



Howells Community Fund

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"The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do" -- Steve Jobs.

Greetings Honored Class Alumni,

Well, call us crazy, but this is an exciting time for Howells and we are asking for your support!

Last year the Howells Alumni Class of 1983 gathered for their reunion and decided to donate \$250 to the Howells Community Fund endowment account in memory of their classmate Jeff Dirkschneider. They have issued a challenge to all alumni classes to match or exceed their donation to the endowment!

Simply put, an endowment is a "forever savings account" being built with donations to create a legacy serving Howells for generations to come. Each year, the investment return earned on this endowment account is available to help build our community's dreams and needs. As our endowment has grown, so too has our opportunity to make a greater impact on the future of Howells.

Howells is one of only 5 Nebraska Community Foundation affiliated funds to be chosen for the Sherwood Foundation Challenge Grant. By raising \$500,000 before December 2020, the Sherwood Foundation, established by Susan A. Buffet, will match another \$250,000!! That means every dollar given to the HCF actually results in \$1.50 toward our unrestricted endowment.

We have reached over 67% of that half million dollar goal. For every \$50,000 we collect, the Sherwood Foundation has already deposited \$25,000 into our unrestricted endowment account! This is an awesome opportunity for our little hometown! Approximately 4.5% in investment earnings is returned to Howells EVERY year to make grants within our community. Just imagine what we can all do for the future of Howells to keep it growing and thriving!

We hope you can "Come Home to Howells" for your reunion this year. If you have any further questions all of our members' phone numbers are listed on the enclosed yellow sheet. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of us. We will also have a table at the Alumni Banquet where representatives can answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

From all of us at the Howells Community Fund.