**How to use a “swiss cheese press release”:**

**Words highlighted in yellow are to be replaced.**

For example, [FUND NAME] becomes the name of your fund, i.e. McCook Community Foundation Fund, Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund, etc.

[HOMETOWN] should be replaced with either the name of your community or the name of your county, whichever best matches the area your NCF affiliated fund serves.

**For sections including TOW (transfer of wealth) data, please visit** [**www.fivetothrivene.org**](http://www.fivetothrivene.org) **and locate your county on the interactive map. For instance:**

Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than $100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In [INSERT YOUR COUNTY NAME] County alone, [INSERT 10-YEAR TOW DOLLAR AMOUNT FOUND AT FIVETOTHRIVENE.ORG] is transferring in the next decade.

After clicking on your county, you will see a set of data:

Graphical user interface, text, application

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Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than $100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In Boone County alone, $596 million is transferring in the next decade.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[DATE]

Contact:

[NAME]

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**Three reasons to finally get that will in place this month**

**HOMETOWN, Neb. –** According to Gallup, less than half of American adults have a will. August is “Make a Will Month” and the perfect reminder to either finally get a plan in place, or revisit estate plans to ensure they still represent one’s wishes. Here are three more compelling reasons to either write or revisit that will during the month of August.

**Your family and/or heirs will thank you.**

According to Caring.com, 34% of people aged 35–54 have never discussed estate planning with anyone. That means, in the event of an untimely passing, those folks are left to guess the wishes of their loved one, or worse, fight over them. Having a will in place is the best way to ensure one’s wishes are met and that loved ones are taken care of.

**Your community will thank you.**

Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than $100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In [INSERT YOUR COUNTY NAME] County alone, [INSERT 10-YEAR TOW DOLLAR AMOUNT FOUND AT FIVETOTHRIVENE.ORG] is transferring in the next decade. There is always a transfer from generation to generation, as parents pass away and leave their estate to their children. But if the heirs no longer live where they grew up, that wealth may leave as well. Importantly, many Nebraska counties are approaching or are already in the midst of their peak transfer years. In other words, there is real urgency to act now. The opportunity will never be greater.

Charitable gift planning is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to ensure a portion of the multi-billion-dollar transfer of wealth remains in [HOMETOWN]. Nebraska Community Foundation suggests leaving 5% of one’s assets to local charitable causes like [FUND NAME]. If everyone left just 5%, it would equate to $5 billion statewide in the next decade or [5% OF LOCAL TOW] in [COUNTY NAME] County alone. These charitable resources could be used to further community and economic development, better local quality-of-life, and improve [HOMETOWN] for the next generation who call it home.

**It’s easier than you think.**

Writing a will may seem intimidating, but most people report the process is easier than they anticipated. Meeting with a professional advisor is always recommended, however there are also free online tools to help you get started. For instance, [www.fivetothrivene.org](http://www.fivetothrivene.org) has a free, easy-to-use will planning guide to take you through the process. Visit the website, scroll down to the “Transfer of Wealth Toolkit,” and click on “WORKBOOK: Planning Your Legacy” to access the free guide.

[Feel free to add a call to action here. For instance, “Contact FUND NAME for more information at CONTACT DETAILS.” Or “Visit FUND NAME’s website at WEB ADDRESS to learn more.”]

**About [FUND NAME]**

*Insert description of your fund*

[FUND NAME] is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

**About Nebraska Community Foundation**

Nebraska Community Foundation unleashes abundant local assets, inspires charitable giving and connects ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

Headquartered in Lincoln, the Foundation serves communities, donors and organizations by providing financial management, strategic development, education and training to a statewide network of 1,500 volunteers serving more than 270 communities.

In the last five years, 46,653 contributions have been made to Nebraska Community Foundation and its affiliated funds. Since 1994, Nebraska Community Foundation has reinvested $463 million in Nebraska’s people and places. For information, visit NebraskaHometown.org.