



Our Vision

Our Calamus Area communities are thriving in a regional economy, as well as providing a welcoming home for families to live the good life.

Our Mission

Our Fund Advisory Committee provides leadership development, promotes collaboration and philanthropic giving, engages the community in conversations to identify, and leverage private and charitable funds for impactful community investment.

Our Values



Inclusion



Impact



Grass roots



Trustworthiness



Collaboration



Integrity

Our Goals

1. Double the endowment in 5 years (January 2023–January 2028)
2. Achieve 5 to Thrive commitments within five years: 10 planned gifts in Loup County, 15 planned gifts in Garfield County
3. Maintain the knowledge, confidence, and enthusiasm to explain CACF's role in the community
4. Use payout from our unrestricted endowment for impactful changes in our communities and changes that otherwise may not occur
5. Actively stay up to date and address challenges to improve housing, early care, education, etc.
6. Welcome all people who enter our communities and engage returners and newcomers to help them feel like they belong
7. Believe whole-heartedly in the future of our area and give financially to be models of "walking the walk"

Our Strategies

- ★ Educate community
- ★ Publicize success in the local newspaper and social media
- ★ Utilize the Nebraska Community Foundation Hometown Internship Program, starting summer 2023
- ★ Conduct needs assessments: community vision sessions and/or surveys beginning in 2023
- ★ Make the ask! Have the courage and confidence to go to donors.
- ★ Pursue grant opportunities
- ★ Keep up to date on community needs
- ★ Follow-up with donors
- ★ Develop clear messaging about our role in community
- ★ Invite everyone to participate (give \$5 or \$500,000)

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