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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 & 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

#### Online

Visit us on the web at:

[www.phelpsfoundation.org](http://www.phelpsfoundation.org)

Click the 'Donate' button



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## Sandy Schmoker...in memory of Jerry

by Vickie Klein

Sandy Schmoker came to visit me at the Foundation office one afternoon and handed me a check for \$25,000 in memory of her late husband, Jerry.

Having recently joined the newly formed Women's Giving Group Sandy said she wanted to give the group "a boost" right from the beginning.

Sandy and Jerry met at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) and were married just days after Sandy's graduation.

Sandy said that she grew up with giving parents and that giving wasn't always monetary. She said her parents were always there for anyone who needed help and it was simply a way of life.

The first time Sandy met Jerry's parents it was evident that their parents were woven from the same cloth.

Jerry's parents provided support in a home Jerry's father lovingly referred to as the "poor house". In those days there were not nursing homes but, in Oceaola, Nebraska, there was a large home for people who had nowhere to live in their retirement years.

It was in this home that Jerry's mom and dad fed and cared for a group of elderly people in a loving way.

As a couple, it is no surprise that Jerry and Sandy



took many people into the fold of their lives fostering lifelong friendships.

The Schmoker's were both active in and around the Holdrege community serving on various boards including the Holdrege Memorial Homes, the Holdrege Memorial Homes Foundation and the Phelps County Community Foundation.

Jerry passed away in 2000.

When asked what inspired her

to make such a generous gift to the Women's Giving Group Sandy replied that she felt she "needed to do something to support this new fund at the Foundation." She said that, "Jerry would have been all for this gift."



The Women's Giving Group is open to all women who desire to have a positive impact through collaborative giving while engaging in community philanthropy.

## PCCF's 40th Anniversary to Kick Off With the Peterson Farm Brothers



Mark your calendars for Sunday April 24! The Phelps County Community Foundation will bring the wildly popular Peterson Farm Brothers to the Phelps County Ag Center.

This event will be free and open to the public as a gift from the Foundation to all the people in and around Phelps County.

The Peterson Farm Brothers are siblings who farm together, with their parents, near Assaria, Kan. They produce entertaining and educational videos on their YouTube channel (ThePetersonFarmBros) and post continuous farming and video updates to social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

Ever since they began producing content, they have continued to realize a need to inform people about farming and agriculture. There are many misconceptions about modern day farmers and they feel it is their calling to help correct some of those misconceptions.

Aside from their production on social media, they travel around the country to perform and speak on advocating for agriculture. They open up their farm for tours in hopes of educating the general public about where their food comes from and what a real Midwest family farm looks like!

Check out the Peterson Farm Brothers website and Facebook page and plan to attend this fun event.



## PCCF to Move in Spring 2016

The Phelps County Community Foundation will be saying goodbye to the office space given to the Foundation by Roy and Mary Pearson six years ago.

The Foundation has experienced significant growth over the past ten years and with growth comes growing pains.

Because of growth, we have increased our services. Because of growth, we have increased our staff size. Because of growth we are able to offer more grants, scholarships and specialized programs like the Future Fund, give2Grow and the Women's Giving Group.

Look for us in our new location at 424 Garfield in the spring of 2016! (in the former GreenLandscapes building...they are growing too and will move to a new location)!

## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF:

Adam J. Harrahill  
Alynw Johnson  
Arlen Wolfe  
Barton Damrow  
Berdene Shefstad  
Betty Dodson  
Braden Badertscher  
Connie Brooks  
Darrell Yentes  
Daryl Killough  
Dee Van Marter  
Delia Brugh  
Delmar Grafe  
Donald Damrow  
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Norma Waller  
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Roger L. Peterson  
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Thelma Ridenour  
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William Lloyd Johnson

### MEMORIALS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

- Phelps County 4-H Foundation Fund
- Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Braden Badertscher Memorial Scholarship
- Delia Brugh Scholarship Fund
- Christian Homes Care Community
- Holdrege High School Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund
- Community Impact Fund
- Funk School Community Center
- Future Fund
- Adam Harrahill Memorial

Scholarship  
•Holdrege High School Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund  
•Holdrege Memorial Homes Foundation  
•Holdrege School District #44 Fund  
•School District #44 Performance Theater O&M Fund  
•Phelps County Historical Society Fund  
•PMHC Service League Scholarship  
•First Presbyterian Church of Holdrege Endowment Fund  
•Pass Through Scholarship Fund  
•Tassel Coordination Council

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### IN HONOR OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allmand  
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Vickie Klein

### HONORARIUMS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

- Holdrege School District #44 Fund
- Phelps Community Pantry

- Women's Giving Group

### HONORARY GIFTS WERE GIVEN BY:

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## OTHER GIFTS

### GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS

- Ryan L. and Jody R. Bauer Donor Advised Fund
- Christian Homes Care Community
- CHS Agri Service Center Donor Advised Fund
- Community Impact Fund
- Funk School Community Center
- Future Fund
- Giving Card
- Bruce C. and Carol S. Hendrickson Donor Advised Fund
- Holdrege School District #44 Fund
- Willis and Alice Holscher Memorial Endowment Fund
- Michael C. and Vickie A. Klein Donor Advised Fund
- Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Loomis Community Endowed Fund
- Nancy M. and James A. Morse Donor Advised Fund
- Phelps Community Pantry
- Pass Through Donation
- Phelps County Historical Society Fund
- PMHC Service League Scholarship
- Donald E. Sjogren Donor Advised Fund
- Gerald and Darlene Thalcken Donor Advised Fund
- Gerald and Volon Weber Donor Advised Fund
- Women's Giving Group
- Wilcox Expendable Fund Ag Ed Bldg
- YMCA of the Prairie Endowed Fund

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## GRANTS

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 52 BUFFALO COUNTY KOREAN WAR HERO FLIGHT—\$3,467.22

•\$3,467.22—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR DIGITAL MEDIA—\$6,200.00

•\$2,200.00—Future Fund  
•\$1,030.00—Richards Field of Interest Fund  
•\$2,970.00—Scheel Family Memorial Fund

### BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT—13,300.00

•\$13,300—Arnold and Olive Wallander Designated Endowed Fund

### COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-NEBRASKA FOR THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM—\$500.00

•\$500.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREGE MOBILE PACK—\$2,500.00

•\$2,500.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE GREENHOUSE—\$16,645.00

•\$4,526.31—PCCF Donald W. & Florence E. Skallberg Fund  
•\$5373.50—Richards Field of Interest Fund  
•\$1,245.19—Richards Endowment Fund  
•\$5,500—Future Fund

### LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR RAISING NEBRASKA—\$700.00

•\$700.00—Future Fund

### MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DISABILITY CAMP—\$700.00

•\$700.00—Future Fund

### MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR BACK-PACK BLESSINGS—\$1,800.00

•\$1,800.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### PHELPS COMMUNITY PANTRY—\$3,720.00

•\$3,720.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### PHELPS/HARLAN COUNTY CASA—\$2,500.00

•\$2,500.00—Future Fund

### PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—\$3,100

•\$3,100.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE FRONT ENTERANCE REMODEL—\$33,298.00

•\$11,717.00—Arnold and Olive Wallander Designated Endowed Fund  
•\$3,831.00—Richards Endowment Fund  
•\$15,550.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund  
•\$2,500.00—Future Fund

### PRAIRIE HOME CEMETERY FOR A NEW MOWER—\$10,372.35

•\$1,297.00—PCCF Ivan & LeonaBell Kipp Endowment Fund  
•\$2,222.69—PCCF Donald W. & Florence E. Skallberg Fund  
•\$1,819.66—PCCF Community Impact Fund  
•\$3,533.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund  
•\$1,500.00—Future Fund

### TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM FOR THE ONE HOUR WALK—\$1,000.00

•\$1,000.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### TRI-BASIN NRD FOR THE WATER JAMBOREE—\$250.00

•\$250.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### VILLAGE OF ATLANTA FOR PLAYGROUND RE-SURFACING—\$16,000.00

•\$13,500.00—Richards Endowment Fund  
•\$2,500.00—Future Fund

### YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN—\$2,180.00

•\$2,180.00—Future Fund

### YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE—\$3,180.00

•\$3,180.00—PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund

### AGENCY FUNDS

- \$4,000—Friends of the Library
- \$14,000—Loomis School District #55
- \$1,650—Holdrege Rotary Club
- \$530.33—Wilcox Expendable Ag Ed Building
- \$9,400—Oxford Community Endowment Fund
- \$8,000—Holdrege School District #44
- \$14,031.22—Christian Homes Care Community
- \$73,958—Phelps County Historical Society
- \$750—Phelps Community Pantry
- \$14,677.57—Loomis Community Endowed Fund
- \$600—Bertrand Community School BHEF
- \$9348.72—John and Clara Stevens Charitable Endowment Fund
- \$1,200—FCA
- \$2,900—Bertrand School Foundation
- \$3,747.31—Atlanta Industry Cemetery

### Distributions were made from the following DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Mary Anna Anderson
- Ryan L. and Jody R. Bauer
- Russell and Kay Edeal
- Michael C. and Vickie A. Klein
- Donald and Sandra Kraus
- Donald E. Sjogren
- H. Titus Swan and Linda K. Swan



## 2015 give2Grow Results (Preliminary figures) Match dollars estimated

Bonus prizes & Razoo fees not included

Atlanta Industry Cemetery.....	\$1,657
Backpack Blessings.....	\$14,544
Bermis Legion Baseball.....	\$4,876
Bertrand Agricultural Society Inc.....	\$9,552
Bertrand Area Community Foundation.....	\$9,024
Bertrand Community School Foundation.....	\$3,541
Bertrand Fire and Rescue.....	\$5,779
Bertrand Lions Foundation.....	\$7,558
Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living.....	\$1,044
Bertrand Young at Heart Senior Center.....	\$18,330
Central Community College-Holdrege.....	\$509
Christian Charity Fund.....	\$37,622
Christian Homes, Inc.....	\$56,302
Citizens For Bronze Art.....	\$10,513
Community Action Partnership of Mid-NE.....	\$103
Crimestoppers of Holdrege & Phelps County.....	\$2,779

Delaun Rupkalvis Scholarship.....	\$1,689
ESU #11 Summer Honors.....	\$3,902
Friends of the Holdrege Area Public Library.....	\$1,786
Funk Improvement Council.....	\$786
Funk School Community Center.....	\$18,835
Future Fund.....	\$18,672
Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska.....	\$58
Holdrege Animal Shelter.....	\$13,303
Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce.....	\$2,838
Holdrege Area Public Library.....	\$4,714
Holdrege Fire and Rescue.....	\$12,706
HHS Class of 1965 Scholarship.....	\$1,225
HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship.....	\$5,592
Holdrege Legion Baseball.....	\$1,825
Holdrege Lions Club.....	\$1,302
Holdrege Memorial Homes.....	\$41,325
Holdrege Optimist Club.....	\$9,030

Holdrege Police Department.....	\$7,875
Holdrege Public Schools.....	\$45,382
Holdrege Rotary Club.....	\$1,728
Loomis Public School.....	\$7,527
Overland Trails Council—Boy Scouts of America.....	\$561
Mosaic Holdrege.....	\$799
Moses Hill Cemetery.....	\$12,970
Phelps County Community Pantry.....	\$18,537
Phelps County 4-H Foundation.....	\$1,941
Phelps County Agricultural Society.....	\$3,786
Phelps County Historical Society.....	\$29,154
Phelps County Red Cross.....	\$1,986
Phelps County Senior Center.....	\$19,124
Phelps Memorial Health Center.....	\$890
Phelps Memorial Service League.....	\$1,283
Phelps/Harlan County CASA.....	\$7,301
Prairie Home Cemetery.....	\$6,450
Salvation Army—Holdrege Unit.....	\$25,303
Sandstrom Cemetery Association.....	\$5,979
South Platte Youth Athletic Club.....	\$8,139
Tassel Performing Arts Center.....	\$30,321
Teammates Mentoring Program of Holdrege.....	\$22,878
The S.A.F.E. Center.....	\$4,592
United Way of the Kearney Area.....	\$96
Women's Giving Group.....	\$8,268
YMCA of the Prairie.....	\$81,966

**Message from PCCF Board President  
Chris Erickson**



As we head into the holiday season I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Phelps County Community Foundation. The year 2016 will mark the Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Now is a time to look back and celebrate the beginnings and rich history of one of the best small community foundations in the nation.

In my time on the board I have been amazed and humbled by the generosity of the people of Phelps County, which continued to be the case after the recently completed Give2Grow Campaign. During the 2015 Give2Grow, PCCF had 853 unique donors who donated a more than \$535,000 in the one day giving event. When adding in the matching funds of \$155,000, nearly \$688,000 was raised for non-profit organizations within the county. It was inspiring for me to watch all the people who came in to the office to help their friends and neighbors through their donations to the local non-profits of their choice. Charitable giving is not only a selfless act that helps others, but it is also a contagious act that inspires others to join in and give too. A culture of giving benefits our community, making Phelps County a better place to live.

Some exciting news for the New Year is that the Foundation has entered into a contract to purchase the building at 424 Garfield St. and will be moving to the new offices sometime next year. The Foundation has continued to rapidly grow over the past few years, and the board has realized the need for additional office space and additional staff. The Foundation recently hired Lori (Root) Vinzant, who is a great addition to our already top-notch staff.

A big thank-you to all of you that make the Foundation the special organization it is. The great things we are able to accomplish together wouldn't be possible without each and every one of you. Let's look forward to building on the successes we have already achieved as we begin the next 40 years.

*Chris Erickson*

**~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~**



I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for what you do for Phelps County. The Phelps County Community Foundation would not have the privilege of distributing meaningful charitable dollars in our area without your support.

I have had numerous conversations with people at other foundations and people who live in other parts of Nebraska. When I mention that I live in Phelps County and let them know I work for the Phelps County Community Foundation the responses I get make my heart swell with pride to be a part of this wonderful nook in south central Nebraska.

Recently, I was at a Rotary meeting and was introduced to a fellow Rotarian from...well, I don't remember. But, the first words out of his mouth were, "Phelps County...wow! You are so lucky to live somewhere where people get things done." He went on to explain how impressed he was with our county and how he appreciated the examples of people in our county joining forces to provide funding for things that are important.

I met a board member from another community foundation in Nebraska this fall. He told me that their board looks to and emulates the Phelps County Community Foundation because they admire the work that gets done in Phelps County through the Foundation.

People from other cities in Nebraska that host giving days are constantly asking what we do different that translates into give2Grow being so successful.

All that we have become and all that we dream of is because of you, our donors. You support the needs in our county. You care about where you live. You create funds that translate into impact. You serve on our boards. You volunteer for multiple organizations and causes.

We are a tight-knit community in Phelps County.

We are truly blessed.

*Vickie Klein*

**PCCF Awards - October Grant Cycle**

Following the April grant cycle, your gifts allowed the Foundation to invest in five (5) great projects in Phelps County.

- \$10,000: Holdrege Schools/Duster Pavilion
- \$10,000: Bertrand Lions/Disability Playground
- \$20,000: City of Holdrege/Tennis Courts
- \$20,000: Bertrand Ag Society/Kitchen Renovation at Comm. Bldg.
- \$6,000: Village of Loomis/Ballfields

THESE GRANTS WERE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH:

- ◆ The PCCF Community Impact Fund
- ◆ The McConahay Humanitarian Fund
- ◆ The Scheel Family Memorial Fund
- ◆ The William & Margaret Richards Capital Improvement Fund

*The next PCCF grant cycle deadline is April 1, 2016*



**Approved through the  
Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson  
Charitable Endowment Fund  
October grant cycle:**

- Holdrege Schools/Duster Pavilion:  
\$5,000
- YMCA of the Prairie/Rowing Machines:  
\$5,000

The Phelps County Community Foundation welcomes Lori Vinzant as the newest addition to our office staff. Lori is serving as the Foundation's administrative assistant.

Lori and her husband, Josh, moved to Phelps County from Clatonia, NE and have two sons, Kellan and Kennan.

Lori is a graduate of Holdrege High School and Josh is a graduate of Bertrand Community Schools. Welcome home!



**Acorn Society**

Members of the Foundation's Acorn Society met on Oct. 27 at the Holdrege Country Club.

In 1994, Foundation board members were exploring ways to grow the foundation into the future. The Acorn Society was established as a means to enhance the granting potential of the foundation into the future...the future being the foundation's 50th anniversary in 2026.

Today there are 51 Acorn Society members who have contributed to a fund with an endowment that far exceeds \$100,000.

After lunch, members took part in an exercise where each table was asked to answer three questions:

1. *Why are you involved with the Foundation?*
2. *Why is the Foundation's work important to you?*
3. *Tell about how you see the Foundation's mission in action.*

When the answers were tabulated it was fun to see how those outside the Foundation's daily work felt about the important work we do. If you condense the answers into impact words this is what we learned:

The Foundation has RAISED THE BAR in Phelps County by MAKING A DIFFERENCE through SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS. GIVE2GROW has helped to UNIFY Phelps County giving a BRIGHT FUTURE to groups, organization and those they serve.

LOYALTY and TRANSPARENCY of the operations of the Foundation is important as it TOUCHES LIVES and ENCOURAGES PHILANTHROPY. All GIFTS are VALUABLE. Impact projects of note include the Tassel, the YMCA, the Future Fund, the Women's Giving Group, the Museum, Give2Grow, the Land Bank, Bronze Art, Grants and Scholarships.

Thank you to the Acorn Society for investing in the Future of Phelps County.



**Giving** Women's  
Bright DIFFERENCE Fund  
Group YMCA Transparency  
Lives Unify Loyalty Bank  
Tassel Visibility Grants gifts  
Land Art Inclusive All RAISE  
valuable Donate Phelps  
Encouraging  
Touching  
Scholarships  
MAKING BAR  
County Bronze Philanthropy  
Give2Grow  
Appreciation

**Future**