

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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SMALL TOWN STARS

BY ALIYAH AMERICAN HORSE

When we were little
We used to spend our time looking at the sky
Asking ourselves what tomorrow will bring
Our earliest years were spent dreaming
For things we never imagined we could reach
As children we were dancers, teachers, writers, and preachers
We were politicians, actors, and musicians
We could travel anywhere—no matter how far
We knew we could do anything under the stars
The ones that lit the quiet corners of forgotten towns
The stars that our little hands were wrapped around
It wasn't just our parents who taught us to dream
But the community guiding and nurturing
Through life's grand scheme
Our hometowns are just dots in the rear view mirrors
To cars passing by
But to us, it's where aspirations lie
It's where the streets are lined in familiarity
And family isn't just family
But community
Where dreams aren't just dreams
But reality



Each year, Nebraska Community Foundation commissions the state's Youth Poet Laureate (named by our partners at the Nebraska Writers Collective) to write a poem centered on our annual theme. This year's winner, Aliyah American Horse, writes about her experience growing up in Gordon, Nebraska.

COVER: Pender students launch paper rockets during the inaugural Corky Malmberg Annual Science Day, an event made possible with the help of the local NCF affiliated fund. Organizers conceived the day as a celebration and continuation of Corky's passion for teaching and learning, designing activities for students of all ages.

The Nebraska Community Foundation network is built on dreams. Each year, those dreams grow, evolve, and get more ambitious. They gain momentum like a snowball rolling downhill and inspire others to dream, too. Within our network, lots and lots of dreams from 10 or 20 years ago are now reality. New businesses, new housing, better education, greater wellbeing, and more young families are now rooted in hundreds of Nebraska hometowns.



A primary reason these dreams are coming to fruition is because our work is rooted in abundance. Nebraska has so many assets—great schools, vibrant businesses, and of course, our greatest asset, our people. The NCF network helps community leaders discover and appreciate all of these blessings and local assets and then connects them to create a brighter and more prosperous future for all.

With today's technology, we can live and work wherever we choose. The pandemic proved that remote work is a reality, and it is here to stay. So, the most important community economic development question we have today is: Why do I want to live, work, and raise my family in this community? Members of the NCF network are answering that question with grants to create and improve education, health and wellness, early childhood development, housing, arts and culture, economic opportunity, recreation, and so much more.

Year after year, students in schools across Greater Nebraska tell us of their preference for small towns. They say safety, good schools, and proximity to family are the most important elements of where they will choose to live and work as adults. They can see the future. They are the future.

The NCF network has grown into a force for good. In 2023 alone, our affiliated funds injected \$54 million back into our hometowns via grants and disbursements. Since NCF was founded in 1994, more than \$500 million has been reinvested into our wonderful hometowns and made them even better.



**\$517
Million**

Reinvested since 1994

And we have room to run. Our study of the intergenerational transfer of wealth tells us \$100 billion will pass from one generation to the next this decade alone. If we do nothing, a significant amount of that wealth will leave Nebraska forever. NCF's Five to Thrive campaign asks every generous Nebraskan to consider leaving five percent of their estate to their hometown or favorite charitable cause—an act that will help ensure Nebraskans can keep dreaming long into the future.

The NCF network is changing Nebraska for the better. We're inspired and humbled by all of the generosity and kindness we have the pleasure of witnessing each day. We hope you'll be inspired by this report and all the good news emanating from Nebraskans doing their part to make our hometowns the places the next generation calls home.



Together a Greater Nebraska! ■

Jeff Yost, *President and CEO*

Pam Abbott, *Board Chair*

A photograph of a woman with sunglasses on her head and several children walking along a paved path in a park-like setting. The woman is in the foreground, looking towards the right. Behind her, a young boy in a blue t-shirt and shorts is walking, followed by a girl in a blue shirt holding a small white dog. Other children are visible in the background. The path is surrounded by green grass and trees.

OUR VISION

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



OUR MISSION

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



Morton-James Public Library Youth Services Manager Amanda Winkler, right, led Nebraska City patrons along the StoryWalk® in Steinhart Park, reading the story and teaching signs in American Sign Language. In the spring, the Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund supported the Many Books One Community initiative, which provided every student from preschool through sixth grade with a free book and activity kit.



DENNIS DEMMEL,
PERKINS COUNTY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION FUND

I talk about NCF's youth survey all the time with folks around the community, particularly related to economic development. Our young people are interested in living here in the future!

Another study that has real value is the Transfer of Wealth Study, which provides information on the potential wealth we can retain in our communities when using the Five to Thrive campaign. It is astounding.

Impact Planning led by NCF staff helped our fund better understand our communities; for instance, the fastest growing age group is 34–44 in Perkins County. It's a statistic I use often.

The staff are always helpful in assisting with financials so I can report accurately to the public in our communications and always available to assist.

Serving OUR NETWORK

Need some inspiration? Look no further than an NCF peer convening—given 118 occurred in the last fiscal year, you're guaranteed to find one that works within your schedule.

NCF's development staff members facilitate Visioning Sessions (a town hall-style gathering that brings together residents of all ages to create a unified vision), Impact Planning (a process involving an investigative deep dive into your community to inform future grantmaking), monthly virtual Lunch and Learn sessions, and everything in between. Gatherings may be small, large, local, or regional, but they always center on a community's assets and how they can be utilized to make a great community even better.

NCF knew what we could do, and they just encouraged us to get it done.

– MIKE MORAVEC ▲ DAVID CITY, NE

"NCF pushed us out of our comfort zone. They knew what we could do, and they just encouraged us to get it done," said Mike Moravec, a longtime member of the Butler County Area Foundation Fund.

But that's just one aspect of the work NCF does to help hometowns across the state. Support comes in the form of accounting, compliance and legal considerations, leadership development, donor database management, marketing and communications, and education and training on fundraising and charitable gift planning. In other words, Nebraska Community Foundation offers assistance in all of the ways that will empower volunteers to focus on their topmost priorities—building endowments and stronger communities. ■

Adding Value in OUR HOMETOWNS



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 245 affiliated funds serving 269 communities in 81 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 all distributions from affiliated funds comply 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
- Provides access to transformative programs including Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, Hometown Internships, Greater Nebraska Youth Surveys, and more



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DAELYN ZAGURSKI,
CHIEF STANDING BEAR
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I am a 2023 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Wildlife and Fisheries. I come from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and for a lot of Native American students, college is not something we have the privilege of attending. I was able to attend college due to the scholarships I had—among them, the Chief Standing Bear Scholarship. Getting this scholarship also provided me with an opportunity to connect with different Native American scholars on my campus which created a community for me. I got a job for the U.S. Geological Survey, working with different tribal nations on managing chronic wasting disease. I am very thankful for the way my life has turned out and this scholarship was one of the stepping stones that got me here.

Inspiring Dreams, **PROVIDING HOPE**

Susan La Flesche Picotte grew up on the Omaha Reservation near Walthill, Nebraska, where she dreamed of one day becoming a doctor after witnessing a life-changing event involving a sick indigenous woman and a white doctor who refused to treat her. La Flesche turned that tragedy into inspiration to become the country's first Native American physician. Over 100 years later, her presence still looms large in Walthill and has undoubtedly made an impression on other community members with big dreams for the future—people like Lily Phillips.

Like La Flesche, Phillips dreams of helping others through a career in healthcare. She is currently studying to become a nurse at Midland University in Fremont and has plans to eventually become a doctor, a path that, without financial assistance through the Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund, might not have been possible.

"The scholarship changed my life. It relieved the financial burden off my shoulders," Phillips said.

The scholarship changed my life.

— LILY PHILLIPS ▲ WALTHILL, NE

Named for another iconic Nebraskan, the scholarship fund was established in 2013 by Joe Starita, a professor at UNL in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications and author of three critically acclaimed books examining the role of Native Americans in U.S. history. Over 75 students studying everything from welding to nursing to engineering have benefitted from Chief Standing Bear scholarships. Starita says education is the key to helping Nebraska's most impoverished communities.

"Education is the passport to the future. Education provides hope. And hope is the oxygen everyone needs to breathe. If you take away hope, you fall into a state of despair, and you don't see a future. If you can provide hope, then it's a whole different ballgame," Starita said. ■



A new skatepark meant to improve the physical and mental health of local youth is just one indicator of the progress happening in Walthill. Pictured here (L–R) are Elaine Phillips (Lily’s grandmother), Lily Phillips, John “Junior” Sherman, Joe Starita, Michael Grant, and his son, Jon Grant.

Benefitting the Next **SEVEN GENERATIONS**

Walthill is in the midst of a revival. The small community boasts a beautiful library, school, and mental health facility. There are new businesses on Main Street, concerted efforts to improve housing, and plans to restore Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte’s historic hospital. And, of course, there’s a new skatepark—a symbol of the hope, joy, and energy that has taken root and extended its reach to every corner of the rural Nebraska community located in the heart of the Omaha Reservation.

Community leaders including Michael Grant have been working hard for years to overcome the many challenges their beloved community faces. “It’s all about moving forward. It’s all about progression,” Grant said. “It’s all about making sure that progression is going to benefit the next seven generations.”

But the community’s challenges became terrifyingly urgent on a fateful night in 2020 when 15 teenagers and young adults attempted suicide. A skatepark wasn’t going to solve all of Walthill’s problems, but it was a critical ingredient for a community that was desperate to give local youth a healthy outlet.

They established an NCF affiliated fund to which Omaha’s Lozier Foundation made a sizeable contribution—enough to construct the park which local students took a key role in designing. Media attention for the park quickly inspired more contributions from individuals across the country. Those are being used for future programming.

Sixteen-year-old John Sherman, better known as Junior by his friends, family, and neighbors, has been skateboarding since he was just five years old, though this is the first time he’s enjoyed such ready access to a park of this caliber.

“It means the world to me. This skatepark is probably the best thing that’s happened in this town so far. This skatepark—it means everything to me.” ■

Making Connections, **BUILDING BRIDGES**



The roughly 370 miles between North Omaha and Southwest Nebraska aren't slowing a cohort of Nebraskans—with members hailing from the banks of the Missouri River to the beaches of Lake McConaughy—as it tears down preconceptions and builds relationships between the state's eastern and western halves.

Conversations between Omaha's Preston Love Jr. and NCF's Jeff Yost led to Love hosting two charter busloads of Greater Nebraskans on a tour of North Omaha in November 2022 as part of NCF's Annual Celebration. It was a success, inspiring volunteers out west to return the favor just months later. In April 2023, they hosted a two-day tour for a contingent of North Omaha community leaders.

In McCook, attendees went on a walking tour of local landmarks such as Ben Nelson's childhood home, the George W. Norris House, the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Sutton House, and Sehnert's Bakery. While in Imperial, tour participants enjoyed dinner and presentations. They stayed overnight with residents, offering an opportunity for guests and volunteers to connect on a more personal level and creating a welcoming atmosphere. Attendees then traveled to Wine Glass Ranch for a talk from owners Logan and Brianna Pribbeno (a member of the Imperial fund advisory committee). In Ogallala, they attended a mock cattle auction and toured the community.

The visitors from McCook, Imperial, and Ogallala arrived in Omaha the Friday before Juneteenth for a weekend of celebration, reflection, and reunion. They gathered at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, just north of 24th and Lake streets, for an afternoon of fellowship, encompassing the highest highs and lowest lows of North Omaha history.

North Omahans and their western Nebraska hosts at Imperial's Art Park in April. Members of the NCF network hosted Omaha residents on a tour of Southwest Nebraska that aimed to highlight the commonalities between urban and rural Nebraska.



"It was more like a family reunion, and we just didn't have enough time," said Lorraine Jackson, president of Omaha's National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) chapter. "We wanted more time."

The visitors joined hosts for in-home overnight stays in the community. They returned to the church the next morning before the barricades went up along 24th Street. After breakfast, the group assembled their armada of lawn chairs and watched the Omaha Juneteenth parade. Love frequently ventured into the parade route, bringing back North Omaha leaders to introduce to his guests. Following the parade, they disbanded to enjoy the day's festivities.

A week after the Omaha visit, the group reconvened for a virtual debrief. Those on the call from Greater Nebraska directed effusive praise and gratitude toward their Omaha hosts, who repaid it in kind. Love said people he's talked to in his community were impressed by the initiative and see value in the burgeoning connections.

*If you plant a good seed
sometimes there will be weeds
and sometimes the seed will grow
in places where you didn't plant.*

– PRESTON LOVE JR. ▲ OMAHA, NE

"Now that it's on the table, it is being talked about," he said. "If you plant a good seed sometimes there will be weeds and sometimes the seed will grow in places where you didn't plant."

For Reverend T. Michael Williams of Omaha's Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, creating stronger connections and vibrant communities for future generations remains the goal.

"We're just setting the table," he said. "Lord willing, they'll be able to eat from it." ■



TYLER PRIBBENO,
IMPERIAL COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION FUND

The Rural-Urban Connection effort has been an excellent opportunity to reject the excuses of distance and the minor differences that separate and further divide Nebraskans. Instead, it provides a safe place for the vulnerable conversations necessary for personal growth and encourages participants to listen and to find the countless commonalities and virtues Nebraskans share.

It has been effortless to build friendships and partnerships to find ways to better our individual communities and the state as a whole. Simply put, it has been one of the most impactful projects I have participated in and has given me a new perspective on community building, as well as a new group of friends to lift up and celebrate their successes or comfort and mourn their losses.



RACHEL ORTH,
HOMETOWN INTERN

When I left for college in 2020, I had internalized a view, a painting of what living in Nebraska was like: it was brown. I brought this view back home in the summer, but through the Hometown Internship, I questioned if “brown” was really my view. When August rolled around, I tossed that drab painting out and started painting a new picture. Working as the Hometown Intern Coordinator in 2022 and 2023, I added more colors and details to my new painting. Instead of aging communities stuck in their ways, it now features the individuals and organizations pushing Nebraska toward the cutting edge. Instead of boring, flat geography, it displays brimming rivers and rolling Sandhills against a brilliant blue sky. My painting isn’t finished, but I’m pretty glad it isn’t just brown anymore.

Brighter Futures for **YOUNG NEBRASKANS**

When Emily Morrow brought her marketing skills to O’Neill Community Foundation Fund in 2021 as a Hometown Intern, she said she would love to come back to Holt County at some point in her life. Today she teaches Business and Digital Media at O’Neill Public High School and serves on the local FAC.



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“It feels great,” she said. “I always knew I wanted to come back, but it worked out that it was sooner than I expected. It’s great knowing I got to come back and choose my path.”

Morrow wants to help young people feel just as welcome to get involved in Holt County as she did at their age. She sees herself as another link in a long chain of county residents working to build a community that invites youth to play important roles in planning its future.

I want to plant my roots and I’m not afraid to say it.

– EMILY MORROW ▲ O’NEILL, NE

Morrow credits her internship with reinforcing her inclination to return home someday. Through her experience working with OCFF, she discovered she could have a bigger impact in Holt County than in a larger community like Lincoln or Omaha.

“I think in the last five years that mentality has shifted a lot.”

Nebraska Community Foundation’s youth surveys indicate such a shift. Year after year students tell us about their preference for small communities. They point to safety, good schools, and proximity to family as the most important characteristics of the places they choose to live. They say in the future, they are likely to live in the area they live now, and they do not recognize a negative stigma with remaining in or returning to your hometown.

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



SMALL,
like my hometown
64%

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

72%
NO



Source: Nebraska
Community Foundation
2023 Greater Nebraska
Youth Survey

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

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

65%
☒ **TRUE**

My peers and I are invited to share our opinions or get involved.

76%
☒ **TRUE**

I feel connected to the place I live now.

76%
☒ **FALSE**

I play a role in this community (you are involved in decision making about the community).

Morrow does her part in helping dispel myths about opportunities—or the lack thereof—in Greater Nebraska. She talks with high schoolers, lets her peers know about potential jobs, even helps people track down rentals. Whatever she can do to help young people know there’s a bright future in Holt County.

“Coming home isn’t necessarily a scary, daunting thing,” she said. “It’s attainable, it’s reachable. There’s so much to do.”

Morrow is eager to show other young Nebraskans that there is a place for them in their hometowns. Greater Nebraska offers the opportunity to pursue dreams and play an important role in building the future of our state. Like a growing number of young Nebraskans, Morrow is enthusiastic about her hometown’s future.

“I’m very excited,” Morrow said. “I just got a house in O’Neill. I want to plant my roots and I’m not afraid to say it.” ■

Progress in OUR PLACES

Inspiration abounds across the NCF network. Whether human, financial, or otherwise, our Nebraska hometowns are discovering their abundant assets and putting them to work to tackle the most complex challenges rural communities face. Those assets are also being used to create quality-of-life-expanding amenities that are creating communities of choice for stayers, returners, and newcomers alike. Here are just a few examples of the work that is building stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska. ■



Ambitious volunteers in Neligh are raising \$400,000 for the construction of a Youth Enrichment Center on the Antelope County Fairgrounds because local demand for 4-H and FFA programming far outweighs the capacity of existing facilities.



Keith County Foundation Fund's \$35,000 grant toward a new housing study, alongside partnerships with DED, NIFA, Keith Co. Housing Development Corporation, and Keith County Area Development, is addressing housing shortages for a growing number of young families moving to the area.



This summer's group of Hometown Interns included 21 college students serving NCF affiliated funds in 15 different Nebraska communities, including Arthur, Deshler, Diller, Exeter, Friend, Garfield County, Hebron, Hickman, Howells, Leigh, McCook, Red Cloud, Rock County, Shickley, and Wauneta.



Sidney's Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (E3) team, an NCF effort to create robust support systems for local economic development, activated relationships to create a unique arrangement for their new entrepreneurial navigator role. The position is overseen by the local school district, enabling a new way to boost business and youth engagement.



The Boone County Agriculture and Education Center is one of many successes catalyzed by the Boone County Foundation Fund. With an unrestricted endowment of over \$2 million, the fund can continue to support numerous people attraction efforts.



When the Columbus Area Future Fund was asked to contribute \$25,000 to construct a new children's museum, FAC members agreed—the new facility epitomized what the fund was there to do. They have pledged \$50,000 to the cause.



Butler County Area Foundation Fund credits NCF's Impact Planning training for inspiring a multi-year \$100,000 gift to help Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art's effort to restore and relocate into an historic David City building.



Red Cloud has made tremendous progress on their two priority issues—early childhood development and heritage tourism. Their \$2.1 million unrestricted endowment will help them continue those efforts and create new ones.



Calamus Area Community Fund provided a \$20,000 grant that local volunteers matched 4:1, securing \$100,000 to further access to quality early learning in Garfield and Loup counties. Enrollment for a new state-of-the-art childcare center will open in 2023.



A new splash pad in Decatur serves as an example of the impact of charitable giving. Jeanette Major-Nix's \$1.2 million estate gift to benefit the Future of Decatur Foundation Fund ensures her affection for the community is felt forever.



Priority One, **PEOPLE ATTRACTION**



NCF's first ever People Attraction Summit was a grand experiment. Get a bunch of Nebraskans who agree that people attraction is a top priority in the same room and see what happens with a little direction, a little incentive, and a lot of passion and brain power.

A group of high schoolers from Imperial pitched a campaign (in English and Spanish) aimed at building unity within their community. McCook proposed an idea for recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals in the area. Folks from Bertrand devised a plan for a business/youth mentoring program. That idea ended up receiving a grant made available exclusively to those in attendance. With funding secured, the team sprang into action.

Year after year, students participating in NCF's Greater Nebraska Youth Surveys say the number one reason they would leave their hometown is for a job opportunity elsewhere. Bertrand's new program is addressing this head on.

Grant funding helped the group get started on two major initiatives. First, they launched a career fair that would allow high school juniors and seniors to connect directly with prospective employers. The event was such a success they've already scheduled the next. According to Bev Hansen, Bertrand Area Community Fund Advisory Committee Treasurer, at least two students secured job opportunities as a result of the event. In a community of 700, it's a big deal.

"It's having a wonderful impact and the business owners have been extremely positive," Hansen said.

Now the group is working on a flex space to be shared and rented by local businesses and entrepreneurs—Hansen said it will be perfect for those working remotely. When you can live and work anywhere, why not Bertrand? ■

Bertrand held its first career fair in hopes of connecting high school students with local employers.



Not Just Welcoming, **BELONGING**

In a post-pandemic world, belonging has never been more critical. Early research into the pandemic's effects revealed an increase in loneliness and mental illness. Creating a welcoming community is no longer enough. Places that foster a culture of belonging will be the places Nebraskans choose to remain in, move to, or return to in the future.

When asked about her dreams for the future of her hometown of Hebron, Hometown Intern Takaylynn Hergott said, "To make everyone feel like they are loved, appreciated, and that they matter."

***Leadership is not about power.
It's about service.***

– KAYLA SCHNUELLE ▲ DILLER, NE

Her colleague Mariah Sliva in Shickley adds, "Home should be a place where people feel safe, appreciated, and supported throughout every step of life."

In Diller, the belonging work starts young. The Diller Youth Serviceship Camp, organized and supported by the local NCF affiliated fund, is pulling back the curtain for campers and showing them how a community really works and, importantly, inviting them to help co-create a place where people feel both welcomed and like they belong. A Community Asset Tour is focused on Diller's past, present, and the future participants want to see. Not only are campers asked to think about the things that would make Diller even better, they are taking action by chipping in on various community projects and discovering what it really means to be a leader in the process.

"Leadership is not about power. It's about service," said Kayla Schnuelle of the Diller Community Foundation Fund. "In the heart of our small rural community of Diller, the seeds of servant leadership are sown through the Youth Serviceship Camp, and the harvest is a future filled with compassionate, capable leaders." ■



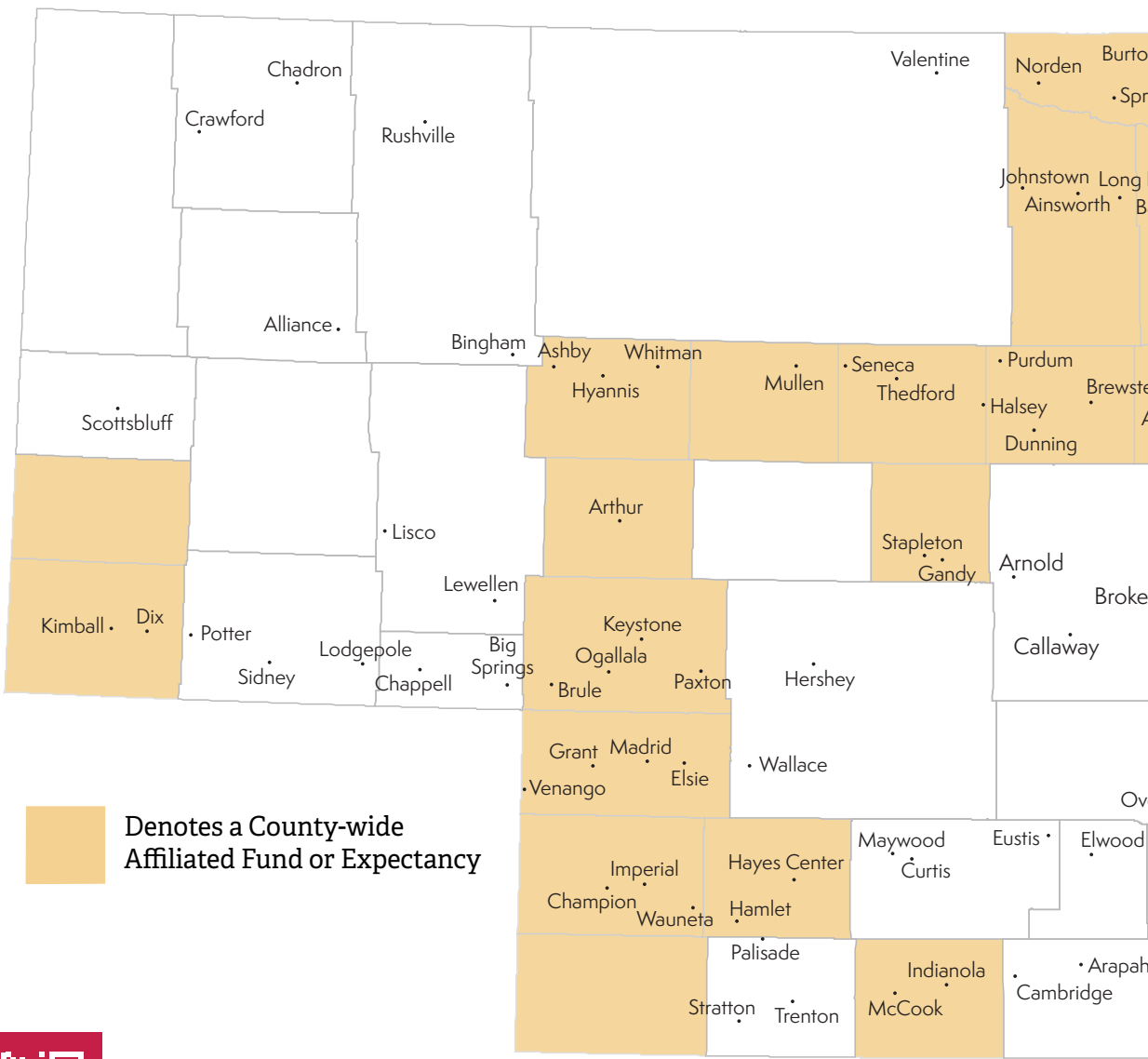
KARINA PEREZ,
MEMBER OF THE NCF BOARD
AND PEOPLE ATTRACTION
COMMITTEE

People, I would argue, are the most powerful resource any community can have. The challenge most of us face is how we connect and how we embrace the gifts and talents that each one carries. What I have come to find in this work of people attraction is that most times we create our own barriers to people. Our fear of interacting with those who are not like us, don't think like us, or don't work like us leads to separation of people. But here's the thing: it's fixable. It's not as hard as we have made it out to be. People at the end of the day need people. This is why at NCF, people attraction, welcoming, and belonging go hand in hand. Spaces where they can all co-exist inspire creativity, collaboration, and innovation.

Our AFFILIATED FUNDS

This map depicts counties and communities that benefit from planned gifts and affiliated funds of Nebraska Community Foundation.

June 30, 2023

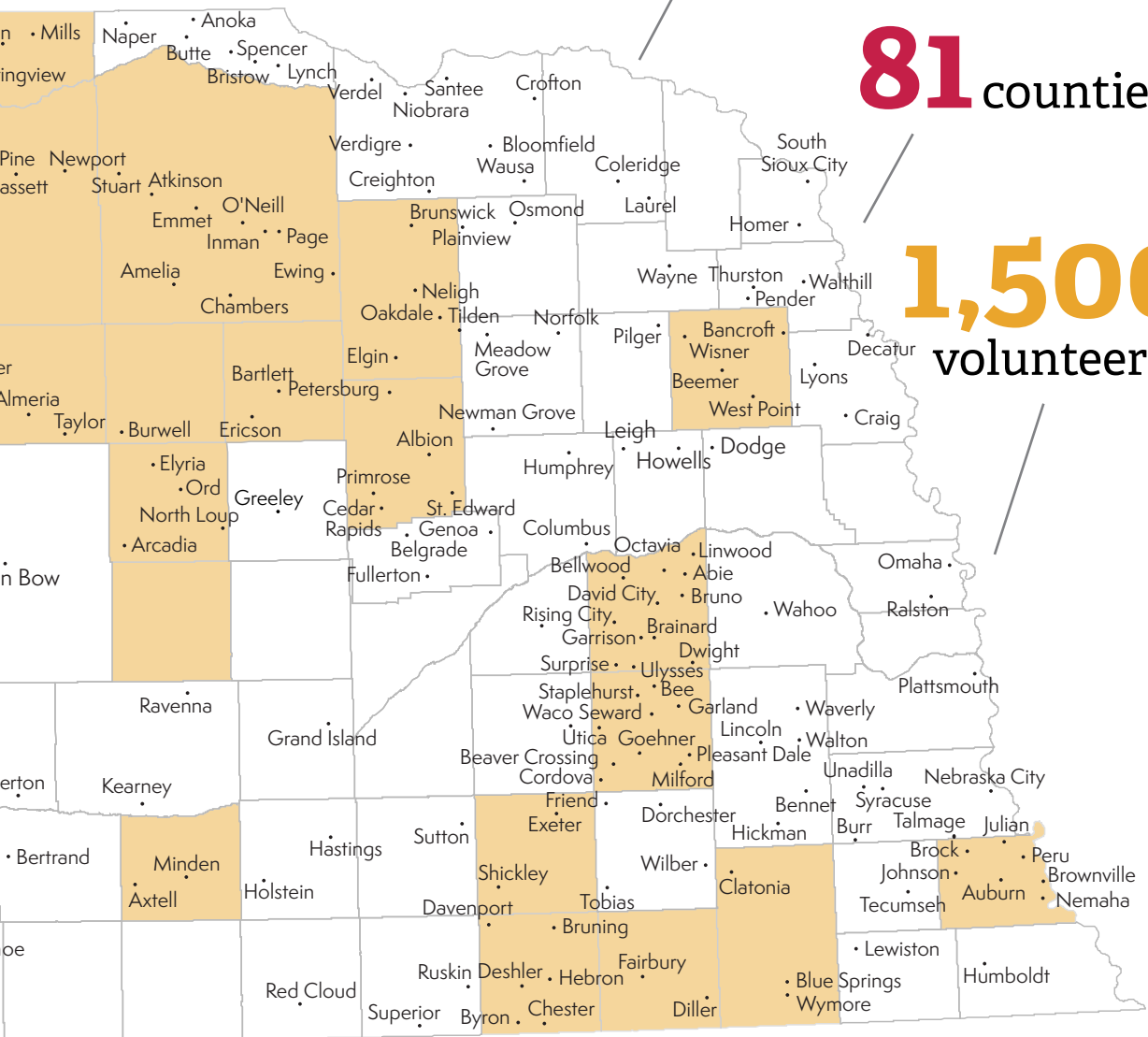


245 affiliated funds

serving **269** communities

81 counties

1,500
volunteers





McCook Community Foundation Fund contributed to the city's first community mural that depicts images of southwest Nebraska culture and history with vibrant colors and inspiring design. Professional and volunteer artists collaborated to bring the mural to life.

Treating Our Communities **LIKE FAMILY**

A McCook native's \$5 million estate gift served as a happy surprise for the community earlier this year and empowered local organizations to dream bigger than ever before.

Among the organizations benefiting from James Lee's gift are McCook Community Foundation Fund (MCFF), the McCook YMCA, the McCook Community Hospital Health Foundation, the McCook Educational Foundation and Overland Trails Council—Boy Scouts of America.

MCFF members are embracing the potential of the gift, which will undoubtedly have a huge impact on their work. Though all the details haven't been decided, they know the gift is an example of the power of planned giving to support the places we love.

"I think it speaks to the true nature of rural living," said Cindy Huff of MCFF. "There is something about living in Nebraska that makes you proud."

The Fund will extol Lee's story in their efforts to encourage area residents to consider giving back to Red Willow County. Statewide, more than \$100 billion will transfer in the next 10 years—through the next 50 years, that number jumps to \$950 billion. In Red Willow County alone, \$608 million is expected to transfer in the next decade. Just 5% of that—\$30 million—could make a huge difference in the county's future.



"People are writing articles, we're telling stories about the impact of planned giving," Huff said. "Every opportunity that we have, we want that presence."

Part of that is fostering a mindset in which community can be family, and, like family, can be included in estate plans to secure a brighter future.

"By doing this, Jim was really adopting McCook, the hospital, the YMCA, and the other organizations as his family," said NCF's Gift Planning Advisor Jim Gustafson. "That's truly what he did. He elevated them all to the status of family members." ■

Our LEGACY SOCIETY



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



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Planned Gifts

TOTALING \$70.5 Million

to benefit NCF and its affiliated funds

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Ogallala

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Kearney

Dena and David Beck
Minden

James and Patricia Blackburn
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Steven A. Brewster
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Judy K. and Don A. Brockmeier
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Fred and Penni Bruning
Bruning

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Gary* and Jan Chvala Family
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William and Sandra Graves
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Scottsdale, AZ

Chuck and Janel Hibberd
Lincoln

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Thomas and Cynthia Huff
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Albion

Bethanne Kuck
Loomis

Greta Leach
Lincoln

Paul and Angie Madison
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Todd Mekelburg
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Jane A. Moreland
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Maxine and Francis* Moul
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Ogallala

Beverly* and Jack* Pollock
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Gary Radil and Sara Coffee Radil
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James P. Scholz
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Nicole Sedlacek
O'Neill

Frank and Shirley* Sibert
Kearney

Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln

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Atkinson Community Foundation Fund	Creighton Community Foundation Fund	Imperial Community Foundation Fund
Axtell Community Fund	Crofton Community Foundation Fund	John and Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund (Valley County)
Bennet Community Fund	Cuming County Community Fund	Keith County Foundation Fund
Bertrand Area Community Fund	Curtis Community Foundation Fund	Keya Paha County Foundation Fund
Big Springs Community Fund	Davenport Area Community Fund	Kimball Area Foundation Fund
Blaine County Area Community Foundation Fund	Deshler Community Fund	Laurel Area Community Foundation Fund
Boone County Foundation Fund	Diller Community Foundation Fund	Legacy Fund for Seward County
Brown County Community Foundation Fund	Dodge Area Community Fund	Leigh Legacy Fund
Burr Community Fund	Dorchester Community Foundation Fund	Lodgepole Community Fund
Butler County Area Foundation Fund	Elgin Community Foundation Fund	Logan County Community Foundation Fund
Byron Community Foundation Fund	Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund	Lynch Area Future Fund
Calamus Area Community Fund	Exeter Area Community Foundation Fund	McCook Community Foundation Fund
Callaway Community Fund	Friend Area Fund	Mullen Area Foundation Fund
Chambers Community Improvement Foundation Fund	Future of Decatur Foundation Fund	Naper Community Foundation Fund
Chappell Community Fund	Greeley Community Fund	Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund
Chester Community Fund	Hayes County Community Fund	Neligh Area Community Fund
Coleridge Area Fund	Hebron Community Foundation Fund	Nemaha County Future Fund
Columbus Area Future Fund	Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund	Newman Grove Community Foundation Fund
	Holt County Economic Development Fund	
	Howells Community Fund	

NCF affiliated fund Connecting Young Nebraskans is a statewide network designed to connect, empower, and retain young Nebraskans. CYN's biennial Summit draws over 150 individuals aged 21–40 to network, learn, develop leadership skills, and shape the future of our communities and state.



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
 Sidney And Greater Area Fund
 Spencer Community Foundation Fund
 Stratton Community Foundation Fund
 Stuart Community Foundation Fund
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 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
 Waverly Area 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

50 Donor-Advised Funds

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In preparation for retirement, brothers Hank and Dale Wicke gifted their farm machinery to Nebraska Community Foundation. The equipment was then sold at auction and used to create two charitable gift annuities that guarantee income for the brothers' lifetimes, disbursed in fixed installments. The remainder will eventually benefit Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow counties.

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Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund

Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (5)

6 Public/Private Partnership Funds

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

47 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

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Bloomfield Historical Society Museum Fund

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Platte River Resilience Fund

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St. Edward Medical Clinic Fund

The Jenny Fund

Tri-Valley Medical Foundation Designated Fund

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Waco Community Scholarship Fund

Sandra J. Wendell Art Education Scholarship Fund

Sandra J. Wendell Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Youth Scholar College Scholarship Fund

13 Life Income Funds

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



Change caption to: After years of planning and fundraising, the Waverly Area Foundation Fund celebrated the opening of the city's new \$6 million Waverly Aquatic Center.

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Deshler

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Norfolk

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Axtell

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Tax-Wise **WAYS TO GIVE**



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 70½, 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 SECURITIES Making gifts of appreciated securities has several benefits. First if you have owned the security for more than one year, it can be deducted at its current fair market value. Second, a sale of appreciated securities generates taxable gain. However, when you make a charitable gift of securities, 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 to deduct the cost of production as a business expense.



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, the sale of appreciated real estate generates 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.



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 Todd Mekelburg at **402.323.7343** or tmekelburg@nebcommfound.org to learn more about tax-wise charitable giving to benefit the community you love.

Statements of **FINANCIAL POSITION**

June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$26,726,209	\$9,900,975
Certificates of deposit	3,212,350	25,449,211
Unconditional promises to give	1,046,560	2,287,580
Investments	193,726,825	189,133,074
Investment in real property	82,085	88,246
Interest receivable	212,586	212,588
Operating lease right-of-use assets	1,004,295	--
Property and equipment, net	63,142	66,177
Contracts receivable	602,168	602,168
Other	9,354	9,354
Total assets	<u>\$226,685,574</u>	<u>\$227,749,373</u>
LIABILITIES		
Funds held for agencies	\$ 14,977,281	\$13,590,563
Due (to) from related party	22,157	--
Accounts payable	--	24,659
Accrued payroll liabilities	120,777	113,309
Accrued other liabilities	20	737
Gift annuities payable	360,036	465,257
Unconditional promises to give others	286,193	--
Operating lease obligations	1,013,338	--
Total liabilities	<u>16,779,802</u>	<u>14,194,525</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions, undesignated	171,414,286	178,661,483
Without donor restrictions, board designated	21,147,977	20,201,126
With donor restrictions	17,343,509	14,692,239
Total net assets	<u>209,905,772</u>	<u>213,554,848</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$226,685,574</u>	<u>\$227,749,373</u>

Statements of **ACTIVITIES**

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Revenue and support		
Contributions	\$29,892,767	\$46,305,469
Investment income/(loss)	16,643,274	(26,804,140)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	28,619	(19,376)
Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements	<u>2,745,527</u>	<u>2,647,275</u>
Total revenue and support	<u>49,310,187</u>	<u>22,129,228</u>
Expenses		
Program services	47,916,064	33,506,273
Management and general	4,250,554	3,969,211
Fundraising	<u>792,645</u>	<u>695,876</u>
Total expenses	<u>52,959,263</u>	<u>38,171,360</u>
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(3,649,076)	(16,042,132)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>213,554,848</u>	<u>229,596,980</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$209,905,772</u></u>	<u><u>\$213,554,848</u></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.

Our Network **AT A GLANCE**

Total assets

\$227
Million



Endowed assets

\$150
Million

COMMUNITY ENDOWMENTS

THEN | 2013

NOW | 2023



45,993
Contributions in the last
5 years


\$517
Million
Reinvested since 1994

Among FY23's **\$54 million** in grants and disbursements,
NCF affiliated funds granted over:



\$2.9
Million

for parks and
recreation



\$2
Million

for people
attraction



\$2
Million

for arts, culture,
and humanities

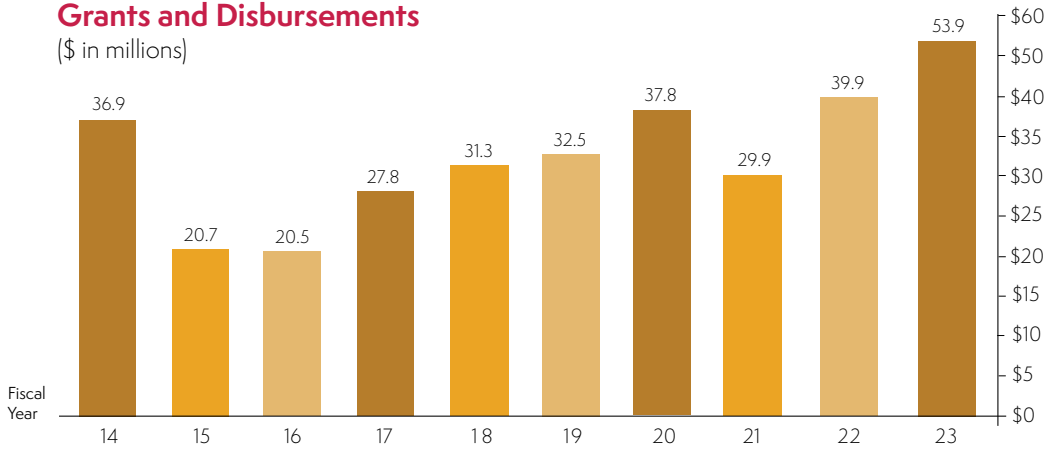


\$2.2
Million

for healthcare
and basic human
services

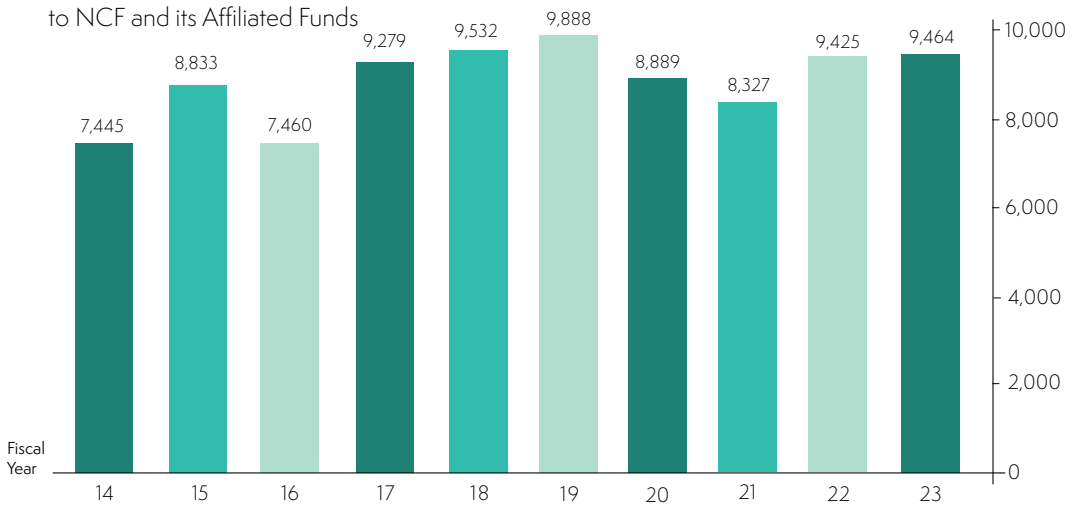
Grants and Disbursements

(\$ in millions)



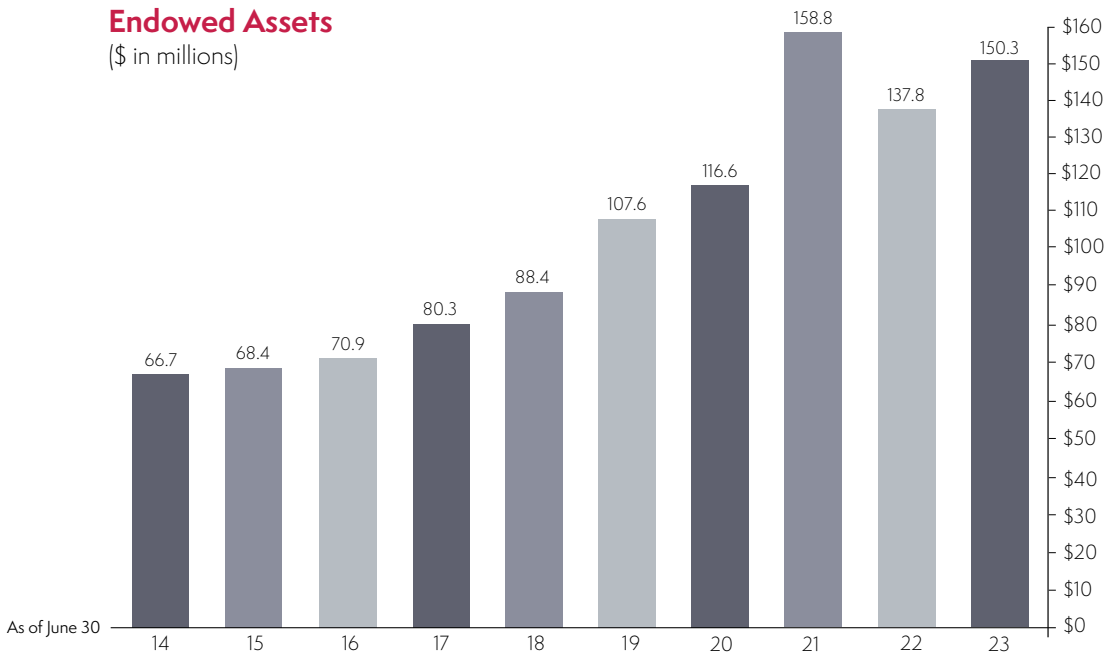
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to NCF and its Affiliated Funds



Endowed Assets

(\$ in millions)



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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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Omaha

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Lincoln

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\$100,000 to \$249,999

Abel Foundation

Lincoln

Ameritas Charitable Foundation

Lincoln

Bruning Bank

Bruning

Cornerstone Bank

York

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Talmage

Brandon and Tammy Day/

Daycos

Norfolk

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska

Lincoln

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