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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 the people of Phelps County.

Giving Opportunities:

- **By mail or in person:**

504 4th Avenue
 Holdrege, NE 68949

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Visit us on the web at:

www.phelpsfoundation.org

To make an on-line gift, go to the 'Donor Information' tab and select 'Ways to Give.'



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The Magic of Giving

Donors to the Phelps County Community Foundation were treated to a night of magic on March 29 at the Tassel in Holdrege.

Giving is truly magic. Gifts to the Foundation enabled the PCCF to grant nearly \$180,000 to great projects in Phelps County last year. Charitable giving enabled the Foundation to award more than \$150,000 in scholarships to area students. Guests at the event had the opportunity to meet the 2011 grant recipients and hear about the projects that were funded through their gifts.

The Foundation also honored new Benefactors. Benefactors are those who have given an unrestricted gift of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation to help it achieve its mission.

Honorees this year include Grace Grove, Lee Grove, LeonaBelle Kipp, Ivan Kipp, and Clarke S. Nelson.



PCCF Board President, Leonard Anderson, presents Benefactor books to Grace and Lee Grove.

Faithful giving by donors to the many funds at the Foundation is no less than magic. The Foundation has more than 150 funds that benefit a variety of worthwhile endeavors. Donors who give (cumulatively) \$100,000 or more for the benefit of any of the funds at the Foundation, achieve the recognition as 'Donors of Distinction.'

Thirty-nine individuals were recognized as Donors of Distinction during a digital slide presentation. A record of these donors is on permanent display at the Foundation's office.

The magic of giving has increased the asset size of the Foundation to \$12.5 Million.

To cap off the magical evening, local magician, Chase Hasty, charmed and amazed the audience with his talent and wit.

Following the magic show, guests were treated to a Dairy Queen ice cream sundae bar.



Brady Ham watches while Chase Hasty magically makes something disappear!

Gift of a Lifetime



Through her estate, LeonaBelle Kipp left an incredible legacy to the Phelps County Community Foundation.

In May of 2011, the Foundation was advised that it would receive a gift through LeonaBelle's estate. At that time, we could not have imagined that this gift would be worth \$2.6 Million.

We were honored and pleased that LeonaBelle thought enough of the Foundation's work to leave this gift to us.

LeonaBelle established the Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Scholarship Fund in 2004 to benefit graduating seniors from the Bertrand Senior High School. Eight scholarship awards have been granted from that fund.

LeonaBelle Walters grew up in south central Nebraska. She married Ivan Kipp at her parents farm southwest of Bertrand on Christmas Day in 1936. She and Ivan lived on a farm in Gosper County, moving to a farm southwest of Loomis in

1946. They lived there until they retired to Holdrege in 1976. Ivan and LeonaBelle enjoyed their retirement and spent 15 winters in Arizona. Leona Belle had many hobbies and was very active in her church.

The Phelps County Community Foundation has chosen a number of ways to honor the Kipp's and their extraordinary gift. Each year, three college students will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. One award will be given to a graduate of each of the three Phelps County high schools.

In addition, the Foundation has endowed a portion of the estate gift in a fund designated for grants in Phelps County. In this way, the Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp name will be linked, in perpetuity, to projects and programs in Phelps County through the PCCF's semi-annual grant cycles.

Many people have asked "What will you do with all that money?" This gift will have a significant impact on the granting potential of the Phelps County Community Foundation and will help us to continue our mission of enhancing the quality of life for all who live in Phelps County.

The Kipp's worked a lifetime to entrust us with these funds...we intend to honor their trust.

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- \$22,000—Holdrege Public Schools for front of The Tassel building (partially funded through the Richards Endowment Fund)
- \$17,492.93—Holdrege Memorial Homes for the library project (partially funded through the Richards Field of Interest Fund and the McConahay Fund)

PCCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

- \$295—Holdrege Memorial Homes for the annual NAYDO Conference
- \$500—American Auxiliary Martin Horn Unit 66

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- Wallander Fund—\$1,300 to the Holdrege Area Public Library for exhibition of photographs
- PCCF Richards Endowment—\$25,000 to Loomis Public School for playground equipment

- PCCF Richards Endowment—\$5,000 to Holdrege Public Schools for press box

- PCCF Skallberg Fund—\$10,000 YMCA of the Prairie for NexGen salt water generator system

AGENCY FUNDS

- \$30,000—Loomis School District #55 Fund
- \$111,119.31—YMCA Capital Campaign Fund
- \$1,000—The Tassel Endowment Fund

- \$18,760—Holdrege School District #44 Performance Theater O & M Fund

- \$1,970.90—Holdrege School District #44 Fund
- \$6,500—Prairie Sports Association Fund
- \$600—Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fund
- \$5,772.15—Funk School Community Center Fund

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Message from PCCF Board President Leonard Anderson

The end of June is the last month of the Foundation's fiscal year, and is also the last month of my two terms on the Foundation board. These six years have quickly passed and some thank yous and reflection are in order. The Foundation has grown from \$8,000,000 to more than \$12,000,000 in assets over the past six years. This past year, a gift made through the LeonaBelle Kipp estate was the largest gift in Foundation history at \$2.5 million dollars. The generosity of the people of Phelps county is remarkable and I thank each one for your part.

I have made new friends on the board and have gotten better acquainted with those I previously knew. It has been a privilege to work with each of you, and I thank you for your service. Your cooperation and willingness to help has been outstanding and I know this will continue in the future with the new board members.

A big thank you to Vickie Klein, our executive director and Lacy Chapman, our program associate. These women do a great job and make the boards' job much easier.

I would encourage everyone to stop in and visit with them. They will be glad to help you with any questions you might have.

The Phelps County Community Foundation ranks in the top four percent, nationally, for community foundations in gifts per capita. This means that contributions to the Foundation are equal to a gift of \$67.55 per person in Phelps County. With your ongoing support we will continue to grow. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Future Fund Grows in Membership and Impact

Do you know about the Future Fund? The Future Fund is a group of dedicated individuals, typically in their 20's, 30's and 40's, who have banded together to form a 'grant club'.

Future Fund members pay only \$10 per month to be a part of making a difference in Phelps County.

Since 2008, the Future Fund has granted over \$20,000 to great projects in Phelps County.

Growth has been the main objective of the Future Fund for the last year and they have been successful in recruiting new members. In fact, just about 18

months ago, the Future Fund membership was just under 30 members. Today it boasts a total of 57 members.

This group meets in fun, social settings and they have learned to appreciate the power of group philanthropy.

Find out how you can join the Future Fund. It's fun and easy and the ability to network with a group of people who want to see positive things happen in Phelps County is very inspiring.

Call the Foundation office to find out how you can join.



~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~



This is the time of year when we attend a multitude of high school and college graduations.

Many times, while the speakers may be very good, (or at least brief,) I am hard pressed to remember their message.

This year was an exception as one speaker told the graduates something meaningful that stuck with me. He told them that people will not care what they do but will care about why they do it.

For me, no truer words were ever spoken. When I was hired at the Foundation, nine years ago, I knew this job would be very interesting and challenging. I had no idea of the scope of work that the Foundation accomplishes. I could go on, ad nauseam, about my duties as the director of the Phelps County Community Foundation, but you would learn very little about the work of the Foundation.

So, why do I do what I do? I love helping groups and organizations through the grant process so they can provide a valuable service or product to the people in Phelps County. I truly enjoy working with donors to help them establish a fund or create an estate gift that is meaningful for them and their families. Watching students succeed through the scholarship process is a thrill.

One of the best benefits I have had is the privilege to get to know some extremely talented and dedicated individual who have a sincere appreciation of the great place we live and a desire to improve the lives of their friends and neighbors.

These people serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Retiring Board Members

If it weren't for the selfless giving of time and talent of our Foundation Board members it would be very difficult to achieve our mission.

This year, we bid farewell to two stellar directors:

Leonard Anderson has served the Foundation well as president for the past two years. Leonard is a Funk native and he and his wife, Gwen, are retired from farming. Leonard has been a devoted board member who has a good ear and great critical-thinking skills. Leonard served on multiple committees over the past six years. His wisdom and humor will be missed.



Claudia Philips, from the Bertrand area, is a breath of fresh air. Claudia is very creative and ready to try new ideas and tackle fun projects. Claudia is also our webmaster, keeping our website up to date by making changes as needed. Claudia served on the Grants, Capital Development and Public Awareness committees and has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee as member at-large this next year.



During their tenure on the board the Foundation passed the \$10 million mark in asset size (\$12.6 million); supported the creation and growth of the Future Fund; and has witnessed the impact of our granting capacity as it has more than doubled in the past six years.

Foundation board members serve two, three-year terms. Each member serves on three committees and plays a vital role in the oversight and promotion of the Foundation. The Foundation cannot function without a supportive and dedicated board.

New Scholarship Opportunity

Many times donors come to visit us with the desire to honor or memorialize someone with a scholarship. This can be frustrating when they learn that it takes \$10,000 to open a scholarship fund at the Foundation.

The Foundation's Board of Directors has established a 'Pass Through' Scholarship Fund in order to be more responsive to donors who have limited resources to dedicate to the memory or honor of a loved one.

The Foundation will help you to create a 'one-time' scholarship to meet your needs for as little as \$1,000.

Call or stop by the Foundation office for more information.

Be Aware!

If your children are the beneficiaries of your IRAs and other retirement plan assets, federal income taxes may erode up to 35 percent of the amount they receive.

Find out how you can use charitable giving to make a greater impact with you retirement dollars.

Call us for more information.