Dear Friends: When Nebraska Community Foundation was founded 20 years ago, visionary leaders set their sights on transforming our hometowns into stronger, more progressive and sustainable communities. They rejected the narrative of scarcity and competition, and instead, focused on unleashing the abundant assets that exist in our communities — our culture, entrepreneurial spirit, financial resources, and philanthropic instincts.

Nebraska Community Foundation partners with volunteer community leaders to build the hometowns of their dreams. Hometowns that are poised to attract people, create opportunities, emanate pride and welcome everyone.

In today’s interconnected world, we can live and work wherever we want. This new reality fundamentally changes community development practice. It’s no longer just about economic opportunity. A sense of place and quality of life are just as important. We must have a good answer to the question: Why should I live and work here? Community leaders who are harnessing locally-driven charitable giving have answers they are eager to share.

As we celebrate 20 years, we have much to be proud of. Dozens of Nebraska hometowns now have their success story to tell: new families, new businesses, new opportunities, bigger dreams. More than 250 hometowns are now connected through our growing network of ambitious people using philanthropy as a tool for locally controlled community development. Thanks to each and every one of you who are giving your time, talent and treasure to build a brighter future for your hometown.

Every day we are humbled by the generosity, hard work and creative genius we witness. These acts of kindness and tireless effort reinforce for us that there is no place like Nebraska. Please join us as we build communities of the future, together.

Jeff Yost  
President and CEO  
Brandon Day  
Board Chair

Building for Today and Tomorrow
(Assets in Millions)

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NCF in Numbers (as of June 30, 2014)

- 223 affiliated funds serving 255 communities in 77 counties
- 1,768 Fund Advisory Committee members
- 35,728 contributions in the last 5 years
- $66.7 million in endowed assets (28% year-over-year growth)
- $98.8 million in total assets
- 270 planned gifts totaling $48.6 million
- $222.7 million reinvested in Nebraska and its hometowns since 1994 ($126.1 million in the last 5 years)
- $603 billion estimated intergenerational transfer of wealth in Nebraska by 2060

Cover photo: Jadyn Schultis and Kyleigh Barnts are part of a student-led planning team that presented three design options to the Diller-Odell Public Schools Board of Education for new playground equipment after the old equipment was deemed unsafe and removed. They requested and received funding from the school board and the Diller Community Foundation Fund.
“Active hope” is at work in 20 community-based affiliated funds you will read about in this report. Active hope is not about waiting for external agencies or people to bring about what we desire. It is about becoming active participants in making that happen.

Rural Development Philanthropy is a product of active hope. It unleashes the power of human, financial, cultural assets and natural resources to achieve the change we want.

For our affiliated funds this begins with creating a vision for their community, undertaking a mission to achieve it, and using their values to guide their decisions. Each affiliated fund featured in this report has completed action planning to focus their intentions. They are connecting with people and partners who can help. They are investing in community needs today, and have set ambitious endowment-building goals to fund future opportunities. They are asking their families, friends and neighbors to give back now and beyond their lifetimes.

Several have been invited to take on a bold venture: A multi-year collaboration with The Sherwood Foundation to build their unrestricted endowments through challenge grants and to delve deeply into the practice of Rural Development Philanthropy.

There is good work being done by our affiliated funds all across Nebraska. We hold up these 20 because they have rigorously assessed their strengths and areas for improvement, and are actively hoping to do more.

Dynamic partnerships have created the SynoVation Valley Leadership Academy which is strengthening the culture and igniting progressive mindsets in Ord and other Valley County communities. Core design team members include (back to front/left to right) Janie Zadina, Kayla Hinrichs, Bob Stowell, Mindy Conner, Kristina Foth, Jean Stowell, Dr. Dee Trudeau Poskas, Mark Hagge, Dahn Hagge and Jodi Sell.

10 Competencies of Effective RDP

1) Learn about our community and its people
2) Understand how and why things work the way they do.
3) Develop and maintain relationships with a wide range of people and groups.
4) Communicate effectively with a wide array of audiences.
5) Develop, attract and manage flexible assets and resources.
6) Build a business model that supports the RDP mission.
7) Build capacity in the community’s organizations and people.
8) Facilitate participatory dialogue that yields results.
9) Organize for action.
10) Track results, measure progress and adapt as necessary.
In 2012 four community-based affiliated funds – McCook, Norfolk, Nebraska City and Shickley – began collaborative work with NCF and The Sherwood Foundation. The initiative, Building Capacity in Rural Nebraska, combines leadership development with efforts to build unrestricted endowments.

Each affiliated fund accepted a Sherwood Foundation challenge grant of $250,000 requiring a 2-to-1 match in local gifts and pledges by the end of 2015. Fund leaders receive support in the form of campaign design studies, marketing and coaching.

Importantly, members participate in six peer-learning sessions facilitated by experts in the practice of Rural Development Philanthropy.

In 2014 we launched a second round of challenge grants and peer learning opportunities with four additional community-based affiliated funds that are in the early stages of strategy design.

McCook “Commitment to Community”

McCook reached its campaign goal 20 months ahead of schedule by raising $500,000 in gifts and pledges. Once the full match is received, the Fund will be able to double its community grantmaking capacity to about $65,000 annually. The Fund supports a wide range of nonprofits in the area, and places an emphasis on engaging young adults in community leadership, philanthropy and service. Its youth task force provides students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to become highly involved in mentoring others, advising adult Fund leaders, and initiating projects on their own.

Erik Eiler, Sam Backer and Emerie Roth pour out their heartfelt thanks by serving up root beer floats to everyone who helped McCook Community Foundation Fund reach its challenge grant goal during a donor appreciation event in August.
Norfolk  “Creating Our Future”

Norfolk has served as an example for other affiliated funds by hosting community-wide visioning sessions to develop grantmaking guidelines, organizing a philanthropy council for area nonprofits, launching an annual youth in philanthropy contest and celebrating its philanthropists and volunteers of the year. Many affiliated funds are now following these same practices to increase public participation and create a culture of giving. By building its unrestricted endowment the Fund will have the flexibility to act on the hopes and dreams of this increasingly diverse community.

Nebraska City  “Invest In People”

With a number of other public and private foundations in the community, this affiliated fund sets itself apart by using its unrestricted endowment to invest in people – especially young people and adults who are living and working in the community. The Fund has awarded 36 non-traditional scholarships for people to gain skills to improve their career prospects and better serve their community. It honors its “volunteer of the year” with grants to their favorite charity. It invests in youth philanthropy and adult leadership programs. When the Fund reaches its challenge grant goal, investments in people will double.

Shickley  “Create Our Success”

Shickley is one of many small towns in Nebraska that dreams big. This affiliated fund has granted more than $177,000 from its unrestricted endowment, which now totals more than $1.3 million. Knowing that good schools and affordable child care are central to community well-being, much of the Fund’s support has gone to its local preschool, elementary and high school in this community of 341 people. More than half of the households in the school district support the Fund. Shickley has raised more than 80 percent of its challenge grant goal. No one thinks that Shickley will come up short. That just doesn’t happen here.
Rick Muenchau assists Dusty Earwood using equipment provided by a grant from the Eustis Community Foundation Fund. Volunteer fireman Shawn McCown hauls a new fire hose provided by a grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund. Also pictured is firefighter Jennifer McLaughlin and Fund Advisory Committee members (l-r) Kathy Schroeder, Beth Roelfs, Joyce Carpenter and Peggy Hemphill.

**Diller Community Foundation Fund** has had a hand in renovating the opera house, saving the post office, building a new fire hall, rebuilding and beautifying Main Street and supporting programs for youth of all ages. The Fund keeps more than 900 alumni and friends connected by distributing an annual newsletter packed full of ‘what’s happening’ in Diller. Since 2001 the Fund has covered the costs of conducting community surveys, which have guided its Fund Advisory Committee’s action planning and grantmaking.

**Eustis Community Foundation Fund** invests in programs that have a positive impact in a personal way. It supports a nonprofit licensed day care for children of working parents. It is developing a backpack program through the school so that children have nutritious food over the weekend. The Fund acted on the community’s desire for an exercise facility. Now with new weight-lifting equipment, youngsters get supervised guidance from instructors and adults have access to the room anytime it is not being used for high school practices.

**Brown County Community Foundation Fund** serves 3,525 people in Ainsworth, Long Pine, Johnstown and the surrounding area. More than half of the Fund’s $790,000 in assets is endowed. The community is well-informed of the benefits of building a community endowment. Frequent newspaper ads and articles along with daily radio testimonials raise awareness of the Fund’s significant impact on community infrastructure, recreation programs and rural volunteer fire departments. In 2013 the Brown County Hospital Endowment Fund was established to insure state-of-the-art health care now and in the future.
Enhancing Our Hometowns

Stuart Community Foundation Fund is behind many of the developments in this progressive town of 590 people. Whether honoring its pioneer heritage or investing in 21st Century technology, Stuart is an example of active hope. “Our Fund Advisory Committee believes that our dreams are both reasonable and achievable,” said chair Steve Brewster. The Fund is the vehicle for community philanthropy for its museum, park, medical clinic, weight room, and its exceptional Murphy Theatre and Media Center. It has sponsored more than 30 graduates of Holt County’s leadership program. All these amenities are attracting new families to the area.

Kemberlyn and Kennedie Kohl play at the one-room school house at White Horse Heritage Village in Stuart. The girls’ parents are among the growing number of young professionals moving to the area to take advantage of a great small-town lifestyle.

Burwell Community Fund has touched nearly everyone in the community through one or more of its projects in the last decade. Grants of more than $1.4 million have enhanced the schools, fairgrounds, parks and downtown environs. Burwell is growing, with young people returning to the area to enjoy the lifestyle and the Calamus River recreational opportunities. Recently the Fund awarded the high school student council a grant to purchase equipment and software for streaming school events such as sports and graduation ceremonies on the Internet – quite an inspiration for Longhorn alumni thinking about their hometown.

Head volleyball coach Nancy Jeffres (r) is excited to have her home games webcast this year. Shea Jeffres (l) is a junior student athlete at Burwell Public Schools.

Plattssmouth Community Foundation Fund has built more than $650,000 in endowments and granted more than $700,000 for projects in safety and preservation, and programs that benefit senior citizens and school children. Plattsmouth, architecturally, is a historical gem, but Fund Advisors know that a community is all about people. The Fund honors a ‘Volunteer of the Year’ and a ‘Youth Citizen of the Year’ at its public awards event. By inspiring endowment-building and awarding community-building grants, the Fund Advisory Committee is making a significant impact on Plattsmouth.

Through the years, grants have helped the Plattsmouth Senior Citizen Nutritional Center to purchase a freezer, refrigerator, tables, chairs, a computer and supplies. (L-r) Jerry Reinholt, Cherie Larson, Mary Reinholt, Annette Wiles, Mark Pogreba, Jeanene Wehrbein, Keith Roby, Carol Gray, Michael Lennen.
Investing In Our Own

Fund Advisory Committee members are investing in tourism strategies as an economic driver in Red Cloud.

(L-r) Tim Wollmer, president and Michael Moravec, treasurer of Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art are pleased with the support they receive from the Butler County Area Foundation Fund. Pam Winer, a 2006 HomeTown Leadership graduate, is the current president of the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce. Pam says, “Get involved and be part of the change you wish to see in your community.”

Butler County Area Foundation Fund has helped more than 100 people complete leadership training through UNL Extension and has granted well over $400,000 to community projects and programs. Butler County prides itself as a destination location for area arts and culture. The Fund provides ongoing support to the Butler County Arts Council for live professional performances. Bone Creek Museum in David City, the nation’s only gallery dedicated specifically to agrarian art, also receives support for special exhibitions. The Fund recognizes the economic impact of attracting visitors to the area, and recently helped with a grant for a billboard directing travelers to the museum.

Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund has become a leader in local economic development strategies through its grantmaking. By supporting local attractions such as the Willa Cather Foundation and preservation efforts on Main Street, the Fund is focusing on long-term impacts for greater prosperity. Last year the Fund completed an economic development study based around heritage tourism. As a result the community has an economic impact scenario for increased tourism and a three-year action plan. A committee has also begun consulting with other communities and industry experts to explore options for a child care center.

Fund Advisory Committee members are investing in tourism strategies as an economic driver in Red Cloud.

O’Neill Community Foundation Fund has a mission ‘to enrich the quality of life in O’Neill both today and in the future.’ Support related to the schools, such as the backpack program and TeamMates, address the development of young people now and as future adults. The Fund partners with another NCF affiliated fund – Holt County Economic Development – to support a county-wide HomeTown Leadership Institute, which has had 143 graduates since 2004 who help develop curriculum for future classes.
Pender-Thurston Education & Community Foundation Fund believes in the ‘Power of Place.’ You’ll see the slogan whenever you read about the collaborative partnerships it nurtures with community groups, and it is reflected in the fact that nearly every teacher in the school system contributes on an annual basis. Last year the Fund worked with the Village of Pender to launch a nonprofit, volunteer-staffed thrift store, which has given $25,000 back to the community. Today the Fund is playing a leading role in the planning, design and fundraising for the construction of a much-needed new community center.

Youth entrepreneur Zach Smith markets his dog chew toys (made out of deer antlers) and other pet supplies at the Ord Farmers Market booth purchased for youth each year by the Valley County Community Foundation Fund.

Valley County Community Foundation Fund has been building community on the pillars of leadership, entrepreneurship, youth engagement and philanthropy for more than a decade in Ord, Elyria, North Loup and Arcadia. A custom-designed leadership academy is preparing both adults and students for high levels of civic engagement. Permanent endowments support entrepreneurship opportunities for middle and high school kids. The Fund coordinates activities with the chamber of commerce and economic development board. Together with other affiliated funds serving the area, Valley County has more than $4 million in endowed assets to fuel its progress for generations and another $3 million in planned gifts for the future.

Columbus Area Community Foundation Fund has a vision in which everyone works collaboratively to create a healthy, welcoming community with an exceptional quality of life. Over the past couple years the Fund has organized the Columbus Area Philanthropy Council to share resources and coordinate activities. It has sponsored its Youth in Philanthropy contest to bring young people into its culture of giving. And it has reached out to the entire community with its ‘Big Give’ – a 24-hour opportunity for everyone to support charitable causes.

Columbus Mayor Mike Moser (left) is joined by CACFF member, K.C. Belitz, representatives of the Columbus Area Philanthropy Council and several youth philanthropy contest winners to kick off Columbus’ first Big Give in May 2014.

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Our Vision
The Nebraska Community Foundation envisions a state where communities of engaged individuals create opportunities for all people to reach their highest potential. People embrace Nebraska’s culture of giving and our values of good work, accountability and responsibility. Nebraska communities are prosperous places where people want to live, raise families, do business, work and enjoy the good life.

Key investments for state’s future
As of last year, community foundations aiding more than 250 Nebraska cities and towns had total assets exceeding $98 million. Of those, some $66 million was in permanent managed endowments. The Nebraska Community Foundation, which does vital work in supporting local efforts, reports that since 1994, Nebraskans have invested some $222 million in their communities, including $126 million during the 2010-14 period….Great benefits are coming to Nebraska communities because their native sons and daughters are choosing to invest in local needs. This is one of the most important vehicles for long-term progress and stability across the state.

(Excerpted with permission from the Omaha World-Herald)
For 20 years Nebraska communities have been acting on their hopes and achieving their dreams thanks to the generosity of our donors and the collective work of our affiliated fund leaders and our staff. We are proud of the training, financial management, gift planning assistance, and most importantly, the one-on-one coaching that NCF continues to deliver to hundreds of volunteers.

This work would not have progressed to the point we are at today if not for people who believe in— and invest in— our mission.

These are the people who have helped us absorb the significant costs of starting and building new affiliated funds in small communities all across the state. They have helped us bring in top-notch professionals to our staff who ensure prudent management of millions of charitable dollars. They are people we consider lifelong friends and mission partners.

We salute our Benefactors. The people who have made significant contributions to fuel the Nebraska Community Foundation’s current work and advance our mission into the future.

**NCF Benefactors: Cumulative Lifetime Gifts**

$1,000,000 and above
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation
  Battle Creek, MI
- The Ford Foundation
  New York, NY
- The Sherwood Foundation
  Omaha

$250,000 to $499,999
- Jim* and Elaine Wolf
  Albion
- Robert and Jeanette Hunt
  Great Plains Communications
  Donor-Advised Fund
  Blair
- Consolidated Companies/ Thompson Family
  Lincoln
- First National Bank of Omaha
  Omaha
- Anonymous

$100,000 to $249,999
- Judy and Ron Parks/ Millard Manufacturing Corp.
  Omaha
- Kathleen Thuman, Lincoln/ Farmers State Bank,
  Maywood
- Frank and Shirley Sibert
  Kearney
- Judy Hemberger
  Estes Park, CO

$50,000 to $99,999
- Brandon and Tammy Day/ Daycos
  Norfolk
- Ameritas Charitable Foundation
  Lincoln
- MNB Entities and Graff/
  Thomas Families
  McCook
- W.H. and E.C. Damme Farms LLC/Lora Damme and Jay Longinaker
  Talmage
- Great Plains Communications
  Blair
- Bruning State Bank
  Bruning
- Cornerstone Bank
  York
- Ken Morrison
  Hastings
- Richard and Darlene Walter
  Shickley
- Peter Kiewit Foundation
  Omaha
- Richard E.* and Louisa L. Manning
  Geneva
- Omaha World-Herald Foundation
  Omaha

$25,000 to $49,999
- Westwood Trust
  Omaha
- Lemoine “Andy” and Geri* Anderson
  McCook
- Cooper Foundation
  Lincoln
- John and Carmen Gottschalk
  Omaha
- Union Bank & Trust Company
  Lincoln
- Bob Mundy/Coordinated Planning Inc. dba Mundy Associates Inc.
  Omaha
- America First Foundation
  Omaha
- Kenner Family
  Donor-Advised Fund
  Hebron
- Pinnacle Bank, NE
  Omaha
- Dennis and Nancy Stara
  Lincoln
- Bruce and Kim* Lauritzen
  Omaha

$10,000 to $24,999
- Countryside Bank
  Unadilla
- Fred and Carol Lockwood/
  Lockwood Foundation
  Scottsbluff

Wayne and Bev Buller
  Ericson
- Pete and Jonnie Peterson
  Brule
- Dennis Berens Rural Health Fund
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- Diller Telephone Company
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  Springdale Title & Realty Inc.
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- Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
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- Tri-County Bank/
  Schmaderer Family
  Stuart
- Bettenhausen Family Foundation/
  Robert Bettenhausen
  Lincoln
- Shannon Harner and Philip Goddard
  Lincoln
- HunTel Systems
  Blair
- Bob and Michelle Dudley
  Norfolk
- Judith Brockmeier
  Eustis
- Elkhorn Valley Bank
  Norfolk
Elna Johnson and Elsie Newman (left) visit with donors Liz and Art Creveling as part of the Imperial Community Foundation Fund’s campaign to meet the Robert and Jeanette Hunt Challenge grant, resulting in a $200,000 endowment.

Imperial Community Foundation Fund

Formed in 1999, the Fund has granted more than a quarter of a million dollars for childhood enrichment, senior citizen services, science camps, a housing needs study, young adult leadership courses, safety programs, park improvements and much more. The Fund actively recruits young families to the area and the community is growing. More than 98 percent of the Fund’s $771,000 in assets is endowed. Other regional foundations have used the Fund as a trusted partner in distributing charitable gifts to local causes.

1994 – 1999

> Nebraska Community Foundation is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
> Established with no major funding in place, the Foundation is incubated by the Nebraska Rural Development Commission, with the director, Don Macke, serving as a part-time staff member.
> Maxine Moul is the first Board chair, followed by Kim Lauritzen of Omaha and Jim Wolf of Albion.
> In the early years the Foundation serves primarily as a conduit for funding to flow through to charitable causes.

1999 Total Assets: $6.4 million

1999 – 2004

> Frank Sibert of Valentine and Ron Parks of Papillion serve as Board chairs; Jeff Yost becomes president and CEO.
> Maxine Moul is elected as president emeritus.
> Legacy Challenge grants are launched in Red Cloud and Boone County to encourage endowment building.
> The ‘Intergenerational Transfer of Wealth in Nebraska Study’ is published – the first county-by-county study in the nation.
> The Chronicle of Philanthropy features Holt County and NCF’s Transfer of Wealth work in Nebraska.
> The HomeTown Competitiveness framework is piloted in Valley County with an emphasis on the community-building pillars of leadership, entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

2004 Total Assets: $16.8 million
### Milestones

**2004 – 2009**

> Kathy Thuman of Maywood and Mark Graff of McCook serve as Board chairs.
> 35 community-based challenge grants are launched, raising $3,987,495.
> The New York Times features NCF's rural development philanthropy model at work in Valley County.
> W.K. Kellogg Foundation provides $2 million to expand HomeTown Competitiveness (HTC) and another $2 million to NCF's endowment.
> The youth pillar is added to the HTC framework. HTC grows rapidly in Valley and Holt Counties and expands to 16 Nebraska sites.

**2009 Total Assets: $48.8 million**

**2009 – 2014**

> Brian Thompson of Waverly, Shannon Harner of Lincoln and Brandon Day of Norfolk serve as Board chairs.
> Jeff Yost testifies before a House Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on innovative approaches to rural development.
> Surveys of more than 6,000 youth indicate that more than half of rural youth would return to their hometowns if career opportunities were available.
> The Ford Foundation Challenge Grant is met, raising $4 million.
> Action planning for community-based funds is developed and undertaken in 27 communities.
> Ten major/estate gifts of $1 million or more are made to benefit NCF communities.
> In 2011 the 'Intergenerational Transfer of Wealth Study' is updated, estimating $603 billion of wealth transfer by 2060.
> NCF begins a multi-year / multi-million dollar partnership with The Sherwood Foundation of Omaha to advance Rural Development Philanthropy.

**2014 Total Assets: $98.8 million**

### Howells Community Fund

Volunteers in Howells established an affiliated fund in 2013 and immediately began acting on their dreams. The Fund invited the entire community to participate in its visioning process, facilitated by NCF. Each Fund Advisory Committee member made a personal financial commitment. They completed action planning, created marketing materials and began publishing articles in the local paper. Each FAC member's personal email address ends with '@helpinghowells.com' to get the word out to hundreds of contacts. They have held a gathering event for FAC members to learn about planned giving and a luncheon for professional advisors. And finally, they made their first grant – a sound system for Howells Ballroom, available for all community groups and events.
223 Affiliated Funds
of the Nebraska Community Foundation

Benefitting 255 Communities
in 77 Counties
June 30, 2014

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

Denotes a County-wide Affiliated Fund
95 Community-Based Affiliated Funds

Ansley Area Community Foundation Fund
Arnold Community Fund
Arthur Area Community Foundation Fund
Atkinson Community Foundation Fund
Bennet Area Community Foundation Fund
Bertrand Area Community Fund
Big Springs Community Fund
Blaine County Area Community Foundation Fund
Bloomfield Community Foundation Fund
Boone County Area Foundation Fund
Brown County Community Foundation Fund
Burr Community Fund
Burwell Community Fund
Butler County Area Foundation Fund
Byron Community Foundation Fund
Callaway Community Fund
Ceresco Community Foundation Fund
Chambers Community Improvement Foundation Fund
Chester Community Fund
Cheyenne County Fund
Columbus Area Community Foundation Fund
Craig Community Fund
Creighton Community Foundation Fund
Crotton Community Foundation Fund
Cuming County Community Fund
Curtis Community Foundation Fund
Davenport Area Community Fund
Davey Area Community Foundation Fund
Future of Decatur Foundation Fund
Deshler Community Fund
Diller Community Foundation Fund
Dorchester Community Foundation Fund
Elgin Community Foundation Fund
Elwood Community Fund
Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund
Exeter Area Community Foundation Fund
Friend Area Fund
Greeley Community Fund
Grow Garden County Fund
Hayes County Community Fund
Hebron Community Foundation Fund
Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund
Holstein Improvement Committee Fund
Holt County Economic Development Fund
Howells Community Fund
Humboldt Area Community Foundation Fund
Hyannis Area Community Foundation Fund
Imperial Community Foundation Fund
Keith County Community Foundation Fund
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Kimball Area Foundation Fund
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John and Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund (Valley County)

Laurel Community Foundation Fund

Laurel-Concord elementary teacher Sue Koch is surrounded by some of the children who learned about fire prevention and toured a fire safety house. The students’ families each received a fire extinguisher. The program, also provided to senior citizens, is made possible through a grant from the Laurel Community Foundation Fund – one of many programs supported by the Fund’s endowment which now totals more than $525,000.

Endowment-Building for Community-Focused Affiliated Funds

Endowed assets plus planned gifts (amounts in millions)
The Millionaire Next Door

At his death in 2007 Rudy Elis, a bachelor farmer, established a $2.3 million donor-advised fund to help the Norfolk and O’Neill areas prosper. Today, Rudy’s donor-advised fund has a balance of $4.3 million. Rudy’s dream was to help businesses grow and to attract new families to the area. His friend, Jan Krotter Chvala of O’Neill, said he didn’t believe in handouts. “He wanted to see people helping themselves.”

Grants from his endowment are doing just that. For example, Holt County Economic Development in O’Neill receives support from the Elis Fund. Since 2007, 40 new businesses have been created in Holt County, 33 have expanded and 19 have successfully transitioned to new owners, resulting in 421 new or retained jobs. More than 260 families and/or individuals have moved to the county – 45 in the last year alone.

223 Affiliated Funds of the Nebraska Community Foundation (continued)

36 Organizational Affiliated Funds
Box Butte Health Foundation Fund
Brown County Hospital Endowment Fund
Lucille Burch Foundation for Animal Companions Fund
Burwell Community Memorial Health Center Endowment Fund
Chase County Hospital Foundation Fund
Christian Heritage Endowment Fund
Country Club Neighborhood Association Charitable Foundation Fund
Every Woman Matters Foundation Fund
Fillmore County Hospital Foundation Fund
Forging Nebraska’s Future Fund
Friends of the Governor's Residence Fund
Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Fund
Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Charitable Foundation Fund
Leadership Nebraska Foundation Fund
Milford Public Schools Foundation Fund
Nebraska CASA Association Dodge County Fund
Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Fund
Nebraska DECA Foundation Fund
Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Fund
Nebraska Independent Bankers Foundation Fund
Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund
Nebraska Library Association Foundation Fund
Nebraska Nurses Association Foundation Fund
Diane Nelson Endowment for the Governor’s Residence Fund
Northeast Nebraska RC&D Foundation Fund
Northern Cheyenne Breakout Legacy Fund
St. Monica’s Endowment Fund
ServeNebraska Fund
SkillsUSA Nebraska Foundation Fund
Foundation for Thayer County Health Services Fund
Ukena Charitable Trust Fund
Valley County Health System Foundation Fund
Wachiska Audubon Society Foundation Fund
The WealthSpring Fund
West Holt Medical Services Foundation Fund
Wymore Public Library Foundation Fund
7 Public/Private Partnership Funds
Basin Coalition Fund
FutureForce Fund
Nebraska Habitat Projects Fund
North Platte Decree Committee Fund
Partnerships for Innovation Fund
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Fund
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Fund
39 Donor-Advised Funds
Howard and Peggy Atkins Fund
Erna R. Badstieber Trust Donor-Advised Fund
BCBSNE Fund for Quality & Efficient Health Care
Brandt Family Fund
Bruning State Bank Donor-Advised Fund
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Connie Fund
William H. and Erma C. Damme Fund
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Farmers National Education Foundation Fund
First National Bank of Omaha Fund
Bud and Georgie Gerhart Family Fund
Lawrence Goscha Scholarship Fund
Dale and Sharon Harlan Donor-Advised Fund
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Leona Ihde Fund
Kenner Family Fund
Francis L. Kramer Donor-Advised Fund
Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund
The Nelson Institute Fund
Tom and Cynthia Olson Family Donor-Advised Fund
Ron and Judy Parks Donor-Advised Fund
Raile Family Fund
Margaret Russell Trust Donor-Advised Fund
Paul and Karen Seger Family Fund
Brad and Nancy Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund
James Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund
Sherwood Foundation Fund for Rural Nebraska
Frank and Shirley Sibert Donor-Advised Fund
John and Geraldine Slama Charitable Fund
Irene C. Stenger Donor-Advised Fund
Thuman Family Donor-Advised Fund
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Wolf Family Donor-Advised Fund
Yost/Leak Donor-Advised Fund
Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds (4)
20 Designated or Field of Interest Funds
Dennis Berens Rural Health Fund
Butte Anoka Scholarships Fund
Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund
Concordia University Nebraska Endowment Fund
Don and Artice Fells Fund
Bobby Foehlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ken Good Scholarship Fund
Lyndall A. Harris Memorial Fund
Neal and Pauline Keller Scholarship Fund
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Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
Irene and Verne Prezer Scholarship Fund
Edna and Richard Reinke Scholarship Fund
St. Edward Medical Clinic Fund
Verner and Mildred Vinzant Elwood Care Center Endowment Fund
Waco Community Scholarship Fund
Youth Scholar College Scholarship Fund
26 Life Income Funds
Additional gifts are invested through NCF to benefit Nebraska communities and organizations and provide income for the donors.
Nebraska Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization powered by a small staff and hundreds of volunteers across the state. Without the annual support of people who believe in and invest in our mission, it would be impossible to support our volunteers with training, leadership mentoring, marketing and financial management.

Through charitable contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations, Nebraska Community Foundation is helping communities achieve their dreams through Rural Development Philanthropy.

Affiliated fund development coordinator Jana Jensen takes a question at a regional meeting in Arnold. Jana works primarily with affiliated funds in western Nebraska.

Annual Gifts Support Our Work

Gifts received 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014

$100,000 and above
The Sherwood Foundation
Omaha
Anonymous
USDA – Rural Development
Columbus
$25,000 to $99,999
Anonymous
Kathleen Thuman, Lincoln/
Farmers State Bank,
Maywood
First National Bank of Omaha
Omaha
$10,000 to $24,999
Judy and Ron Parks
Papillion
Bruning State Bank
Bruning
Consolidated Companies
Lincoln
Daycos
Norfolk
Richard and Darlene Walter
Shickley
Ameritas Charitable
Foundation
Lincoln
$5,000 to $9,999
Countryside Bank
Unadilla
W.H. and E.C. Damme
Farms LLC/Lora Damme and
Jay Longinaker
Talmage
Dennis and Nancy Stara
Lincoln
Diller Telephone Company
Diller
Pinnacle Bank
Columbus
Union Bank & Trust
Company
Lincoln
Westwood Trust
Omaha
$2,000 to $4,999
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Norfolk
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Lincoln
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Finance Authority
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Nebraska Life Magazine
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Pinpoint Communications
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Shickley
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Allen and Lois Steuter
Johnstown
Mari Lane Gewecke
Lincoln
Mutual of Omaha
Insurance Company
Omaha
Rubendall Foundation
Charitable Trust
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Don Schmaderer
Stuart
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Susan J. Price
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Turn Up Your Dream Switch
Developing Skills – Acting on Hope

On her first ride, Emilia Daberkow learns how to start, stop and rein her horse with the help of program director Patty Prauner.

Moments into her lesson Emilia was “dressing” her horse, carefully folding its ears down to allow the bridle to slip into place. Patty guided her hands as she helped place the saddle and tightened the cinch. Then up in the saddle and away she went with Patty taking the lead.

“I like this, Mom! This is fun!” she cried out.

Mom slowly shook her head in disbelief.

Patty has seen phenomenal results since helping her first rider in 1992. “A riding lesson teaches children all sorts of physical and mental skills, and it doesn’t feel like work or an abstract lesson. We don’t use the word therapy,” Patty said. “I’m just passing along what I know and love. God does the rest.”

Patty appreciates any volunteer and financial support she can get. The nonprofit does not make enough to cover the $60 in costs for each lesson. Patty charges less than half of that…and sometimes nothing at all. Riders come from 38 surrounding towns, some driving as much as an hour for their weekly lesson.

At the end of the summer riding season we checked in with Patty, Emilia and her mother, Jane.

“Emilia’s riding all by herself now. She’s a natural,” said Patty.

“Monday is a day we all look forward to and Emilia now takes more charge of her own schedule,” Jane said. “Riding was something Emilia could do totally on her own. She can’t compete athletically; this gives her an outlet for her individuality. It enabled her to take directions from someone besides me – someone I could totally trust. It was as therapeutic for me as for Emilia.

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Emilia agreed. “I got to go out of the house and use a halter and ride. At first I was scared. I thought, what was going on? Then I just started riding. I was really sad to say goodbye to Patty.”

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A few miles south of Battle Creek, Nebraska you’ll find a place where small miracles happen. It’s called S.M.I.L.E. and it lives up to its name.

S.M.I.L.E. provides therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with special needs. The nonprofit gives lessons to about 135 riders each week. This keeps Patty Prauner, founder and director of the program, and her volunteers and staff very busy.

When NCF learned that the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund had made a grant to S.M.I.L.E. we were curious and decided to visit early in June. We met an 18-year-old girl named Emilia Daberkow. It was her first day at S.M.I.L.E.

Emilia was adopted at age 6 from Romania where she had been in several orphanages and foster homes. She was sensory deprived, and according to her mother Jane, has many developmental challenges. She can become very frightened of familiar things and often avoids touching. It appeared so – initially.

Emilia Daberkow touches a horse for the first time as she learns how to put on a bridle during her first riding lesson.

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Late last year, following the death of Clarence Kettelhut, who had lived in the area for many years, the Byron Community Foundation Fund received an unrestricted gift from the sale of a quarter section of land located in Kansas. This enabled the Fund to begin building its new community center much sooner than anticipated.

According to attorney Bill Navis of Belleville, Kansas, the trust officer for the estate, one of the key elements that made the gift possible was good communication between Nebraska Community Foundation, himself and his client. “The Byron Community Foundation Fund created a choice that fit the bill for what he wanted to do,” said Bill. “And everything was done in a professional manner, so the donor had the confidence that his wishes would be carried out. “Because the land was located in Kansas it created a few complications. It was helpful to have NCF’s experience and expertise.”

Bill said the reason that this gift was made was because the donor recognized the deep commitment and community support for the building project. He knew the people well and he respected them. He saw that other people were doing their part. “It just touches you to see someone’s love for his community to the extent that a gift like this was made. NCF and the Byron Fund were the perfect mechanism to make this gift in an efficient and timely manner.”

Since the gift was unrestricted the Fund chose to endow a large portion of the proceeds from the land sale. “This gives the Fund some elbow room. Sometimes a gift to a community can actually create problems down the road. Having an endowment shows that people are thinking ahead. “Community foundations are a wonderful way to accomplish what a donor really wants to do in his heart and soul. They’re flexible, efficient and the way to go in the long-term,” said Bill. “This was an uplifting experience for me personally. It just leaves you with a good feeling.”
Ten Tools for Charitable Gift Planning

1) Charitable Bequest
   A provision in your will that creates a legacy

2) Gift of Retirement Plans
   Avoids potential double taxation

3) Gift of Life Insurance
   Easy, convenient and flexible

4) Donor-Advised Fund
   Provides maximum tax benefits and grantmaking flexibility

5) Charitable Gift Annuity
   Provides lifetime income

6) Gift of Securities
   Offers triple tax benefits

7) Gift of Ag Commodities
   A tax-wise gift compared to cash

8) Gift of Real Estate
   Provides significant tax advantages

9) Charitable Remainder Trust
   Increases income and bypasses capital gains taxes

10) Wealth Replacement Trust
    Helps provide for family and charity

Becoming a Member of the Legacy Society

The Nebraska Community Foundation’s Legacy Society is our way to celebrate and say thank you to generous donors of both current gifts and future gift provisions through estate plans that benefit Nebraskans. You will be enrolled in the Legacy Society when you let NCF know of your charitable intentions. With permission, you will be honored in NCF’s annual report and you will receive an invitation to attend the NCF annual banquet.

The Legacy Society

If you would like to support the Nebraska Community Foundation, give back to your hometown or if you have already made a future gift intention in your will, through a beneficiary designation or with a life income arrangement, contact Jim Gustafson, Gift Planning Director, at (402) 323-7341 or jgustafson@nebcommfound.org.

Recognition in the Legacy Society is based on contributions made through and information known on or before June 30, 2014.

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

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Recognizes the generosity of those individuals, foundations and corporations who have made cumulative, lifetime gifts of $100,000 or more to an NCF affiliated fund. The Club is named in honor of the late Jim Wolf and his wife, Elaine, of Albion, who initiated NCF’s endowment with a gift of $100,000, and provided the first $100,000 challenge grant to Boone County to build a permanent endowment.

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Since 2002 the Connie Fund has invested more than $180,000 in programs to educate, enrich, inspire and protect the children of Northeast Nebraska. As of June 30, 2014, the Connie Fund’s endowment had grown to a balance of over $760,000.

The Hometown Heritage
Recognizes friends who have made provisions in their estate plans with a future gift intention of any amount to benefit an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

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Estate of Laura “Merle” Atkinson
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Steven and Beverly Harms Davenport
Jerry and Kathy Heard Howells
Joan Hendrickson* Shickley
Estate of Arnold W. Henrichs
Sharon A. Hersemann Nebraska City
In Memory of Leo Hink
Richard Holland and Kathleen High Holland Lincoln
Estate of Eleanor F. Houser
Don and Phyllis Hendrickson Four Seasons, MO
Neal* and Elizabeth Hunt Albion
Stephen Hunt Plattsmouth
Helen F. Jasa Fremont
Jana M. Jensen Bingham
Estate of David C. Johnson Gene and Beverly* Johnson Wausa
Loral* and Elna Johnson Imperial
Calvin* and Audrey Jones and Family Thedford
Jay Jones Thedford
Joseph R. and Gina D. Kamler Shickley
Estate of Franklin Kjeldgaard
Keith County Community Foundation Fund

With nearly 200 donors, and more than 86 percent of its $1.6 million in assets endowed, Keith County Community Foundation Fund is making community dreams come true every year. The Fund supports projects and programs that keep Keith County competitive as a place where young families choose to live. Youth programs like baseball and the Wild West Soap Box Derby keep it vibrant. Grants to fire and rescue keep it safe. Investments enhance the library, recreation and senior centers for people young and old. And ongoing funding for CASA, the school backpack program and the food pantry help families in need. Over the past 10 years, more than $191,000 has been given back, and several planned gifts are in place to keep Keith County a great place to call home far into the future.

John C. Klosterman
David City

Dawn Koehlmoos
Fremont

Wendell* and Joyce Kronberg
Ralston

Kurt and Jerene Kruse
Albion

Estate of H. Neil Lancaster
David City

Larry R. Larson
Omaha

David and Susan LeGrand
Nebraska City

Estate of Arlen Lohmeyer
Nebraska City

Susan Lorence / Ray Newton
Plattsmouth

Mark and Jana Lorensen
Pender

Chad Lottman
Diller

Douglas and Cindy Lottman
Diller

Bonnie and Gerry Luckey
David City

Donald Lundeen*
Bennet

Ronald Maas
Lincoln

Paul and Angie Madison
Nebraska City

Cora Lynn Fosler Malmberg
Pender

Estate of Bonnie and Eugene Martinson
Wallace

Travis and Heidi McConnell
Lincoln

Marilyn D. McNabb
Cozad

Redge and Phyllis Meierhenry
Clancy, MT

Dorothy and Chris Mejstrick
Howells

Estate of Martin Meyer
Nebraska City

Jerry and Nadia Meyer
Callaway

Keith Roby
Plattsmouth

Beth and Dean Roels
Diller

Al and JoAnn Svaiger
Coxad

Ted and Ramona Thieman
Petersburg

Estate of Daniel E. Timms
Nebraska City

Estate of Russell Troxell
Nebraska City

Lee and Joyce Turner
Lincoln

C. Scott and Brenda
VanderVeen
Nebraska City

Kiel VanderVeen
Nebraska City

Richard Vosteen and Joyce Flood Vosteen
Lincoln

Jill and Susan Wakefield
O'Neill

Richard L. and Darlene K. Walter
Shickley

Estate of Kathryn A. Wall
Nebraska City

Estate of W. Gaylord Wallace
Albion

Jo Ann Ward
Estate of Esther Stehl
Shickley

Janice Spurling
Wallace

Ron and Connie Stauffer
Nelson

Estate of Randall J. Smith
Shickley

Ray and Deb Welsh
Plattsmouth

Bill and Maureen Wenke
Pender

Charles and Kelsey Wiest
Shickley

Estate of Sylvia Viola Wilson
Nebraska City

Estate of Karen J. Winship
Overland Park, KS

* Donor is deceased

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# Contributions to Affiliated Funds

## $500,000 and above
- Brad and Nancy Sherwood [Brad and Nancy Sherwood Donor-Advised Fund](#)
- Clarence W. Kettlehut Revocable Trust [The Sherwood Foundation](#)
- James Sherwood
- Estate of Glenn H. Korff
- Estate of Lawrence Goscha

## $250,000 - $499,999
- Anonymous (2) [Anonymous Donor-Advised Funds](#)
- Mitzi M. Fox Charitable Remainder Unitrust [Mitzi M. Fox Charitable Remainder Unitrust](#)
- Gaylord Wallace Irrevocable Trust [Gaylord Wallace Irrevocable Trust](#)

## $100,000 to $249,999
- John and Geraldine Slama Charitable Trust [John and Geraldine Slama Charitable Fund](#)
- Fillmore County Hospital Foundation [Fillmore County Hospital Endowment Fund](#)
- Anonymous [Anonymous Donor-Advised Fund](#)
- Harold and Marilyn Rink

## $50,000 to $99,999
- L. Arvene and Neva E. Myers and Family [L. Arvene and Neva E. Myers Fund](#)
- Hebron Secrest Library
- Estate of Kenneth J. Beckmann
- Howard D. and Peggy J. Atkins
- Mel and Huberta Adams
- Stephen and Trudy Dowson
- Elwood Area Foundation, Inc.
- McCook Educational Foundation Inc.
- Community Memorial Health Center Inc.
- Ronny and Wanda Kelly
- Helen Lundak
- Donald E. Nielsen Foundation Inc.
- Wiebe Ralston Foundation

## $25,000 to $49,999
- St. Monica's Home [St. Monica’s Endowment Fund](#)
- Bertrand Village Charitable Fund Inc.
- MNB Entities and Graff/Thomas Families
- Estate of Martin Meyer
- Estate of Blanche A. Fillipi
- Reinke Manufacturing Company Inc.
- Anonymous
- Brent and Sonya Kelly
- Louis Bunting First Trust
- Randy and Callie Rink
- Lloyd and Carol Wageman

## $10,000 to $14,999
- Estate of David C. Johnson [Cornerstone Bank](#)
- Don Heineman [Boone County, Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund](#)
- Nebraska Soybean Board [Nebraska Soybean Board](#)
- Paul and Angie Madison [Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund](#)
- Diane and Keith Moeller [Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund](#)
- Stuart Athletic Club Inc. [Stuart Athletic Club Inc.](#)
- Jim Meyenburg [Jim Meyenburg](#)
- Rex Biegert [GoLight Inc.](#)

## $5,000 and above for the 12 months ending June 30, 2014

- Farmington National Bank
- Nebraska Central Railroad Company
- Mary Ann Christensen
- Norfolk Iron & Metal Co.
- Max A. and Celine H. Swanson
- Larry and Linda Simonsen
- Brown County Hospital
- Delbert Baum
- Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1434
- Robert and Jean L. Fox
- Richard A. and Mary Heyne
- Jerry Hus
- Edna A. Reinke
- Sandra and Steven Wendell

## $15,000 to $24,999
- Farmers National Company
- Tietjen & Son LLC
- Jay Yost and Wade Leak
- Albion Library Memorial Fund
- Pinnacle Bank, NE

## $10,000 to $14,999
- Estate of David C. Johnson
- Don Heineman
- Nebraska Soybean Board
- Paul and Angie Madison
- Diane and Keith Moeller
- Stuart Athletic Club Inc.
- Jim Meyenburg
- Rex Biegert
- GoLight Inc.
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W.H. and E.C. Damme Farms LLC/Lora Damme  
and Jay Longmacker  
Anonymous  
Karla and Matthew Egger  
Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association  
Greg and Pam Wolford  
Keith and Mary Bittner  
Darin and Jessica Erstad  
JSMM Farms LLC  
Johnson Family Foundation Inc.  
Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel  
Charitable Foundation  
James G. and Connie J. Kube  
Lichti Oil Company  
Dr. Bernard and Nona Mullen  
Kitty M. Perkins Foundation  
Ronald and Judy Simpson  
Norman and Sharon Timmerman  
Dean and Keitha Thomson  
United Way of Nebraska City Inc.  
Valley County Health System Foundation  | Pender-Thurston  
William H. and Erma C. Damme Donor-Advised Fund,  
Nemaha County Development Fund  
Bennet  
Crofton, Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund  
Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund  
McCook  
Boone County  
Shickley  
Boone County  
Thedford  
Nebraska City  
Norfolk  
Shickley  
McCook  
Byron  
Burwell  
McCook  
Nebraska City  
Nebraska City  
Valley County Health System Endowment Fund  |

$5,000 to $9,999
Farn Credit Services of America  
Richard and Darlene Walter  
Midwest Bank  
Tri-County Bank/Schmaderer Family  
Bob and Michelle Dudley  
Lloyd and Elizabeth Benjamin  
Jeff and Catherine Hermance  
Tobe and Robyn Duensing  
Aurora Agronomy  
West Holt Medical Services Foundation  
AmFirst Bank  
Monsanto Fund  
U.S. Bank Foundation Grants Program  
Community Hospital  
Christensen Brozek Falts PC  
Jay and Susie Wolf  
James Bradford, Jr.  
Ron McMillen Memorial  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.  
Leon and Jana Wichman  | Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund,  
Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Fund,  
Byron, Craig  
Shickley, Chester  
Byron, Deshler, Norfolk  
Atkinson, Holt County Economic Development Fund,  
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers Association Fund,  
Stuart, Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Fund  
Norfolk  
McCook  
Keith County  
Byron  
West Holt Medical Services Endowment Fund  
McCook, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund  
Friend, Red Cloud, Valley County  
Columbus  
McCook  
Norfolk  
Boone County, Wheeler County  
Norfolk  
Cheyenne County  
Byron, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund  
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Dekalb Seed  
Pioneer / Dupont  
Dale Tinstman  
Springlake Development  
Kurt and Jerene Kruse  
The Phelps County Community Foundation  
Joe D. and Susan B. Strahm  
Stowell & Geweke, P.C., LLO  
Renee and Jim Adkisson  
Clay Clark  
Craig and Carol Thompson  
Jeff and Becky Gerhart  
CoBank  
Duane and Lineea Kubik  
John and Jayne James  
Gerald and Cheri Beckenhauer  
Sandhill Equipment Inc.  
Jerry W. Wurtele LLC  
Larry and Karen Larson  
Dr. and Mrs. Walter Chace  
Artice Fells Trust  
AGP Ag Processing Inc.  
Robert A. & Betty Ann Briggs  
Joan Dawson  
Kathryn A. and Stephen P. Duffy  
Emma M. Easterday Memorial Fund  
Steve and Patricia Fox  
Michael L. and Ellen J. Frey  
Iron Works Inc.  
II.CA Inc.  
Korf Investments Ltd.  
Robert and Myrna Krohn Family Foundation  
Maxwell Agri Service LLC  
Jerome and Nancy Maxson  
Niels and Virginia McDermott  
Kenneth O’Hare Farms  
Leonard and Shirley Peters  
Region V Systems  
Robert and Becky Reinke  
Rolling Stone Feed Yard LLC  
Spagnuolo - Fox Family  
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  | Chase County Hospital Endowment Fund  
Arnold  
Arnold  
Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund,  
Tinstman Family Donor-Advised Fund  
Damkroger Family Fund  
Boone County  
Plattsmouth  
Bertrand  
Pender-Thurston  
Burwell, Valley County  
Brown County  
McCook  
Blaine County  
Newman Grove  
Maywood Public School Foundation Fund, Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund  
Pender-Thurston  
Nebraska City  
McCook  
Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund, Rock County  
Nebraska City  
Pender-Thurston  
Laurel  
Don and Artice Fells Fund  
Nebraska LEAD Program Foundation Fund  
Valley County  
Nebraska City  
Deshler  
McCook  
Boone County  
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Boone County  
Brown County  
Burwell  
Brown County  
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ServeNebraska Fund  
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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**June 30, 2014 and 2013**

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<td>Cash and temporary cash investments</td>
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<td>Funds held in escrow</td>
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<td>16,173,418</td>
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<td>72,120,380</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
<td>92,577</td>
<td>63,925</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$98,799,219</strong></td>
<td><strong>$83,594,920</strong></td>
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<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Funds held for agencies</td>
<td>$6,002,421</td>
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<td>Accrued payroll liabilities</td>
<td>44,163</td>
<td>41,307</td>
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<td>Accrued other liabilities</td>
<td>161</td>
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<td>Unearned revenue</td>
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<td>Gift annuities payable</td>
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<td>956,851</td>
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<td>Long-term obligation payable</td>
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<td><strong>$5,941,449</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Unrestricted, undesignated</td>
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<td>Unrestricted, board designated</td>
<td>308,319</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities and net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$98,799,219</strong></td>
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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**For the Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013**

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<td>Revenue and support</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$41,866,968</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>60,432</td>
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<td>Net unrealized and realized gains</td>
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<td>Actuarial gain/(loss)</td>
<td>(65,495)</td>
<td>9,827</td>
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<td>Administrative fee revenue and reimbursements</td>
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<td>1,039,059</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue and support</strong></td>
<td><strong>50,836,212</strong></td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>Program services</td>
<td>34,843,776</td>
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<td>1,692,182</td>
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<td>170,722</td>
<td>166,340</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>36,706,680</strong></td>
<td><strong>22,321,804</strong></td>
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<td><strong>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,129,532</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,430,362</strong></td>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>$77,653,471</td>
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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td><strong>$91,783,003</strong></td>
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The financial statements of the 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.
ASSETS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
of the Nebraska Community Foundation with its Affiliated Funds

Total Assets
(in millions)

Endowed Assets
(in millions)

Grants and Distributions
(in millions)

Number of Contributions Per Year
To NCF and its Affiliated Funds
These wise words, spoken by community development pioneer John McKnight, ring especially true in Nebraska.

We have hard-working, generous people – the ingredients for success in every community. Nebraskans also have a sometimes unrealized asset – intergenerational wealth. If given philanthropically, it becomes a catalyst to realize our dreams.

Nebraska Community Foundation’s 2011 Intergenerational Transfer of Wealth Study estimates that more than $600 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in Nebraska within 50 years. Some will go to taxes. Most will go to heirs, many of whom no longer live where the wealth was built up over a lifetime.

We ask all Nebraskans to think of their hometown as another child. We urge friends and neighbors to trust in their close relationships and speak openly about planning an estate gift back to their hometown.

If only a small portion of intergenerational wealth were shared with the communities that supported us throughout our lifetimes, our hometowns would have abundant resources to invest in ways that build progressive and prosperous futures for our children and grandchildren.

Today, Nebraska Community Foundation has 270 planned gifts, conservatively estimated at $48 million, to benefit our communities. This is impressive, but we must do much more in the immediate future. We must act now because in more than half of our counties the peak years for wealth transfer are happening right now, during this decade.

Nebraskans are some of the most generous people in the nation. We must let everyone know that there are many convenient and powerful ways they can give back and be cherished long after their lifetimes.