



*"Inspired by the past,
focused on the future"*

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN



*Leigh is a thriving, caring community
committed to enriching the quality
of life for present and future
generations, preserving our heritage,
nurturing our sense of community,
and fostering a culture of giving back.*



HELP US RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



Your generous gift will not only help build the unrestricted endowment today, it will continue to grow and keep giving tomorrow.



Cash - A gift of cash may be eligible for income tax deductions as prescribed by current law. Your cash gift may be by check, credit card or electronic funds transfer, which authorizes the automatic transfer of funds each month from your checking or savings account.



Agricultural commodities - Gifts of grain or livestock may provide significant income tax savings to a producer. Because the property is gifted, no revenue is recognized, and the cost of production may still be deducted as a business expense.



Marketable securities - A gift of publicly-traded stock, bonds or mutual fund shares is eligible to be matched at the full fair market value. Such a gift may provide you with additional tax benefits, as you will not pay capital gains tax on the appreciation in the value of the securities.



Gifts of IRA - Individuals who have reached age 70½ may contribute up to \$100,000 directly from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA), without having to recognize the IRA distribution in taxable income. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.



**Checks may be payable to
"Leigh Legacy Fund" and mailed to:**

Leigh Legacy Fund | PO Box 51 | Leigh, NE 68643

As with all financial considerations, we encourage you to discuss potential tax advantages and other aspects of charitable giving with your attorney, tax advisor or financial consultant.



You may also make a donation to the campaign online at www.necomfound.org/give/leigh-legacy-fund. Please select "Endowment Account" when you make your contribution to ensure your donation is matched.

**Campaign donors will be recognized
in LLF's annual newsletter.**

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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

LEIGH LEGACY FUND (formerly the Leigh Area Foundation) launched in 2020 as an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation. From day one, LLF's goal has been to increase charitable giving among those who love this community as much as we do and make grants that enrich the quality of life for present and future generations, preserve our heritage, and nurture our sense of community.

Leigh Legacy Fund is focused on building a permanent, unrestricted endowment. The beauty of an endowment is that the principal is never touched, and the invested earnings increase over time. A portion of the earnings serve as "payout" that LLF

will grant to programs and projects that benefit our community and the surrounding rural area. "Unrestricted" means that anyone who donates to the endowment has not put forth any guidelines on how the money is used beyond benefitting Leigh—though we always welcome input from contributors! Unrestricted gifts provide ultimate flexibility for the future as we cannot anticipate community needs 10 years from now, 50 years from now, and beyond.

Thanks to the generosity of community members like you, in less than four years, LLF has already supported many projects to improve local quality of life. Think of what we could accomplish with a sizable endowment!

SUCCESSES

- Established a thriving and active youth collaborative partner (Leigh Youth Advisory Committee)
- Held a "Community Visioning" session where nearly 70 community members created a "Leigh Dream List"
- Assembled welcome to Leigh baskets to create a greater sense of belonging
- Launched the "Gifts for Graduates" program which provides every graduating LHS senior with a note reminding them they are always supported in Leigh and encouraged to bring their talents home
- Received a large estate gift from Bill and Theresa Eggers—a portion of this gift, along with a grant from the Kansas City Royals Royalty Fields program, was used to support the Leigh softball/baseball field. Bathroom and concession stand renovations, a new fence around the field, and new concrete all the way to both dugouts are already completed, with in-ground sprinklers planned for this fall.
- Coordinated "Senior Meals" event monthly
- Promoted city beautification efforts with three new town signs erected in the past year and a grant to the Village of Leigh awarded for replacement welcome banners for every pole
- Supported the Leigh Youth Advisory students by providing a matching grant to help them fund new benches, tables, umbrellas, signs, and landscaping at the Leigh pool
- Partnered with the Leigh Alumni Association since 2020 to host the LHS alumni banquet



Senior Meals monthly event



Leigh Youth Advisory pool improvements



Gifts for Graduates



WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED

LEIGH LEGACY FUND HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN a campaign to substantially grow our small endowment. We have been “challenged” by a group of “Distinguished Leigh Alumni.” Fourteen families and individuals (all Leigh High School alumni who have moved away but still hold the community dear) have joined together to issue a challenge to our community and other alumni and friends of Leigh living elsewhere.

Inspired by their love of Leigh, the Distinguished Leigh Alumni group pledged \$200,000 to the LLF

permanent endowment. Nebraska Community Foundation then sweetened the deal and pledged another \$50,000!

This means that if we raise \$500,000, the Distinguished Leigh alumni and NCF will match the funds 2:1 resulting in as much as a \$750,000 increase to the Leigh community’s unrestricted endowment. The money must be pledged within three years, but pledges can be payable over five years. The clock is ticking!

\$200,000

Distinguished Leigh Alumni Challenge

+

\$50,000

Nebraska Community Foundation match

+

\$500,000

In contributions from those who believe in the future of Leigh!

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\$750,000

Increase to our community unrestricted endowment

THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES!

THIS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE in our community unrestricted endowment will create unimaginable opportunities for our hometown and future generations who call the Leigh area home. A \$750,000 increase to Leigh’s endowment will result in around \$40,000 endowment payout each and every year forever, and the principal will continue to grow over time. We cannot pass up this incredible opportunity to create a legacy!





PROGRESS

SINCE JANUARY 1, 2023, we have been quietly beginning our campaign, and we are excited to announce our progress. The 15 members of the Leigh Legacy Fund were the first to donate, pledging a combined total of \$80,000 to get the ball rolling. Since then, many individuals and businesses have joined us and we sincerely thank everyone who has contributed.

Leigh has always been a small but mighty community, and we have experienced so many positive successes in the past several years. We have so much to be proud of! Now is the time to really come together to plan for a thriving community for current and future generations. We are asking for everyone's help. Let's prove what the Leigh community can do and knock this challenge out of the park! TOGETHER, our dreams for Leigh can become reality!



Scan to watch an inspiring video about Leigh!

LEIGH LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN BREAKDOWN:

WHO:

The Leigh Legacy Fund, the entire community of Leigh, Leigh alumni, and friends of the Leigh community living near and far! We are looking for donations of all sizes and hope to get as many people as possible involved. No matter how great or small, your contribution is appreciated!

WHAT:

We are being challenged to raise \$500,000 for the Leigh Legacy Fund's permanent unrestricted endowment. For every dollar raised, a group of Leigh Distinguished Alumni and Nebraska Community Foundation will donate 50 cents up to \$250,000! This 2:1 match creates a combined total of \$750,000 raised for the permanent endowment.

The principal of this money will never be touched, and only the annual interest will be spent. If we were to meet this goal, the Legacy Fund would be able to donate around \$40,000 back into our community every year!

WHEN:

The challenge officially began January 1, 2023. All donations and pledges must be collected by December 31, 2025 (three years). Pledges may be paid over a five-year period. All pledges should be paid in full by December 31, 2027.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We are so grateful to the group of Leigh alumni who have signed on to be part of the challenge match! We would also like to thank Greg Vasek for his efforts in coordinating this part of our campaign. Vasek is a 1969 Leigh grad and an executive member of the Nebraska Community Foundation's Board of Directors, and we are immensely appreciative of his efforts on our behalf.



OUR VISION

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OUR MISSION

LLF is a vehicle for the philanthropy of individuals, businesses, and organizations that desire to make a lasting contribution to the community of Leigh. We act as a catalyst for growth to provide leadership and resources to strengthen our community both now and for future generations.

OUR VALUES

- **PASSIONATE** We are positive and enthusiastic about the Leigh community. We take great pride in who we are and where we live.
- **RESPONSIBLE** We are respectful as we care for the legacy of the community and its members. We take into consideration the thoughts, feelings, and life experiences of all community members in making decisions.
- **TRUSTWORTHY** We are dependable, honest, accountable, and transparent. We can be counted on to keep our word and our promises.
- **GENUINE** We are compassionate and dedicated to building our community. We approach our work with integrity and a positive attitude.
- **COLLABORATIVE** We believe in creating partnerships in our community that foster teamwork, maximize our ability to fulfill our vision, and create a culture of giving.
- **FORWARD-THINKING** We think ahead, are open to the changing needs of our community, and are proactively working to improve our future.
- **GRACIOUS** We sincerely appreciate each and every gift of time, talent, and treasure to improve our community.

LEIGH LEGACY FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact any LLF member for more information. We would love to discuss the campaign with you further.

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Working with NCF enables Leigh Legacy Fund to receive tax deductible contributions and reduce administrative costs. This means every dollar received in donations benefits the Leigh area.