



## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$327,600</b>

## 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
Holzfast 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 Holzfast	\$99,915
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$12,239,711</b>



## 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](http://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**

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

### **Collister Park Improvement**

Anonymus  
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**

Anonymus  
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  
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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 Thalken, 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)

Abbott, Mike & Pam  
Adams Bank & Trust  
Anonymous  
Anderson, Clark & Eileen  
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  
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Kolste, Maxine  
K Cattle Co.  
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Schreiner, Gary & Cherry

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Snyder, Ken & Chris  
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Spencer, Berl & Barbara  
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T & C Service Center - Dave Barrett  
Thomas, Joe & Gerri  
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Wolf, Rodney & Barbara

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Curtis, Judy  
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Davis, Doug & Marie  
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Hazen, Janet

Heinert, Seth  
Herbel, Ann  
Hill, Vicki  
Hiltibrand, Suzy  
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Holscher, Gene  
Holscher, Kelly & Pam  
Holzfaster, Tim & Deb  
Hubbard, Joe  
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JLL Inc.  
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Jensen, Jeff & Kadi  
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Jensen, Marilyn  
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Jensen, Zada  
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Johnson, Melvin  
Johnson, Steve  
Keith County Ag. Society, Inc.  
Keith Co. Chamber of Commerce  
Kildare Lumber Company  
Kimberly-Rhoades, Michelle  
Kiobasa, Brenda  
Knothe, Jim & Donna  
Knott, Tim & Shelley  
Knott, Michael DDS PC  
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Krajewski, Anthony  
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Kramer, Terry & Leanna  
Kroeker, Kent & Rhonda  
Kroeker Insurance Agency -  
Larry Kroeker  
Lake Cattle Co., LLC  
Lake McConaughy LLC -  
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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,494</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>

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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.

Reach out to Nebraska Community Foundation at **402.323.7330** or **info@nebcommfound.org** to learn more about tax-wise charitable giving to benefit the community you love.

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