

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
2023 ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND TRAINING

# DREAMS INSPIRE

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Kearney, Nebraska | November 9

## WELCOME AMBITIOUS NEBRASKANS!

The NCF network is built on dreams. Each year, those dreams grow, evolve, and get more ambitious. They inspire new dreams in hometowns across Greater Nebraska. Thank you for joining us for Nebraska Community Foundation's biggest event of the year. An opportunity for Nebraskans who love their communities and have bold ideas for the future to convene under one roof, learn from each other, and get inspired to achieve their dreams.

### SCHEDULE

7:00	AM	Registration
8:30	AM	Opening Plenary
10:00	AM	Morning Breakouts
11:45	AM	Lunch
1:00	PM	Expo Exploration
1:30	PM	Afternoon Breakouts   Round A
2:15	PM	Break
2:45	PM	Afternoon Breakouts   Round B
3:45	PM	Closing Plenary
5:00	PM	Expo & Social Hour
6:30	PM	Banquet



Have a question or need some help? Don't hesitate to find an NCF staff member (wearing a red lanyard) or visit the registration desk.



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Younes Conference Center North  
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# ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND TRAINING LOCATIONS

## Younes Conference Center North



## TRAINING SESSION INFORMATION

**7:00 AM**

### **REGISTRATION OPENS**

► *Younes Conference Center North*

Check-in at the registration desk and receive your swag bag and materials for the day. Grab a cup of coffee, say hi to your neighbor, and get ready to make some connections!

**8:30 AM**

### **Welcome and Opening Plenary**







► *General Plenary Room (Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12)*




Kick off your morning with a high energy, interactive opening session. Meet returners and newcomers from across the NCF network. Hear how their hometowns and adopted hometowns are working to attract ambitious young people and giving them space and opportunity to achieve their dreams.


Our breakout sessions will cover a wide variety of topics important to those working to build a Greater Nebraska. Look for these icons for insights into the skills you will hone in sessions offered throughout the day.



## MORNING BREAKOUTS 10:00–11:15 AM

BREAKOUT TITLE	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	PRESENTERS INCLUDE
<p><b>The Grantmaking Challenge: Turning Dollars into Change</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 3</i></p> <p>Are you ready to change the future of your place? You've worked hard to build your unrestricted endowment and now your affiliated fund wants to truly make a difference through grantmaking. Learn the importance of knowing your community, building relationships, including all voices, and looking at long-term impact.</p>	<p><b>Judy Brockmeier</b> (Eustis/NCF Board), <b>Eric Duhacek</b> (Keith County), <b>Colby Gardine</b> (Bertrand)</p>
<p><b>Planning and Implementing a Five to Thrive Campaign</b></p>  	<p>▶ <i>Silver 4</i></p> <p>Unlock the potential of planned giving in this insightful breakout session. Explore effective strategies and tap into extensive resources to plan and implement successful campaigns, ensuring your affiliated fund secures support for your unrestricted endowment and your work as an FAC member has a lasting legacy.</p>	<p><b>Shirai Armstrong</b> (Keith County), <b>Dale Dueland</b> (McCook/NCF Board), <b>Al Stelling</b> (Neligh)</p>
<p><b>Big Dreams, Small Steps: How to Make Your Community's Aspirations a Reality</b></p>  	<p>▶ <i>Silver 5</i></p> <p>Join NCF staff for an inspirational experience of identifying manageable (bite-sized!) goals and actionable steps (you can do this!) to get you and your community closer to your dreams. You will leave this session with specific, measurable goals and small, do-able steps that will move you further along the spectrum of successfully implementing your BIG dream!</p>	<p><b>Lora Damme</b> (Talmage/NCF Board), <b>Chuck Hibberd</b> (Lincoln/NCF Board), <b>John Miyoshi</b> (Wahoo/NCF Board), <b>Jane Moreland</b> (Imperial/NCF Board), <b>Lynn Roper</b> (Lincoln/NCF Board), <b>Greg Vasek</b> (Lincoln/NCF Board)</p>
<p><b>New FAC Members: Embracing Your Role</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 6</i></p> <p>Have you joined your local Fund Advisory Committee within the past three years? Then this session is for you! Learn from fellow beginners and a few seasoned pros on what to do to become an effective member of your FAC and how to maximize your relationship with NCF.</p>	<p><b>Jenice Bergstrom</b> (Axtell), <b>Justine Fischer</b> (Leigh), <b>Karen Longe</b> (Wayne)</p>

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<b>Belonging Starts Here: Best Practices for a Welcoming Community</b> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 9</i></p> <p>Join us for an enlightening breakout session that delves into the best practices for fostering a sense of welcoming and belonging in your community. Discover practical strategies and actions that will empower you to create inclusive spaces where every individual feels valued, connected, and vital to the community fabric.</p>	<p><b>Megan Helberg</b> (Calamus Area/NCF Board), <b>Karina Perez</b> (Columbus/NCF Board), <b>Liz Rodriguez</b> (Columbus)</p>
<b>FAC Chairs: Strengthening Resilience and Avoiding Burnout</b> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 10</i></p> <p>Uncover the keys to thriving as an FAC chair in this empowering breakout session. Learn how to strengthen resilience, avoid burnout, and maintain a healthy balance in your leadership journey, guided by experienced FAC chairs who prioritize sustained success.</p>	<p><b>Cindy Huff</b> (McCook/NCF Board), <b>Angie Kolste</b> (Keith County), <b>Bob Schafer</b> (Stuart)</p>
<b>Asset Mapping with Hometown Interns</b> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 11</i></p> <p>Immerse yourself in this breakout session where Hometown Interns share their transformative experiences and invaluable lessons learned. Engage in an interactive asset mapping process and witness its potential to empower communities. Explore how intern projects pave the way for extended community initiatives and leave a lasting impact on the journey towards positive change.</p>	<p><b>Lauren Behn</b> (Hebron), <b>Becky Boesen</b> (Lincoln/NCF Consultant), <b>TK Hergott</b> (Hebron), <b>Chloe Hintz</b> (Hebron), <b>Rachel Orth</b> (Keith County), <b>Gracie Wenzel</b> (Arthur)</p>


**LUNCH**  
 11:45—1:00 PM

### NEBTalks: Dreams Inspire Dreams

▶ *Banquet Room (Gold 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9)*

Get ready to be inspired! This session will showcase exceptional changemakers who have dedicated themselves to making a positive impact in their communities. Speakers will share their unique experiences, innovative ideas, and transformative projects that have fostered unity and connection.

- Mark Weber | A Spectrum of Legacies
- TK Hergott | Hometown Internships
- Will Andresen | ABCD and NCF
- Jonathan Foster | Reflections from a Canadian Visitor
- Peggy Been | The Power of Peer Learning
- Reverend T. Michael Williams | Urban-Rural Connections

## RESET YOUR BRAIN WITH NEUROGRAPHIC ART - OPEN ALL AFTERNOON



▶ *Bronze 1*

If you need to take a moment between breakout sessions and plenaries to calm your mind and reset your intentions, Museum of Nebraska Art's Director of Learning and Engagement, Christine Lockhart-Brown, will teach participants the benefits of neurographic art, helping you to relax and visualize your dreams and aspirations.



## EXPO EXPLORATION 1:00 PM

### ► Expo Space (Silver 1, 2, 7, 8)

Affiliated funds across the NCF network are doing tremendous work in their places to engage youth, attract new residents, and foster a sense of belonging. This session showcases over a dozen communities that have implemented unique programs, projects, and processes in furtherance of creating more welcoming places.

#### **Aquatic Center**

*Waverly Area Foundation Fund*

#### **Community Conversations, E-Unit Projects**

*Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund*

#### **Corky Malmberg Science Day**

*Pender-Thurston Education and Community Foundation Fund*

#### **Entrepreneurship, Action Planning**

*Sidney And Greater Area Fund*

#### **Heritage Tourism**

*Red Cloud Community Fund*

#### **Homegrown Challenge**

*Neligh Area Community Fund*

#### **McCook Connects, Mural Project**

*McCook Community Foundation Fund*

#### **People Attraction**

*Perkins County Community Foundation Fund*

#### **Urban-Rural Connection**

*Imperial Community Foundation Fund*

#### **Trails**

*Ravenna Area Vision Fund*

#### **Visioning Sessions**

*Calamus Area Community Fund*

#### **Youth Serviceship Camp**

*Diller Community Foundation Fund*



#### **Youth Survey Results and Application**




*Bertrand Area Community Fund*





## AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

ROUND A | 1:30 PM ■ BREAK | 2:15 PM ■ ROUND B | 2:45 PM


BREAKOUT TITLE	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	PRESENTERS INCLUDE
<p><b>Endowment Basics: Why, How, and for What?</b></p> 	<p>► <i>Silver 3</i> Are unrestricted endowments new to you? Do you need to learn more about their power and purpose? Discover why an unrestricted endowment is critical to your community's future, how it functions, and how to harness its potential as an FAC member.</p>	<p><b>Kent Clymer</b> (Butler County), <b>Doug Gaswick</b> (Imperial), <b>Landon Wietfeld</b> (Leigh)</p>
<p><b>Gifts You Leave Your Children and Community</b></p> 	<p>► <i>Silver 4</i> Join us as author and financial advisor Mark Weber discusses values-driven estate planning in this enlightening session. Step into a donor's mindset as they align their estate plans with meaningful values that balance their impact on family dynamics and community prosperity.</p>	<p><b>Pam Abbott</b> (Keith County/ NCF Board), <b>Dennis Demmel</b> (Perkins County), <b>Mark Weber</b> (Omaha)</p>

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<p><b>When Everyone Leads</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 5</i></p> <p>Embrace leadership as an activity, not just a role, and navigate adaptive challenges effectively in this experiential breakout session. Learn practical and easy-to-use leadership skills for real-world application. Discover how to identify and practice these skills at home and address situations with confidence.</p>	<p><b>Matt Sehnert</b> (McCook)</p>
<p><b>Transformational Grantmaking</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 6</i></p> <p>Using the principles of Rural Development Philanthropy and Asset-Based Community Development, affiliated funds across the state are investigating their community from every angle and strategizing how to make the most of local assets and relationships. Learn from experienced FAC members on how your fund can do the same!</p>	<p><b>Ron Hollman</b> (Keith County), <b>Kurt Kruse</b> (Boone County/ NCF Board)</p>
<p><b>Endowment Building Strategies</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 9</i></p> <p>Explore some of the NCF network's most effective fundraising strategies fueling the growth of endowments across the state. Learn how to identify your strategy, cultivate donor relationships, and implement effective campaigns.</p>	<p><b>Joe Kamler</b> (Shickley), <b>Beth Roelfs</b> (Diller/NCF Board), <b>Jon Schmaderer</b> (Stuart), <b>Richard Walter</b> (Shickley)</p>
<p><b>K-12 Curriculum Enhancements</b></p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 10</i></p> <p>Learn how FAC members are convening stakeholders, identifying opportunities, and collaborating on innovative initiatives that enrich educational experiences and positively influence students' learning journeys.</p>	<p><b>Beverly Hansen</b> (Bertrand/NCF Board), <b>Vance Heyer</b> (Brown County), <b>Channing Reha</b> (Pender-Thurston), <b>Sarah Sinnett</b> (Sidney)</p>
<p><b>Let's Talk Housing with NIFA</b> SESSION A ONLY</p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 11</i></p> <p>Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) has announced a bold, new plan to create fundamental changes in statewide housing efforts. Learn more about Nebraska's 2022 Strategic Housing Framework led by NIFA Executive Director Shannon Harner, former NCF Board Chair and current NCF Honorary Board Member.</p>	<p><b>Shannon Harner</b> (NIFA/ NCF Board)</p>
<p><b>Unleashing Your Fund's Voice</b> SESSION A ONLY</p> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 12</i></p> <p>Elevate your affiliated fund's visibility by discovering effective strategies to market your affiliated fund in this dynamic breakout session. Learn to maximize available marketing resources, craft compelling messages for diverse media channels, and create a comprehensive marketing strategy.</p>	<p><b>Katie Gutzmann</b> (Pender-Thurston), <b>Dee Hanson</b> (Columbus), <b>Amanda Polacek</b> (Kearney)</p>

BREAKOUT TITLE	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	PRESENTERS INCLUDE
<b>Donor Stewardship</b> <b>SESSION B ONLY</b> 	<p>▶ <i>Silver 11</i></p> <p>Donor stewardship is more than just sending a handwritten thank you note and printing a name in donor list. It's about building a connection! Learn the keys to deepening donor relationships, expressing gratitude, and cultivating long-term support that will amplify your fund's impact!</p>	<p><b>Dena Beck</b> (Minden/NCF),  <b>Janny Crotty</b> (Auburn/NCF)</p>

 **CLOSING PLENARY**  
3:45 PM

▶ *General Plenary Room (Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12)*  
 Round out your day with a celebration of the dreams that inspire the NCF network to continue imagining all that is possible when we come together.

 **BANQUET CHECK-IN / EXPO & SOCIAL HOUR**  
5:00 PM

Grab a signature cocktail and explore our pop-up art museum featuring Greater Nebraska artists, hosted by the Museum of Nebraska Art! Be sure to have your photo snapped at the photobooth and don't miss an uplifting performance by UNK's Thorton String Quartet!

 **BANQUET**  
6:30 PM

Enjoy good food, thought-provoking live music, great company, and inspiring, youth-centered community stories as we celebrate the incredible evolution and growth of the NCF network and our efforts to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- NCF's Annual Celebration will be video recorded, audio recorded, and photographed.
- By submitting your registration, you are giving NCF permission to use your image in publications and online.
- All times listed are Central Standard Time.
- The Affiliated Fund Annual Training registration fee will help offset a portion of the cost to provide training.
- If there is anything we can do to make your day more accommodating, don't hesitate to find an NCF staff member in a red lanyard or visit the registration desk.

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