable projects in the past through the Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska. This year their application to the Youth Philanthropy Contest was particularly creative and appreciated. The girls worked with physical therapists in the area to identify children who needed custom-made shoes to accommodate their leg braces. They also worked with the Plae Shoes company to purchase the shoes at a discount. The result? About 60 kids will feel happy to have shoes that are both comfy and stylish.

The Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska is an account within the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. In 2018, area businesses and individuals funded 23 philanthropy projects conceived by area youth.

Sometimes being bigger doesn’t make it’s easier. At just under 25,000 people, Norfolk is the largest city in Nebraska Community Foundation’s network of community-based funds. When it was selected to participate in a challenge grant opportunity seven years ago, volunteer leaders were confident they could raise $500,000. But they were sensitive to the intended outcome of the challenge to bring more people into the culture of charitable giving.

So, they took their time and invited the community into a continuing process of raising awareness. Visioning sessions were facilitated by NCF staff for groups ranging from middle school students to young professionals to senior citizens. Today, philanthropy is truly a household word used often to describe much of the positive change being nurtured in Norfolk.

Now with an unrestricted endowment of more than $1 million, Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund (NACFF) has more than $40,000 in annual payout to help with countless charitable activities in this vibrant community. In 2018, grants supported youth development, animal welfare, recreation, diversity appreciation, and more. This year, NACFF also partnered with an anonymous NCF donor to launch the Norfolk Arts Center Passport program for area fifth graders. Youngsters will pursue a year-long creative adventure, introducing them to various art forms and techniques through a flexible family format.

Additionally, NACFF holds several accounts that enable fundraising for large-scale projects like the skate park and a fully accessible playground.

Today there are many new faces on the NACFF Advisory Committee, and they represent more diverse backgrounds than those in the past. It is an important ingredient to achieving a vision crafted seven years ago: Norfolk is a growing, thriving community where giving back is a priority and an ongoing process for all citizens.

Funding for Embrace Park was spearheaded by volunteers working through the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. Nearly 200 contributions and grants made the fully accessible playground a reality for children with disabilities.
Like many Nebraska communities, Norfolk is focused on attracting and retaining a quality workforce. Efforts are paying off thanks to collaboration among industry, education, and economic development organizations, and fortunately for Norfolk, philanthropy.

Two programs launched over the past three years are producing results. Both receive significant support through Nebraska Community Foundation’s Rudolph Elis Donor-Advised Fund, whose advisors live in Norfolk and O’Neill, communities the late Mr. Elis admired and named in his bequest. His desire was to support people attraction and entrepreneurship in these communities.

The Norfolk Now Workforce Initiative is a joint effort between the Chamber, Visitors Bureau and Economic Development Council. The program is a multi-faceted approach for attracting new talent to the area and retaining the future workforce. It involves community marketing through social media and a dynamic website, young professionals group and work-based learning opportunities.

Norfolk High School’s Career Academies offer 12 academies that develop student skills in specific career fields: Agriculture (Animal and Plant Pathways), Automotive, Business Management, Construction, Culinary Arts, Drafting, Early Childhood, Finance, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Marketing, and Metals. The project included a new building addition and equipment upgrades for the Automotive and Metals academies.

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The Rudolph Elis Fund continues to grow and reinvest. Coupled with the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund’s unrestricted endowment, the community has more than $4 million in funds permanently endowed through Nebraska Community Foundation. Importantly, 15 planned estate gifts are in place to afford opportunities for everyone “to do better” in this progressive community.
NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION


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$1,000,000 and above
The Ford Foundation
New York, NY
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Battle Creek, MI
The Sherwood Foundation
Omaha

$250,000 to $999,999
Consolidated Companies/
Thompson Family
Lincoln
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Omaha
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Omaha
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Omaha
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Anonymous

$100,000 to $249,999
Ameritas Charitable Foundation
Lincoln
W.H. and E.C. Damme Farms
LLC/Lora Damme and Jay
Longinaker
Talmage
Brandon and Tammy Day/
Daycos
Norfolk
Judy Hemberger
Estes Park, CO
Carol and Fred Lockwood/
Lockwood Foundation
Scottsbluff

MNBE Entities and
Graff/Thomas Families
McCook
Frank and Shirley* Sibert
Lincoln
Kathleen Thuman, Lincoln/
Farmers State Bank, Maywood
Anonymous (2)

$50,000 to $99,999
Bruning State Bank
Bruning
Cornerstone Bank
York
Farmers Mutual Insurance
Company of Nebraska
Lincoln
Great Plains Communications
Blair
Richard E.* and Louisa L. Manning
Geneva
Ken Morrison*
Omaha World-Herald Foundation
Omaha
Pinnacle Bank, Nebraska
Omaha
Lynn and Dana Roper
Lincoln
Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln
Union Bank & Trust
Lincoln
Richard and Darlene Walter
Shickley
Westwood Trust
Omaha

$25,000 to $49,999
Abel Foundation
Lincoln
America First Foundation
Omaha
Lemoine “Andy” and Geri*
Anderson
McCook
Bettenhausen Family Foundation/
Robert Bettenhausen
Lincoln
Cooper Foundation
Lincoln
John and Carmen Gottschalk
Omaha
Kenner Family Donor-Advised Fund
Hebron
Bruce and Kim* Lauritzen
Omaha
Bob Mundy/Coordinated Planning
Inc. dba Mundy Associates
Omaha
Nebraska Investment
Finance Authority
Lincoln
Wolf Foundation
Albion
Anonymous (2)
Anonymous (2)
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$15,000 to $24,999
Bellevue University
Bellevue
Dennis Berens Rural Health Fund
Lincoln
Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
Eustis
Wayne and Bev Buller
Albion
Countryside Bank
Unadilla

Diller Telephone Company
Diller
Bob and Michelle Dudley
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Fortify Group
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Our Work
Jana Jensen, affiliated fund development coordinator for western Nebraska, lives and works on her family’s ranch near Bingham. For the past 16 years, when she’s not in the saddle, she is at her desk, in her car, or at a community gathering working with volunteers of NCF affiliated funds.

When Jana joined our team in 2002, NCF had just over $9 million in total assets. Today that number is $148 million. Like so many of our staff members, Jana’s long-term commitment to the NCF mission has made a lasting impact on the success of our organization and certainly on the future of Greater Nebraska.

NCF’s Benefactors (listed on this page) are also making an immeasurable impact on the future of our communities through their lifetime commitment to our mission. Their significant financial support through the years has empowered and connected thousands of volunteers to the knowledge and talents of our staff members, and to the wisdom of their peers.

Nebraska is a place where our hometowns are achieving their dreams—thanks to those who are working for and believing in its future.
of Nebraska Community Foundation

**Benefiting 257 Communities in 82 Counties**

June 30, 2018

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

Denotes a County-wide Affiliated Fund or Expectancy

220 AFFILIATED FUNDS
96 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 Foundation Fund
Brown County Community Foundation Fund
Burr Community Fund
Butler County Area Foundation Fund
Byron Community Foundation Fund
Calamus Area Community Foundation Fund
Callaway Community Fund
Ceresco Community Foundation Fund
Chambers Community Improvement Foundation Fund
Chappell Community Fund
Chester Community Fund
Columbus Area Future Fund
Coleridge Area 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
Overton Area 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
Trumbull Community Foundation Fund
Unadilla Area Community Fund
Valley County Community Foundation Fund
Verdigre Community Foundation Fund
Wallace Community Foundation Fund
Wauneta Community Fund
Wayne Area Legacy Fund
Wheeler County Community Foundation Fund
Wilber Area Community Foundation Fund
Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund

Making a Difference

Nebraska Community Foundation and the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) are partnering with an anonymous donor to provide area children with high quality, consistent dental care. Affiliated funds serving Spencer, Lynch, Brown County, Rock County, Stuart and Atkinson have committed $42,000 of endowment payout over a five-year period to bring NCDHD’s Miles of Smiles program of oral screening and fluoride treatments into local schools.


**Donor-Advised Fund with Community Focus**

After farming for decades in the southern Panhandle, Howard and Peggy Atkins retired in Scottsbluff, but never forgot their connection to Kimball County. The couple established a donor-advised fund and soon began working with NCF’s Kimball Area Foundation Fund on improvements to the movie theater and library. Their latest collaboration is the construction of a mile-long walking trail loop through virgin prairie which lies just south of the high school. Until now, Kimball (pop. 2,496) did not have a hiking trail.

“I was a nurse before I was a farmer and I’m interested in health issues,” Peggy Atkins said. Howard agreed, “If we get the word out maybe other people will realize they can donate to the community and have something to be proud of.”

### 30 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
- Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Fund
- Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Charitable Foundation Fund
- Hillcrest Nursing Home Endowment Fund
- Kearney County Health Services Fund
- Lakeview Education Foundation Fund
- Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund
- Lucille Burch Foundation for Animal Companions Fund
- Milford Public Schools Foundation 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

### 41 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
- 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. Ellis Donor-Advised Fund
- Farmers National Education Foundation Fund
- First National Bank of Omaha Fund
- First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund
- Bud and Georgie Gerhart Family Fund
- Lawrence Goscha Scholarship Fund
- Graff Charitable Foundation 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
- 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
- Sherwood Foundation Fund for Rural Nebraska
- Fran and Shirley Sibert Donor-Advised Fund
- Irene C. Stenger Donor-Advised Fund
- Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund
- Wilson/Richter Donor-Advised Fund
- Wolf Family Donor-Advised Fund
- Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
- Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (4)

### 26 Designated or Field of Interest Funds
- Orin and Ruby Barlean Scholarship Fund
- Blackburn Family Designated Fund
- Butler Anoka Scholarships Fund
- Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund
- Concordia University Nebraska Endowment Fund
- Don and Artice Fells Fund
- Bobby Foehlunger 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
- McManis Family Fund
- Nagengast Family Scholarship Fund
- Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
- Nebraska Wildlife Conservation Fund
- Glen and Janet Olson 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 donors.
Owen Armstrong, Elsie Benge, Tylee Cole and Evelyn Colson enjoy year-round early childhood education thanks to the dozens of volunteers and generous donors in Red Cloud.

ACHIEVING OUR DREAMS

Before The Valley Child Development Center (TVCDC) opened in Red Cloud, some desperate parents were driving as far as 40 miles to and from work to take their children to an unlicensed caregiver.

Within four months of the Center’s grand opening in April 2018, enrollment had nearly doubled. More than 70 children now have high-quality, year-round early childhood education; before and after-school care; and summer enrichment programs. The Center employs a talented executive director, three certified teachers, assistant teachers, and a certified dietary manager. This development is good for parents, good for employers, and with 85 percent of brain development occurring before the age of five, it is a distinct advantage for children.

The dream of early childhood education began in 2012 when Nebraska Community Foundation helped the people of Red Cloud articulate their vision for building a vibrant community. Leaders were challenged to think beyond just daycare. This attracted dedicated advocates who were determined to build more than a new 7,300 square-foot facility. They wanted a quality program that would impact children’s lives.

It took several years of planning, gaining community buy-in, fundraising, helping donors arrange complex major gifts, and keeping momentum moving forward. But in the end, a group of committed citizens, together with the Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund and Nebraska Community Foundation, raised $2.2 million to construct the new facility to achieve their dream.

TVCDC board members and community leaders accept the reality that—like many necessary services we all enjoy—high-quality early childhood education will probably never turn a profit. The Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund is committed to the future success of this important community asset and has plans for building a $1.5 million endowment to support ongoing operational costs.

Today, TVCDC is a model for rural America. Board members, the executive director and parents are being called upon to explain to other communities how they were able to create a world-class early childhood education program in a town of 1,000 people in south-central Nebraska.

The Valley Child Development Center is just one more example of what can happen when we unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people. We achieve our dreams.

“Our child development center will always rely on the generosity of people who believe the long-term payback is well worth the investment, and I will always be grateful for those who have helped make our dream for the future of Red Cloud a reality.”

— SALLY HANSEN
President, Board of Directors, The Valley Child Development Center
REMEMBERING SHIRLEY SIBERT

The NCF family was saddened at the death of Shirley Sibert in July 2018. Shirley and her husband, Frank Sibert, have been part of the heart and soul of our statewide network for nearly 20 years. Frank became chair of the Nebraska Community Foundation Board of Directors in 2000, and we could always count on Shirley joining us before and after meetings, no matter where they were held across the state. She was an accomplished teacher and musician with a talent for matching every witticism her affable and adoring husband might utter.

Frank and Shirley Sibert’s legacy is familiar and respected in communities and organizations across our state. Throughout their lives they reinvented themselves as they changed careers and moved from Red Cloud to Lincoln, Omaha to Valentine, and finally Kearney. What has always remained in place is their deep commitment to their hometown of Red Cloud and their generous support and service to Nebraska Community Foundation and numerous other organizations in Nebraska and beyond.

In addition to significant endowed gifts to institutions such as the Nebraska LEAD program and Doane University, Shirley and Frank worked with Nebraska Community Foundation to ensure that the organizations they loved would continue to benefit from their support long after their lifetimes.

The Siberts included NCF as a beneficiary in their IRAs and arranged gift annuities to help NCF meet its own endowment-building goals. They also set up a charitable remainder trust, a donor-advised fund, charitable IRA beneficiary designations, and bequests in their wills to benefit Nebraska Community Foundation, The Salvation Army, Rotary International Foundation, Mayo Clinic, UNL Animal Science and others. “It’s very rewarding to do these things,” Frank said. “It gives you a wonderful feeling.”

In 2011 Shirley and Frank Sibert received the Outstanding Philanthropists Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. However, their impact is far greater than the sum of their financial gifts. Shirley and Frank have always been outstanding philanthropists because they make those of us who benefit feel like we are doing them a favor.

“I just hope that NCF keeps asking us to come back,” Shirley said. “It’s always such a joy to see the people, to find out what you’re doing, and to know that whatever that is, it is worthwhile.”

Shirley Sibert’s impact on the people and places she loved will live on forever.
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 Nebraskans. 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 will receive an invitation to attend our Annual Celebration, held each November.

If you would like to support NCF or 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 Director, at (402) 323-7341 or jgustafson@nebcommfound.org.

Recognition in the Legacy Society is based on information known on or before June 30, 2018.

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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Lincoln

Benedict and Jane Zach
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* Donor is deceased

Resources for Planning Your Gift

Nebraska Community Foundation invites you to explore planned giving options, articles and insights, and find stories of people like you who are choosing to give back to their hometown. Sign up for our weekly Gift Legacy newsletter and request your free NCF Wills Guide by visiting our website www.Nebcommfound.GiftLegacy.com.
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.

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* Donor is deceased
Supporting Tomorrow’s Leaders

In 1998, 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 this endowment have funded $340,451 for programs that improve the lives of children and young adults in Northeast Nebraska; while the endowment has grown to $891,500.

This year, the Connie Fund is partnering with the Daycos4Good donor-advised fund and an anonymous NCF donor to nurture youth leadership in Northeast Nebraska. The Norfolk Area Youth Task Force will host a Youth Leadership Summit in February 2019 involving students from schools and organizations throughout the area.

The goal is to move beyond the typical youth development activities to more high-impact topics. A planning committee of about 20 students is currently developing plans for the event that will feature breakout sessions on subjects such as positive mindset, self-control, integrity, and respect for others. The planning committee will also work with the Norfolk Family Coalition, a collaboration of 15 youth-serving community organizations. Youth voices will be central to the entire process.

The Connie Fund has made a two-year commitment to analyze what program elements prove to be most effective.
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.

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Omaha
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Estate of Dr. John L. Batty
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Estate of Kenneth Beckmann
Kerry and Colleen Belitz
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Estate of Trudy L. Bergen in memory of Don Keenan
Estate of Charles Wilton Berryman
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*Donor is deceased
Working in “The Gap”

It is one of Jim Gustafson’s favorite stories. Curt and Susan Wischmeier had moved out of state decades ago but still cared deeply about the future of Curt’s alma mater in tiny Lewiston (pop. 86). The consolidated school serves five communities—none bigger than 103 people.

The couple had ideas about how to help these small towns create a top-notch school, but they turned to NCF’s Director of Advancement and Gift Planning to work out a strategy with Superintendent Rick Kentfield. After all, the only people who can build community are the people who live and work there. Our job is to help by working in the gap—connecting assets to opportunity.

The answer for the Wischmeiers was a donor-advised fund. The answer for Lewiston School was a pre-K program. With funding secured for staffing a high-quality pre-school, Lewiston School is attracting more and more families. And most important, children are entering school prepared to succeed.

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Omaha
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Lincoln
Bridges Investment Management
Omaha
Bruning State Bank
Bruning
Farm Credit Services of America
Omaha
First National Bank of Omaha
Omaha
Carol and Fred Lockwood
Scottsbluff
Pinnacle Bank Nebraska
Grand Island

Richard and Darlene Walter
Shickley
Anonymous (2)

$5,000 to $9,999
Bellevue University
Bellevue
Robert Bettenhausen
Lincoln
Consolidated Companies
Lincoln
Cornerstone Bank
York
First State Bank Nebraska
Lincoln
Great Plains Communications
Blair
MNB Financial Group
McCook
Westwood Trust
Omaha
Jay and Susie Wolf
Albion
Wolf Foundation
Albion
Jeffrey Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost
Lincoln

$2,000 to $4,999
American National Bank
Omaha
Auburn Agency Crop, Inc.
Auburn
Dan and Beth Bahensky
Kearney
Baird Holm
Omaha
Douglas and Louise Bereuter
Lincoln
Bettenhausen Family Foundation
Lincoln

Judy and Don Brockmeier
Eustis
Charter West Bank
Pender
D.A. Davidson
Lincoln
Daycos
Norfolk
Dale and Mary Dueland
McCook
Farmers National Company
Omaha
Fillmore County Hospital Foundation
Geneva
Fortify Group
Shickley
Frontier Bank
Pender

Great Plains State Bank
Columbus
HBE
Lincoln
Herzberg Investment Team of Wells Fargo Advisors
Omaha
INSPRO
Lincoln
Jason and Tracia Kennedy
Roca
Kurt and Jerene Kruse
Albion
Lichti Oil Company
Shickley
Lutz
Omaha
Paul and Angie Madison
Nebraska City
Madonna Foundation
Lincoln
Millard Manufacturing Corp.
Omaha

Moeller Electric Inc.
Byron
Moylan Kropp Retirement Planning
Omaha
Nebraska Farm Bureau Services
Lincoln
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Lincoln
Sara Coffee Radil and Gary Radil
Omaha
Reinke Manufacturing Company
Deshler
Reliant Transportation
Lincoln
Richard and Janet Labenz
Lincoln
Sandhills State Bank
Bassett
Sandman Family Foundation
Diller
Security Bank
Laurel
Security First Bank
Lincoln
Springdale Title & Realty
Ord
The Ambassador Group
Nebraska City
Tri-County Bank
Stuart
CenterPoint Financial Group
Stuart

$1,000 to $1,999
Big Iron Realty
Columbus
Steve Brewster
Stuart
**Vision**
Nebraska is a place where our hometowns are achieving their dreams.

**Mission**
We unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

**Goals**
As outlined in NCF’s 2019–2023 Strategic Framework:

1. Affiliated Funds have the capacity, competence and confidence to inspire, lead and support progress in their place

2. Affiliated Funds are using payout from their unrestricted endowment to create positive change that otherwise may not occur

3. People attraction is occurring in Nebraska hometowns

4. The NCF network is diverse and inclusive

5. NCF is known for building an optimistic, confident brand for Greater Nebraska

6. NCF has the institutional capacity and financial stability to carry out its mission
### Statement of Financial Position

#### June 30, 2018 and 2017

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<tr>
<th>ASSETS</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and temporary cash investments</td>
<td>$4,729,811</td>
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<td>Certificates of deposit</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Interest receivable</td>
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<td>Gift annuities insurance</td>
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<td>Due from related party</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
<td>185,116</td>
<td>83,172</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>9,354</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$148,251,745</strong></td>
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<td>Funds held for agencies</td>
<td>$9,972,600</td>
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<td>Accrued payroll liabilities</td>
<td>57,325</td>
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<td>Accrued other liabilities</td>
<td>1,239</td>
<td>2,931</td>
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<td>Gift annuities payable</td>
<td>775,669</td>
<td>812,505</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,806,833</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,555,303</strong></td>
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<th>NET ASSETS</th>
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<td>Unrestricted, undesignated</td>
<td>121,846,627</td>
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<td>Unrestricted, board designated</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
<td>12,720,131</td>
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<td>Permanently restricted</td>
<td>1,849,835</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>137,444,912</strong></td>
<td><strong>121,010,919</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities and net assets</strong></td>
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### Statement of Activities

#### For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

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<th>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</th>
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<td>Revenue and support</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$39,244,836</td>
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<td>Investment income/(loss)</td>
<td>6,553,199</td>
<td>8,322,283</td>
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<td>Actuarial gain/(loss)</td>
<td>(55,438)</td>
<td>(49,691)</td>
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<td>Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements</td>
<td>1,565,673</td>
<td>1,711,731</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue and support</strong></td>
<td><strong>47,308,200</strong></td>
<td><strong>39,237,729</strong></td>
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<th>Expenses</th>
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<td>Program services</td>
<td>28,286,813</td>
<td>24,561,153</td>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>2,173,207</td>
<td>2,142,543</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>414,187</td>
<td>367,612</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>30,874,207</strong></td>
<td><strong>27,071,308</strong></td>
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<th>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</th>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>$121,010,919</td>
<td>$108,844,498</td>
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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td>$137,444,912</td>
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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)

- As of 09/30 09: 48.8
- As of 09/30 10: 56.6
- As of 09/30 11: 60.6
- As of 09/30 12: 78.7
- As of 09/30 13: 98.8
- As of 09/30 14: 107.6
- As of 09/30 15: 117.7
- As of 09/30 16: 130.6
- As of 09/30 17: 148.3
- As of 09/30 18: 156.6

**Endowed Assets**
($ in millions)

- As of 09/30 09: 25.5
- As of 09/30 10: 32.1
- As of 09/30 11: 39.7
- As of 09/30 12: 44.1
- As of 09/30 13: 52.1
- As of 09/30 14: 66.7
- As of 09/30 15: 68.4
- As of 09/30 16: 70.9
- As of 09/30 17: 80.3
- As of 09/30 18: 88.4

**Grants and Disbursements**
($ in millions)

- Fiscal Year 09: 20.1
- Fiscal Year 10: 22.0
- Fiscal Year 11: 24.5
- Fiscal Year 12: 22.6
- Fiscal Year 13: 37.1
- Fiscal Year 14: 20.8
- Fiscal Year 15: 20.6
- Fiscal Year 16: 28.0
- Fiscal Year 17: 31.3
- Fiscal Year 18: 32.1

**Number of Contributions**
To NCF and its Affiliated Funds

- Fiscal Year 09: 6,446
- Fiscal Year 10: 7,794
- Fiscal Year 11: 7,018
- Fiscal Year 12: 6,571
- Fiscal Year 13: 6,898
- Fiscal Year 14: 7,445
- Fiscal Year 15: 8,333
- Fiscal Year 16: 7,460
- Fiscal Year 17: 8,506
- Fiscal Year 18: 9,532

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THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Hometowns all across the NCF network are giving young Nebraskans reasons to come home. In 53 of Nebraska’s most rural counties, the population of 30- and 40-year-olds is on the rise. At Nebraska Community Foundation, we’re shouting this good news from the rooftops on social media, in our marketing materials, and through a year-long collaborative partnership with Norfolk Daily News titled ‘At Home in Greater Nebraska.’

“I’m able to work with like-minded, optimistic people in Nebraska that are working hard to make their communities magnetic.”

KATE VOSSLER
Friend, NE

“We’re a community that is constantly looking for the next best opportunity to make life better for everyone living and working here.”

DEE HANSON
Columbus, NE

“I’m excited for my children to have a future here and know that they will have the same great experiences I had growing up!”

BROOK (LUTHER) PUFFER
Overton, NE

“When you have a community buying into young returners, that’s a pretty special community.”

GAVIN HARSH
McCook, NE

“If I lived in a larger city, I’m not sure I would have the same opportunity to have my voice heard.”

TYLER PRIBBENO
Imperial, NE

“What excites me is that I hear more and more young people have plans to move back to the area.”

MOLLIE MORROW
Cedar Rapids/Albion, NE

‘You moved back to your hometown?’ It’s a question asked and often accompanied by a hint of incredulity. The goal of the Daily News’ ‘At Home in Greater Nebraska’ series was to highlight the growing number of impressive men and women who have done just that—so that, in the future, the question mark is replaced with an exclamation point.

– KENT WARNEKE
Editor and Vice President, Norfolk Daily News

Committed to Quality and Accountability

Nebraska Community Foundation is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations. This means that NCF meets the nation’s highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability.