



2018 Annual Celebration

MORNING BREAKOUTS

BREAKOUT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTERS
The ABCDs of High Impact Grantmaking	DeVent Center	Your community has come together, envisioned the future, and worked hard to build an unrestricted endowment. Congratulations! Now, what? It's time to think big . . . or perhaps not. Let's evaluate our needs and find innovative solutions together, no matter what size.	Jeff Yost (NCF), Kara Weander-Gaster (NCF), Tom Dewar (Consultant), Dennis Hansen (Red Cloud), Dale Dueland (McCook), Al Steuter (Brown County), Lisa Johnson (Daycos4Good), Danelle McKeown (Daycos4Good)
Homegrown Challenge Grants: Building Stronger Communities	Dakota Room, Divots Conference Center	Is your FAC wanting to build an unrestricted endowment or raise money for a capital project? A homegrown challenge could raise thousands in your community with matching donations. Talk with volunteers from the NCF network about their process and success stories. Hear from a corporate donor who believes homegrown challenges are key to creating opportunities and strong communities.	Jana Jensen (NCF), Denise Garey (NCF), Rick Nelson (Keya Paha County), Ronda Graff (McCook), Bev Hansen (Bertrand), Bob Larson (Overton), Brian Thompson (Consolidated Companies, Inc.), Ken Snyder (Keith County)
Teaching Others About Planned Giving	Carson Room, Divots Conference Center	Your friends, family and neighbors want information on ways to make a charitable gift in their wills. This session will help you understand how a series of well-conceived and executed planned giving education events will benefit your donors, your affiliated fund, and your community.	Jim Gustafson (NCF), John Dittrich (Tilden-Meadow Grove), Eric Duhachek (Keith County), Doug Friedli (Nebraska City), Bill Graves (McCook)
Helping Youth Find that Sense of Belonging	Madison Room, Divots Conference Center	We all know that the youth in our communities are extremely important to our future. Learn how other communities are engaging young people and utilizing a new grant opportunity to start, develop and further their youth engagement projects and programs.	Kristine Gale (NCF), Andy Long (McCook), Kiel VanderVeen (Nebraska City), Amy Okamoto (Norfolk Art Center), Sharon Kastanek (Wilber Library)

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Finding Your Angle	Field of Dreams, Divots Conference Center	Storytelling is a critical piece of successful fundraising. Big check photos are nice, but images of your FAC's grant making in action are even better. Learn how volunteers and industry pros alike are discovering (or inventing!) unique story angles and weaving them into dynamic marketing pieces that resonate with readers. Plus, meet NCF's communications team and learn how it can support your FAC's promotional needs.	Carrie Malek-Madani (NCF), Reggi Carlson (NCF), Kira Geiger (NCF), Kent Warneke (Norfolk Daily News), Nicky Cadwallader (Atkinson)
Real Talk with Major Donors	Bountiful Harvest, Divots Conference Center	If you've ever wondered how and why donors make decisions about the gifts they give, this session is for you. This breakout is designed to help you build lasting, positive relationships with donors by putting yourself in their shoes. Hear from a panel of diverse donors who will share the good, the bad, and the ugly of being asked for donations and offer advice to help you improve your donor visits.	Greta Leach (NCF), Tammy Day (Daycos4Good), Lynn Roper (NCF Board), Aaron Otten (Elkhorn Valley Bank), Mark Graff (McCook)
Collaborate or Die	RDH, Divots Conference Center	Collaboration is essential in community-building. It is by working together that community members create a more promising future for their hometowns and the people who choose to live, work and play there. Hear from volunteers across the network who have embarked on incredibly ambitious projects for an inspiring conversation about collaboration in action in Nebraska's hometowns!	K.C. Belitz (Columbus), Janny Crotty (NCF), Katie Gutzmann and Ray Welsh (Pender-Thurston), Rex Nelson and Paul Madison (Nebraska City), Jaye Moeller (Byron), Randy Hergott (Hebron)
Activate Your Team's Superpowers	Veranda, Divots Conference Center	Join us for a fun and enlightening session on identifying and celebrating your superpowers as well as the superpowers of others as you all strive to serve your community.	Dena Beck (NCF), Darlene Psota (Valley County)



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Power of Partnerships	Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce	While each unique, communities across the NCF network are facing many similar challenges. Hear how other hometowns are tackling their toughest issues through the power of community partnerships and how those partners are collaborating with NCF affiliated funds to make a meaningful difference.	Kristine Gale (NCF), Jana Jensen (NCF), Tina Stokes (Boone County), Jean Gilbert (Kimball), Sara Twibell (Miles of Smiles), Rex Nelson (Nebraska City)
Growing an Endowment for Healthcare	Madison Room, Divots Conference Center	The power of endowment is particularly evident in areas like healthcare. Attend this session and be exposed to new ideas on how to grow an endowment and make high impact grants to help sustain a viable healthcare delivery system in your community.	Jim Gustafson (NCF), Richard Walter (Shickley), Chris Nichols (Fillmore County Health Services), Becky Ries (Valley County Health Services), Rita Luongo (Thayer County Health Services), Aprill Murphy (Boone County Health Services)
Learning Doesn't End When the School Day Does	Norfolk Public Library	Expanded learning opportunities (ELOs) have the potential to be the great equalizer in American education. Regular participation in high-quality before and after school learning and enriching summer school programs help low-income students succeed academically on par with their more affluent peers. They can also help high-performing students stay engaged and achieve even greater levels of understanding. In short, ELOs are for everyone, and their benefits are critical to Nebraska's future economy.	Janny Crotty (NCF), Jeff Cole (Beyond School Bells), Austin Casselberry (Norfolk), Mollie Morrow (Boone County), Jennifer Worthington (Grand Island), Jessica Chamberlain (Norfolk), Don Harms (Syracuse)
Cultivating Creative Communities	Norfolk Arts Center	The arts, humanities, culture—we don't care what you call it—they are a key ingredient to a high quality of life and helping your town become a community. Learn from others who are excelling at the <i>art</i> of cultivating creative communities.	Kara Weander-Gaster (NCF), Paul Ternes (Peter Kiewit Foundation), Denice Hansen (Norfolk), Rylee Stoltz (Rock County)

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Early Childhood Development Spurs People Attraction	Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College	In our mobile society, people can live and work wherever they choose, making people attraction a primary economic development concern. Connect with community leaders who are part of the Nebraska Community Foundation network, many of whom are developing early childhood programs as a core part of their people attraction efforts.	Jeff Yost (NCF), Marti Beard (Nebraska Children & Families Foundation), Sally Hansen (Red Cloud), Lindsey Jarecki (Boone County), Sara Arnett (Wood River), Ashley Armstrong (Red Cloud)
Workforce Development Smorgasbord – It’s What’s for Dinner	Norfolk Public Library	Regardless of population, all communities must address workforce development to keep local economies strong and growing. This session will expose you to the wide array of factors that affect success in workforce development including: housing, childcare, recruiting, libraries, immigration, school-business partnerships, linkages to 2-and-4-year colleges, marketing . . . Yes, there are many facets to workforce development and you don’t have to do them all to make a difference!	K.C. Belitz (Columbus), Tracy Bohrofen (Consultant), Brian Bywater (Schuyler), Brittney Dawson (Norfolk), Kara Asmus (Columbus), Anneka Ramirez (Norfolk Public Library), Dr. Jeff Hoffman (Norfolk Career Academy)
Strong Communities Need Strong Leadership	Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College	Are you cultivating [new] leaders in your community? Why are leadership programs important, what works, and what are the impacts of leadership programs on our state? Join us and find out how to structure a new program or learn ways to make an existing one better.	Dena Beck (NCF), Denise Garey (NCF), Sonny Corkle (Northeast Community College), Wes Blecke (City of Wayne), Luke Virgil (Wayne Leadership 2.0), Melissa Turner (Nebraska City), Jerry Ehlers (Brown County), Kristi Peterson (Holt County Economic Development)
Employee Driven Grantmaking Strategies	Daycos	See firsthand how one Norfolk company built a corporate strategy around giving back. You’ll hear about the development of Daycos Community Investments from beginning to today, early outcomes of this work, and how this process promotes community partnerships and relationship building. This is a great session for business owners and others interested in workplace giving and donor-advised funds.	Brandon Day (Daycos), Tammy Day (Daycos), Jason Kennedy (NCF), Greta Leach (NCF)