



NEW HORIZONS

2023-2024 Annual Report



Director's Letter

Supporting what we love in Phelps County has never been more evident. The decision by the PCCF Board of Directors to proceed with the 2024 give2Grow signifies more than just continuing a fundraising opportunity for our nonprofits. This decision was made after listening to our community and embracing the shared vision of growth, community engagement, and the unwavering spirit of giving back in Phelps County.



When I first joined PCCF in 2008, its assets were nearly \$8 million.

Fast-forward to today, and after the annual audit, PCCF has over \$30 million in assets! This incredible growth is due to the support of generous donors, dedicated board members, and hardworking staff who are all committed to advancing PCCF's mission

As we look forward to the upcoming year, the PCCF competitive grant process will move to an online platform. This change will simplify the process for both grantees and reviewers. The transition will be finalized, and the platform will be ready to receive applications beginning on July 1, 2025.

Stepping into the new role of executive director at PCCF fills me with immense gratitude and enthusiasm. I am genuinely excited to build upon past successes and lead PCCF towards the exciting new horizons that lie ahead.

With gratitude,

Lacy Chapman, Executive Director

President's Letter

The Phelps County Community Foundation has been in existence for nearly fifty years. When I think back to the people who had the vision and foresight to see what an organization like this could do for the people of Phelps County, I am amazed. They would be very proud of the legacy they started and what it has become.



It's easy to pat ourselves on the back for what has been accomplished in the past but the real challenge for us today is to look ahead to new horizons to see how much more we can accomplish in the future!

In September we appointed Lacy Chapman to fill the role of Executive Director. Lacy has worked for the foundation for 16 years and was the perfect choice to lead us on to those new horizons. With her leadership, we are planning to explore some new programs and revive successful prior programs while continuing with Give2Grow, scholarships, grants, and various other funds.

For those of you who might not be familiar with PCCF, it is governed by a 12-member board of directors who represent the communities and rural areas of Phelps County. They are each eligible to serve two, three-year terms. As a board member it is rewarding to see how generous the citizens of Phelps County are and how many lives are touched through PCCF.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several individuals:

- The entire community and donors — without your generous support PCCF wouldn't exist.
- The current staff: Lacy, Patty, and Shannon for keeping the office running smoothly.
- Our past board president, Charlie Reeser, the other out-going board members, and all current board members.
- Former Executive Director Kara Faber.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead PCCF to new horizons.

2024 President, Grace Grove



SAVE THE DATE!
give2GROW 2024
THURSDAY, 11-14-24



Amount Raised in 2023:

\$1,140,508

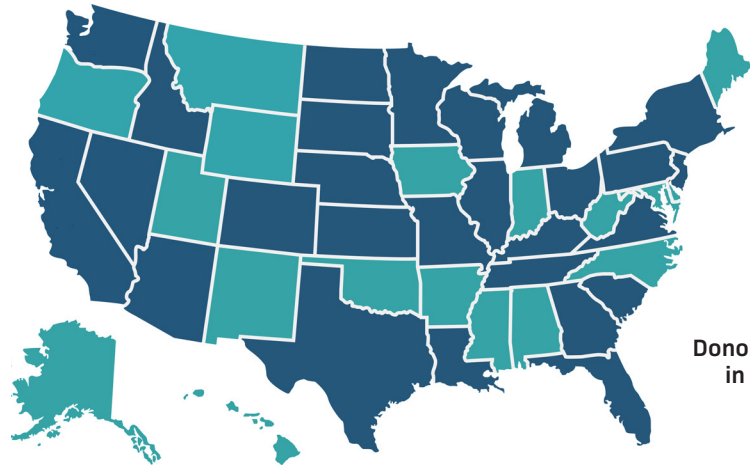
85 Participating Organizations

Total Raised Since give2GROW Began

\$9,549,665

TOP 10 ORGANIZATIONS '23

- Legacy Christian School — \$214,651
- Don Sjogren Community YMCA — \$79,358
- South Central Area Recovery — \$52,747
- Tassel Coordination Council — \$41,298
- Midtown Sculpture Garden — \$41,708
- Nebraska Prairie Museum — \$41,384
- Phelps Community Pantry — \$35,674
- Christian Charity Fund — \$34,367
- Holdrege Animal Shelter/Rescue — \$32,365
- Christian Homes Care Community — \$29,300



Donor states in blue

DONORS FROM 27 STATES!

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

DONORS FROM 60 NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES!

Alma, Anselmo, Atlanta, Ashland, Axtell, Beaver City, Bertrand, Brady, Brule, Bruning, Cambridge, Columbus, Cozad, Doniphan, Eagle, Edison, Elkhorn, Elm Creek, Elwood, Eustis, Fremont, Friend, Funk, Gibbon, Gothenburg, Grand Island, Harrisburg, Hastings, Heartwell, Henderson, Hildreth, Holdrege, Indianola, Johnson Lake, Kearney, Kenesaw, Lawrence, Lincoln, Litchfield, Loomis, Lynch, Minden, Mullen, Naponee, Nebraska City, Nelson, North Platte, Omaha, Orleans, Overton, Oxford, Red Cloud, Republican City, Scottsbluff, Seward, Smithfield, Stromsburg, Wilcox, Willow Island, York.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 MAJOR SPONSORS!





Scholarship Helps Trompke Pursue Pilot Dream

Wes Trompke, a 2023 Loomis High School graduate, is soaring toward his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot. He is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University (OSU) majoring in professional piloting and thriving in one of the nation’s top flight programs.

“So far, it’s been awesome,” Wes said. “It’s been everything I ever dreamed of. Since I can remember, I’ve always wanted to be a pilot.”

His education is supported by the 2024 Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship, one of the many scholarship funds held at the Phelps County Community Foundation. The scholarship is an honor that holds personal significance for Wes.

“I was really excited to receive that scholarship,” Wes said. “It helps me out a lot, and I felt really happy that I could represent Mike’s name and pursue anything in the aviation world around him.”

Although Trompke never met Mike Lane, he knew of him through family connections. Mike Lane (1969-2007) was a respected aircraft mechanic and Holdrege native, known for his passion for aviation and adventure. He graduated from Holdrege High School in 1988 and graduated with honors from Cheyenne AeroTech in Wyoming. He worked as an airline mechanic in Oakland, Calif.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Chicago. He died unexpectedly on Nov. 25, 2007.

Wes has built a strong relationship with



Wes Trompke (left) — 2024 Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Mike’s brother, Jeff Lane, who lives nearby in Tulsa and has provided guidance and mentorship in his aviation journey.

“Jeff’s a really good guy, and he’s helped me a lot,” Wes said. “He’s a pilot and director of operations for a corporate flying service out of Tulsa, so when I was working on my private license, he gave me pointers and helped me prepare for my tests.”

Wes is the son of Carrie and Justin Trompke. He developed a passion for aviation from his father, who also has a pilot’s license.

“I’ve always just loved to fly,” Wes said. “The thrill of flying has always been fun, and I’ve

always liked to learn things with my dad.”

Wes, who already holds a private pilot’s license, is now working on additional certifications, including his instrument rating and commercial licenses. He’s considering a career in corporate or private flying but is also intrigued by the crop-dusting industry after gaining experience with Nebraskaland Aviation in Holdrege this past summer.

“There’s a lot of opportunity in the pilot world,” he said.

Wes said he loves Phelps County and is hopeful that someday he can return to the area to live and work.



PCCF Grants Save Lives With New EMS Radios

Phelps County Emergency Management Services received a much-needed boost to its communication capabilities, thanks to a generous grant from the Phelps County Community Foundation. PCCF grants helped purchase state-of-the-art Motorola APX 8000 dual-band radios to improve communications during critical situations.

Tori Johnston, Phelps County's Deputy Emergency Manager, said the new radios became necessary when some law enforcement agencies switched to digital radios.

Before the new radios, Phelps County's volunteer fire departments relied solely on analog signal radios, which limited their ability to communicate with departments that had transitioned to digital systems. This left EMS, fire, and emergency management teams unable to hear vital communication from law enforcement while responding to emergency calls. Instead, they had to rely on dispatchers to relay information.

"This left our EMS and Fire and Emergency Management departments in the dark when responding," Johnston said.

The new radios have other life-saving advantages in rural areas

and when communicating with law enforcement agencies outside Phelps County.

"The signal on the digital system is much better and stronger," Johnston said. "There are times when calls are in the rural areas of a pasture, which have very little signal, and to speak with law enforcement or dispatch all you would hear is static. In a moment's notice, it is hard to reach for a cell phone when in full bunker gear to get additional help if needed."

With the PCCF grants and other funding, 16 radios were purchased and distributed among fire chiefs, assistant chiefs, and assistant unit captains at volunteer fire departments in Holdrege, Bertrand, Loomis and Funk. Two radios were retained for the Phelps County Emergency Management Department.

The new radios have already made a lasting impact on Phelps County's emergency response capabilities, ensuring that first responders can communicate efficiently, safely, and effectively. With stronger signals, cross-agency coordination, and real-time communication with law enforcement, radios are now a crucial tool in keeping the community safe.



Above left: Funk volunteers Robert Stoner and Greg Vandell. Above right: Bertrand volunteers Allen Wissman, Kevin Stehl and Brian Schroeder. Bottom, Holdrege volunteers Kent Matousek, Robert Johnston, Dustin Nantkes and Dallas Roemmich.





CHILDREN CURRENTLY
RECEIVING BOOKS

277

CHILDREN GRADUATED
FROM PROGRAM

159

To be eligible for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, children ages five and younger must live at an address with one of the five USPS zip codes in Phelps County. If your child qualifies, scan the QR code below to register online or contact the Phelps County Community Foundation office.



SIGN UP

Free Book Program Inspires Love of Reading In Local Kids

The Phelps County Community Foundation continues to be a local program partner with The Dollywood Foundation to bring Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program to Phelps County. Children registered in the program receive a free book in the mail each month until they turn five. The last book a child receives when they “graduate” from the program focuses on preparing them for kindergarten.

Carson Ward, 5, of Holdrege was one of the first participants of this program when PCCF brought it to Holdrege.

His mom, Jessica, said Carson was excited to have a package arrive in the mail each month with his name on it.

“It’s usually just mom and dad who got mail, but he was so excited to open his own mail,” Jessica said.

His excitement continued when he opened a new book just for him.

“We have a lot of books, but a lot of them are hand-me-down books from his older brother,” Jessica said. “These were nice because they were brand new to him. It gave him a variety of books instead of just the same all the time.”

Jessica said reading is important to her, and she believes the book program instills a love of reading in kids at a young age.



Imagination Library “graduate” Carson Ward

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library was launched in 1995 and is considered the world’s preeminent early childhood book-giving program. The Phelps County Community Foundation brought the program to Phelps County in May 2021.

If you are interested in supporting the Imagination Library locally, please give to the fund during give2GROW or anytime throughout the year.



PCCF GRANTS

City of Holdrege

\$50,000 — Baseball/softball complex

Educational Service Unit #11

\$2,750 — Equipment for CSI mobile STEM lab

Holdrege Public Schools

\$1,386 — Lyrik portable audio system

Phelps County Emergency Management

\$34,238 — 16 dual band radios
for Phelps County fire departments

Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department

\$3,333 — Electric stair chair, scoop stretcher and PediMat

Christian Charity Fund

\$1,000 — Quick Response Grant, gas cards

Central Community College Foundation, Inc.

\$500 — Central NE Regenerative Ag Conference Sponsor

WOMEN'S GIVING GROUP GRANTS

Don Sjogren Community YMCA

\$1,000 — Bounce House

Iron Horse Arts District

\$4,000 — Photo contest & public art display

Legacy Christian School

\$500 — White board

Holdrege Area Public Library

\$400 — Women's History Month speaker

Christian Charity Fund

\$3,000 — Operating support

Mount Calvary Childcare

\$500 — Shelving unit for daycare

Holdrege Memorial Homes

\$3,000 — Projector for assisted living



A Women's Giving Group grant helped launch the new Iron Horse Arts District photo contest. The contest will take place annually in the spring.

ROY W. & MARY L. PEARSON CHARITABLE FUND GRANTS

Holdrege American Legion Baseball

\$20,000 — Dugouts and sunshade

Don Sjogren Community YMCA

\$3,500 — Bounce House

Holdrege Memorial Homes

\$40,000 — New windows in resident rooms

Phelps County Emergency Management

\$30,000 — Dual band radios for Phelps County fire departments

Holdrege Fire Department

\$5,000 — Electric stair chair, scoop stretcher, PediMat

Holdrege Public Schools

\$2,101 — Lyrik portable sound system

Holdrege Public Library

\$322 — Edgerton Explorit Center & Fontanelle Forest program



GIFTS RECEIVED & GRANTS AWARDED

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

Community Impact Fund
(PCCF's Unrestricted Fund)

\$1,063,574

Designated Funds

\$2,435,618

Donor Advised Funds

\$101,114

Field of Interest Funds

\$67,879

Fiscal Sponsorship

\$98,795

Scholarship Funds

\$70,032

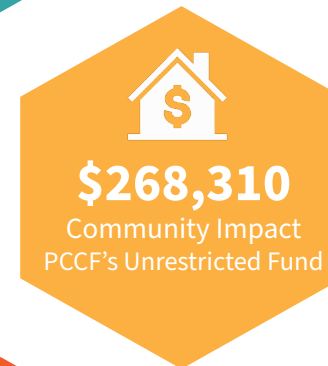
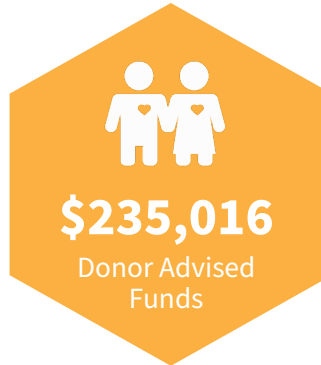
Unrestricted Funds

\$1,358,798

Total Gifts Received

\$5,195,810

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED



All gifts received and grants awarded between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (AUDITED)

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents.....	\$101,712.....	\$122,047
Investments	\$22,900,229.....	\$21,767,827
Prepaid Expenses	\$25,812.....	\$20,047
Property & Equipment.....	\$291,234.....	\$317,347
Other Assets.....	\$7,369,619.....	7,270,044
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$30,688,606.....	\$29,498,112

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$872.....	\$503
Grants Payable	\$60,000	\$78,800
Scholarships Payable	\$211,424.....	\$211,850
Other Liabilities	\$13,726.....	\$20,195
Amounts Held for Benefit of Others	\$8,431,233.....	\$7,871,743

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Scholarships Payable	\$45,500.....	79,250
Grants Payable.....	\$10,000.....	\$70,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,486,733.....	\$8,332,341

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions.....	\$7,624,862.....	\$5,096,680
With Donor Restrictions.....	\$14,577,011.....	\$16,069,091
Total Net Assets	\$22,201,873.....	\$21,165,771
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	\$30,688,606.....	\$29,498,112



Congratulations to the 2024 PCCF Scholarship Recipients!

58 STUDENTS AWARDED A SHARE OF \$170,725 IN SCHOLARSHIPS!



CHLOE ANDERSON

Loomis High School — 2024
Forrest & Violet Morrison Leadership
Scholarship — \$1,000
Francis M. Ebmeier Scholarship — \$1,000
Phelps Co. High Demand Jobs — \$4,000

Wayne State College,
Elementary Education/Coaching Endorsement



HOPE ANDERSON

Holdrege High School — 2021
HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500
Youth Golf Scholarship — \$1,000

UNK, Business Administration



ALISSA AREHART

Loomis High School — 2024

Walter J. & Elsie E. Stark Memorial
Scholarship — \$500

Wayne State College, Elementary Education



ETHAN BERG

Holdrege High School — 2024
Bill Vandell Memorial Scholarship — \$300
Holdrege Teammates Ray Ruybalid
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Holdrege Teammates Ron Uribe
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Holdrege Teammates Scholarship — \$1,000

UNK, Health Sciences (Biology/PA)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



ALEXIS BILLETER

Loomis High School — 2021

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$1,000

UNK, Elementary Education

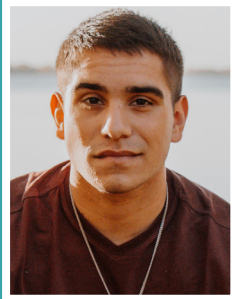


CLAYTON BOHR

Loomis High School — 2024

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

Fort Hays State University, Animal Nutrition



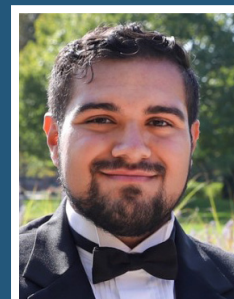
GABRIEL BOJORQUEZ

Bertrand High School — 2024

Dorothy Swanson Lewis
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Verner & Mildred Vinzant Scholarship — \$800

UNK, Exercise Science

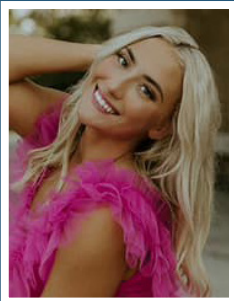


SAMUEL BOJORQUEZ

Bertrand High School — 2020

PCCF Scholarship IMO
Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp — \$1,500

UNK, History Education 7-12



ASHLEA BOOE

Loomis High School — 2024

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$3,000

Fort Hays State University,
Elementary Education



ANN BOSE

Southern Valley High School — 2024

Orleans High School Scholarship — \$500

Hastings College,
Elementary Education



KAMDEN BOSE

Southern Valley High School — 2024

Orleans High School Scholarship — \$500

UNL, PGA Golf Management



SIERRA BURROWS

Holdrege High School — 2007

PCCF Nontraditional Student Scholarship — \$1,500
Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$1,000
Howard F. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship — \$1,250
Harry & Evelyn Dahlstrom Scholarship — \$1,000
AAUW Scholarship — \$664.71

UNO, Library Science

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



CHASE CASPER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024

LaMonte Woollen Scholarship — \$1,000

Southeast Community College, Beatrice
Diversified Agriculture



MCCARTNEY ELLIOTT

Holdrege High School — 2022

Joan Titus Swan & Jane Waller Titus
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$1,000

PMHC Miriam Fastenau Memorial — \$500

Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial — \$1,250

UNK, Pre-Pharmacy

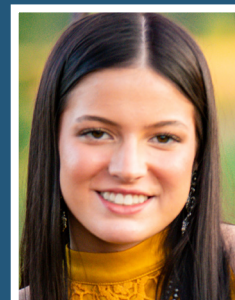


MAXINE FICKENSCHER

Axtell High School — 2024

Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,250

UNO, Marketing & Entrepreneurship

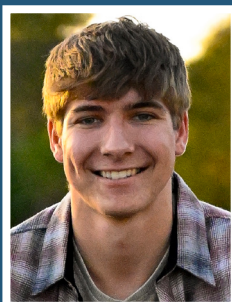


ALEXA GOOSIC

Franklin High School — 2024

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000

Central Community College Hastings,
Radiology Technology



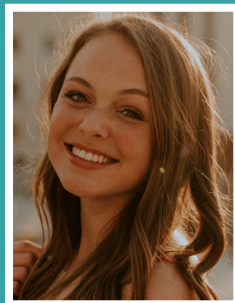
SAMUEL GRUWELL

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000

LaMonte Woollen Scholarship — \$1,000

Southeast Community College Beatrice,
Diversified Agriculture



DELANEY HAM

Holdrege High School — 2022

Bruce Hilsabeck Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Chad Bailey Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

UNO, Social Work



AMY HANCOCK

Axtell High School — 2006

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$3,000

Central Community College Kearney,
K-12 Special Education



JERSIE HERMANSON

Loomis High School — 2023

Atlanta Community Club — \$500

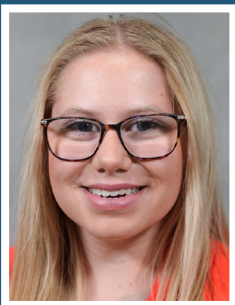
Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller
Titus Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Patrick Family Scholarship — \$1,000

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$3,050

UNK, Pre-Radiology

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024

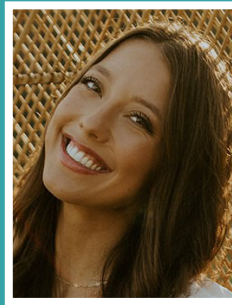


CAROLYN HILL

Holdrege High School — 2022

Clifford, Marian & Michael Barnes
Memorial Scholarship — \$10,000

UNK, Interior Design &
Construction Management



AVERY HURLBERT

Holdrege High School — 2024

PCCF Scholarship — \$1,500

UNL, Undecided



KAITLYN JEWETT

Holdrege High School — 2024

M.J. Nelson Science Scholarship — \$500

Kansas State University, Chemistry

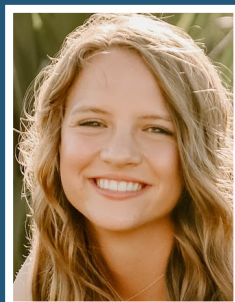


JEREMIAH JOHNSON

Holdrege High School — 2022

Roger D. Olson Agricultural
Scholarship — \$1,000

UNL, Agricultural Economics

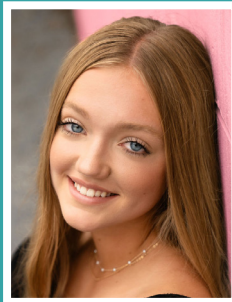


MAKAYLA JOHNSON

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Parker Sturgis Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Wilcox Area Community Foundation — \$500

CCC Hastings, Business Administration

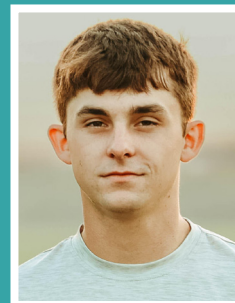


CHLOE JONES

Holdrege High School — 2024

Chad Bailey Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Rod Smith Educational Scholarship — \$1,000

UNK, Education

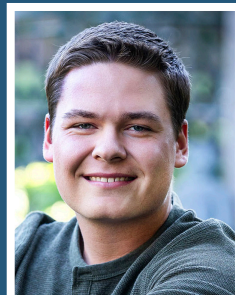


GRANT KAHRs

Franklin High School — 2024

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000

Fort Hays State University,
Construction Management



BRAYDEN KEFFELER

Holdrege High School — 2024

DiAnn S. Harris Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Holdrege Memorial Homes Scholarship — \$1,000
Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Rodney E. Forsberg Memorial — \$1,500

UNK, Medical Laboratory Science

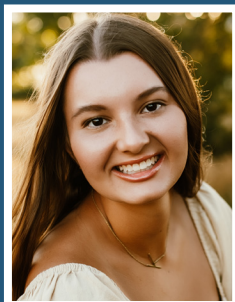
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



KEYA KNAUS

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024
Clive E. & Charlotte E. Lantz Scholarship — \$459.59
E.L. Lindsay Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Lamoine Johnsen Retired Employee
Scholarship — \$500
Wilcox Area Community Foundation — \$500

UNK, Nursing



KELSEY KOMENDA

Holdrege High School — 2024
Adam Harrahill Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Dr. Marvin Monson Memorial
Holdrege Young Farmers Scholarship — \$500
Marty Damrow Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Robert R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
VFW Post 1365 Agricultural Scholarship — \$350
SCC Beatrice, Ag Management & Production



ELIZABETH KUGLER

Bertrand High School — 2024
Harvey E. & Marguerite Sandstrom
McDowell Scholarship — \$500
Concordia University, Public Health & Fitness



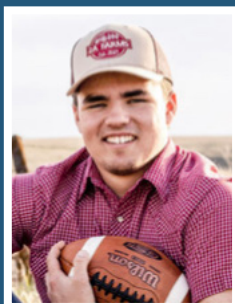
SAID LOPEZ

Bertrand High School — 2024
Arnold & Olive Wallander
Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000
UNK, Business Administration



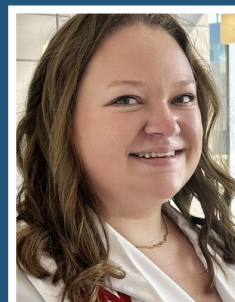
MORGAN MANLEY

Bertrand High School — 2024
Arnold & Olive Wallander
Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Central Community College, Hastings
Early Childhood Education



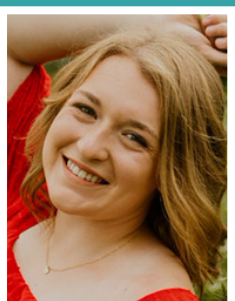
ALEK MOLZAHN

Alma High School — 2024
Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000
Northeast Community College,
Agribusiness



MADelyn MOORE

Holdrege High School — 2020
Gary W. Kaup Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Joan Titus Swan & Jane Waller Titus
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
PCCF College Student IMO Ivan &
LeonaBelle Kipp — \$1,500
PMHC Service League Scholarship — \$500
UNMC, Pharmacy



ADDISON OVERHOLSER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024
J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Lenore High Morrison
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Otis E. & Dora P. Mundell Scholarship — \$4,000
CCC Kearney, Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



ANNA PELTON

Bertrand High School — 2021
Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$1,000
Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller
Titus Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

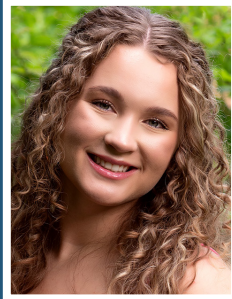
Oral Roberts University, Psychology



BETHANY PELTON

Bertrand High School — 2024
Emily Swenson Memorial Scholarship — \$20,000
Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Scholarship — \$500
Verner & Mildred Vinzant Scholarship — \$800

Oral Roberts University, Undecided



MORGAN PFEIFER

Holdrege High School — 2024

Irene Anderson Scholarship — \$800

UNL, Elementary Education

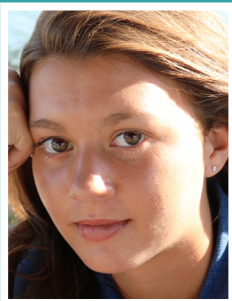


SADIE PRITCHARD

Franklin High School — 2024

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000

UNL, Business Administration



ISABEL RABURN

Holdrege High School — 2024
Curly Geer Scholarship — \$1,000
HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500
Skallberg Family Scholarship — \$1,000
Holdrege Rotary Scholarship — \$1,000

Northeast Community College, Undecided



KAYLA RUPE

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024
DeLaun Rupkalvis
Memorial Scholarship — \$2,500
Ron Lush Ag Scholarship — \$1,000

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture,
Livestock Management/Production



ALIXANDRIA RUSSELL

Holdrege High School — 2024

HHS Class of 1965 Scholarship — \$2,000

UNK, English as a Second Language



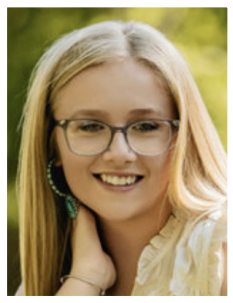
SAMANTHA SCHEMPER

Loomis High School — 2021

PCCF College Student Scholarship
IMO Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Loomis — \$1,500

UNK, Elementary Education

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



ALLYSON SCHOFF

Bertrand High School — 2024

Arnold & Olive Wallander
Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

SCC Beatrice,
Animal Management & Production



CARLY STEWART

Loomis High School — 2024

Mary Jean Anderson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Kansas State University, Animal Science

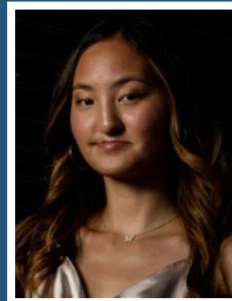


HANNA SWEARINGEN

Holdrege High School — 2023

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$3,000
RoDonna Harden Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Fort Hays State University,
Elementary Education/Special Education



ALEXIS KING SWEENEY

Loomis High School — 2024

PCCF Scholarship Loomis — \$1,500

University of Miami,
Biology or Marine Biology



WESLEY TROMPKE

Loomis High School — 2023

Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Oklahoma State University, Professional Pilot



ZANE VEAL

Holdrege High School — 2024

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500
Jess & Willa Keifer Scholarship — \$1,000

UNK, Elementary Education



REECE VINZANT

Bertrand High School — 2023

Earl & Caroline High Scholarship — \$4,000

Chadron State College, Pre Physician Assistant



SYDNIIE VOICHOSKIE

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2018

Bernard & Edith Youngmark
Scholarship — \$1,000

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$3,000
PMHC Service League Scholarship — \$500

UNMC, Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024



TREY WEAVER

Holdrege High School — 2024

Nellie Cole Scholarship — \$800

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$5,000

Northeast Community College,
Electrician



CHARLI WELLS

Holdrege High School — 2024

Braden Badertscher

Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500

Linda Lum Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

William & Marge Richards Scholarship — \$2,000

West Texas A & M University, Biology



GRACIANNE WILCOX

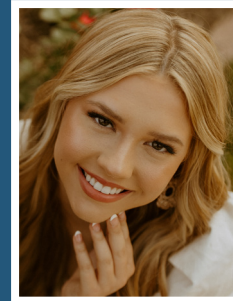
Bertrand High School — 2024

Bill Vandell Memorial Scholarship — \$300

PCCF Scholarship Bertrand — \$1,500

Theodore C. & Minnie C Swanson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,200

CCC Hastings, Ag Business



MAYCEN WILSON

Holdrege High School — 2024

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$2,000

UNK, Elementary Education



COLLIN YOUNG

Holdrege High School — 2024

PT Leland Gaffney

Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Northeast Community College,
Electrical Technician



MADISON ZADE

Alma High School — 2024

Delia Brugh Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000

Hastings College, Business & Finance



Attention High School Seniors and College Students!
Mark your calendars. The 2025 PCCF scholarship applications
open **DECEMBER 1** and are due **FEBRUARY 15**.

Contact Lacy Chapman at lchapman@phelpsfoundation.org, call the
PCCF office at 308-995-6847 or scan the QR Code for more information.





PCCF Welcomes Three New Board Members

PCCF extends a heartfelt thank you to Liz Mattson, Charlie Reeser, and Craig Philips for their years of dedicated service on the PCCF board. We are grateful for their commitment and contributions, which have made a lasting impact on our community.

The foundation welcomes three new board members. As of July 1, Rick Bergman, Mike Leffler and Aaron Long have officially joined the PCCF Board of Directors, and we look forward to the fresh ideas and enthusiasm they will bring to our mission.

Rick Bergman

Rick Bergman, a Phelps County farmer and Pioneer Seed dealer from north of Holdrege, said the foundation “is a great organization and a tremendous asset to the community.” Eager to support in any way he can, Rick has been a long-time donor and believes in the positive impact the foundation has on the area.



In addition to his new volunteer role with the foundation, Rick serves on the Southern Public Power District board of directors and is actively involved in leadership at Holdrege Evangelical Free Church.

He and his wife, Julie, have four children and 14 grandchildren.

Mike Leffler

Holdrege resident Mike Leffler spent most of his career in California in investment and mortgage banking. The Phelps County native never thought he would return to the area, but he is happily retired where there’s less traffic and more fresh air.



Leffler helped start the South Central Area Recovery center in

Holdrege and saw first-hand how helpful PCCF was to that process and to the community in general.

“When I was given an invitation to join the board, I knew what the foundation had done on the scholarship side and how the staff assisted SCAR, and I thought I could further that mission at PCCF and see if we can be more aggressive and explore new areas in the community,” Mike said.

He has a heart for helping those most vulnerable and at-risk in the community. He is excited to work with the other board members to “further the mission, have an open heart and an open mind, and give back to the community in any way.”

Mike and his wife, Ellen, have two children and two grandchildren.

Aaron Long

Aaron Long of Bertrand has been involved with PCCF as the organization’s insurance agent, and now he will be more involved as a board member.



Aaron is a sales executive at FNIC (First National Insurance Company). He specializes in crop insurance but also sells commercial insurance.

He is no stranger to volunteering. He served as the president of the Bertrand School Booster Club for nine years and has been serving as the treasurer for the Hi-Line golf course in Bertrand for 14 years.

He has seen first-hand the positive impact of PCCF through its annual giving day (give2GROW) and looks forward to learning more about the foundation’s grants and donor-advised funds.

“I’m really excited about learning more about the foundation,” he said. “I knew about it from writing insurance throughout the years, but I didn’t know how involved it is.”

Aaron and his wife, Pam, have one son who is 24.

PCCF STAFF 2024



Lacy Chapman
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Director



Patty Freburg
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Shannon Kruback
Administrative
Assistant



Taylor L'Heureux
Legal
Counsel

NEW COUNSEL: PCCF would like to welcome Taylor L'Heureux as its new Legal Counsel. Taylor is a native of O'Neill, where her dad helped establish a community foundation. She earned her juris doctorate from the UNL College of law in 2014. She is a partner in the Holdrege firm DeWald Deaver L'Heureux. She and her husband, Kip, live in Holdrege and have five children ranging in age from 1-9.

PCCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-24



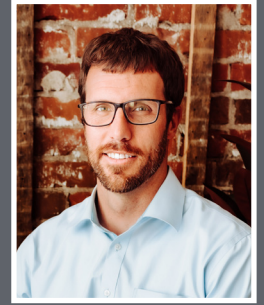
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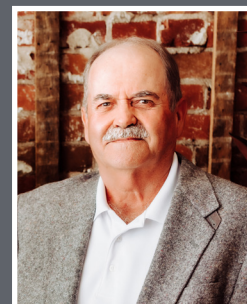
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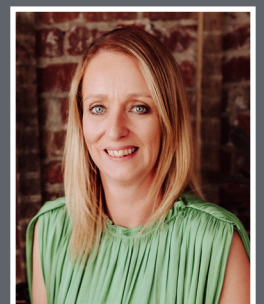
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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Phelps County Community Foundation is to encourage and provide opportunities for charitable giving, to manage and distribute funds in a responsible manner and to enhance the quality of life for people in Phelps County.

WEBSITE REFRESH

We have updated our website! Find all the details about scholarships, our mission and history, grants and other news and events on our refreshed site.



Scan the QR code to go directly to the website or visit phelpsfoundation.org

