



2022 NEWSLETTER VOLUME 2

OUR VISION

Enhance Keith County’s ability to grow as a community where people want to live, work, learn, have fun, and prosper.

OUR MISSION

Provide leadership

that promotes collaboration, cooperation and partnerships within the Keith County community

Encourage charitable giving

to build endowments and other community-focused funds

Provide stewardship

in partnership with Nebraska Community Foundation that provides guardianship and investment of funds

Make impactful grants

addressing community needs and opportunities through high-impact, sustainable grant-making

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Message From Our CHAIRWOMAN



Greetings to our Keith County Friends and Neighbors,

The first minutes of the Keith County Foundation Fund were recorded in March of 2001. Twenty years later, in 2021, the KCFF was privileged to distribute \$327,600 to Keith County nonprofits and projects.

Over the past 20 years, dedicated Fund Advisory Committees (FACs) have been vigilant stewards of the unrestricted endowment and we are so grateful to the

individuals who had the foresight to initiate the forming of the KCFF. We applaud the founders and the many philanthropic individuals who have donated to the fund and entrusted the FAC to decide how the money is given, guided by our mission and vision statements. The fund allows flexibility for future opportunities and will continue to grow and benefit Keith County forever!

Mindful of the great responsibility entrusted to us, our FAC has been building on the visioning sessions composed of interested community members. The sessions were implemented through the cooperation of Keith County Area Development, NE Public Power District, and KCFF. Our FAC is concentrating on *Housing, Early Childhood Development, and First Impressions*, the three identified areas of most need. Thank you to all the dedicated citizens who have come forward to work on these areas and to the above organizations for working together to bring the sessions to fruition. It is very gratifying to see so many like-minded people coming together to make our community a better place to live.

Building on growth and prosperity, a recent study by Nebraska Community Foundation is educating Nebraskans on the enormous *Transfer of Wealth* that is happening now in our state. NCF estimates, in this 10-year period in Keith County, \$565 million will transfer from one generation to the next. Their suggestion to consider leaving just five percent of your assets to a local church, school foundation, or community foundation would make an incredible difference. Five percent of \$565 million would capture \$28 million dollars to benefit Keith County. With our mobile society, many times all the assets leave the community, and even the state, as dependents move away from their hometowns. NCF reminds us, “Once our wealth leaves the community, it is gone forever. Once our wealth is *endowed* in our community, it is here *forever*. The time to act is now—the opportunity will never be greater!”

I truly believe we all want our communities to thrive. Let us continue to work together for that common goal. I have witnessed residents of Keith County working to make their communities better! When one does well, we all do well. We cannot be everything for everyone so let us lift up neighboring communities and all work together to highlight assets of each area. Jeff Yost, NCF President and CEO, penned an article for the Omaha World-Herald in June 2022. Yost believes that three I’s build hometowns: *Imagination, Innovation, and Invitation*. Let us challenge ourselves to *invite* and welcome potential residents to our community, encourage current residents to share their ideas, use our *imaginations* to dream big dreams, and use *innovation* to implement them! ■

Angie Kolste | *KCFF Chair*

2021 KCFF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Lemoyne Senior Center	\$2,500
NE West & Optimist Club	\$10,000
Wild Horses Building Champions	\$12,500
Keith County Historical Society	\$25,000
NE State Historical Foundation	\$10,000
Keith & Arthur Food Pantry	\$15,000
Trails West CASA	\$7,150
Mid-Plains Community College	\$5,000
Keith County Housing Development	\$40,000
Youth Inspired Philanthropy	\$5,150
Big Give Matching Grant	\$40,000
Keith County Housing Development	\$87,500
Keith County Area Development	\$50,000
Ogallala Regional Arts Council	\$1,800
Kathleen Lute Library Replacement	\$10,000
Keep Keith County Beautiful	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$327,600

Fiscal Year Ending – JUNE 30, 2022

General Fund	\$132,767
Scholarships	\$162,686
Ogallala Library	\$279,286
FAC Endowed	\$8,594,367
Paxton Library Fund	\$12,033
Brule Cemetery Fund	\$9,634
Ogallala Arts Endowment	\$9,577
Legacy Account	\$1,842,091
Holzfaster Board Endowment	\$39,739
Berryman Education Account	\$204,276
Big Give	\$46,570
Payout Account	\$333,060
Ken Schimonitz	\$237,910
Kathleen Lute Public	
Library Replacement	\$235,800
Michael Holzfaster	\$99,915
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$12,239,711



Abundance in KEITH COUNTY



Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than \$100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In 50 years, that number exceeds \$950 billion. This phenomenon has come to be known as the intergenerational transfer of wealth.

What is the transfer of wealth? Simply put, the transfer of wealth represents Nebraska's potential. It's the entirety of assets expected to transfer from one generation to the next in the coming 50 years—mostly from parents to their children. There is always a transfer from generation to generation, as parents pass away and leave their estates to their heirs. But if those successors no longer live where they grew up, that wealth may leave as well. Importantly, many Nebraska counties (including Keith County) are approaching or are already in the midst of their peak transfer years. In other words, there is real urgency to act now. The opportunity will never be greater.

Why 5%? We believe our Nebraska hometowns can thrive if only 5% of the transfer of wealth is contributed to community endowments through charitable giving. Over the next 10 years, that's \$5 billion—in the next half-century the figure balloons to \$47.5 billion. Think of what our communities could achieve with that amount of money!

If you love the place you call home, this is your opportunity to enrich its future. Would you consider leaving 5% of your assets to your community? Your gift will help ensure your family's legacy and help your hometown thrive. Visit www.fivetothrivene.org for more information on the transfer of wealth and the many ways to give. ■



**AFFILIATED FUND
ENDOWED ASSETS**

\$11,981,175

As of June 30, 2022



**CONFIRMED
PLANNED GIFTS**

7

**Totaling \$450,826
to be endowed**

10-YEAR TOW
\$565 million



5% OF 10-YEAR TOW
\$28 million

Growing **OUR OWN**

Miah Hoppens, Keith County Foundation Fund 2022 Hometown Intern, has a lot of ideas. But more importantly, she puts in the work to make those ideas realities. When she began her summer internship, she wasn't entirely comfortable with the unstructured freedom of the job. But after a couple of weeks, she found that the agency and leeway she had been given made her believe in herself and what she could accomplish. With each success, she felt validated and taken seriously.



The Hometown Intern Program, facilitated through Nebraska Community Foundation, offers college students career-building opportunities and connections to their hometown. Interns are guided by Fund Advisory Committee members who supervise and mentor them, focusing on projects specific to their local community goals and personalized to the interests and skillsets of each intern.

Hoppens' summer internship included traveling the state, learning how Nebraska towns have transformed themselves by addressing small-town challenges through innovation, connection, and unconventional solutions. Keith County projects she undertook included promoting the Mid-Plains Community College Keith County Youth Entrepreneurship Competition; working with Keith County Area Development (KCAD) by surveying local businesses about Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (E3); advocating for a youth-led podcast; and continuing the asset mapping of residents around Lake McConaughy initiated by last year's KCFF intern, Rachel Orth. Hoppens and Orth also wrote a series of articles which were published in the Keith County News.

The highlight of Hoppens' summer came when she presented the idea for a new entrepreneurial position to the board of KCAD. Hoppens pitched the benefits of a new employee who would spearhead growing the Keith County entrepreneurial community, connect businesses to available resources and build a mentor network for local entrepreneurs. She said the ripple effect of so many people being touched by her work gives her goosebumps.

"I like being part of the solution instead of just complaining," Hoppens said. She said her internship experience has been 100 percent positive. She didn't realize it when she started with KCFF, but now she knows she can be a mover and a shaker. She has demonstrated she can make a positive difference in her community. After completing her education, Hoppens wants a career and a life in western Nebraska. ■

Youth Inspired **PHILANTHROPY**

The second year of the Youth Inspired Philanthropy program (YIP), featured six impactful projects, implemented by a host of Keith County youth. Led by Barb Jeffres and Mary Jensen, each group was awarded up to \$1,000 to carry out their project to make a positive difference in Keith County.

- The **NEBRASKA WEST VOLLEYBALL GROUP** applied for a grant to complete last year's idea to build sand volleyball courts. The net system and out-of-bounds systems will finish their master plan.
- **UPLIFT UNLIMITED** by Alexis Gerih helped to support those living in the nursing home in Keith County by distributing holiday cards and treats for staff and residents.
- The **FOOD PANTRY PROJECT** was carried out by Collins Cone, who collected money and food donations to help stock the local food pantry.
- The **AQUA POOL ACCESS CHAIR PROJECT** was implemented by the Ogallala High School Interact Club. They purchased a waterproof wheelchair for the new splash pad, making it accessible to everyone.
- The Ambassadors from Prairie View School, placed a **BUDDY BENCH** on the playground. Rules for the bench and a book explaining its purpose were given to all grade levels at the school.
- The Ogallala FFA group used their funds for the **KEITH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LANDSCAPE PROJECT**. The north area of the building was cleaned up and landscaped.

The Fund Advisory Committee of KCFF thanks all the youth, their mentors, Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Jeffres for making our community a better place.

Improving First IMPRESSIONS

First Impressions, (curb appeal), was identified as a top priority for Keith County during the 2020 Community Vision Planning sessions facilitated by Keith County Area Development and KCFF. The following projects have been accomplished in Ogallala with grant support from KCFF.



Horse tank planters were placed in the Downtown Alleyway Park this past spring.

A new mural was completed on the west wall of the Underpass Bar and Grill. The mural committee felt the design created a connection with Keith County's historic past and Lake McConaughy.



Hanging baskets of bubblegum petunias were installed on downtown lamp posts.

New hard, native-species shrubs and plants were planted by the "Welcome to Ogallala" mural by the overpass.



Memorials and Gifts to OUR LEGACY

Contributions and Memorials received from December 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022

Brule Cemetery Fund

Draucker Funeral Home, Ogallala
G. Hinrichs
P. Patterson
Prairie Hills Funeral Home, Ogallala
Tickle Funeral Services, Ogallala
John Van Velson, Brule

Cliff & Ruth Hermance Scholarship Fund

Anonymous
Eileen Elles, Lone Tree, CO
Jeff Hermance, Suwanee, GA
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program, Princeton, NJ
United Health Group, Minneapolis, MN

Collister Park Improvement

Anonymous
Five Block, LLC, Ogallala
Mick Moul's Modern Builders, Ogallala
Gary & Sherry Schreiner, Ogallala

Kathleen Lute Library Replacement

Adams Family 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Ogallala
Lute Family Foundation, Ogallala

Kenneth F. Schimonitz Scholarship Fund

Kenneth F. Schimonitz Estate

Library Endowment

Maxine Kolste, Ogallala
Mary Lou Wade, Crosby, TX

Library General Account

Courtney Schulz, Brule
Charles Smith, Fort Collins, CO
Lawrence Smith, Houston, TX
Western Library System, Scottsbluff

Ogallala Children's Library Account

Berrell & Lisa Albee, Lewellen
Beta Sigma PHI, Ogallala
Kevin & Linda Block, Ogallala
Scott & Tanis Brogden, Ogallala
Brule Community Improvement, Brule
Norvin & Jean Elmshaeuser, Ogallala
Educational Service Unit 16, Ogallala
Firespring Foundation-Givesource, Lincoln
First United Methodist Church, Ogallala
John & Deb Frates, Brule
Sean & Megan Hanson, Ogallala
Mary Lou Heelan, Ogallala
Bruce & Mary Jensen, Ogallala
Evan & Laura Kemp, Ogallala
Andrea Meismer, Paxton
Ogallala Big Mac Kiwanis, Ogallala
Ogallala Optimist Club, Ogallala
PEO Sisterhood Chapter HI, Ogallala
James Persinger, Ogallala
Robert & Bonita Pierce, Ogallala

Rotary of Ogallala
Bonnie Taylor, Ogallala
Villager Club, Brule

General Fund

Anonymous
Larry Cumming, Lincoln
Ingold Farms, Inc., Ogallala
Kay Gamet, Ogallala
Joshua Hoover, Ogallala
Richard & Constance Johnson,
Ogallala
Maxine Kolste, Omaha
Fred Lierley, Paxton
Hugh & Peggy Oelschlager,
Omaha
Clarke and Pamela Morrow Trust,
Los Angeles, CA
Patrick & Donna Pelster,
North Platte
Pinnacle Bank, Ogallala
Sue Schilz, Lemoyne
Rita Shimmin, Ogallala
Jerry & Candice Snow,
Colorado Springs, CO
21st Century Equipment, Ogallala,
Western Prairie Hospice, Ogallala
Neil & Julie Williams, Ogallala
Wolf Automotive Center, Kimball

Legacy Endowment

Michael & Pamela Abbott,
Ogallala
Lane Anderson, Lemoyne
Daryl Brown, Brule
Pat Cooley, Lemoyne
Chester Dalzell, New York, NY
Joan M. Dudden Charitable Trust,
Ogallala
Jon Holzfaster, Paxton
Iowa Council of Foundations,
Des Moines, IA
Sheila Mitchell, Ogallala
Todd Neill Insurance Agency,
Ogallala
Sue Schilz, Lemoyne
Sherwood Foundation Fund
Douglas & Joanne Teaford,
Ogallala
Joe Thomas, Lemoyne
Scott & Mary Weber, Ogallala

In Memory of Mary Lynn Callen

Fred & Jean Staehr, Jackson, WY
Legacy Endowment
Janice Brogan, Ellsworth
General Fund

In Memory of Wayne and Marilyn Fickes

Susan Arndt, Oshkosh
Merlin & Janet Zoucha, Sr,
Oshkosh
General Fund

In Memory of Jack Pollock In Honor of Beverly Pollock

Andrew Pollock, Pleasant Dale
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Justin Beckius

Teri Elmshaeuser, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Roger C. & Mildred M. Smith

Charles Smith, Fort Collins, CO
*Ogallala Library General
Account*

In Memory of Kenneth Howard

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Jean Rumer

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Harold Edwards

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Wilma Hopken

Matt Hopken, Fort Collins, CO
Ogallala Library Endowment

In Memory of Rosanna Nass

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Phyllis Bailey

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Pauline Hart

Henry & Connie McLeod,
Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Norma Swanson

Taffy Richardson, Kearney
Ann Stewart, Memphis, TN
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Dorothy Beeken

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Norman Nelson

John & Kay Gamet, Ogallala
General Fund

In Memory of Tom Hansmeier

Mary Hansmeier, Ogallala
General Fund

In Memory of Dave Nelson

John & Kay Gamet, Ogallala
General Fund

In Memory of Joyce Austin

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Ron Grapes

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Kermit Brockmoller

Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

In Memory of Mel Adams

Terry Annable, Ogallala
General Fund
Kathleen Lute, Ogallala
Ogallala Library Endowment

In Honor of Carole Reese

Susan Reese-Miller,
Cincinnati, OH
*Ogallala Library General
Account*

In Memory of Joan Dudden

Michael Kuskie, Colorado
Springs, CO
Ogallala Library Endowment
Joan M. Dudden Charitable Trust,
Ogallala
*Kathleen Lute Library
Replacement Endowment*

In Memory of Rose Grigsby

Lane & Kerri Anderson, Lemoyne
General Fund

In Memory of Mike Welsh

Michelle Douglas, Omaha
Legacy Endowment
Doris Hinkle, Indian Hills, CO
Hermance Scholarship Account
John & Karen Janovy, Lincoln
Bill & Karen Peterson, Surprise, AZ
General Fund

In Honor of Jeff Welsh

John & Karen Janovy, Lincoln
General Fund

In Memory of Ken Hagge

Missy Force, Scottsdale, AZ
*Ogallala Children's Library
Account*
Michael & Pamela Abbott,
Ogallala
General Fund
Legacy Endowment
Lane & Kerri Anderson, Lemoyne
Ron & Betty Anderson, Ogallala
Steve & Theresa Barry, Ogallala
Janell Beveridge & Terry, Paxton
Daryl & Jo Brown, Brule
Larry Callen, Windsor, CO
Norman & Lorraine Clouse,
Ogallala
Gerald & Mindy Dealey and
Charlie & Bev Anderson,
Ogallala

Dr. Ruth & Dennis Demmel,
Ogallala

Kim & Greg Dyas, Paxton
Elizabeth Haines, Englewood, CO
John & Sue Hardessen, Kearney
Jeff & Lynette Headley, Marilee
& Bobby Perlinger, Judy Curtis,
Ogallala

Lori & Bill Holmstedt, Paxton
Ralph & Beverly Holzfaster,
Paxton

Bruce & Mary Jensen, Ogallala
Jeff & Kadi Jensen, Brule
Jim & Donna Knothe, Paxton
Tim & Lindsey Krab, Ogallala
Terry & Leanna Kramer, Ogallala
Kathleen Lute, Ogallala
Tom Malone, Ogallala
Jim & Patty Meismer, Paxton
Dave & Shelly Olson, Ogallala
Carol & George Packard,
Ogallala

Jim & Dorothy Ratliff, Ogallala
Jeanne Rezac, Ogallala
Jayna SchAAF & Cameron Craig,
North Platte
Dennis & Susan Schilz, Lemoyne
Julie, Dave, & Michael
Schwasinger, Ogallala

Ken & Christine Snyder, Paxton
Mark & Pam Spurgin, Ogallala
Peggy Thalcken, Ogallala
Chuck & Rhonda Theiler, Ogallala
Lindley & Molly Thompson, Elsie
Bonnie Weber, Ogallala
Dr. Scott & Mary Weber, Ogallala
Rod & Barb Wolf, Ogallala
In Memory of Alberta Berry
Wel-Life Assisted Living, Ogallala
Legacy Endowment

KCFF Lifetime Legacy Endowment Donors since 2003

Platinum (\$25,000 or more)

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Adams Bank & Trust
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Margaret A. Boesiger Living Trust
Callen, Larry & Mary Lynn
Draucker Funeral Home
Draucker, Jerry & Barbara
Dudden, Dick & Joan
Joan M. Dudden Charitable Trust
Duhachek, Eric
Holzfaster Farms
Holzfaster, Ralph & Beverly
Johnson, Terry & Gwen
Keith Co. News/Legacy Challengers 2003
Lockhart, Kevin & Elise
Peter Kiewit Foundation
Pinnacle Bank, Ogallala
Pollock, Jack & Beverly
Prophet Systems Innovations -
Kevin Lockhart
Kenneth F. Schimonitz Gift
Thalken, Jim & Peg
Western Prairie Hospice

Gold (\$5,001 – \$24,999)

21st Century Equipment, Ogallala
Bauer, Brad, Bonnie, Dan, & Rachel
Bechtel, Guy & Bonnie
Gamet, Kay
Hagge, Ken & Dot
Halligan, Clint & Joanie
Hollmann, Ron & Nancy
Holzfaster, F. Jon
Hovendick, Jacob & Meagan
Jack Pollock Memorial
Jim Thalken Memorial
Johnson, Bergmeier, Wolf & Cipperley, CPA's, PC
Kolste, Bart & Angela
Kolste, Maxine
K Cattle Co.
MCO Farms Inc.
McQuillan, Jim & Karen
McQuillan & Wendell, PC LLO
Midtown Motors/Fuller & Assoc. -
Fuller, Doug & Linda
O'Donnell, Kevin & Molly
Perlanger, Mark & Debbie
Peterson, Pete & Jonnie
Plate, James & Becky
Plummer Farms - Tom & Verla Plummer
Prange, Jim & Deb
Reiselman, Bernard
Sagehorn, Elliott & Ruth
Schilz, Dennis & Susan
Schreiner, Gary & Cherry

Shimmin, Rita
Snyder, Ken & Chris
Speck, Jerry & Joan
Spencer, Berl & Barbara
Summers-Zoellner Ford LLC
Teaford, Doug & Jo
Ward, Randy & Ellen
Weber Family Dentistry -
Scott & Mary Weber
Wolvin, Ron & Lucille

Silver (\$1,001 – \$5,000)

Anderson, Lane & Kerri
Bank of Paxton
Bonner, Lou & Barb
Brown, Daryl & Jo
Buenz, August R. & Jane T.
Buenz, John
Callen, Jim
Cole, Doug & Jerri
Crook DDS - Jon & Geraldine
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Elmshaeuser, Jake & Teri
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Gilg, Dan & Deb
Haines, Carl & Elizabeth
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Hansmeier, Tom & Mary Ann
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Headley, Jeff & Lynette
Hilderbrand, Chuck & Roberta
Holscher, Gene & Delores
Holyoke, Sharon
Hovendick, Kirk & Laurie
Howard, Ken & Dorothy
Humphreys Auto Supply
Jellison, Tanya
Jensen, Bruce & Mary
Johnson, Richard & Constance
Knispel, Cliff & Shirlee
Lane & Williams PC
John Lund Insurance - Lund, John
Lute, Kathleen
Marquis, John & Pam
McQuillan, James
McQuillan, Michael & Shelly
Meisner, Gerald & Barbara
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Mitchell, Arlin & Sheila
Most, Donal
Most, Tyler
Moul, Mick & Davanne

Clark & Pam Morrow Trust
Nowak, Tim & Judy
Ogallala Rotary Club
Ogallala Tour & Travel
Paloucek, John & Julie
Patricia A. Rhoades Estate
Ricketts, J.
Roberts, Stan & Lynn
Roeser Farm & Ranch - John Roeser
Ruzanic, Rod
Sestak, Robert & Kimberly
Snow, Jerry & Candice
Spurgin, Mark & Pam
T & C Service Center - Dave Barrett
Thomas, Joe & Gerri
U-Save Pharmacy
Welsh, Mike & Karen
Williams, Neil & Julie
Wolf, Rodney & Barbara

Bronze (\$1,000 or less)

Anderson, Charlie & Bev
Anderson, Ron & Betty
Armstrong, Karen S.
Armstrong, Darlene
Arterburn, Sherrel
B & C Leasing Company
Barry, Steve & Theresa
Bassett, Buck & Jacque
Bayside Golf LLC
Bazata, Mary
Beal, Gregory
Richard & Ruth Beckler Estate
Berglund, Edward & Mary
Beveridge One LLC -
Beveridge, Janell
Blank, Don
Bluhm, Kristine
Brase, Mark & Beth
Bristol, Steve & Tammy
Brogan, Janice
Brunswig, Lucille
Buda P.C., Tony
Jack Buettenback Memorial
Butterfield, Michael
CSA, Inc.
Callen, Charles & Vickey
Center for Rural Entrepreneurship -
Don Macke
Chada, David
Christensen, Jeanne
Chrome River LLC
Clark, Anne
Clear Channel
Clouse, Norman & Lorraine
CoBank
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Bronze.....continued

Collins, Bob & Pam	Heinert, Seth	McLeod, Connie	Sandhills State Bank
Cone, Ryan & Tracy	Herbel, Ann	Mears, Wendell	Schaaf, Jayna & Craig, Cameron
Conner, James & Christine	Hill, Vicki	Meier, Claire	Schenken, T Parker & Alanna
Cooley, Burdette & Pat J.	Hiltibrand, Suzy	Miller, Troy & Danene	Schilz, Kenneth & Debra
Culp, Gerald	Holmstedt, Lori & Bill	Meismer, Jim & Patty	Schilz, Steve & Amy
Cumming, Larry & Mary	Holscher, Gene	Mills, Jack & Norma	Schmidt Motors, Inc. - Schmidt, Ron
Curry, Robert	Holscher, Kelly & Pam	Mary E. Mitchell Trust	Schulz, Courtney
Curtis, Judy	Holzfastner, Tim & Deb	Molitor, Leon & Margie	Schwartz, Robert
Dalzell II, Chester & Marion	Hubbard, Joe	Moore, Frances	Schwasinger, David & Julie
Davis, Brad	Iowa Council of Foundations	Morrell, Bud & Kim	Scott, William
Davis, Doug & Marie	J3 Ranch	Morris, Lisa	Seacrest, James
Davis, Ken	JJL Inc.	Mueller, Martin & Bonnie	Shelter Insurance Agency
Davis, Terry & Jan	Jensen, J.C. & Jana	Mueller, Charles & Molly	Sexson, Milton & Laura
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Dobesh, M.E. & Dorothy	Jensen, Zada	Nebraska Print Works	Smith, Norman
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Dowson, Stephen & Trudy	Johnson, Melvin	Nelson Agri. Corp.	Speck, David
Douglas, Michelle	Johnson, Steve	Nelson, Nettie	Speck, Minako
Draucker, Barbara	Keith County Ag. Society, Inc.	Nielson, Jean	Stæhr, Jean
Draucker, Craig & Traci	Keith Co. Chamber of Commerce	Nielson, Roger	Steenburg, Ed & Monica
Dyas, Kim & Greg	Kildare Lumber Company	Nordhausen, Errol & Patty	Steinke, Jerry & Virginia
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Edgar, Bob	Kiolbasa, Brenda	O'Connor, Bill & Mary Alice	Suchy, Mary Ann
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Eichner, Lavern	Knott, Tim & Shelley	Ole's Big Game Steakhouse	T & A Alignment Inc.
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Family Medical Center PC	Krajewski, Anthony	Packard, Carol & George	Title Services of the Plains, Inc.
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Gewecke, Mari	Larington, Lance & Carlene	Pollock, John & Kathy	Dale Wee, DC PC
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Goertz, Chris	Linch, H.J. & Donalene	Pollock Jr., James	Welch, Allison
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Good Air, Inc.	Loeffler, Michael & Dana	RHL Construction	Welsh, Clifford
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Peter Kiewit Foundation Partners with Big Give to **EXPAND IMPACT**

The success of the 2021 Keith County Big Give got the attention of the Peter Kiewit Foundation. Their mission, “to build engaged citizens and thriving communities,” is nearly a perfect match to the mission of the Keith County Big Give organization, “to make Keith County a better place to live, work and play.” To further both missions, the Peter Kiewit Foundation encouraged the Big Give committee to submit a grant request. The result was a partnership between Keith County Big Give and the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

The goal is to expand the impact of the Big Give and make it more sustainable. The Big Give committee will hugely expand their marketing efforts and the Peter Kiewit Foundation will fund that effort.

Peter Kiewit provided \$10,000 for administrative expenses in 2022 to be matched by \$10,000 for administrative expenses from the Keith County Foundation Fund. They further provided \$15,000 for an advertising campaign to be matched by local sponsors. Both matching requirements were achieved, and the result was an advertising campaign. “In my totally biased opinion, the campaign should have made everyone in Keith County aware of the Big Give 2022 effort,” said Big Give Chair, Ken Snyder.

In addition, the second part of the grant continues the partnership through 2023 with \$10,000 for administrative expenses and \$15,000 for advertising. In total, that is a \$50,000 grant from the Peter Kiewit Foundation. The Big Give committee feels that two years of advertising at this level will make such an impression to establish the Big Give as part of the fabric of the community.

The committee wishes to thank the Peter Kiewit Foundation for their support and partnership to expand the Big Give campaign. ■



Building a Better Community Through **THE BIG GIVE**

Once again, the Keith County Big Give fundraising event empowered and supported local charitable organizations. The total contributions this year far exceeded expectations, raising over \$200,000 for participating groups. With donations as small as \$5 and as large as \$23,000, total gifts increased by over \$60,000 from 2021. Local generosity helps participating charities continue making a difference in our community.



Thirty organizations took part in the second year of this now annual fundraising event. Participating organizations presented unique project ideas designed to provide programming or services to benefit the people of Keith County. The groups reached out to previous donors and promoted their projects. In addition, the Big Give Event offered increased visibility and the chance to make an impression on donors who may not have been aware of a particular group or its mission.

Savvy donors maximized their giving power by choosing to make tax-deductible charitable donations during the event which ran June 11–18. Donations were enhanced by over \$48,000 in matching funds provided by Keith County Foundation Fund and other sponsors. Gifts could be made online, through the mail, or at area drop boxes. Donors had the option of giving to an individual group or spreading their gift among several organizations. Donors could also “Love Them All” and donate to everyone.

The philosophy behind Big Give is to empower area non-profits to be involved in their fundraising. In partnership with Keith County Big Give and KCFF, groups utilized a set of tools designed to foster success. The resources available to groups included an organized marketing campaign, media ads, and a website where they were encouraged to be as creative as possible to get their message across.

Planning for the event is a year-long process. Ken Snyder, Chair of Keith County Big Give, was pleased with this year’s success. “Big Give 2022 fulfilled its purpose which is to make our community a better place to live, work and play. We raised a significant amount of funding for 30 organizations. We created a lot of goodwill between the organizations and the community. We created a can-do spirit and an attitude of achievement in the community. There was a lot of cooperation and collaboration. A lot of volunteers did a lot of work together,” said Snyder.

Members of the Big Give Committee included Jon Holzfaster, Mandy Hoover, Caitlin Fuller, Laura Kemp, Shelly Witt, and Richard Johnson. Snyder voiced strong praise for the committee. “Without exaggeration, I consider this the best committee in Nebraska volunteer work,” he said.

Planning has already started for next year. The goal of building the best place to live, work, and play continues, and takes the entire community working together. As Snyder says at each meeting, “The good we can do together far surpasses the good we can do alone.” ■

College Scholarships **AWARDED**

Nine Keith County residents were awarded scholarships for post-secondary education.

DANIEL DICKINSON was the recipient of the \$5,000 Cliff and Ruth Hermance Scholarship. A 2022 Ogallala High School graduate, Dickinson is continuing his education at the University of California, Irvine, majoring in psychology. The Hermance scholarship, established in 2002, is given to an Ogallala High School graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year college. Preference is given to a student pursuing a career in education.

The Berryman Education Account was bequeathed to KCFF from the estate of Charles Wilton "Bud" Berryman in 2012. It provides scholarships for Keith County residents pursuing post-secondary education. Scholarship funds must be used to pursue a continuing education course, a degree or a certificate program at a public accredited community college or an accredited degree-granting college or university. The KCFF Scholarship Committee selected eight recipients for the Berryman scholarship, ranging from \$500 to \$3,600, with a total disbursement of \$11,100:

- **SAMANTHA BYRD**, a history major, is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- **RACHEL ORTH**, a UNL junior, is majoring in biological sciences, with minors in psychology and biochemistry.
- **MAGGIE O'NEIL** is enrolled in the transitional teaching certificate program at the University of Nebraska- Kearney.
- **ALEXANDRA COFFMAN** is studying nursing at Chadron State College (CSC).
- **JENNIFER COGGINS** is pursuing a degree at CSC to become a licensed mental health practitioner.
- Also attending CSC, **JENNIFER FOSBINDER** is studying business administration with an accounting focus.
- **LAUREN FRANKLIN** is completing her general studies at Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC), with an emphasis in business and graphic design.
- **JENNIFER KUGLER** is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in graphic design and visual communication at MPCC, as well as certification in business administration and marketing. ■

2022 KCFF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Friends of the Kenfield Gallery	\$5,794
Lemoyne Senior Center	\$3,000
Front Street Cowboy Museum	\$3,000
Trails West CASA	\$2,700
TOTAL	\$14,494

Moving forward, KCFF will continue their focus on the Big Give, which provides a platform for nonprofits to market themselves and make the public more aware of their positive influence in the community.

Guided by the KCFF vision and mission statement, the FAC strives to make significant, sustainable grants and will designate funds to the following entities:

Youth Inspired Philanthropy	\$10,000
Future Library Replacement Fund	\$10,000
Big Give Matching Funds	\$60,000
Housing	\$35,000
First Impressions	\$50,000
Early Childhood Development	
2021	\$50,000
2022	\$300,000
E3*	\$15,000
Total	\$530,000

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Ways to GIVE

When asked to make a gift to support the causes near to our hearts, most of us wouldn't hesitate to reach for our wallets. When it comes to making a larger gift, however, thinking beyond cash can help us make an even greater impact on the communities and causes we care about . . . not to mention provide tax benefits. Here are some ideas for outright charitable giving (that don't involve writing a check):



CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you may make a qualified charitable distribution up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a charity without paying taxes on the distribution. The gift may also qualify as your required minimum distribution. This is like receiving a 100% tax deduction.



APPRECIATED STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS Making gifts of appreciated stocks or mutual funds has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, it can be deducted at its current market value. Second, a sale of appreciated stocks or mutual funds would generate a taxable capital gain. When you make a charitable gift of the stocks or mutual funds you pay no capital gains tax.



GRAIN/LIVESTOCK A gift of commodities allows a farmer or rancher to avoid claiming the sale price of the commodity as income and deduct the cost of production as a business expense. In other words, the gift can be made completely tax-free.



REAL ESTATE A gift of real estate that has increased in value since you have owned it has several benefits. First, if you have owned the property for more than one year, the gift of real estate can be deducted at its current market value. Second, a sale of appreciated real estate would generate a taxable capital gain. However, when you

make a charitable gift of the real estate, you pay no capital gains tax when it is sold by the charity.



CLOSELY HELD STOCK Transferring business ownership, either at retirement or as an inheritance, offers unique opportunities and benefits of charitable giving. Not only does transferring your stock bypass capital gains and provide a charitable deduction, it also allows the corporation to buy back the stock.



ANNUITY The current value of an annuity is fully tax deductible when gifted to charity. The growth in the value of the annuity will be taxed as ordinary income and may be offset by the charitable income tax deduction.



PAID-UP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY By naming a charity the owner and beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy, you will be able to receive a current income tax deduction. The income tax deduction is approximately equal to the policy's cash value or, if less, the premiums paid. Or, name a favorite charitable organization or community fund as the beneficiary of a policy.

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