

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



CONNECT

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 TO SHARE TO BELONG TO LEAD  
 TO OPPORTUNITY TO PEERS TO HOPE  
 TO ABUNDANCE TO SUPPORT  
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NEBRASKA COMMUNITY  
 FOUNDATION

The NCF network is built on connections—to knowledge, to resources, to our fellow ambitious Nebraskans, and to the communities we love and invest in.

One of our favorite sayings regarding the community-building work we do is, “Change happens along the lines of relationships at the speed of trust.” Each year that becomes more apparent as dreams get bolder, endowments grow, and more and more people choose to build their futures in Greater Nebraska.

Of course, capital is often a key element to progress. In fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), grants and disbursements from the NCF network were \$40 million. These are serious community-building resources, and they are making a transformative impact on prosperity and quality of life in our hometowns and state. Here are some examples: early childhood education in Albion, a new community center in Laurel, a “Welcoming and Belonging Community Grant Challenge” in Columbus, local foods in Hebron schools, housing development in Ogallala and Eustis, library services in Nebraska City, opera house renovations in Friend, an inclusive playground in Sidney, STEM education in Norfolk, leadership development in Valley County, expanded learning opportunities in Syracuse, nursing scholarships in Burwell, heritage tourism development in Red Cloud, pediatric dental health care in Bassett and Scottsbluff, small business and entrepreneurship development in Holt County, and scholarships for Native American students throughout the state.

Scan the QR codes throughout this report for more engaging videos and stories!

This list is just a small sample of the tremendous community-building work happening throughout the NCF network. Since 1994, the NCF network has reinvested \$463 million in our Nebraska hometowns, \$172 million in just the past five years. But the reality is, it’s just the tip of the iceberg. The latest Transfer of Wealth Study demonstrates that \$100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in just 10 years. In 50 years, that number exceeds \$950 billion.

Gift planning is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to ensure some of that abundance remains in our hometowns. Both of us are proud to have our own planned gifts in place to benefit the future of NCF and the communities we serve and are always happy to discuss options with our fellow Nebraskans.

Change happens along the lines of relationships at the speed of trust. We are honored to have nurtured relationships and built trust with thousands of volunteers and donors who share our belief in the future of our hometowns. This annual report is just a snapshot of all the important and exciting work happening in every corner of the state. Together a Greater Nebraska! ■



Jeff Yost, *President and CEO*



Dale Dueland, *Board Chair*

COVER: Boone County’s new trails system is well loved by community members of all ages. The Boone County Area Foundation Fund, an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, established an account to fundraise as well as support the design, planning, construction, and maintenance of the new community amenity.

# OUR VISION

Nebraska is a place where  
our hometowns are achieving their dreams.



*Located in northeast Nebraska, Laurel's roughly 1,000 residents are working diligently to make their community the kind of place where young families want to remain, return, or move. Laurel's recent Downtown Revitalization Project culminated with the opening of a state-of-the-art \$4.2 million community center honoring the community's rich railroad history. The new facility houses the senior center, economic development, city offices, and numerous event and meeting spaces.*

# OUR MISSION

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





NCF honorary board member Ray Welsh of Pender speaks during a dinner hosted by the Wayne Area Legacy Fund celebrating community, past successes, and future triumphs.

## CONNECT TO **SUCCESS**

Wayne Area Legacy Fund (WALF) volunteers celebrated their community this summer with a dinner program focused on their shared success. The Fund now holds nearly \$500,000 in endowed assets, activating a passionate population while utilizing NCF resources to maximize their already massive potential. Volunteers have participated in numerous trainings facilitated by NCF staff, including visioning sessions, "Make the Ask" training, and fundraising campaign basics.

The fund has also taken advantage of NCF's Hometown Internship program. Emily Eilers, WALF's 2022 intern, played an essential role in planning the summer celebration and presenting an overview of the fund's achievements.

Volunteers know they can count on NCF to be the support they need when setting out to transform their communities.

"With assistance from NCF, we have been able to give over \$50,000 back to the area," said WALF Advisory Committee Chair Bill Dickey. "It seems like it has taken a long time to be recognized in the community, but now that we have made substantial contributions to other nonprofits, the City of Wayne, and community schools, we have become known as a resource to go to. We would not be where we are today without Nebraska Community Foundation." ■

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– *Bill Dickey, Wayne, NE*

# CONNECT TO VALUE

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 more than 1,500 volunteers who lead the 253 affiliated funds serving 276 communities in 83 Nebraska counties. 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



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*Confirmed in  
Compliance with  
National Standards  
for U.S. Community  
Foundations*





*2020 Nebraska Teacher of the Year Megan Helberg of Taylor brings important perspective and experience to NCF's statewide board of directors.*

## CONNECT TO **OUR WORK**



In 2018, the Nebraska Community Foundation board of directors adopted a new Strategic Framework composed of six ambitious goals that would challenge staff, board, and volunteers to push the NCF mission further than ever before. Designed to serve as a compass rather than a map, the Strategic Framework has been central to NCF's work over the past five years . . . and will continue to fuel new possibilities in the future.

This year, the NCF statewide board voted unanimously to extend the Strategic Framework and its goals for the next five years. These six goals will continue to provide guidance and inspiration for the allocation of both financial and human capital in the years to come. While tremendous progress has been made under the Strategic Framework, all board members agreed there is still work to be done and an abundance of opportunities yet to be pursued. ■

# CONNECT TO OUR GOALS



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



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



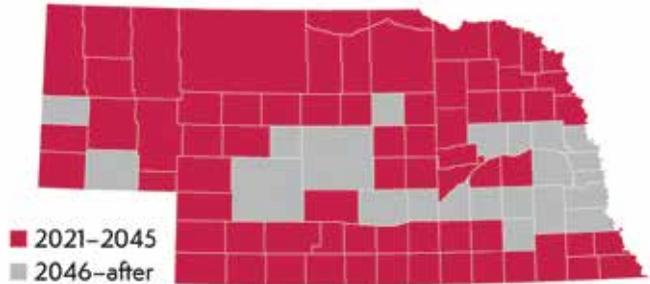
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NCF has the institutional capacity and financial stability to carry out its mission

# CONNECT TO ABUNDANCE

The amount of wealth transferring between generations in our state is staggering. Overall, more than \$100 billion will transfer in the next 10 years. Big numbers, gigantic opportunities. The NCF network is working toward a shared goal of harnessing just 5% of this abundance. That's well over \$5 billion—a gamechanger for the future of our hometowns.

## TIMING OF PEAK WEALTH TRANSFER



But the transfer of wealth is much more than numbers on a spreadsheet. It's the story connecting our past, present, and future. It's the foundation for accomplishments like Boone Beginnings Early Childhood and Family Development Center, a state-of-the-art early childhood education center in Albion enriching the lives of Boone County families and setting youngsters up for success. The facility is a manifestation of generational wealth and community care, made possible through 250 charitable gifts, 80% with local ties, totaling \$4.5 million. It's a collective success that will benefit the community for decades to come.

In Shickley (population 309), 13 donors are planning to benefit their hometown through their estate plans. Combined with endowed assets, Shickley now has \$4.3 million for the future—or 242% of their wealth transfer goal.



*Boone Beginnings, a state-of-the-art \$4.5 million early childhood development center in Albion, was made possible through the generosity and tireless work of dozens of committed volunteers. In order to succeed, Greater Nebraska hometowns must make bold investments in the future.*



*Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund is investing in people and the future of its community. Recently the fund granted \$10,000 to support the local public high school's Jobs for America's Graduates Program.*

With over \$14 million in endowments and planned gifts, Valley County has turned the generosity of local people into a national model of a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Young families are moving to Diller (population 256), because it offers superior amenities and an unmatched quality of life, thanks in part to \$1.4 million in endowments and expectancies, or 136% of their wealth transfer goal.

Nebraska City's local affiliated fund has granted more than \$6 million back into the community to further its mission of "investing in people."

With \$3.6 million in endowments and planned gifts, Butler County's investments in youth—from education to the arts—have significantly improved people attraction efforts.

Through the generosity and vision of local citizens, Pender built a \$7.1 million community center that can easily accommodate all 1,002 residents.

In Keith County, an \$8 million estate gift is inspiring even more generosity.

Our research shows the amount of wealth transferring between generations continues to rise, but that trend is only useful if Nebraskans take community-building to heart. We've seen phenomenal growth in affiliated funds harnessing the transfer of wealth through the last decade. In 2012, endowments totaled just about \$44 million. Ten years later in 2022, they now total almost \$138 million.



Endowment-building allows communities the freedom to plan. To think intentionally about the future and what must be done to ensure Greater Nebraska continues to be a place people want to live, work, and play. **Turn to page 20 to see how we can work together to harness some of this abundance in our hometowns and create even more prosperity across Greater Nebraska.** Better yet, read the many stories in between of communities putting the transfer of wealth to work. ■

# CONNECT TO THE FUTURE



McCook's 2022 Hometown Intern, Chasity Samaniego, spent her summer focusing on cultivating a sense of belonging for the city's Hispanic community.

Working alongside the local economic development corporation, she reached out to Hispanic-owned businesses and interviewed the owners for input in making materials to help other entrepreneurs get their start.

"I think a big stereotype is that most of us come from the same place," Samaniego said. "We all have our own stories. We're not all from Mexico.

One of my biggest focal points was getting to know each and every person I met and where they came from and getting to know them as a person."

Her biggest (and favorite) project of her internship, though, was organizing a community Dia de los Muertos celebration—the first ever in McCook. Families observed the holiday by honoring deceased loved ones through doing the things they loved. There were plenty of festivities, including art, music, food, dancing, and more. Attendees were able to create their own ofrendas (offerings placed on altars to welcome the deceased) with materials supplied by event organizers.

"My hope is to bring as much of that culture to McCook as I can so not only can the Hispanic community in McCook enjoy it, but also the English-speaking community can get a taste and see what it's like," Samaniego said. "We can thrive better as a community as a whole."

Overall, the experience has helped Samaniego feel closer to her community, her culture, and herself.

"It has brought me closer to what I feel is my heritage," she said. "It really opened my mind and my heart to who I truly am." ■



Members of the 2022 class of Hometown Interns visited Norfolk this summer to learn about the community's good work.



**What is the ideal size of a community to live in?**



**SMALL,**  
like my hometown  
**57%**



**MEDIUM,**  
like Grand Island  
**31%**



**LARGE,**  
like Omaha  
**8%**



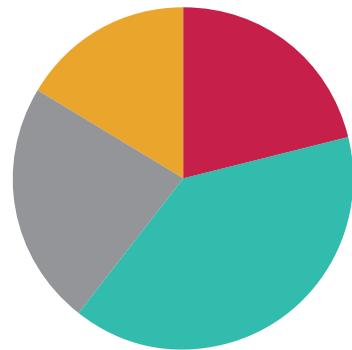
**VERY LARGE,**  
like Chicago  
**4%**

**Do you think there is a negative stigma with returning/staying in the place you live now?**

**YES**  
**29%**

**NO**  
**71%**

**When you are an adult, how likely are you to live in the area you live in now?**



- Extremely likely (21%)
- Somewhat likely (39%)
- Somewhat unlikely (23%)
- Extremely unlikely (16%)

**Most important characteristics of your ideal community:**

1. Safety from violence and theft
2. Good schools
3. Proximity to family

In the last three years, Nebraska Community Foundation has surveyed more than 3,200 middle and high school students across the state on what they want their future communities and careers to look like. In 2022, more than 700 students responded to the survey.

These students express a strong preference for small communities. Only 4% say they would like to live in a community larger than those that exist in Nebraska. Safety, good schools, and proximity to family continue to be the top characteristics of their ideal community, and the vast majority (71%) say there is no stigma associated with returning to your hometown as an adult. ■

# CONNECT TO PEOPLE

People attraction is a goal shared by all in the NCF network. In other words, inviting returners home and attracting new people to be in community with us. Engagement and retention of current residents is also an important piece of the people attraction puzzle. Whether you are a stayer, returner, or newcomer to Greater Nebraska, you are welcome and wanted. Here are just a few examples of the people attraction work being led by ambitious Nebraskans in our network. ■



*Red Cloud's commitment to early childhood education and heritage tourism is paying off. In October, the community broke ground on Hotel Garber, a boutique hotel that will encourage visitors to extend their time in Willa Cather's hometown.*



*With nearly \$12 million in endowed assets in Keith County, volunteers have determined four focus areas vital to attracting and retaining population: housing, early childcare and education, first impressions, and strengthening the local entrepreneurial ecosystem.*



*Thanks to an ever-expanding mural project, Imperial looks and feels like the vibrant community it is. "We're trying to make Imperial an inclusive community for people of all ages, races, and backgrounds to come together and make it a great place to live for everybody," said Tyler Pribbeno of the Imperial Community Foundation Fund.*



*McCook community leaders have put arts and culture at the center of their people attraction strategy. The recently completed Norris Alley provides yet another location where McCook residents and visitors can gather to listen to live music, appreciate visual art, and build community.*



*Columbus Area Future Fund granted \$20,000 to eight “Welcoming and Belonging” projects. Recipients included efforts to translate community information to Spanish for newcomers, a young professionals program, and school programs.*



*Thayer County communities are committed to people attraction. Local affiliated funds are eager to take advantage of NCF programs including Hometown Internships which often lead to full-time job opportunities and plans to return.*



*Community leaders in Walthill, located on the Omaha Reservation, are working to combat the impacts of poverty with initiatives aimed at engaging youth. Among them is a new skatepark which provides a vital physical and emotional outlet.\**



*Through NCF’s Impact Planning Process, Perkins County discovered a growing need for English language classes. Early childhood education has also become a priority of the group as well as making volunteer opportunities accessible to all.*



*Diller Community Foundation Fund’s Youth Serveship Camp includes a Community Asset Tour touching on the community’s past, present, and future. The day concludes with pitch presentations about dream community projects.*



*The Leigh Legacy Fund Advisory Committee is arguably the youngest in the NCF network. They are focused on raising \$500,000 to earn a challenge grant offered by 13 generous alumni who continue to care deeply about their hometown.*

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# CONNECT TO OPPORTUNITY

When a community is strong, its economy is strong.

A new statewide initiative known as Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (E3) is strengthening six Greater Nebraska communities. Based on the learnings of Valley County, a nationally lauded rural entrepreneurial ecosystem, the three-year endeavor will help empower local leaders to further business, community, and economic development in Valley County, Holt County, Keith County, Sidney, Red Cloud, and McCook through extensive training, education, and peer learning opportunities.

Holt County Economic Development (HCED), an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, offers existing and start-up businesses technical assistance, education, local grant and loan assistance, business planning, location assistance, and more. The organization is credited with helping to get dozens of new businesses established in Holt County—businesses like Handlebend, which handcrafts one-of-a-kind copper mugs in one of downtown O’Neill’s most historic buildings.

“E3 has been a great resource in continuing to promote collaboration over competition in Holt County. In the last year, the discussions with other E3 communities have been invaluable in helping set goals and build action steps to build sustainable, prosperous local communities,” said HCED Executive Director Shelby Regan. “E3 has provided Holt County with renewed energy to grow and inspire local entrepreneurs.”

Generous support from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and Nebraska Public Power District allowed Nebraska Community Foundation, NetWork Kansas, and e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems to design the program using the principles of asset-based community development paired with decades of experience—both successes and failures—in finding innovative, locally centered solutions to the



*Holt County is home to a variety of unique businesses including Handlebend which served as the location for a peer learning event among the six communities involved in NCF’s E3 program.*



*A new inclusive playground is just one piece of evidence of the growth and prosperity happening in Sidney. Local leaders say access to resources, mentorship, and peer learning through NCF's E3 program will only lead to more progress in the Panhandle.*

most perplexing economic challenges. E3 embraces the idea that in today's economy, especially post-pandemic, people can live and work wherever they choose. Nurturing a healthy entrepreneurial ecosystem isn't just about helping local businesses thrive, it's about creating communities of choice with access to early childhood education, great schools, ample recreation, and the safety and quality of life unique to rural places.

"The most valuable component of the program is networking with other communities and understanding how to build and fund future programs," said Sarah Sinnett, Vice President of Marketing and Technology at G.L. Huyett in Sidney. "This program has taught us to dream big and that we can do anything we put our minds to. I am confident this program is going to make a remarkable difference for our community as well as the entire state." ■

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– Sarah Sinnett, Sidney, NE

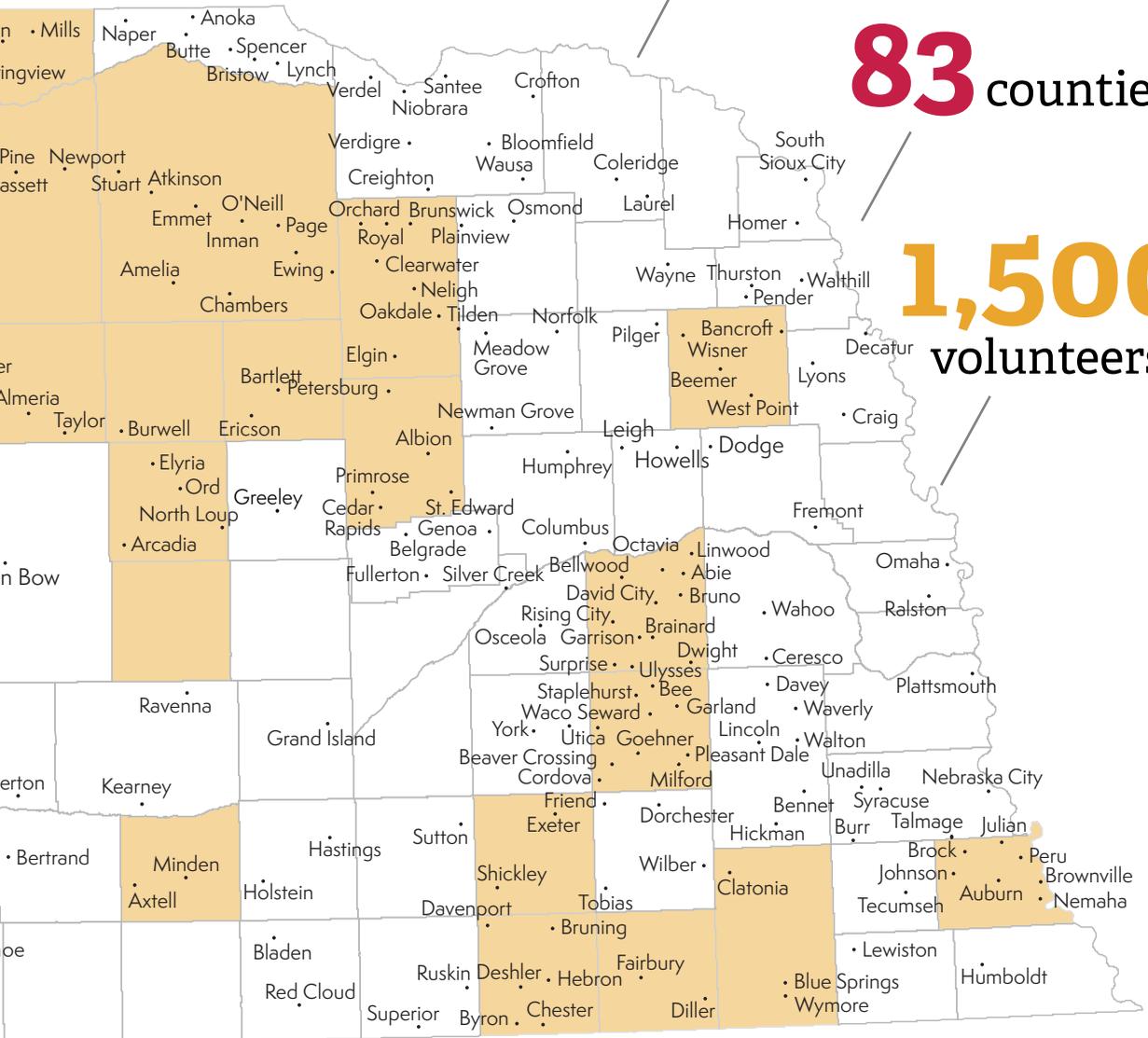


**253** affiliated funds

serving **276** communities

**83** counties

**1,500** volunteers



# CONNECT TO YOUR LEGACY



*Jessica and Dan Piskorski of Ord made a provision in their trust to benefit the Valley County Foundation Fund endowment, contingent on their young children reaching an age where they are financially stable. As a local attorney, Jessica has helped many couples in their early to mid-30s start the gift planning process.*

Gift planning is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to ensure a portion of the multi-billion-dollar transfer of wealth remains in our Greater Nebraska communities. To make it even easier, Nebraska Community Foundation launched the Five to Thrive campaign—a call to action for generous Nebraskans to consider leaving just 5% of their estate to their hometown.



Think of the Nebraska hometown you love. This is your opportunity to enrich its future. If everyone left just 5% to their favorite Nebraska hometown or to Nebraska Community Foundation to benefit all our communities (like the generous individuals and families listed on the next page), it would equate to \$5 billion in the next decade—and \$47.5 billion

over the next half-century—that could be used to further community and economic development and pursue the dreams of the future we can't even imagine in 2022.

Leaving a gift to help your hometown thrive is simple, and there are plenty of options to suit your life and situation. You can leave a bequest in your will, make a gift of retirement plans or life insurance, establish a donor-advised fund, make a gift of ag commodities, and much more. Some gifts, like beneficiary designations, are as easy as filling out a simple form. When you leave just 5% to a community's endowment, you can secure your family's legacy and help your hometown thrive.

Reach out to your professional advisor to learn how you can give, and consult Nebraska Community Foundation's Gift Planning resources for more information. You can also contact NCF's Director of Gift Planning, Todd Mekelburg, by sending an email to [tmekelburg@nebcommfound.org](mailto:tmekelburg@nebcommfound.org) or by calling **402.323.7330**. ■

NCF's 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.

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# TOTALING \$67 Million

to benefit NCF and its affiliated funds



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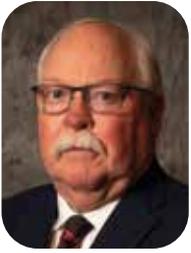
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## 103 Community-Based Affiliated Funds

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Arthur Area Community Foundation Fund

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Big Springs Community Fund

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Blaine County Area Community Foundation Fund

Bloomfield Community Foundation Fund

Boone County Foundation Fund

Brown County Community Foundation Fund

Burr Community Fund

Butler County Area Foundation Fund

Byron Community Foundation Fund

Calamus Area Community Fund

Callaway Community Fund

Ceresco Community Foundation Fund

Chambers Community Improvement Foundation Fund

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

Dodge Community 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

Hayes County Community Fund

Hebron Community Foundation 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 Future Fund



*Flatwater Free Press Executive Director Matt Wynn (center) and Editor Matthew Hansen (left) aim to tell stories other outlets aren't, particularly those happening in Greater Nebraska or involving historically excluded populations. Before establishing its own 501(c)(3) organization, Nebraska's first non-profit media outlet built its foundation using an NCF affiliated fund and access to our vast community network.*

Newman Grove Community Foundation Fund

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

Plainview Brunswick Community 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

Tecumseh Community Foundation Fund

Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund

Tilden-Meadow Grove Community Foundation Fund

Unadilla Area Community Fund

Valley County Community Foundation Fund

Verdigre Community Foundation Fund

Wallace Community Foundation Fund

Walthill Community 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

### 31 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

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

Lewis and Clark Visitor Center Endowment 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

Valley County Health System Foundation Fund

West Holt Medical Services Foundation Fund

Wheeler Central Public Schools Endowment Fund

Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund

### 49 Donor-Advised Funds

Erna R. Badstieber Trust Donor-Advised Fund

Jane and Doyle Busskohl Family Fund

Claybaugh Family Fund

Connie Fund

Countryside Bank Donor-Advised Fund

William H. and Erma C. Damme Fund

Daycos4Good Donor-Advised Fund

Deshler American Legion Community Donor-Advised Fund

Rudolph R. Elis Donor-Advised Fund

FNBO Employee Impact Fund

Farmers National Education Foundation Fund

First National Bank of Omaha Fund

First State Bank Nebraska Donor-Advised Fund

Flood Communications Cares Fund

Bud and Georgie Gerhart Family Fund

Lawrence Goscha Scholarship Fund

Graff Charitable Foundation Donor-Advised Fund

Dennis and Sally Hansen Donor-Advised Fund

Jim & Vicki Herzog Family Donor-Advised Fund

Robert and Jeanette Hunt Great Plains Communications Fund

Leona Ihde Fund

Kenner Family Fund

Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund

Virginia and M. Marvin Lewis Charitable Fund

McGregor Family Donor-Advised Fund

McIntosh Family Fund

Steven J. and Lorraine K. Miller Charitable Fund

Murphy Family Donor-Advised Fund

Tom and Cynthia Olson Family Donor-Advised Fund

Omaha Hearing School for Children Donor-Advised Fund

Jim and Lanita Recob Donor-Advised 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

Sidney Community Donor-Advised Fund

Irene C. Stenger Donor-Advised Fund

Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund

John and Darlene Wood Family  
Donor-Advised Fund

Richard H. and Dorothy L. (Rolfes) Yaeger  
Donor-Advised Fund

Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund

Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (5)

### 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

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Fund

USDA/National Institute of Food and  
Agriculture Fund

### 43 Designated or Field of Interest Funds

Banks-Glenn Scholarship  
Designated Fund

Orin and Ruby Barlean Scholarship Fund

Blackburn Family Designated Fund

Allen G. and Kay L. Blezek Undergraduate  
Student Fund for International Travel

Allen G. and Kay L. Blezek Endowment  
for Leadership Development

Butte Anoka Scholarships Fund

Centennial School Scholarship Fund

Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice  
Scholarship Fund

Concordia University Nebraska  
Endowment Fund

Ralph and Madeline Copenhaver Fund

County Road C Improvement Fund

Energizing Entrepreneurial  
Ecosystems Fund

Don and Artice Fells Fund

Bobby Foehlinger Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Freiberg Designated Fund

Larry and Genevieve Frerichs  
Designated Fund

Fund for Children and Youth

Dan Gillespie Soil Health Fund

Ken Good Scholarship Fund

Lyndall A. Harris Memorial Fund

Neal and Pauline Keller Scholarship Fund

Lindekugel Designated Fund

Donald Keenan Memorial Fund for Math  
and Science Education

Martens Family Scholarship Fund

McManigal Family Fund

Nagengast Family 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

Pease Family Charitable Trust Fund

Platte River Resilience 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

Sandra J. Wendell Art Education  
Scholarship Fund

Sandra J. Wendell Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Youth Scholar College Scholarship Fund

### 18 Life Income Funds

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



*The late Battle Creek no-till farmer and advocate Dan Gillespie sought to leave any land he farmed in better condition than he found it. An NCF affiliated fund in his name aims to make impactful grants to support educational events, youth programs, farmers, ranchers, and others involved in regenerative agriculture.*

# BENEFACTORS

ADVANCE OUR MISSION

## Cumulative Lifetime Gifts through June 30, 2022

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

**Allen Blezek Estate**

Lincoln

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Lincoln

**First National Bank of Omaha**

Omaha

**Robert and Jeanette Hunt Great Plains Communications Donor-Advised Fund**

Blair

**Peter Kiewit Foundation**

Omaha

**MNB Entities and Graff/Thomas Families**

McCook

**Judy and Ron Parks/Millard Manufacturing Corp.**

Omaha

**Pinnacle Bank**

Nebraska

**Union Bank & Trust**

Lincoln

**Jim\* and Elaine\* Wolf**

### \$100,000 to \$249,999

**Abel Foundation**

Lincoln

**Ameritas Charitable Foundation**

Lincoln

**Bruning Bank**

Bruning

**Cornerstone Bank**

York

**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

**Frank and Shirley\* Sibert**

Kearney

**Kathleen Thuman/Community First Bank/UniBanc Corp**

Lincoln

**Lynn and Dana Roper**

Lincoln

**Richard and Darlene Walter**

Shickley

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**GPC, Inc.**

Blair

**Richard E.\* and Louisa L. Manning**

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Omaha

**Dennis and Nancy Stara**

Lincoln

**Al and Lois Steuter**

Johnstown

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**America First Foundation**

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Anderson

**Bellevue University**

Bellevue

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**Cooper Foundation**

Lincoln

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Omaha

**First State Bank Nebraska**

Lincoln

**Don and Alice Harpst**

McCook

**Kenner Family Donor-Advised Fund**

Hebron

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Albion

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Omaha

**Nebraska Investment**

**Finance Authority**

Lincoln

**Security Bank**

Laurel

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Title & Realty

Ord

**Tri-County Bank/Schmaderer Family**

Stuart

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Lincoln

**Sandi\* and Steve Wendell**

Axtell

**Diane Wilson and Kay Richter**

Lincoln

**Curt and Susan Wischmeier**

Aberdeen, SD

**Jim and Elaine Wolf Foundation**

Albion



*Legacy Fund for Seward County is relatively new to the NCF network but has already been successful in building robust resources to perpetually benefit the community today and into the future. The fund's endowments—one unrestricted and one for youth—total more than \$1 million, thanks to the fund advisory committee's careful stewardship and the community's outstanding generosity.*

**Jay and Susie Wolf**  
*Albion*

**Jeff Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost**  
*Lincoln*

**\$15,000 to \$24,999**  
**American National Bank**  
*Omaha*

**Auburn Agency Crop, Inc.**  
*Auburn*

**Baird Holm LLP**  
*Omaha*

**K.C. and Colleen Belitz**  
*Columbus*

**Dennis Berens Rural Health Fund**  
*Lincoln*

**Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier**  
*Eustis*

**Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson  
& Oldfather, LLP**  
*Lincoln*

**Countryside Bank**  
*Unadilla*

**D.A. Davidson**  
*Lincoln*

**Diller Telephone Company**  
*Diller*

**Bob and Michelle Dudley**  
*Norfolk*

**Elkhorn Valley Bank**  
*Norfolk*

**Farmers National Company**  
*Omaha*

**Fillmore County Hospital Foundation**  
*Geneva*

**Fortify Group**  
*Shickley*

**Shannon Harner and Philip Goddard**  
*Lincoln*

**Jim and Terri Gustafson**  
*Lincoln*

**HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP**  
*Lincoln*

**Moeller Electric**  
*Byron*

**Pete and Jonnie Peterson**  
*Ogallala*

**Sara Coffee Radil and Gary Radil**  
*Omaha*

**Reinke Manufacturing Company**  
*Deshler*

**Sandman Family Foundation**  
*Diller*

*\*Donor is deceased*

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SUPPORT OUR WORK

Gifts received from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

## **\$100,000 and above**

**Allen Blezek Estate**

*Lincoln*

**Anonymous**

## **\$25,000 to \$99,999**

**Cornerstone Bank**

*York*

**Graff Charitable Foundation**

*McCook*

**Don and Alice Harpst**

*McCook*

## **\$10,000 to \$24,999**

**Ameritas Charitable Foundation**

*Lincoln*

**Anonymous**

**Kiel and Mimi VanderVeen/BluePrint  
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CFP®**

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*Bruning*

**In Memory of Frank and Mary Bruning**

*Bruning*

**Johnny Carson Foundation**

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*Norfolk*

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*Nebraska*

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*Albion*

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*Lincoln*

**Diane Wilson and Kay Richter**

*Lincoln*

**Jim and Elaine Wolf Foundation**

*Albion*

## **\$5,000 to \$9,999**

**American National Bank**

*Omaha*

**Dan and Beth Bahensky**

*Kearney*

**Consolidated Companies**

*Lincoln*

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*Lincoln*

**Security Bank**

*Laurel*

**Dennis and Nancy Stara**

*Lincoln*

**Al and Lois Steuter**

*Johnstown*

**Curt and Susan Wischmeier**

*Aberdeen, SD*

**Jay and Susie Wolf**

*Albion*

**Wolf Auto**

*Ogallala*

**Jeff Yost and Cindy Ryman Yost**

*Lincoln*

## **\$2,000 to \$4,999**

**Agri Affiliates Inc.**

*Hastings*

**Appeara**

*Norfolk*

**Auburn Agency Crop, Inc.**

*Auburn*

**Baird Holm LLP**

*Omaha*

**Brad and Bonnie Bauer**

*Grand Island*

**Behlen Mfg. Co.**

*Columbus*

**Bettenhausen Family Foundation**

*Lincoln*

**Blackburn Manufacturing Company**

*Neligh*

**Charter West Bank**

*Pender*

**Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson &  
Oldfather, LLP**

*Lincoln*

**D.A. Davidson**

*Lincoln*

**Dale and Mary Dueland**

*McCook*

**Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust Co.**

*Norfolk*

**Mark and Linda Graff**

*McCook*

**Frontier Bank**

*Pender*

**Jeffrey and Rebecca Gerhart**

*Newman Grove*

**GPC, Inc.**

*Omaha*

**C.J. and Cindy Guenzel Family**

*Omaha*

**Eldon and JoAnn Gustafson**

*Omaha*

**Chuck and Janel Hibberd**

*Lincoln*

**JEO Consulting Group**

*Lincoln*

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*Taylor*

**Jane and Michal Moreland**

*Imperial*

**Sandhills State Bank**

*North Platte*

**Sandman Family Foundation**

*Diller*

**Bob and Jean Stowell**

*Ord*

**Tri-County Bank**

*Stuart*

**Greg and Marcia\* Vasek**

*Lincoln*

**Town and Country Veterinary Clinic**

*Albion*

## **\$1,000 to \$1,999**

**Pam and Michael Abbott**

*Ogallala*

**Howard and Peggy Atkins Fund**

*Scottsbluff*

**Beardmore Subaru**

*Bellevue*

**K.C. and Colleen Belitz**

*Columbus*

**Jim and Carol Bishop**

*Lincoln*

**Judy and Don Brockmeier**

*Eustis*

**Carman Farms LLC/Cindy and Tom**

**Huff**

*McCook*

**First Central Bank**

*McCook*

**Jason and Tracia Kennedy**

*Roca*

**Lichti Oil Company**

*Shickley*

**Lockwood Foundation**

*Scottsbluff*

**Lorensen Lumber & Grain LLC**

*Pender*

**McMill CPA PC**

*Norfolk*

**Midway Buick Chevrolet Cadillac**

*Kearney*

**John and Carol Miyoshi**

*Wahoo*

**Randy Moeller**

*Pender*

**Jennifer Reinke Donor-Advised Fund**

*Hebron*

**Jon and Jennifer Schmaderer**

*Stuart*

**Kent and Susan Warneke**

*Norfolk*

**\$500 to \$999**

**Doug and Louise Bereuter**

*Lincoln*

**Steven Brewster**

*Stuart*

**Janny and Ryan Crotty**

*Auburn*

**Lora Damme and Jay Longinaker**

*Talmage*

**Kimberly and David Engel**

*Scottsbluff*

**Fillmore County Hospital Foundation**

*Geneva*

**Norfolk Subs, Inc. dba Subway**

*Norfolk*

**Dirk and Janice Petersen**

*Norfolk*

**Jeff and Lynn Pirruccello**

*Omaha*

**Beth and Dean Roelfs**

*Diller*

**Kevin and Diane Warneke**

*Omaha*

**Jay Yost and Wade Leak**

*New York, NY*

**\$499 and under**

**Anonymous**

**Kara and Mark Asmus**

*Columbus*

**Dena and David Beck**

*Minden*

**Kent and Peggy Been**

*Indianola*

**Charlyne Berens**

*Lincoln*

**Kyle and Jennifer Bucknell**

*Lincoln*

**Brian Busenbark**

*Bennington*

**Debbie Damme**

*Talmage*

**Phuong and Kimiko Dinh**

*Lincoln*

**Mike Gangel**

*Omaha*

**Denise Garey**

*McCook*

**Doug and Judy Gaswick**

*Imperial*

**Kira and Eric Geiger**

*Lincoln*

**Jim and Terri Gustafson**

*Lincoln*

**Arlis Hohl**

*Deshler*

**Casey Hoke**

*Omaha*

**Jean Jaskierny**

*Glenwood, IA*

**Joseph Kamler**

*Shickley*

**Steve and Glenda Knoche**

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*Plainview*

**Les and Terri Long**

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**Phyllis O'Brien**

*Omaha*

**Anders Olson**

*Omaha*

**William Nelson**

*Omaha*

**Karina and Aaron Perez**

*Columbus*

**Liz Petrzilka**

*Lincoln*

**Dan Worth and Laurie Richards**

*Lincoln*

**Juli Rosso**

*Lincoln*

**Chris Schlegel**

*Shickley*

**Laurie Schmitt**

*Venango*

**Barbara Slaby**

*Naperville, IL*

**Emily Sulzle**

*Lincoln*

**Susan Ugai**

*Lincoln*

**Chris and Brandie Vasek**

*Lincoln*

**Kara Weander-Gaster and David**

**Gaster**

*Norfolk*

**Genevieve White**

*Omaha*

**Kacie and Jordan Wise**

*Lincoln*

**Michael Wunder**

*Lincoln*

**Kristi Zucker**

*Deshler*



When asked to make a gift to support the causes near to our hearts, most of us wouldn't hesitate to reach for our wallets. When it comes to making a larger gift, however, thinking beyond cash can help us make an even greater impact on the communities and causes we care about . . . not to mention provide tax benefits.

Here are some ideas for outright charitable giving (that don't involve writing a check):



**CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER** If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you may make a qualified charitable distribution up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a charity without paying taxes on the distribution. The gift may also qualify as your required minimum distribution. This is like receiving a 100% tax deduction.



**APPRECIATED STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS** Making gifts of appreciated stocks or mutual funds has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, it can be deducted at its current market value. Second, a sale of appreciated stocks or mutual funds would generate a taxable capital gain. When you make a charitable gift of the stocks or mutual funds you pay no capital gains tax.



**GRAIN/LIVESTOCK** A gift of commodities allows a farmer or rancher to avoid claiming the sale price of the commodity as income and deduct the cost of production as a business expense. In other words, the gift can be made completely tax-free.



**REAL ESTATE** A gift of real estate that has increased in value since you have owned it has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, the gift of real estate can be deducted at its current market value. Second, a sale of appreciated real estate would generate a taxable capital gain. However, when you make a charitable gift of the real estate, you pay no capital gains tax when it is sold by the charity.



**CLOSELY HELD STOCK** Transferring business ownership, either at retirement or as an inheritance, offers unique opportunities and benefits of charitable giving. Not only does transferring your stock bypass capital gains and provide a charitable deduction, it also allows the corporation to buy back the stock.



**ANNUITY** The current value of an annuity is fully tax deductible when gifted to charity. The growth in the value of the annuity will be taxed as ordinary income and may be offset by the charitable income tax deduction.



**PAID-UP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY** By naming a charity the owner and beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy, you will be able to receive a current income tax deduction. The income tax deduction is approximately equal to the policy's cash value or, if less, the premiums paid. Or, name a favorite charitable organization or community fund as the beneficiary of a policy.

Reach out to our staff at **402.323.7330** or **[info@nebcommfound.org](mailto:info@nebcommfound.org)** to learn more about tax-wise charitable giving to benefit the community you love.

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$9,900,975	\$30,002,383
Certificates of deposit	25,449,211	23,699,966
Unconditional promises to give	2,287,580	50,976
Investments	189,133,074	191,887,973
Investment in real property	88,246	48,448
Interest receivable	212,588	89,601
Property and equipment, net	66,177	91,080
Contracts receivable	602,168	897,776
Other	9,354	9,354
Total assets	<u>\$227,749,373</u>	<u>\$246,777,557</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Funds held for agencies	\$ 13,590,563	\$16,700,315
Accounts payable	24,659	11,700
Accrued payroll liabilities	113,309	111,667
Accrued other liabilities	737	973
Gift annuities payable	465,257	355,922
Total liabilities	<u>14,194,525</u>	<u>17,180,577</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions, undesignated	178,661,483	196,181,675
Without donor restrictions, board designated	20,201,126	23,392,314
With donor restrictions	14,692,239	10,022,991
Total net assets	<u>213,554,848</u>	<u>229,596,980</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$227,749,373</u>	<u>\$246,777,557</u>

# STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>		
Revenue and support		
Contributions	\$46,305,469	\$50,109,288
Investment income/(loss)	(26,804,140)	35,757,714
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(19,376)	(55,157)
Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements	<u>2,647,275</u>	<u>2,081,603</u>
Total revenue and support	<u>22,129,228</u>	<u>87,893,448</u>
Expenses		
Program services	33,506,273	24,303,543
Management and general	3,969,211	3,238,670
Fundraising	<u>695,876</u>	<u>635,261</u>
Total expenses	<u>38,171,360</u>	<u>28,177,474</u>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	(16,042,132)	59,715,974
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>229,596,980</u>	<u>169,881,006</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$213,554,848</u>	<u>\$229,596,980</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.*

Total assets  
**\$227.7**  
 Million



Endowed assets  
**\$137.8**  
 Million

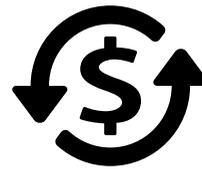
## COMMUNITY ENDOWMENTS

**THEN | 2012**

**NOW | 2022**



**46,653**  
 Contributions in the last  
**5** years



**\$463**  
 Million  
 Reinvested since 1994

Among FY22's **\$40 million** in grants and disbursements, NCF affiliated funds granted over ...



**\$1.4**  
 Million  
 for parks and  
 recreation



**\$2**  
 Million  
 for people  
 attraction



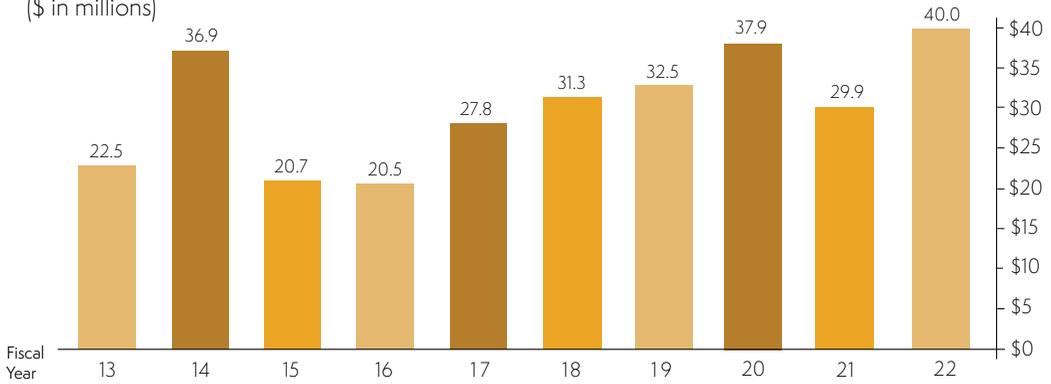
**\$1.4**  
 Million  
 for K-12  
 education



**\$1.3**  
 Million  
 for post-  
 secondary and  
 adult education

## Grants and Disbursements

(\$ in millions)



## Number of Contributions

to NCF and its Affiliated Funds



**\$1.2  
Million**

for arts, culture,  
and humanities



**\$1  
Million**

for community  
centers and  
libraries



**\$1.3  
Million**

for health care  
and basic human  
services



**\$370,000**

in support for  
entrepreneurs



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