



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*Dreams
Welcome*

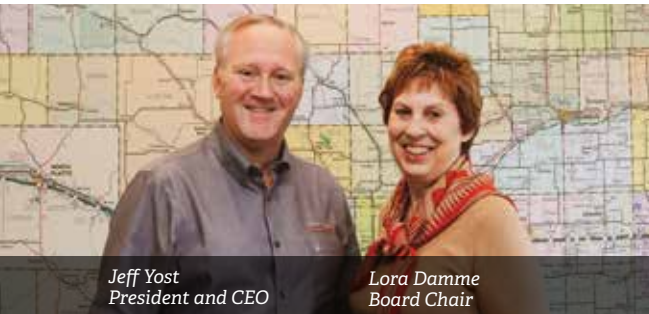


NEBRASKA COMMUNITY

F O U N D A T I O N



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD CHAIR



“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. ■

Jeff Yost, *President and CEO*

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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.

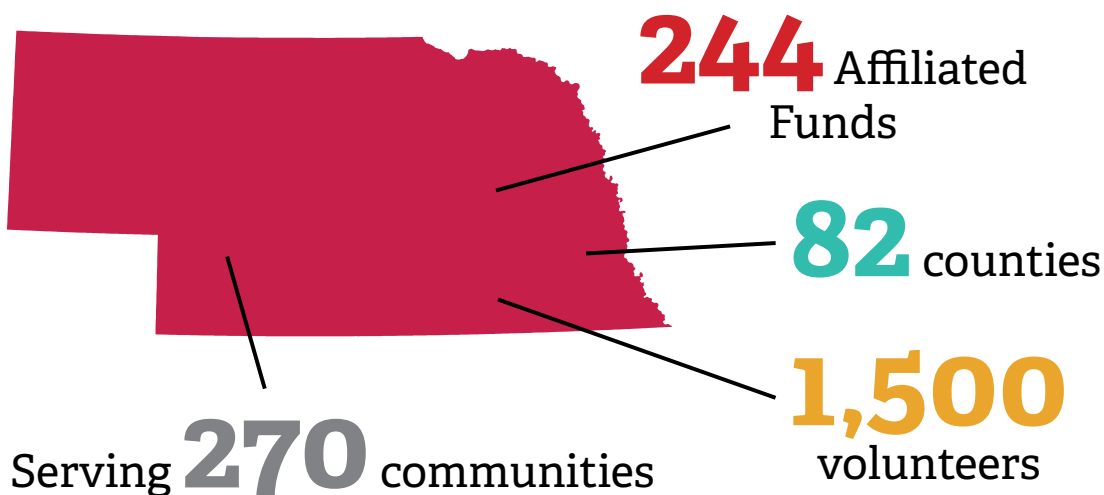


For more than 25 years, Nebraska Community Foundation has worked with communities throughout Nebraska to unleash their abundant local potential to visualize and realize their collective dreams. The Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund achieved a longtime dream in 2020, completing a portion of a new 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.





THE WORK WE DO

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



OUR GOALS

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.

	2012	2015	2020
Community-Based Affiliated Funds growing an unrestricted endowment	63	72	78
CBAFs with \$10,000+ annual payout	16	36	44
CBAFs with \$50,000+ annual payout	2	4	12

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.

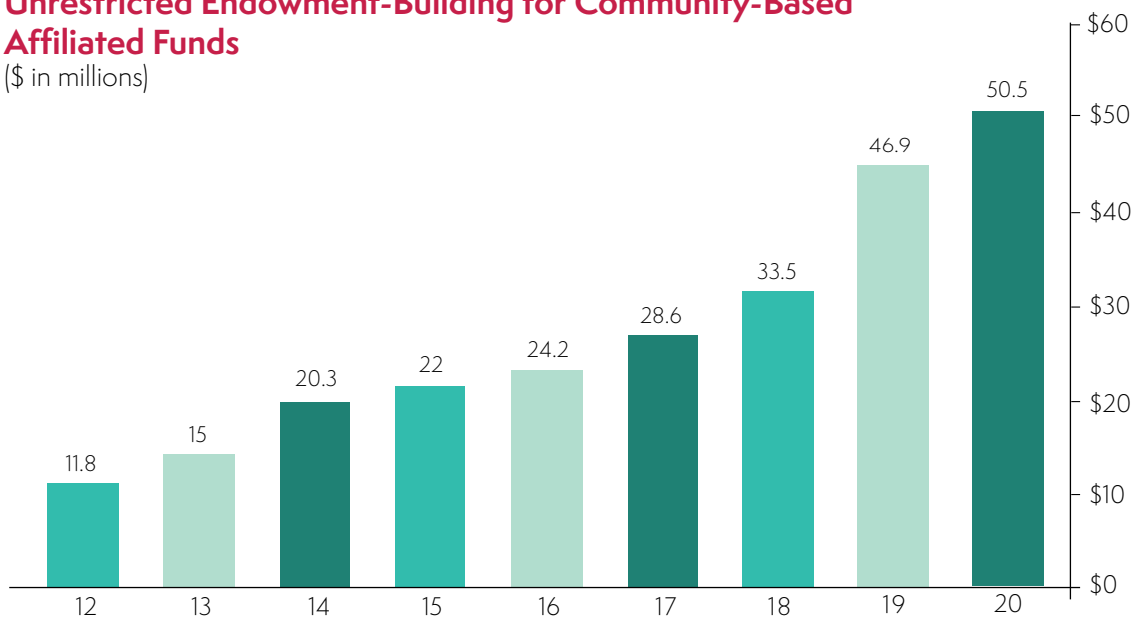
These investments in Greater Nebraska are coming from a variety of sources who can attest to the extraordinary impact a shared goal and vision can have on a community—from major foundations devoted to the future of rural America, to homegrown philanthropists, and individual donors who care deeply about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

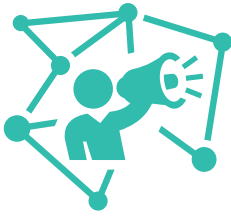
"Talking to people about giving to the endowment was easier than I thought it was going to be," said Jay Wallinger of the Stuart Community Foundation Fund. "People are excited that you're doing it. They are excited that you're going to do something that is going to benefit the future of the community."

Unrestricted Endowment-Building for Community-Based Affiliated Funds

(\$ in millions)



As of 06.30



**Convener and
Connector**



Leader



**Information and
Resource Hub**



Grantmaker



Fundraiser



**Cheerleader and
Champion**

THE ROLES OUR VOLUNTEERS PLAY

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. ■

BRIDGING THE LEARNING GAP

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.” ■





KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED

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.

“The benefits from the program go far beyond the residents we were initially trying to help.”

– RITA LUONGO

“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.” ■

SUPPORT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

“Donations are the wings that are carrying us right now.”

– RHONDA SCHUESSLER

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.” ■





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. ■

INVITING ALL VOICES TO THE TABLE

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

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.

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. ■





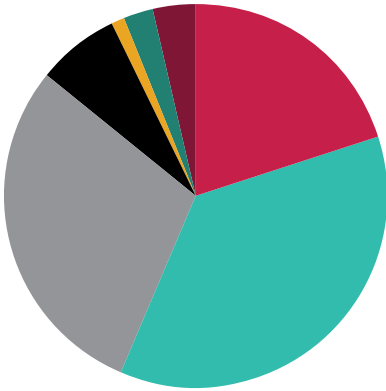
LISTENING TO AND LEARNING FROM OUR YOUTH

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.

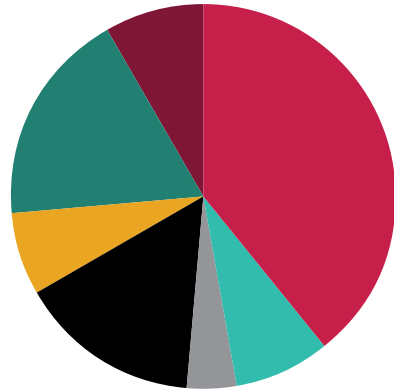
The survey will serve as a tool for NCF affiliated funds; statewide organizations; governmental agencies; Greater Nebraska community leaders, businesses, and employers; and others who share our interest in people attraction, engaging young people, and showing them the abundance of opportunities that 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?



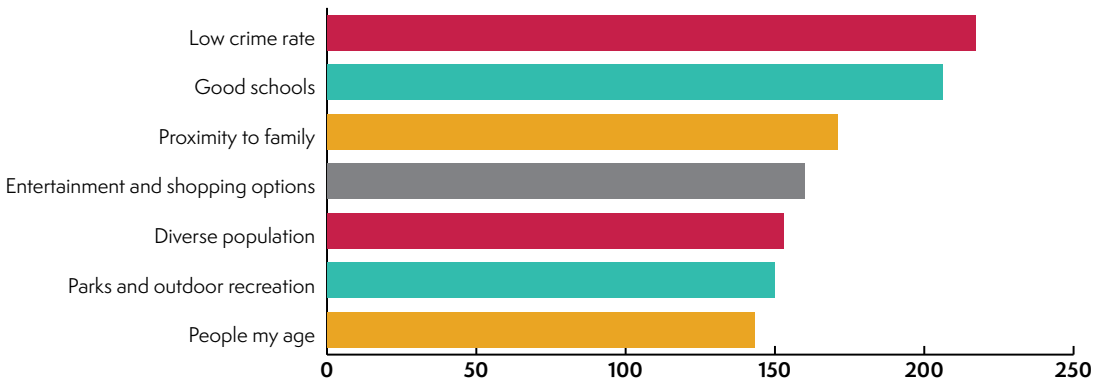
- Job or business opportunity = 167
- Good place to raise a family = 308
- Family ties = 249
- Cost of living = 57
- Good recreation facilities = 7
- Quality schools/health care = 23
- Other = 29

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?



What size community is your ideal to live in?



SMALL,
like my hometown
579



MEDIUM,
like Grand Island
408

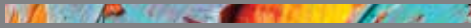


LARGE,
like Omaha
183



VERY LARGE,
like Chicago, IL
62

INTERNSHIPS OFFER NEW POSSIBILITIES IN GREATER NEBRASKA



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. ■

**"I am always amazed
by how far people
here will go
just to lend a hand."**

- KATIE PATRICK
Grant



**"I feel like I'm
creating a legacy
for future
generations."**

- ABIGAIL MOODY
Burwell

**"I want to live
in a place
that feels like home
and where people
are safe
to be themselves."**

- TRICIA CLEVELAND
Petersburg



**"I really like how
easy it is to involve
yourself in our
community and
feel valued."**

- BEN ARENS
Ainsworth



**"In my community,
no matter who you
are or what you do,
there's always
someone to help
and support you."**

- DAKOTA CHERNEY
Chester



“The thing I appreciate most about my hometown is how supportive my community is to new ideas.”

- HANNAH MEESKE
Imperial



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

- LEXI GROSS
McCook

“I have been the recipient of constant investment, support, and love from my community.”

- CHLOE HIGGINS,
Nebraska City



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

- JACY HAFER
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

Dreams Welcome




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. ■



All dreams are welcome here!

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102 Community-Based Affiliated Funds

Arnold Community Fund

Arthur Area Community Foundation Fund

Atkinson Community Foundation Fund

Axtell Community Fund

Bennet Area Community Foundation Fund

Bertrand Area Community Fund

Big Springs Community Fund

Bladen Area Community Fund

Blaine County Area Community
Foundation Fund

Bloomfield Community Foundation Fund

Boone County Foundation Fund

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Foundation Fund

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Byron Community Foundation Fund

Calamus Area Community Fund

Callaway Community Fund

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Chambers Community Improvement
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Chappell Community Fund

Chester Community Fund

Coleridge Area Fund

Columbus Area Future Fund

Craig Community Fund

Crawford Area Fund

Creighton Community Foundation Fund

Crofton Community Foundation Fund

Cuming County Community Fund

Curtis Community Foundation Fund

Davenport Area Community Fund

Davey Area Community Foundation Fund

Deshler Community Fund

Diller Community Foundation Fund

Dorchester Community Foundation Fund

Elgin Community Foundation Fund

Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund

Exeter Area Community Foundation Fund

Friend Area Fund

Future of Decatur Foundation Fund

Greater Waverly Area Foundation Fund

Greeley Community Fund

Hallam Area Fund

Hayes County Community Fund

Hebron Community Fund

Hickman Area Community
Foundation Fund

Holt County Economic
Development Fund

Howells Community Fund

Humboldt Area Community
Foundation Fund

Hyannis Area Community
Foundation Fund

Imperial Community Foundation Fund

John and Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund
(Valley County)

Keith County Foundation Fund

Keya Paha County Foundation Fund

Kimball Area Foundation Fund

Laurel Area Community Foundation Fund

Legacy Fund for Seward County

Leigh Legacy Fund

Lodgepole Community Fund

Logan County Community
Foundation Fund

Lynch Area Future Fund

McCook Community Foundation Fund

Mullen Area Foundation Fund

Naper Community Foundation Fund

Nebraska City Community
Foundation Fund

Neligh Area Community Fund

Nemaha County Development
Foundation Fund

Newman Grove Community
Foundation Fund

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
 Palisade Community Foundation Fund
 Pender-Thurston Education & Community Foundation Fund
 Perkins County Community Foundation Fund
 Plattsmouth Community Foundation Fund
 Ralston Community Foundation Fund
 Ravenna Area Vision Fund
 Red Cloud Community Fund
 Rock County Community Fund
 Rushville Community Fund
 Ruskin Community Foundation Fund
 Shickley Community Foundation Fund
 Spencer Community Foundation Fund
 Stratton Community Foundation Fund
 Stuart Community Foundation Fund
 Syracuse Development Foundation Fund
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 Unadilla Area Community Fund
 Valley County Community Foundation Fund
 Verdigre Community Foundation Fund
 Wallace Community Foundation Fund
 Wauneta Community Fund
 Wausa Community Foundation Fund
 Wayne Area Legacy Fund
 Wheeler County Community Foundation Fund
 Wilber Area Community Foundation Fund
 Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund

32 Organizational Affiliated Funds

Auburn Public Schools Foundation Fund
 Boone County Health Center Foundation Fund
 Brown County Hospital Endowment Fund

Cedar Rapids/Riverside High School Alumni Association Fund
 Chase County Hospital Foundation Fund
 Christian Heritage Endowment Fund
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 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
 Wachiska 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
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 Bruning State Bank Donor-Advised Fund
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 First National Bank of Omaha Fund
 First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund
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 Bud and Georgie Gerhart Family Fund
 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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 Nebraska Bankers Association Bank on Nebraska Strong Fund
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 Omaha Hearing School for Children Donor-Advised Fund
 Ron and Judy Parks Donor-Advised Fund
 Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund
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 Marguerite Rose Donor-Advised Fund
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Sidney Community Donor-Advised Fund
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 Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund
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 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

Orin and Ruby Barlean Scholarship Fund
 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
 Neal 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.



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

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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.

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Nebraska City

Curt and Susan Wischmeier
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**Donor is deceased*

ANNUAL GIFTS SUPPORT OUR WORK

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

\$100,000 and above

Anonymous

\$25,000 to \$99,999

Abel Foundation

Lincoln

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska

Lincoln

Graff Charitable Foundation

McCook

Judy and Ron Parks

Papillion

Pinnacle Bank

Nebraska

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Bridges Trust

Omaha

Bruning State Bank

Bruning

Wayne and Bev Buller

Albion

Kurt and Jerene Kruse

Albion

Al and Lois Steuter

Johnstown

Lynn and Dana Roper

Lincoln

Bob and Jean Stowell

Ord

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Bellevue

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Consolidated Companies

Lincoln

Cornerstone Bank

York

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Omaha

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Reinke Manufacturing Company

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North Platte

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Diller

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Laurel

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Aberdeen, SD

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\$2,000 to \$4,999

American National Bank

Omaha

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Baird Holm

Omaha

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Bertrand

Blackburn Manufacturing Company

Neligh

James Bradford

Norfolk

Charter West Bank

Pender

Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather

Lincoln

D.A. Davidson

Lincoln

Daycos

Norfolk

Dale and Mary Dueland

McCook

Elkhorn Valley Bank

Norfolk

Endacott Peetz Timmer

Lincoln, Newman Grove, Bruning

Farmers National Company

Omaha

Fehringer & Mielak

Columbus

Fillmore County Hospital Foundation

Geneva

Fortify Group

Shickley

Frontier Bank

Pender

Great Plains State Bank

Columbus

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Pender

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Maywood

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Albion

Tri-County Bank

Stuart

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Lincoln

\$1,000 to \$1,999

BKD

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Auburn

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\$500 to \$999

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Tekamah

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



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Planned Gifts

TOTALING **\$60.5** Million

to benefit NCF and its affiliated funds

Dan and Beth Bahensky

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Neligh

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Lincoln

Benedict and Jane Zach

Omaha

**Donor is deceased*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$6,375,176	\$9,099,175
Certificates of deposit	28,689,144	27,486,879
Investments	144,203,526	143,527,748
Investment in real property	48,448	76,351
Interest receivable	94,768	152,822
Gift annuities insurance	258,647	274,774
Property and equipment, net	122,464	157,056
Contracts receivable	935,189	972,705
Other	9,354	9,354
Total assets	<u>\$180,736,716</u>	<u>\$181,756,864</u>
LIABILITIES		
Funds held for agencies	\$10,756,984	\$10,319,665
Accrued payroll liabilities	68,544	86,864
Accrued other liabilities	55	130
Gift annuities payable	696,083	740,227
Total liabilities	<u>11,521,666</u>	<u>11,146,866</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions, undesignated	156,502,172	156,132,533
Without donor restrictions, board designated reserve	1,061,614	1,034,914
With donor restrictions	11,651,264	13,442,531
Total net assets	<u>169,215,050</u>	<u>170,609,978</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$180,736,716</u>	<u>\$181,756,864</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Revenue and support		
Contributions	\$ 28,268,272	\$54,291,099
Investment income/(loss)	5,424,414	8,913,710
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(68,595)	(56,265)
Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements	1,929,307	1,672,184
Total revenue and support	<u>35,553,398</u>	<u>64,820,728</u>
Expenses		
Program services	33,103,347	28,129,435
Management and general	3,188,212	2,939,720
Fundraising	656,767	586,507
Total expenses	<u>36,948,326</u>	<u>31,655,662</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	(1,394,928)	33,165,066
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>170,609,978</u>	<u>137,444,91</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$169,215,050</u>	<u>170,609,978</u>

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.

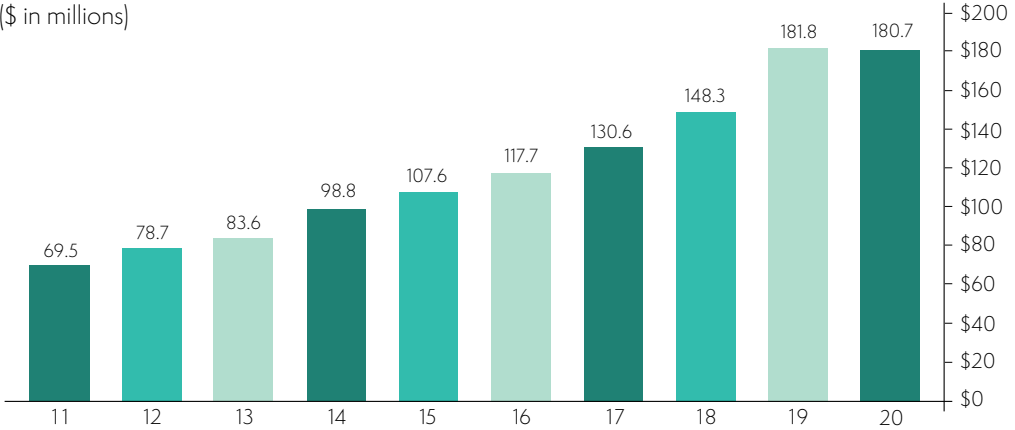
ASSETS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS



of Nebraska Community Foundation with its Affiliated Funds

Total Assets

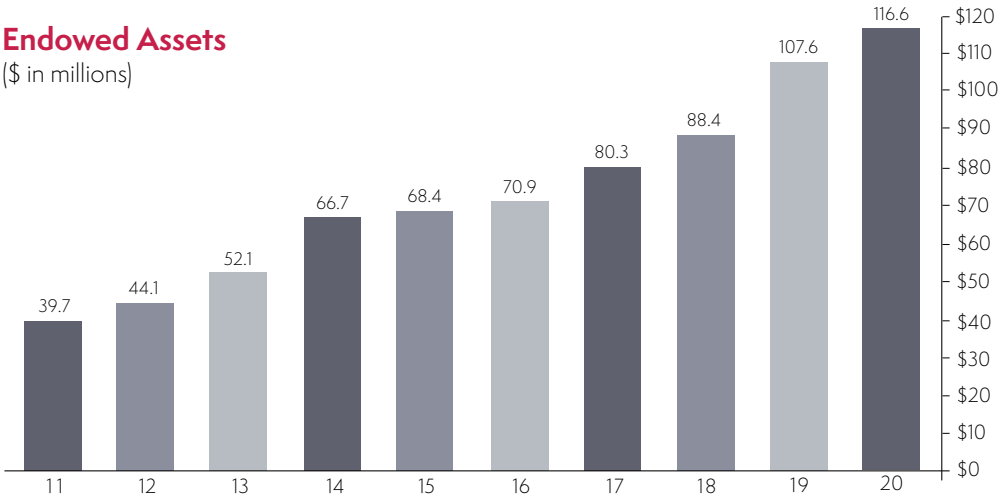
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As of 06.30

Endowed Assets

(\$ in millions)



As of 06.30

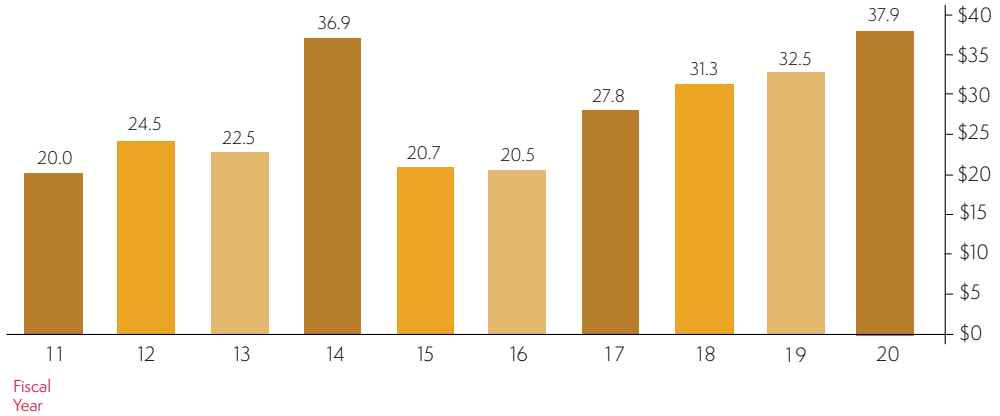
Total assets
\$180.7
Million



Endowed assets
\$116.6
Million

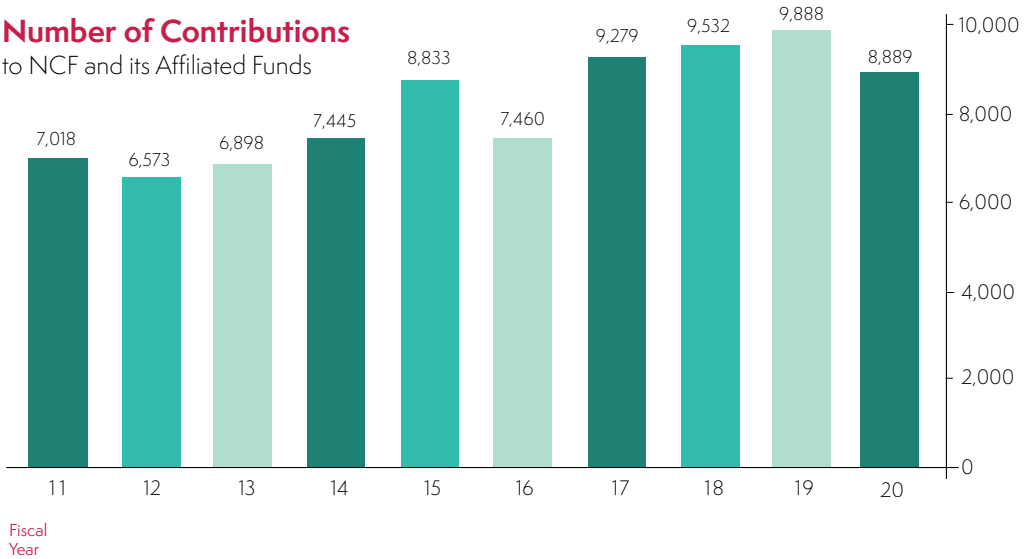
Grants and Disbursements

(\$ 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
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