

Ways to Give Back to Your Hometown

Gifts of cash are always appreciated, but it's not the only way to give back to the hometown we love!



CASH – A gift of cash may be eligible for income tax deductions as prescribed by current law. Your cash gift may be by check, credit card or electronic funds transfer, which authorizes the automatic transfer of funds each month from your checking or savings account.



AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES – Gifts of grain or livestock may provide significant income tax savings to a producer. Because the property is gifted, no revenue is recognized, and the cost of production may still be deducted as a business expense.



MARKETABLE SECURITIES – A gift of publicly traded stock, bonds or mutual fund shares is eligible to be matched at the full fair market value. Such a gift may provide you with additional tax benefits, as you will not pay capital gains tax on the appreciation in the value of the securities.



GIFTS OF IRA – Individuals who have reached age 70½ may contribute up to \$100,000 directly from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA), without having to recognize the IRA distribution in taxable income. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.

Make a Gift Today

ONE CONTRIBUTION in full: \$ _____ .

ANNUALLY: \$ _____ .

MONTHLY by ACH withdrawal from my bank account: \$ _____ per month for _____ months beginning _____ .

☐ This is an anonymous gift ☐ This gift is made in memory of / in honor of: _____

Donor Information:

Donor Printed Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

☐ I would like to learn more about leaving a legacy in Shickley through planned giving.

Does your company match charitable contributions? Many companies provide gift matching programs that multiply their employees' community impact. If so, please notify your human resources manager about your contribution to the Shickley Community Foundation Fund.

Contact us:

402.627.7885 | shickleycommunityfoundation@gmail.com |  Shickley Community Foundation

Checks may be made payable to "Shickley Community Foundation Fund" and mailed to:

Shickley Community Foundation Fund
PO Box 372 | Shickley, NE 68436



Or donate online:

Please select "Unrestricted Endowment" when you make your contribution to ensure your donation is matched.



Shickley Community Foundation is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



2023 NEWSLETTER

OUR VISION

Shickley is a community committed to working together to nurture our agricultural roots, educational opportunities, and economic growth in order to support the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of our citizens of all ages.

OUR MISSION

To fund community development now and for generations to come. We are committed to keeping our community a vital, progressive and healthy place where people can live, raise families and retire. To fulfill our vision of Shickley, we provide a variety of ways for people to invest their time, talent, and treasure in our community.

OUR VALUES

**Trustworthy
Loyalty
Leadership/Service
Caring and Genuine
Futuristic
Take initiative**

OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joe Kamler, Chair
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Richard Walter, and Merissa Zajic



LOYDEEN AND GERALD STENGEL

We Have Been Challenged!

The Shickley Community Foundation Fund will be participating in Nebraska Community Foundation's Homegrown Challenge beginning December 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026. A challenge grant is one of the most effective ways to substantially grow our unrestricted endowment—a community savings account whose assets are invested to generate an ongoing source of income year after year. Investment earnings from the endowment are used to support community improvements and programs to benefit the community now and in the future.

The Homegrown Challenge opportunity required Shickley Community Foundation Fund to find a local donor to invest \$100,000 in the SCFF endowment. Nebraska Community Foundation adds \$50,000 from an anonymous donor, and the SCFF needs to match these with \$300,000 of new donations.

Gerald and Loydeen Stengel have graciously stepped up as the generous local donors of \$100,000. The Stengels are a five-generation family in the Shickley community where they have been active and involved for decades including Loydeen's service to the SCFF Advisory Committee. The Stengels have children and grandchildren who have also remained in the Shickley area to raise their families.

Once we had our hometown donor, the SCFF Advisory Committee filled out pledge cards for this campaign. All 12 members made pledges totaling \$138,360—100% participation bringing us well on our way to our \$300,000 goal. Now we ask our friends and neighbors to help us make this campaign a success. Our goal is that every member of the Shickley community contributes to the campaign at a level that is meaningful to you. As always, thank you for your help in making Shickley a great place to live and raise your family. 🌱

\$100,000 + **\$50,000** + **\$300,000**
Stengel Challenge Nebraska Community Foundation match In community contributions

GOAL: 100% community participation = \$450,000
Increase to our community unrestricted endowment

SCFF AT A GLANCE



\$2.4 Million
in total assets



\$2.1 Million
in unrestricted endowment



\$914,976
Reinvested via grantmaking

CONFIRMED PLANNED GIFTS



13

Totaling **\$2 Million**
to be endowed



MEET SCFF'S HOMETOWN INTERN



This past summer the Shickley Community Foundation Fund hosted our first ever Hometown Intern through Nebraska Community Foundation's Hometown Internship program which enables students to return to their hometown for the summer and complete a paid internship for their local NCF affiliated fund.

This summer Mariah Sliva was hired to work for the Fund and completed projects ranging from the annual alumni mailing to helping with the Fund's events at Longhorn Days. Mariah was a great asset to have as she took on a lot of the projects that the Shickley Community Foundation Fund has always needed to do but volunteers didn't have the time to accomplish. She updated and compiled pictures of projects that the Fund has supported through grants as well as updated our social media accounts. Part of her internship was also directed by Nebraska Community Foundation staff who guided the interns around the state through asset-based community development training.

Some of the local assets that Mariah identified included the 50 Flags Veterans Memorial, Shickley Public School, and Shickley's culture as a family-oriented community. Mariah was also assigned to interview community members about their perceptions of the community. Through those conversations she discovered some common themes—unity, inspiration, and creativity. Mariah stated, "People here are willing to support in any way they can, and I feel like the town can accomplish anything we put our minds to."

Mariah was very instrumental in working on the beginning stages of our new challenge grant and getting promotional materials updated and distributed during Longhorn Days. Thank you, Mariah, for all of your hard work this summer. In describing her future plans Mariah said, "While I may not know exactly where my future will take me, I know that I will always be welcomed here in Shickley." 🌱

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Every year, Shickley Public Schools grades 7–12 participate in fundraisers on behalf of their respective classes. Many of us have bought plants, contributed to bake sales, or purchased concessions to assist in these endeavors. These funds help to pay for prom and other class projects.

At the end of their high school education, the senior class is allowed to choose what to do with any extra funds they have acquired through the years. Some classes have purchased items for their alma mater. Others have divided the extra funds amongst their classmates to use for college or as they embark on their careers. This past year, the senior class chose to donate to the Shickley Community Foundation Fund in an effort to invest in the future of their hometown.

We are so honored to accept these young people's gracious gift and hope they will return often to our "Big Little Town!" 🌱

LEAVE FIVE FOR SHICKLEY TO THRIVE

According to Nebraska Community Foundation's 2021 Transfer of Wealth Study, more than \$100 billion will transfer from older to younger generations in our state in the next decade. Over the next 50 years, the figure swells to \$950 billion. Scenarios are driven by conservative assumptions about the future, census data, increasing agricultural land values, household income, and other key indicators. There is always a transfer as parents pass away and leave their estates to their children, but if the heirs no longer live where they grew up, those critical resources may leave hometowns (like Shickley) as well.

The study's release marks the beginning of NCF's Five to Thrive campaign, which urges generous Nebraskans to consider leaving just five percent of their estate to their hometown. In Shickley, \$35 million will transfer in the next decade and \$348 million over the next 50 years. Just five percent of this abundance left to the community through charitable planned giving would equate to \$1.75 million that could be used to make Shickley even better.

Local philanthropy is an integral part of our community development work. Shickley now benefits from \$2.4 million of local endowments and 13 donors have confirmed their plans to leave gifts in their estate to benefit Shickley. These planned gifts are estimated to total \$2 million. Shickley is using this homegrown philanthropy to benefit its K–12 school district, provide early childhood education, and has built a new multipurpose community center.

We invite you to consider leaving five to help Shickley thrive! Learn more at FivetoThriveNE.org and speak with your professional advisor about how charitable planned giving can benefit your unique circumstances. 🌱

50-YEAR TOW
\$348 Million

10-YEAR TOW
\$35 Million



5% OF 10-YEAR TOW
\$1.75 Million

As of November 2021

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Canadian visitors from the Gros Morne Institute for Sustainable Tourism visited numerous Greater Nebraska communities including Shickley in October.



Shickley Community Foundation Fund was proud to sponsor a lifesaving community blood drive.



Longhorn Days activities were supported through a Welcoming and Belonging Grant from Nebraska Community Foundation.

