



### ***What is the Spencer Community Foundation Fund?***

The Spencer Community Foundation Fund is a charitable organization working to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for prosperity in the Spencer area. We are an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

We have created an endowment, which is like a community savings account that continues to grow and support community projects, programs, and people.

### ***What does the Spencer Community Foundation Fund do?***

The mission of the Spencer Community Foundation Fund is to inspire our community to invest time, funds and talents, empower local action, and enhance the quality of life for Spencer residents.

Together we will achieve our vision: Spencer is an uplifting and welcoming community that fosters a spirit of enthusiasm, innovation, cooperative participation and inclusiveness.

The Spencer Community Foundation Fund will address the needs of our community and invest in its future by providing a way for our people to give back to their community. We encourage people from all walks of life to make tax-deductible contributions, both large and small.

### ***Why is this important?***

Like many hometowns in Nebraska, Spencer faces a loss of local resources that helped to build our community from the start: capital investments, businesses, jobs, young people who are tomorrow's leaders, and importantly, intergenerational wealth.

Many of our senior residents no longer have heirs who live in the area. When this generation passes on, the wealth they have built right here in the Spencer area—in land, retirement funds and other assets—often leaves, too.

### ***What is Spencer Community Foundation Fund doing to achieve its goals?***

We want to encourage everyone to make a "habit of giving back" to the community. We invite all residents, as well as people who no longer live here but still care deeply about their community, to make gifts of all sizes to our community.

Each year, a portion of those contributions are placed in a permanent endowment, which is invested to create a source of funding for annual grants to improve the community. The endowment funds will be held and invested in perpetuity, creating an asset for the Spencer area that remains forever.

## **Can contributions be used for current projects?**

Some contributions are also used to support community needs such as our swimming pool, senior center, ballfield, rescue unit, community hall, education, and much more.

## **How did Spencer Community Foundation Fund get started?**

Spencer Community Foundation Fund was formed in 1999 by a group of citizens who were committed, like all of us, to building a bright future for the Spencer area.

## **How is the Spencer Community Foundation Fund governed?**

The Spencer Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) and is governed by an all-volunteer group of local Fund Advisory Committee members. Current members include:

Norma Boettcher  
Marcia Engelhaupt  
Kari Boettcher  
Nicole Bentz  
Judy Stahlecker  
Rex Black  
Jan Ruda  
Kyle Krotter  
Rose Keller

Working with NCF enables us to reduce administrative costs and provides access to financial and legal services, training and education, marketing services and gift planning assistance. This means that more of every dollar received in donations benefits the Spencer area.

More information about NCF can be found at [www.NebraskaHometown.org](http://www.NebraskaHometown.org)

## **How can people support the work of the Spencer Community Foundation Fund?**

There are many ways to contribute, and all gifts are tax-deductible. We can accept gifts of cash or pledges over a multi-year period, appreciated property, life insurance, or bequests in wills. Our affiliation with NCF makes it possible to give gifts of real estate, livestock, grain and more. You can also give a gift that provides a guaranteed income and tax savings through a gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust.

## **Why should people contribute to the Spencer Community Foundation Fund?**

With today's technology, young people can choose to live and work almost anywhere, including right here in the Spencer area.

According to surveys conducted by NCF, more than half of young Nebraskans from small towns would prefer to return home to work and raise their families if career opportunities are available. More than 40 percent would like to own their own business someday. It is our job to make these dreams a reality.

The future of the Spencer area depends on our commitment to making it a place where the next generation, and beyond, can rediscover the good life we have always enjoyed.

***Please direct all inquiries to Norma Boettcher, Chair of the Spencer Community Foundation Fund, at 402.589.1097, or any Fund Advisory Committee member.***

***To donate online go to [www.NebraskaHometown.org/give/spencer-community-foundation-fund/](http://www.NebraskaHometown.org/give/spencer-community-foundation-fund/)***



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