

GROWING *THE* GOOD



Phelps County Community Foundation

ON GOOD GROUND



Growing is an area in which Phelps County truly excels. Whether it is the crops filling the rich farmland, the livestock being raised by local producers, businesses with innovative ideas, or our children, if you plant them in Phelps County, there is no doubt they will thrive. The Phelps County Community Foundation is no exception.



When the seed for PCCF was planted in 1976 by Irene Anderson, a remarkable visionary donor, the idea of a community foundation was likely a foreign concept to many. In true Phelps County fashion, once planted, PCCF flourished and continues to grow and succeed today. This growth has been possible only by the support of donors, past and present, who believe in the power of Phelps County now and in future generations.

We sincerely hope you enjoy this annual report and learning about just a few of the ways PCCF grows the good in Phelps County.

Warm regards,

give2Grow Yields Abundant Harvest for Non-Profits

Give2Grow is a 24-hour fundraising campaign that brings together people who care with the causes that matter to them.

This event helps area non-profit organizations reap an abundant harvest to boost their ability to serve. Last year's event raised money for kids to attend camp at the Don Sjogren Community YMCA, to finish a new bronze sculpture at the Holdrege Public Library and to supply food to area school children through Backpack Blessings.

The 2018 event was the seventh in PCCF's history. Because of the generosity of donors, PCCF has distributed more than \$4.4 million to local non-profits throughout the history of give2Grow.



2018 give2Grow Results

Date: November 15

Number of Non-profits participating: 73

Total amount raised: \$624,441

Organizations With Highest Donations

- Don Sjogren Community YMCA
- Christian Homes Care Community
- Holdrege Memorial Homes
- Citizens for Bronze Art
- Prairie Home Cemetery

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Central Valley Irrigation
 Chris and Caroline Erickson
 Mary Anna Anderson
 Cambridge Advisors
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 John and Wendy Skallberg
 Richard and Sue Waller

Scholarships Allowed Warning Time for Studies, Involvement

When Lindsay Warning graduates from college this winter, it will be without much debt thanks to the Phelps County Community Foundation and its scholarship donors.



Lindsay graduated from Holdrege High School in 2015 and has earned \$15,875 in scholarships over the course of her five years of studying to become a K-12 art teacher at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She is currently student teaching at Dundee

Elementary and Benson High School in Omaha.

“These scholarships have been a godsend for me,” Lindsay said. “Not only did they allow me to be able to focus more on my school work and activities, they are also helping me graduate with less debt. As we know, teachers are in the career path for the outcome, not the income, so I will not be able to pay back debt as quickly as people

of other professions may be able to. With these scholarships, I am able to have less debt. I also feel more justified with the career path I chose to take because I was given more time to be able to work on my profession rather than having to work my college experience away.”

Because of the scholarships, Lindsay focused on her studies and was highly involved in college, including spending three months in Europe in UNK’s Czech Republic semester Study Abroad. She also served as a Resident Assistant (RA) and on the boards of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Student Chapter at UNK and the Nebraska Art Education Association (NATA) board. She was also involved in the Navigators Christian Organization and regularly attended its Bible study and large group service.

She earned a spot on the dean’s list all semesters of college, was selected as a Loper Leader and was selected for a Student Spotlight by the professors of the UNK Department of Art and Design for being an outstanding student.



Art by Lindsay Warning

Many of the scholarships Lindsay received were established by the families of former educators, including RoDonna Harden, James VanMarter, Rod Smith and Joseph Buettner. This past year, Lindsay was the first recipient of the Ron Uribe Memorial TeamMates scholarship.

“I cannot thank PCCF enough for all that they have given me and that doesn’t mean just the scholarship funds,” she said. “PCCF allowed me the chance to have a college experience that best prepared me for my future career. Instead of having to stress about financial obligations and miss out on school events because of work, I was able to fully throw myself into my profession. I am forever grateful to be a part of this community and a recipient of PCCF scholarships.”

Five New PCCF Scholarships Honor Memories of Loved Ones

Through the generosity of many donors over the years, the Phelps County Community Foundation can nurture the lives of local students through scholarships. As of the spring of 2019, PCCF has 76 scholarship funds available to students who graduate from Phelps County high schools and students from the surrounding area.

Scholarships make it possible for local students to further their educations while allowing families to also honor the memories of loved ones.

Donors established five new scholarships through PCCF in 2018-19.

Clifford, Marian and Michael Barnes Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established through an estate gift of nearly \$805,000 and is for graduates of either Holdrege High School or Central Valley High School (Greeley, Neb.) who have completed two years of college and are majoring in either the fine arts or architecture. This scholarship will be offered starting in 2021. Clifford Barnes graduated from North Loup High School in 1941 and served in the U.S. Army in WWII. His wife, Marian, was a graduate of Holdrege High School and after living in Colorado for several years, their family relocated to Holdrege

in 1975. Their son, Michael, graduated in 1971 from the University of Colorado-Boulder with a degree in fine arts and obtained his master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in architecture in 1974. He was a designer in New York City before moving to Los Angeles in 1988 where he continued his design work.

Holdrege TeamMates Ron Uribe and Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarships: Ron Uribe taught at Holdrege High School for 34 years. He had a passion for education and mentorship. Ray Ruybalid was the face of the Holdrege tennis program since he accepted the coaching position in 1992. He touched the lives of all students who came to know him. Both of these scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors or graduates of Holdrege High School who were involved in TeamMates. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled or planning to enroll full time in any college, technical or trade school.

Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller Titus Memorial Scholarship: Jane Waller Titus held a nursing degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was working on her master's degree when she passed away. Joan Titus Swan was raised in Holdrege and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in home

CULTIVATING SUCCESS

101 scholarships totaling \$181,250 were awarded to 56 students in 2019

economics and textiles. After working in Kansas City after graduation, she returned to Nebraska in 1950 and married Norris Swan in 1952. She was a tireless community volunteer, active in her church and had a passion for libraries, education, reading and the arts. This scholarship was established by the Swan Family and is for graduates of any Phelps County high school who have completed their first year of post-secondary education and are working toward a degree in any medical or healthcare related field. Preference is given to students returning to Phelps County after graduating.

Curly Geer Scholarship Fund: Carrol "Curly" Geer was a 1945 graduate of Holdrege High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Rite Way Milk Transfer from 1948 until his retirement 57 years later. This scholarship is available to graduates of Holdrege High School attending a technical or trade school full-time.

Inspiring Arts & Supporting Local Achievers

When Loomis graduate Christianna Marcy wanted to introduce local students to the magic of theater and spur in them a passion for the arts, the Phelps County Community Foundation made it happen.

PCCF gave \$750 from the Board Discretionary Fund to fund a week-long summer theater camp organized by Christianna Marcy and Julia Young in June 2019.

Christianna graduated from Loomis High

School in 2018 and is attending Dordt University in Iowa. She is double majoring in elementary and special education.

“Participating in theater at Dordt University made me realize theater has a role for everyone,” Christianna said. “There are designers, directors, house managers, actors, stage managers and supporters. Everyone has a gift to give in theater. This foundation that everyone has worth was something I wanted to share.”

Christianna and Julia created a quality theater camp that gave 16 students entering grades 4-7 insight into the joy of rehearsing, designing and performing. The students auditioned on Monday and after a week of practicing, they performed “Jack, Jill, and the Beanstalk” for friends and family.

Christianna said the PCCF grant allowed them to focus more on the students than on finances. The grant covered costumes, supplies, performing rights, snacks and lunch on Friday. It was also used as

a scholarship for any students who could not afford the \$50 tuition fee.

And, it gave them the encouragement they needed to proceed.

“More than the financial contribution, the PCCF grant reminded me that the community supported us,” Christianna said. “The encouragement from the foundation gave us confidence. Phelps County Community Foundation was the wind in our sails.”

In addition to PCCF, Loomis Public Schools also partnered with Christianna and Julia by housing the camp.

Both girls said they are grateful for the experience and the impact the program made.

“My favorite part of the camp was watching the students rise,” Julia said. “When we took away their scripts, they memorized the show to their amazement. I loved seeing their confidence in their work.”

Christianna said she is excited that these students will be the future of arts in our community.



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TOTAL GIFTS & SUPPORT

Community Impact Fund
(PCCF's Unrestricted Fund)
\$119,167

Designated Funds
\$1,007,195

Donor Advised Funds
\$344,205

Field of Interest Funds
\$43,914

Scholarship Funds
\$1,034,134

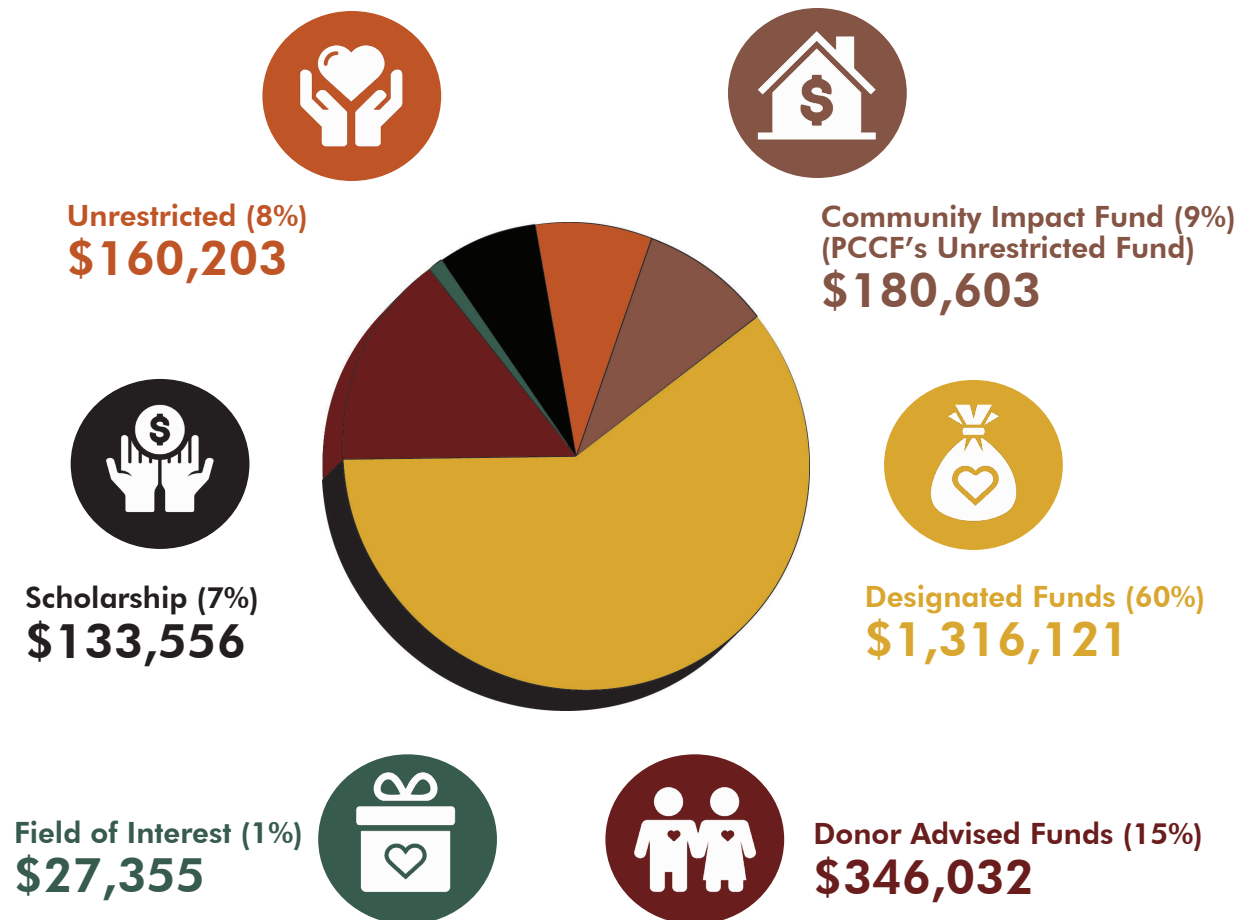
Unrestricted Funds
\$152,839

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$2,701,456

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED BY FUND TYPE

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

\$2,163,870



Unrestricted (8%)
\$160,203



Community Impact Fund (9%)
(PCCF's Unrestricted Fund)
\$180,603



Scholarship (7%)
\$133,556



Designated Funds (60%)
\$1,316,121



Field of Interest (1%)
\$27,355



Donor Advised Funds (15%)
\$346,032

Farmer Grows Giving Ability With Gifts of Grain

Phelps County agricultural producer Mary Kay Lyon has found a unique and simple way to donate to her favorite charities, including her church, through the Phelps County Community Foundation.

Mary Kay, who has been farming for more than 35 years, said she started giving to the Phelps County Community Foundation through give2Grow.

“From there, I started reading many articles that talked about the merits of a producer being able to give gifts of grain rather than cash,” she said.

“By not having to pay taxes, you can give more!”

Farmers who donate grain to a charity don’t claim that grain as income. They are essentially giving the donation pre-tax.

“By not having to pay taxes, you can give more,” Mary Kay said.

A farmer in the 24 percent tax bracket and gives \$1,000 cash will have already paid \$240 in taxes on that gift. However, the gift of grain is given before the tax is assessed, so the charity receives the full \$1,000.



Mary Kay Lyon

Mary Kay visited with former PCCF Executive Director Vickie Klein about her options for giving grain. She decided to proceed with the gifts of grain and also set up a donor-advised fund.

“That way I can give a donation of grain to the foundation and then I can direct the foundation as to how to disburse that to the charities of my choice through the donor-advised fund,” she said.

Mary Kay said the process is simple. She delivers her grain to CHS and notifies the co-op to donate it to PCCF. She then notifies

PCCF of the gift, and PCCF then sells the grain and receives the donation as cash to Mary Kay’s donor-advised fund.

From the donor-advised fund, Mary Kay can contribute to charities of her choice during give2Grow or anytime during the year. The only stipulation is that the donation be sent to a qualified non-profit organization.

Mary Kay can even make donations to her local church, Holcomb Evangelical Free Church, through her PCCF donor-advised fund.

PCCF Honors Dedicated Community Volunteers

The Phelps County Community Foundation board of directors gives Random Acts of Kindness Grants at various times throughout the year to individuals, groups and organizations who go above and beyond to enhance the lives of people in Phelps County.

PCCF started awarding these grants in 2014. There is no application. Grants are awarded based on a recommendations from a PCCF board or staff member.

In 2018, a Random Act of Kindness grant was awarded in honor of Bob and Phyllis Vandell of Funk for their long-term volunteer efforts in their church, the Funk community and the Phelps County Historical Society/Nebraska Prairie Museum.

Another Random Acts of Kindness grant was awarded to Jim Wagner for his dedication and service to the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department for more than 60 years. The donation was gifted to the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department in his honor. Jim served as the Holdrege fire chief from 1970 to 2015.

Previous Random Act of Kindness Grants awarded were:

- Phelps County Historical Society — Bill Perry
- PCHS/Geneology — Sandra Slater
- Mount Calvary Caring Cupboard — Deloris Schneider
- Bertrand Young at Heart Senior Center — Leland Anderson
- Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack — Beth Schneider/Lori Anderson/Rotary Club of Holdrege
- Salvation Army — Murray Jones
- Phelps County Community Pantry — Murray Jones



Bob & Phyllis Vandell, front right



Jim Wagner, third from left front



The Phelps County Community Foundation was established in 1976 with a generous gift from the Irene Anderson estate. It is the third oldest community foundation in the state. With aggressive and creative volunteer board members, the foundation grew from assets of \$300,000 to almost \$1 million in the first five years. Today, the foundation has assets of more than \$21 million.

PCCF Condensed Statement of Financial Position (Audited) For July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$90,219
Investments	\$14,212,654
Notes Receivable	\$127,639
Prepaid Expenses	\$5,667
Property & Equipment.....	\$362,076
Other Assets	\$6,504,051
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,302,306

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$704
Grants Payable.....	\$195,650
Scholarships Payable.....	\$196,350
Other Liabilities	\$9,726
Amounts Held for Benefit of Others	\$4,957,365
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Scholarships Payable)	\$79,750
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,439,545

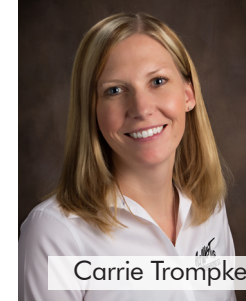
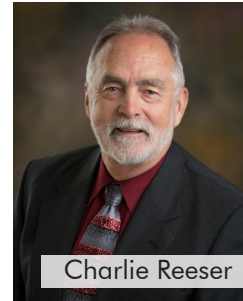
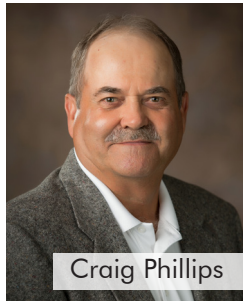
NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions.....	\$6,137,209
With Donor Restrictions.....	\$9,725,552
Total Net Assets.....	\$15,862,761
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	\$21,302,306

LEADERSHIP

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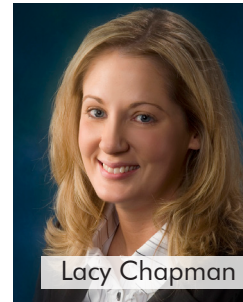
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OUR MISSION

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.