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Building a Better Community, Together

The Boone County Foundation Fund (BCFF) is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, and is made up of 15 volunteers from across the county who have a strong desire to learn, listen, collaborate and inspire. Together we seek ways to improve quality of life, from must-have services to entertainment and recreation so more people choose to come back or put down roots in one of our communities.

BCFF Advisory Committee

- Kurt Kruse - Chair, Albion
- Tom Briese, St. Edward
- Lisa Carder, Albion
- Dr. Kate Kusek Johnson, Albion
- Doug Koch, Petersburg
- Rex Mahoney, Albion
- Mollie Morrow, Albion
- Bev Schuele, Cedar Rapids
- Roberta Seda, Albion
- Tina Stokes, Petersburg
- Virginia Whidden, St. Edward
- Jay Wolf, Albion
- Dr. Jeremy Young, Albion
- Keir Dane Harner, Albion
- Tracy Zentner, Cedar Rapids

The Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) is the umbrella organization for more than 270 community foundations and funds in Nebraska. NCF provides a number of benefits to our foundation, including:

- Oversight to ensure all expenditures meet 501(c)3 requirements
- Staff to assist with training, programming, planning, and more
- Donor counseling and gift planning
- Management and investment services for donated funds
- Legal, accounting, and audit services

Learn more at: NebCommFound.org

Current Priorities

As the Foundation’s unrestricted endowment grows, so too does its ability to focus on high impact projects. As the last two visioning sessions proved, child care and recreation continue to be priorities:

Child Care: The Cardinal Kids Club, a curriculum-based after school program launched an effort to overcome the current child care shortage in Boone County. However, the need continues to grow. The BCFF has committed to providing leadership and financial support of a new child development center.

Recreation: Fund advisory committee member, Rex Mahoney took the lead in raising funds for the first loop of a recreational biking/walking trail. The trail is now complete and a committee has been formed to oversee enhancements and possible future additions. The BCFF is also providing leadership and financial support to the Boone County Ag & Education Center to enhance existing programs and create events and other activities to benefit area youth and industry.

Through strategic partnerships and fundraising these projects will further elevate quality of life.
Unleashing Local Assets:
What does the BCFF do?

The BCFF was founded in 1993 by Jim & Elaine Wolf, and since that time, its permanent endowment has grown to more than $1.6 million. Because of this significant growth, the Foundation is empowered to expend approximately $70,000 annually to support local charitable projects and initiatives.

Through leadership and financial support, the BCFF has played a vital role in the following:

- **Annual Grant Program**
  14 years of annual grants totaling more than $215,000

- **Boone County Big Give**
  Raised nearly $670,000 in four years to fund 77 local projects

- **Cardinal Kids Club**
  A STEM-based after school program for 35+ elementary students

- **Boone County Trails System**
  Committed $5,000 and provided committee leadership

- **County-Wide Visioning Sessions**
  Every two years, BCFF hosts local leaders and citizens to discuss community priorities

- **Sub-Accounts for Local Projects**
  Albion Family Aquatic Center, Boone Central Performing Arts Remodel, Boone County Trails System and others use BCFF as a vehicle for charitable giving

- **Estate Planning Workshops**
  BCFF invites area experts to provide knowledge to residents about planning for their future

- **Local Donor Hub**
  BCFF works to understand the needs of Boone County so that donors can count on us to help designate their gifts to projects that make the biggest impact

“There's incredible momentum for making positive change happen across Boone County. The collaboration and can-do spirit is truly inspiring.”

Jay Wolf, FAC Member
The Impact of a Permanent Endowment

Giving to an unrestricted endowment means putting dollars to work for a community, not just for today, but forever. An endowment is a permanent fund where the principal is invested and a portion of the earnings are distributed annually for grant making. An unrestricted endowment offers incredible opportunity because it allows for flexibility to meet the ever-changing needs of our county.

Below: growth and cumulative amount available to be granted from a $100,000 endowment over 20 years.

Example uses following assumptions: 7.5% return net of fees, 4.5% annual endowment payout and 75% equity / 25% fixed income asset allocation.
Supporting Other Local Charitable Initiatives

Annual Grant Program

When people give to the BCFF unrestricted endowment, they’re empowering this organization to invest back into our communities. For the last 14 years, the Boone County Foundation Fund has provided an annual grant program as a way to support local initiatives.

In the last two years alone, more than $25,000 has been granted to projects from each community within the county. In all, more than $215,000 has been granted to more than 40 Boone County organizations.

Each January, charitable organizations are invited to apply for a grant through the Foundation. A committee, including members of the BCFF Advisory Committee and area business leaders, evaluate the applications and make a formal recommendation to the BCFF for approval. Ultimately, projects that impact a larger audience and help support quality of life are given priority. The funds are often distributed by April.

A sample of organizations that have received grant funding from the BCFF include:

- Albion Area Arts Council
- American Legion (Albion and Petersburg)
- Boone County Emerging Leaders
- Boone County Historical Society
- Cedar Rapids Rescue Squad
- Good Samaritan Society-Albion
- Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department
- St. Edward Development Company
- Village of Primrose

From community parks to public libraries, volunteer fire & rescue squads to the Boone County Fitness Center, the BCFF allocates dollars where they’ll do the most good.
Inspiring Charitable Giving
Boone County Big Give

Five years ago the Boone County Foundation Fund invited area charitable organizations to a meeting to discuss ways to improve communication and share resources in order to maximize the benefit to Boone County. The result: The Boone County Big Give. This annual giving week is a concentrated awareness campaign that brings donors and charitable groups together to celebrate philanthropy, and move the county forward.

The chart below outlines the results of the first four years of the Boone County Big Give. Underwritten by the Foundation, the event is funded by sponsor dollars. After expenses, the remaining sponsor funds are split up between the organization as incentive dollars, which are prorated based on the number of donors an organization has, not dollars. The program is set up this way to inspire people to consider giving, regardless of amount. Year after year, the number of donors has grown by nearly 200 individuals, which leads to greater possibilities for local charitable projects.

The 2018 Boone County Big Give includes 27 organizations, and is scheduled for November 26-December 1! #BCBigGive

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Connecting People to Improve Our Communities
Childcare & Workforce Needs

Childcare availability is necessary for working families, employers, school readiness and community growth. Through a county-wide visioning session, childcare was identified as a core need. A steering committee worked with local providers collecting data and feedback regarding the childcare shortage, and local and state grants have been written to encourage and support new in home childcare providers in Boone County.

The first result of this initiative is the Cardinal Kids Club, a STEM-based (science, technology, engineering, math) after school program. In addition, the BCFF supported the development of curriculum tubs to help existing providers offer education-based programming. The tubs can be rented from the Albion Public Library.

Additional research has been conducted to determine the need and possibility of a larger childcare center. Should a new center be built, the goal is to make it the epicenter of a childcare network in Boone County. The vision for this network is to provide training and curriculum support to all providers.

Boone County was accepted into the Communities 4 Kids Cohort through the Nebraska Children and Families initiative. They provide expert guidance and resources on development of early childhood development and care planning. This initiative has worked with several communities across Nebraska to build community-based, high quality childcare facilities. The center will focus on community health by encompassing care of children birth through preschool, as well as family and community education and enrichment opportunities. Through the cohort, the BCFF, Albion Economic Development Company, and other partners will work to identify the best solution to support the needs of Boone County.

Be Part of the Good in Boone County - Give to Our Unrestricted Endowment
Clip out this card and mail to: Boone County Foundation Fund
PO Box 66 • Albion, NE • 68620 OR Give online: BooneCountyFoundation.com

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone/Email: ______________________________________________________

☐ I would like to give $ ______________________
☐ Today  ☐ Monthly  ☐ Annually

☐ I would like to learn more about
including BCFF in my estate plan.

Your tax-deductible gift to the Boone County Foundation Fund will help support worthwhile projects and programs addressing the emerging needs and future opportunities of our communities.
There Are Many Ways You Can Support Boone County

Gifts to our unrestricted endowment allow us to support priority projects across Boone County for generations to come. Consider a gift using any of the methods at right:

Learn more at BooneCountyFoundation.com

- Gifts of cash or property
- Gifts of grain or livestock
- Bequests in your will
- Retirement plans
- Gifts of life insurance
- Memorial/honor gifts
- Gift annuities

Unleashing Local Assets

Doing the most good with the expertise and funds found right here. That's how the Boone County Foundation Fund works to enhance quality of life across our county. (Pg 3)

Inspiring Charitable Giving

The Boone County Foundation Fund serves as the charitable "hub" for the area in order to help donors allocate their dollars to meaningful local projects and initiatives. (Pg 6)

Connecting People

From bringing in financial experts to hosting county-wide visioning sessions, the BCFF works to bring people together to make the most of local assets and opportunities. (Pg 7)