“What are your hopes and dreams for the future of your community?” It’s a question we ask our volunteers often. In the Nebraska Community Foundation network, we talk a lot about dreams. We envision a future where our hometowns are achieving their dreams. The theme of our 2020 Annual Celebration was “Dreams Welcome,” a new iteration of a philosophy that has long been present in our work.

This report contains the dreams of thousands of Nebraskans at work. Their dreams are the fuel that propels NCF’s mission to unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people.

Over the past 25 years, our network has grown exponentially. NCF affiliated funds are now present in 270 communities in 82 of Nebraska’s 93 counties. Over 1,500 community volunteers lead affiliated funds, and dozens of them share what they’ve learned as peer mentors.

The circumstances of 2020 have forced us to develop new ways of convening, teaching, and learning together. Dozens of affiliated funds stepped up to help their hometowns cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. A collaboration between statewide funders and local affiliated funds invested $1.2 million to bridge the learning gap in 51 schools. In total, $38 million was granted and disbursed.

This year an important milestone was reached: $50 million in community unrestricted endowments. Those funds have proved critical to responding to unforeseen circumstances and inspiring change that otherwise may not occur.

The NCF network has accomplished so much and we are incredibly proud and grateful. But there is more to do. The intergenerational transfer of wealth is massive and continues to move rapidly. Capturing just a small portion of that wealth in the communities where it was made and accumulated can make a significant impact and create more magnetic communities at an opportune moment. This year has taught us that we can live and work wherever we want—why not right here in Nebraska?

Please join us in helping our hometowns achieve their dreams. Together a Greater Nebraska.
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OUR MISSION

We unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

For more than 25 years, Nebraska Community Foundation has worked with communities throughout Nebraska to unleash their abundant local potential to visualize and realize their collective dreams. The Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund achieved a longtime dream in 2020, completing a portion of a new skate park in the city’s Old Towne Park. It has become a popular spot for skaters of all ages since its opening in August.
OUR VISION

Nebraska is a place where our hometowns are achieving their dreams.
Ask 10 volunteers in the NCF network what Nebraska Community Foundation does and you’re likely to get 10 different answers. That’s because our services are vast and vary greatly depending on the needs of a community . . . and they often evolve over time.

Put simply, Nebraska Community Foundation unleashes abundant local assets, inspires charitable giving, and connects ambitious people. The benefits of being part of the NCF network are countless and our talented team is proud to provide the support necessary to help over 1,500 volunteers do more. Among many other things, Nebraska Community Foundation:

- Enables affiliated funds to receive tax-deductible contributions without setting up a 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- Handles all gift receipting, accounting, legal work, investment, audit, and tax filing
- Ensures that all distributions from affiliated funds are in compliance with IRS rules
- Assists in arranging complex gifts to affiliated funds, such as gifts of real estate or agricultural commodities
- Educates professional advisors, volunteers, and generous Nebraskans on the importance, benefits, and many avenues of gift planning
- Provides training for volunteers on dozens of topics and skill sets including fundraising, community visioning, asset mapping, leadership development, and more
- Employs a full-service communications department available to assist with affiliated fund marketing needs
- Connects members to peer learning opportunities with volunteers from hundreds of communities across the state
- Manages donor data using the industry’s foremost software products
- Links affiliated funds to funders and challenge grant opportunities available exclusively to members of the NCF network
Nebraska Community Foundation’s 2019–2023 Strategic Framework is challenging staff, board, and volunteers to push the NCF mission further than ever before. NCF serves as a value-added partner in accomplishing these six ambitious goals, designed to guide our path into the future and turn up dream switches across the state.

1. Affiliated Funds have the capacity, competence, and confidence to inspire, lead, and support progress in their place

2. Affiliated Funds are using payout from their unrestricted endowment to create positive change that otherwise may not occur

3. People attraction is occurring in Nebraska hometowns

4. The NCF network is diverse and inclusive

5. NCF is known for building an optimistic, confident brand for Greater Nebraska

6. NCF has the institutional capacity and financial stability to carry out its mission
An unrestricted endowment isn’t the only thing growing in Red Cloud. The Valley Child Development Center, a state-of-the-art early childhood education facility enthusiastically supported by Red Cloud Community Fund, has added Edible Schoolyard to its long list of offerings. From planting to picking to preparing, children spent the spring and summer months learning about where our food comes from and how it grows. Any produce not used for meals at the center is available for families to take home and enjoy.

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MEETING A MAJOR MILESTONE

The Nebraska Community Foundation network met a major milestone in 2020 when it surpassed $50 million in unrestricted endowments of community-based affiliated funds. The movement to build endowments has gained considerable momentum in the past decade, quadrupling funds in the past eight years.

Today, of the 78 community-based affiliated funds building unrestricted endowments, 44 are generating at least $10,000 in annual payout. That’s money that can be used every year to experiment with new technologies or programs to enhance economic prosperity, education, health, and wellbeing in communities of all sizes. Or, as happened in 2020, payout can be used to meet immediate needs caused by an unforeseen threat like the COVID-19 pandemic.

These investments in Greater Nebraska are coming from a variety of sources who can attest to the extraordinary impact a shared goal and vision can have on a community—from major foundations devoted to the future of rural America, to homegrown philanthropists, and individual donors who care deeply about the future of their hometown.

“It doesn’t take great wealth. It takes time, talent, and participation,” said Angie Kolste, a volunteer with the Keith County Foundation Fund.

“Talking to people about giving to the endowment was easier than I thought it was going to be,” said Jay Wallinger of the Stuart Community Foundation Fund. “People are excited that you’re doing it. They are excited that you’re going to do something that is going to benefit the future of the community.”

Unrestricted Endowment-Building for Community-Based Affiliated Funds

($ in millions)

As of 06.30
For an example of the supportive potential of the Nebraska Community Foundation network, look no further than how affiliated funds responded to events they could have never predicted. Fund advisory committees throughout the state applied their ingenuity during the COVID-19 pandemic, finding a multitude of ways to serve their neighbors.

Nebraska Community Foundation identified six key roles funds could play during the pandemic, including convener and connector, leader, information and resource hub, grantmaker, fundraiser, and community cheerleader and champion. Many funds assumed multiple roles as they helped their communities navigate a rapidly changing world.

Some funds made grants to provide rent and utilities assistance. Others supported local programs to help families facing food insecurity for the very first time. A few created initiatives to incentivize shopping local. They bolstered school lunch programs to ensure students were fed while they learned via Zoom, arranged socially distanced events to restore a sense of community and thank essential workers, and made sure schools and daycares were equipped with PPE and the technology needed to continue learning in the midst of a global pandemic.

These opportunities succeeded because NCF volunteers had labored for years creating connections to local organizations with shared goals to strengthen their community. Those relationships ensure a strong recovery and promising future for Greater Nebraska.
The sudden shift to remote learning in March left many families in a lurch. Some students were without access to quality internet, while others lacked the proper equipment to ensure their quality of education did not diminish. The NCF network was there to help.

An anonymous donor and the Alice DeVoe Donor-Advised Fund provided grants to help communities aid their local schools. All told, Bridging the Learning Gap, a 1:1 funding match made available exclusively to affiliated funds in the NCF network, invested $1.2 million into 51 Greater Nebraska schools. Funding has been used to address a wide variety of pandemic challenges like purchasing computer equipment, software, and internet access for virtual learning. Some schools have launched new programs and initiatives aimed at eliminating student inequities, taking on unfinished learning, and providing professional development for educators and mental health services for students.

“The funds received through the Bridging the Learning Gap grant most certainly contributed to the success experienced in these programs,” said Ainsworth Community Schools Superintendent Dale Hafer. “Students benefited from significantly more one-on-one assistance to address their individual learning needs through the additional staff hired. Overall, our summer programs were a big success due to the level of personal attention we could provide students.”
Multiple communities applied for grants through the Connecting Elders with Family funding opportunity. The effort provided matching grants to purchase electronic devices and complementary equipment to connect families with long-term care facility residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The opportunity was later broadened to make funding available for projects and programs that address social isolation.

The Foundation for Thayer County Health Services Fund awarded $5,000 to Thayer County Health Services to purchase laptops, headsets, a Zoom account, and software to allow patients to connect with family and friends through video calls, email, and games. Butler County, Imperial, and Norfolk also made use of the opportunity to award grants to local long-term care centers in order to enhance virtual communication capacity.

“Although this project’s goal was to help our older population, I think it has helped all of us,” said Rita Luongo with Foundation for Thayer County Health Services Fund. “Those of us with family members in the nursing homes or the hospital struggle with a lot of emotions relating to our loved ones. This project gives us peace of mind because we can see them and talk to them through technology. The benefits from the program go far beyond the residents we were initially trying to help.”

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– RITA LUONGO
While schools grappled with the shift to remote learning, early childhood education providers faced looming financial ruin as health measures and the virus’ spread led to increased caution among families throughout the state. In a survey of childcare providers administered by Buffett Early Childhood Institute in the early days of the pandemic, 80 percent of providers reported families were keeping children at home in response to COVID-19, leading many to anticipate reduced income. Some providers reported they would not survive an extended closure.

The NCF network’s propensity for community support meant childcare providers in many places had volunteers and neighbors on which to rely. The Sidney Community Donor-Advised Fund granted more than $184,000 to local childcare providers. For Rhonda Schuessler and Here Wee Grow Child Development Center, the grant may have been the difference between a temporary setback and a permanent loss. This funding kept the center afloat through the spring, making it possible to keep up with expenses and pay employees through the 10-week closure.

“I could not be more thankful,” Schuessler said. “Those donations are the wings that are carrying us right now. They allow us to continue to build a greater Nebraska long term and make a positive difference in our community.”
People Attraction
MAKING OUR PLACES MAGNETIC
For years, headlines across rural America looked bleak—job loss, population loss, and loss of critical financial resources due to what has been dubbed the “intergenerational transfer of wealth.”

Pick up a newspaper or turn on the news today, however, and you’re likely to notice a change in tone. Communities as large as Norfolk and as small as Byron are embracing change, leveraging local assets, and forging their own path forward. People attraction is at the center of their efforts.

In the 21st century economy, we can live and work just about anywhere we want. So today, the community economic development question is not one of jobs. The better question is: Why here? Why do I want to live, work, and raise my family in this community? It is imperative that we give young people good reason to stay or join us. At Nebraska Community Foundation, people attraction is our highest priority.

In so many places across the state, Nebraska’s community leaders are succeeding at this. In fact, in 53 of our most rural counties, the population of 30- and 40-year-olds is on the rise. In many of these Nebraska hometowns, local philanthropy is fueling people attraction initiatives like arts and culture, recreation, and early childhood development. It’s also instilling pride in place and giving local citizens the confidence to invite others to participate.

Invitation is a powerful tool that will help shape Greater Nebraska’s future, and it starts with the way we talk to our youngest citizens about their future.
The year 2020 will forever be remembered as the year “coronavirus” entered the lexicon, but it will also go down in history for its significance in American race relations. Connecting Young Nebraskans (CYN), a statewide network of young professionals and an affiliated fund of NCF, decided it wanted to play a central role in the difficult conversations that needed to happen in our communities and help create a more welcoming Nebraska.

“The series has helped us lean into the uncomfortable conversations that must take place in order to make Nebraska a more welcoming place.”

– CARLOS BARCENAS

In July 2020, CYN launched All Voices at the Table, a virtual speaker series designed to amplify the voices and lift up the experiences of Black Nebraskans living across the state. Moderated by Carlos Barcenas of Grand Island, each session has provided a platform for furthering knowledge, expanding understanding, and exploring ways to connect, empower, and retain all young Nebraskans.

“CYN is so proud of All Voices but knows it is just a start to the conversations and ultimately action that must take place to create a more equitable and safe Nebraska for all,” said Barcenas.

Founded by Kayla Schnuelle of Diller while in her master’s program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the CYN network has evolved and grown over the past decade to represent the many dimensions of diversity present across the state—among them race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and geographic region.
LISTENING TO AND LEARNING FROM OUR YOUTH

In January 2020, Nebraska Community Foundation began working with the University of Nebraska-Omaha’s Center for Public Affairs Research to co-create the Nebraska Youth Survey—an effort exploring young people’s perceptions and perspectives of their Nebraska hometowns. More than 1,300 high school students responded to the online survey, which was administered in Axtell, McCook, Columbus, Diller, Shickley, Ainsworth, Stuart, and Norfolk.

The survey helped NCF identify the qualities and amenities that are important to the next generation of Nebraskans—a critical step in our quest to create more attractive communities. It also revealed that young Nebraskans already envision themselves in their hometowns in the future. Nearly half of the high school students surveyed said their ideal community is “small, like my hometown” while only five percent saw themselves in a large city like Chicago. The qualities they most value in a community—low crime rate, good schools, proximity to family—are characteristics Nebraska is already offering in spades.

The survey will serve as a tool for NCF affiliated funds; statewide organizations; governmental agencies; Greater Nebraska community leaders, businesses, and employers; and others who share our interest in people attraction, engaging young people, and showing them the abundance of opportunities that exist for them in Nebraska.
If you were to live in this area as an adult, what do you think the main reason would be?

- Job or business opportunity = 167
- Good place to raise a family = 308
- Family ties = 249
- Cost of living = 57
- Good recreation facilities = 7
- Quality schools/health care = 23
- Other = 29

If you do not plan to live here as an adult, what is the main reason you would not live in this area?

- Career opportunity elsewhere = 522
- Community too small = 89
- Encouraged to leave = 43
- Make more money elsewhere = 176
- Too few shopping options = 58
- Lack of entertainment = 209
- Other = 84

What is most important when you think of your ideal community?

- Low crime rate
- Good schools
- Proximity to family
- Entertainment and shopping options
- Diverse population
- Parks and outdoor recreation
- People my age

What size community is your ideal to live in?

- SMALL, like my hometown = 579
- MEDIUM, like Grand Island = 408
- LARGE, like Omaha = 183
- VERY LARGE, like Chicago, IL = 62
This summer, 13 bright young people seized an opportunity to return home and make an impact in their Greater Nebraska communities. NCF’s Hometown Internship Program made it possible for affiliated funds to offer internships to college students during the summer break. A challenge grant from the Nebraska Community Foundation Board of Directors ensured each intern received compensation for their work.

Their duties encompassed numerous disciplines and spanned the state from Nebraska City to Imperial. Many were very involved with mapping community assets, while some used their storytelling skills to spread their fund’s message. Others utilized their talents to aid local arts communities. In all instances, the students made considerable impacts on their affiliated funds and their hometowns.

And it seems their communities made an impact on them. Many interns reported seeing a different side of their hometowns. Some said their eyes have been opened to the abundant possibilities that exist in Greater Nebraska. A few are already making plans to move home after college to discover more ways to give back to the hometowns that raised them.
“The thing I appreciate most about my hometown is how supportive my community is to new ideas.”
- HANNAH MEESKE
   Imperial

“I have been the recipient of constant investment, support, and love from my community.”
- CHLOE HIGGINS,
  Nebraska City

“I think it is important to give back and create a place that the next generations can enjoy.”
- LEXI GROSS
  McCook

“No matter what, this community is willing to band together and sacrifice for the greater good.”
- JACY HAFTER
  Long Pine

“It feels amazing to be able to give back to the community that has raised me.”
- MIRANDA SHREVES
  Johnson

“People here really care about one another, and I love that.”
- HALEY FAUST
  Columbus

“I know I will always be welcomed back to the area with enthusiasm and open arms.”
- LYDIA BEHNK
  Elgin

“I just feel grateful that I live here.”
- ERIK RODRIGUEZ
  Nebraska City
It goes without saying that 2020 is a year we will never forget. It was a year of change, challenge, adaptation, and pivots. Some things slowed down. Others stopped altogether.

But one thing was impervious to the effects of a global pandemic—the Nebraska Community Foundation network’s resolve to build a Greater Nebraska. Even in the midst of our efforts to flatten the curve, neighbors stepped up to help those in need. Goals were met. Grants were made. Work got done. Most importantly, our network of ambitious Nebraskans, now 1,500 strong, never stopped dreaming.

After 25 years, the NCF network’s impact continues to grow, evolve, and chart new territory. While we stay true to our roots and mission, our volunteer-led, community-centric model is designed to adapt to the opportunities of hundreds of unique communities with hundreds of unique assets, even in the most unprecedented times.

Regarding people attraction, we are at an important moment in Nebraska’s history. Our youth survey revealed just how many young people are already envisioning a future in Greater Nebraska (see pages 16–17). Others have yet to see the abundant opportunities available to them, or have yet to be invited. This unusual time has left all of us reevaluating what is truly important. For many, that could mean joining the ranks of a community of Nebraskans we celebrate often—returners and newcomers to our extraordinary hometowns.

As we look to the future, we set our sights on making Greater Nebraska a place where everyone belongs. As always, bring your biggest passions and your brightest ambitions.
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This map depicts counties and communities that benefit from planned gifts and affiliated funds of Nebraska Community Foundation.
Early childhood education is being embraced as a top people attraction strategy by many Greater Nebraska hometowns. A 2019 survey in Boone County revealed that 90 percent of participants identified lack of childcare as a top concern, potentially driving parents out of the workforce or out of the county altogether. Already $3.5 million has been raised for a new center focused on high quality early childhood development. Boone Beginnings officially broke ground in August 2020 and plans to open its doors in 2021.
Niobrara Community Foundation Fund
Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund
Oakdale Community Fund
O’Neill Community Foundation Fund
Osmond Community Fund
Overton Area Community Fund
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Pender-Thurston Education & Community Foundation Fund
Perkins County Community Foundation Fund
Plattsmouth Community Foundation Fund
Ralston Community Foundation Fund
Ravenna Area Vision Fund
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Rock County Community Fund
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Ruskin Community Foundation Fund
Shickley Community Foundation Fund
Spencer Community Foundation Fund
Stratton Community Foundation Fund
Tecumseh Community Foundation Fund
Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund
Tilden-Meadow Grove Community Foundation Fund
Trumbull Community Foundation Fund
Unadilla Area Community Fund
Valley County Community Foundation Fund
Verdigre Community Foundation Fund
Wallace Community Foundation Fund
Wauketa Community Fund
Wausa Community Foundation Fund
Wayne Area Legacy Fund
Wheelers Community Foundation Fund
Wilber Area Community Foundation Fund
Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund

Cedar Rapids/Riverside High School Alumni Association Fund
Chase County Hospital Foundation Fund
Christian Heritage Endowment Fund
Connecting Young Nebraskans Fund
Diane Nelson Endowment for the Governor’s Residence Fund
Fillmore County Hospital Foundation Fund
Foundation for Thayer County Health Services Fund
Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Fund
Hillcrest Nursing Home Endowment Fund
Kearney County Health Services Fund
Lakeview Education Foundation Fund
Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund
Lucille Burch Foundation for Animal Companions Fund
Milford Public Schools Foundation Fund
Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Fund
Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund
Nebraska Library Association Foundation Fund
Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Fund
Northeast Nebraska RC&D Foundation Fund
Northern Cheyenne Breakout Legacy Fund
ServeNebraska Fund
SkillsUSA Nebraska Foundation Fund
Syracuse Library Foundation Fund
The WealthSpring Fund
Ukena Charitable Trust Fund
Valley County Health System Foundation Fund
Washiska Audubon Society Fund
West Holt Medical Services Foundation Fund
Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund

50 Donor-Advised Funds
Howard and Peggy Atkins Fund
Erna R. Badstieber Trust Donor-Advised Fund
BCBSNE Fund for Quality and Efficient Health Care
Bruning State Bank Donor-Advised Fund
Jane and Doyle Busskohl Family Fund
Connie Fund

Countryside Bank Donor-Advised Fund
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Daycos4Good Donor-Advised Fund
Alice DeVoe Fund
Rudolph R. Elis Donor-Advised Fund
Farmers National Education Foundation Fund
First National Bank of Omaha Fund
First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund
Flood Communications CARES Fund
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Lawrence Goscha Scholarship Fund
Graff Charitable Foundation Donor-Advised Fund
Dennis and Sally Hansen Donor-Advised Fund
Jim and Vicki Herzog Family Donor-Advised Fund
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Leona Ihde Fund
Kenner Family Fund
Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund
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Ron and Judy Parks Donor-Advised Fund
Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund
Jennifer Reinke Donor-Advised Fund
Marguerite Rose Donor-Advised Fund
Margaret Russell Trust Donor-Advised Fund
Paul and Karen Seger Family Fund
Brad and Nancy Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund
Sherwood Foundation Fund for Rural Nebraska
Frank and Shirley Sibert Donor-Advised Fund

32 Organizational Affiliated Funds
Auburn Public Schools Foundation Fund
Boone County Health Center Foundation Fund
Brown County Hospital Endowment Fund
Sidney Community Donor-Advised Fund
Irene C. Stenger Donor-Advised Fund
Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund
Wilson/Richter Donor-Advised Fund
John and Darlene Wood Family Donor-Advised Fund
Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (4)

7 Public/Private Partnership Funds
Basin Coalition Fund
Nebraska Habitat Projects Fund
North Platte Decree Committee Fund
Partnerships for Innovation Fund
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Fund
Platte River Resilience Fund
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Fund

32 Designated or Field of Interest Funds
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Blackburn Family Designated Fund
Bridging the Learning Gap Fund
Butte Anoka Scholarships Fund
Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund
Concordia University Nebraska Endowment Fund
Connecting Elders with Family Fund
Don and Artice Fells Fund
Bobby Foehlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Freiberg Designated Fund
Fund for Children and Youth
Ken Good Scholarship Fund
Lyndall A. Harris Memorial Fund
Neel and Pauline Keller Scholarship Fund
Donald Keenan Memorial Fund for Math and Science Education
Martens Family Scholarship Fund
McManigal Family Fund
Nagengast Family Scholarship Fund
Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
Nebraska Flood Recovery Fund
Nebraska Reporting Fund
Nebraska Wildlife Conservation Fund
Glen and Janet Olson Fund
Omaha Hearing School for Children Scholarship Fund
Irene and Verne Pretzer Scholarship Fund
Edna and Richard Reinke Scholarship Fund
John and Geraldine Slama Designated Fund
St. Edward Medical Clinic Fund
Tri-Valley Medical Foundation Designated Fund
Verner and Mildred Vinzant Elwood Care Center Endowment Fund
Waco Community Scholarship Fund
Youth Scholar College Scholarship Fund

21 Life Income Funds
Additional gifts are invested through NCF to benefit Nebraska communities and organizations and provide income for donors.

The Platte River Resilience Fund is a public/private partnership fund established for the purpose of protecting one of Nebraska’s most important natural assets. The river provides water for five million people across three states, irrigates 3.5 million acres of farmland, and is vital to Nebraska’s economy. The Fund’s endowment payout is being used to treat invasive vegetation that prevents the river from flowing freely.
BENEFACTORS ADVANCE OUR MISSION

Cumulative Lifetime Gifts through June 30, 2020

These generous donors’ cumulative gifts have helped build and sustain NCF’s work for over 25 years.

$1,000,000 and above
The Ford Foundation
New York, NY
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Battle Creek, MI
The Sherwood Foundation
Omaha

$250,000 to $999,999
Consolidated Companies/Thompson Family
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First National Bank of Omaha
Omaha
Robert and Jeanette Hunt Great Plains Communications Donor-Advised Fund
Blair
Peter Kiewit Foundation
Omaha
Judy and Ron Parks/Millard Manufacturing Corp.
Omaha
Union Bank & Trust
Lincoln
Jim* and Elaine* Wolf

$100,000 to $249,999
Ameritas Charitable Foundation
Lincoln
Bruning State Bank
Bruning
W.H. and E.C. Damme Farms LLC/Lora Damme and Jay Longinaker
Talmage
Brandon and Tammy Day/Daycos
Norfolk
Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska
Lincoln
Judy Hemberger
Estes Park, CO
Carol and Fred Lockwood/Lockwood Foundation
Scottsbluff
MNB Entities and Graff/Thomas Families
McCook
Pinnacle Bank
Nebraska
Frank and Shirley* Sibert
Kearney
Kathleen Thuman/Community First Bank
Maywood
Richard and Darlene Walter
Shickley

$50,000 to $99,999
Abel Foundation
Lincoln
Cornerstone Bank
York
Great Plains Communications
Blair
Richard E.* and Louisa L. Manning
Geneva
Ken Morrison*
Omaha World-Herald Foundation
Omaha
Lynn and Dana Roper
Lincoln
Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln

$25,000 to $49,999
America First Foundation
Omaha
Lemoine* “Andy” and Geri* Anderson
McCook
Bellevue University
Bellevue
Bettenhausen Family Foundation/Robert Bettenhausen
Lincoln
Bridges Trust
Omaha
Wayne and Bev Buller
Albion
Cooper Foundation
Lincoln
John and Carmen Gottschalk
Omaha
Kenner Family Donor-Advised Fund
Hebron
Kurt and Jerene Kruse
Albion
Bruce and Kim* Lauritzen
Omaha
Bob Mundy/Coordinated Planning Inc.
dba Mundy Associates
Omaha
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Lincoln
Security Bank
Laurel
Al and Lois Steuter
Johnstown
Bob and Jean Stowell/Springdale Title & Realty
Ord
Sandi* and Steve Wendell
Axtell
Wolf Foundation
Albion
Jay and Susie Wolf
Albion
Jeff Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost
Lincoln

$15,000 to $24,999
Auburn Agency Crop, Inc.
Auburn
Dennis Berens Rural Health Fund
Lincoln
Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
Eustis
Countryside Bank
Unadilla
Diller Telephone Company
Diller
Nebraska Community Foundation, numerous affiliated funds, four of the state’s public health departments, and an anonymous donor are partnering to provide children with high quality, consistent dental care. Here students and staff at the UNMC College of Dentistry assemble dental kits to be distributed to hundreds of families across the state, helping to fulfill the donor’s long-time dream of putting a toothbrush in the hands of every young Nebraskan.
## ANNUAL GIFTS SUPPORT OUR WORK

Gifts received from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

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Randy Rink
Pender
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Maywood
Town and Country Veterinary Clinic
Albion
Tri-County Bank
Stuart
Greg and Marcia Vasek
Lincoln

$1,000 to $1,999
BKD
Lincoln
Steve Brewster
Stuart
Reggi and Doug Carlson
Lincoln
Janny and Ryan Crotty
Auburn
Lora Damme and Jay Longinaker
Talmage
Kristine and David Gale Family
North Platte
Jeff and Judy Greenwald
Lincoln
Eldon and JoAnn Gustafson
Ralston
Jim and Terri Gustafson
Lincoln
Moeller Electric Inc.
Byron
Jaye Moeller
Byron
Lori and Russ Pankonin
Imperial
Jeffrey J. and Lynn K. Pirruccello
Omaha

$500 to $999
K.C. and Colleen Belitz
Columbus
Doug and Louise Bereuter
Lincoln
Sara Coffee Radil and Gary Radil
Omaha
Shannon Harner and Philip Goddard
Lincoln
Chuck and Janel Hibberd
Lincoln
Jane Hood
Lincoln
Vaughn Jaenike
Charleston, IL
Jason and Tracia Kennedy
Roca
Greta Leach and Elizabeth Barry
Malcolm
Lichti Oil Company
Shickley
Jane and Michal Moreland
Imperial
Anders Olson
Tekamah
Jeffery T. Peetz and Sarah Gerhart Peetz
Lincoln
James Stuart III Family Foundation
Lincoln
Richard and Darlene Walter
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Welsh Financial Services
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Wilson/Richter Donor-Advised Fund
Lincoln

$499 and under
Teri Alley-Davis
Lincoln
Dena and David Beck
Minden
Peggy and Kent Been
Indianola
BZ Restaurant
Lincoln
Jerry Catlett
Bruning
Phuong Dinh
Lincoln
Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce
Falls City
Denise Garey
McCook
Doug and Judy Gaswick
Imperial
Mark and Linda Graff
McCook

James W. and Marjorie B. Hewitt
Lincoln
Jana and J.C. Jensen
Bingham
Leonard Kluthe
New Berlin, WI
Steve Knoche
Virginia
Robert Ladd
Lisle, IL
Les and Terri Long
Lincoln
Carrie and Gunnar Malek-Madani
Lincoln
Martin and Ruth Massengale
Lincoln
Martin and Deborah Meyer
Ogallala
Ron and Judy Parks Donor-Advised Fund
Papillion
Michael and Denise Petko
Scottsbluff
Juli Rosso
Lincoln
Gary Ryan
Bondurant, WY
Vickie Schaepler
Kearney
Donne and Barbara Slaby
Naperville, IL
Lisa Sock
Omaha
Emily Sulzle
Lincoln
Susan Ujai
Lincoln
Chris and Brandie Vasek
Lincoln
Betty and Ron Wagner
Denton
Ardis Yost
Red Cloud
Li Hua Zhang
Lincoln
THE NCF LEGACY SOCIETY

Honors those generous individuals who have made a planned gift of any amount to Nebraska Community Foundation to support our community-building mission.

327 Planned Gifts

TOTALING $60.5 Million

to benefit NCF and its affiliated funds

Jana M. Jensen
Bingham
Kurt and Jerene Kruse
Albion
Bethanne Kunz
Ord
Greta Leach
Malcolm
Paul and Angie Madison
Nebraska City
Jane A. Moreland
Imperial
Maxine and Francis Moul
Lincoln
Anders Olson
Tekamah
Irv and Wanda* Omvedt
Lincoln
Lori and Russ Pankonin
Imperial
Judy and Ron Parks
Papillion
Pete and Jonnie Peterson
Fort Collins, CO
Beverly and Jack* Pollock
Ogallala
Lynn and Dana Roper
Lincoln
Jon D. and Jennifer L. Schmaderer
Stuart
James P. Scholz
Omaha
Nicole Sedlacek
O’Neill
Frank and Shirley* Sibert
Kearney

Dennis and Nancy Starz
Lincoln
Al and Lois Steuter
Johnstown
Bob and Jean Stowell
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Emily Sulze
Lincoln
Brian Thompson
Waverly
Kathleen Thuman
Lincoln
Kiel and Mimi VanderVeen
Nebraska City
Greg and Marcia Vasek
Lincoln
Richard Vosteen and
Joyce Flood Vosteen
Lincoln
Richard and Darlene Walter
Shickley
Gene Weedin
McCook
Ray and Deb Welsh
Pender
Marcia A. White
Lincoln
Diane M. Wilson
Lincoln
Jay and Susie Wolf
Albion
Jeff Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost
Lincoln
Benedict and Jane Zach
Omaha
*Donor is deceased
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2020 and 2019

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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

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Net assets, beginning of year 170,609,978 137,444,917
Net assets, end of year $169,215,050 170,609,978

The financial statements of Nebraska Community Foundation are audited annually by an independent public accounting firm. A copy of the audited financial statements may be obtained by contacting the Foundation’s office. A copy of the Foundation’s tax filing (Form 990) may be obtained on the Foundation’s website or by contacting the Foundation’s office.
ASSETS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
of Nebraska Community Foundation with its Affiliated Funds

Total Assets
($ in millions)

Endowed Assets
($ in millions)

Total assets
$180.7 Million

Endowed assets
$116.6 Million
Grants and Disbursements
($ in millions)

Number of Contributions
to NCF and its Affiliated Funds

45,313
Contributions in the last 5 years

$393.1 Million
Reinvested since 1994
“I have never seen any initiative that has cost so little, spread so widely, created so much civic engagement, and required minimal dependence on a central system. Nebraska Community Foundation has created a citizen-driven community learning process that is remarkable.”

–JOHN MCKNIGHT, CO-FOUNDER
Asset-Based Community Development Institute