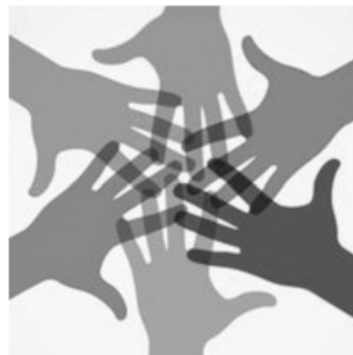




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40th Anniversary/New Office Dedication

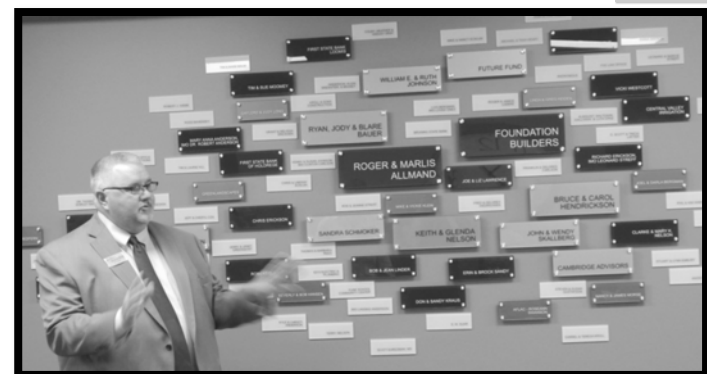
In celebration of 40 years of philanthropy, the Foundation hosted an open house at their newly renovated office at 424 Garfield St. on Sept. 8. The event was held to showcase the new location and to honor the donors who made the renovation possible.

Coffee Connection was held in the morning and the donor wall was unveiled. One hundred four donors contributed anywhere from \$100 to \$25,000 to support the renovation efforts at the Foundation's office.

Executive Director, Vickie Klein, welcomed those in attendance, telling the crowd that Phelps County is special because the people who live here support whatever needs to be done. The Foundation is just one example of an organization that benefits from the generosity of those who love and care about where they live.

Klein explained that many donors, who care about the work of the Foundation, were excited to be part of the Foundation's growth into the future and made contributions to the renovation project.

Board president, Scott Latter, shared with the audience that the Phelps County Community Foundation is in a very unique position. He cited a study from CF Insights (Community Foundation



Insights) that shows the Phelps County Community Foundation ranks number one in Nebraska in per-capita giving and is 16th in the nation in that same category with gifts per capita of \$145.88. This further demonstrates the investment the people of our area make in the work of the Foundation. (Gifts per capita is calculated by dividing the Foundation's total gifts by the population of Phelps County.)

As the Foundation grows into the future the new office space will accommodate many functions for the benefit of fundholders as well as groups like the Future Fund and the Women's Giving Group.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Foundation's new office please know that you are welcome to stop any time.

Inspired to Give Back

Tanner Nelson, a 2012 Bertrand High School graduate, recently contacted the Foundation to ask about the possibility of attending a Foundation meeting. Tanner expressed an interest in learning about how non-profits operate. The Foundation board welcomed Tanner as a guest at the October board meeting.



Tanner grew up on a farm northeast of Bertrand and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in agriculture economics in May of 2016.

Receiving multiple scholarships through the Phelps County Community Foundation allowed Tanner to spend more time getting involved at the university and less time holding down a part-time job.

Tanner said that he "appreciates the sacrifice of time and energy that Foundation board members give in order to benefit those in Phelps County" Tanner shared that he became president of his fraternity, and was the youngest speaker of the Senate for Student Government in the UNL's

history. He was also part of an executive team for an entrepreneurship program among many other activities. He shared these things not to pat himself on the back but to illustrate the difference scholarships make in the lives of young men and women, affording them time to be more involved with college life instead of working to pay the bills. He commented, "Wherever I go, I am proud to represent Phelps County and the driven citizens who continue to invest in the future."

Speaking about the Foundation board, Tanner said "I am sure there have been occasions where board members have thought about other activities that they could partake in, or even times where you have wondered if you are even making a difference. I am here to tell you that people do notice. Young men and woman watch what you do, they attempt to mimic the actions of those they look up to. You serve as role models, and someday I hope to give of my time, talents, and treasures as you have all done."

This is why the Foundation and a host of donors invest in the scholarship program at the Phelps County Community Foundation. Seeing the fruits of so many scholarship gifts is truly rewarding.

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- \$3,250—Sandstrom-Bertrand Area Fund

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- \$3,100—Scheel Family Memorial Fund
- \$2,500—Future Fund

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COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-NEBRASKA FOR THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM—\$1,000.00

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HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE NEW BUILDING—\$14,000

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- \$4,000—Future Fund

HOLDREGE MEMORIAL HOMES FOR THE NORTH ENTRANCE RENOVATION—\$42,404.54

- \$5,000—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund
- \$25,000—Community Impact Fund
- \$614.74—William & Margaret Richards Field of Interest Fund
- \$11,789.80—William & Margaret Richards Capital Improvement Fund

LOOMIS RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ITEMS FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION—\$10,500

- \$7,500—Community Impact Fund
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NEBRASKA RURAL LIVING FOR THE VIRTUAL ART GALLERY—4,200

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- \$1,500—Future Fund

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- \$1,000—Future Fund

HELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR BRONZE SCULPTURE "HARVEST DREAMS"—\$11,000

- \$10,000—Community Impact Fund
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PRAIRE HOME CEMETERY FOR HP ELITE BOOK 840 G3 NOTEBOOK PC—\$1,000

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PRAIRE HOME CEMETERY FOR NEW JOHN DEERE GATOR—\$9,065

- \$6,065—Community Impact Fund
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- \$18,600.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund
- \$29,274.00—Community Impact Fund

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- \$2,844.30—Holdrege Area Public Library
- \$615.40—Wilcox Expendable Ag Ed Building
- \$1,600—Tassel Coordination Council
- \$1,174.19—Holdrege School District #44 Fund- Gabus Fund
- \$37,171.36—Christian Homes Care Community
- \$28,912.00—Citizens for Bronze Art
- \$10,000—Phelps County Historical Society
- \$1,000—Phelps Community Pantry
- \$800—Bertrand Community School BHEF
- \$10,000—Holdrege Animal Shelter
- \$2,800.00—Bertrand Community School Foundation
- \$2,250.63—South Platte Youth Athletic Club Inc.
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Message from PCCF Board President Scott Latter



As we head into the holiday season, it is a good time to reflect on what has been an amazing year for the Foundation. Not only did we celebrate our 40th Anniversary in 2016, we also completed the move to our new headquarters on Garfield Street. With over 50% growth during the past six years, this much needed investment in facilities will continue to pay dividends well into the future.

We recently completed our 2016 give2Grow Campaign in which 917 unique donors contributed in the one day giving event. With nearly \$531,000 donated, and matching funds of \$141,000, the total raised for non-profit organizations throughout the county was nearly \$672,000.

This was the fifth year for give2Grow and, in total, more than \$3.2 million has been distributed!

The generosity of people in Phelps County is amazing. It is because of donors that the Phelps County Community Foundation ranks number one among all community foundations in the State of Nebraska for "Most Gifts Per Capita", and in the top five for "Most Active Grant Maker" and "Most Active by Volume."

Besides give2Grow we have also seen continued growth in the Acorn Society, Future Fund, Professional Advisors and the Women's Giving Group, all of which open up opportunities for individuals to actively participate in accumulating and distributing charitable dollars through the Foundation.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our staff. We are a high-volume organization that works with many donors and a significant number of grants and scholarships. This could not be accomplished without an amazing, dedicated staff.

The Foundation is a special organization that is accomplishing some wonderful things. The impact we have is only possible because of the generosity of each of our donors. The process is possible only because of the dedication of our volunteers and our staff. Working together, we will continue to help organizations in Phelps County improve the quality of life for us all.

Vickie Klein - Executive Director



So, what is a community foundation? That is always the big question and one not easily answered.

The other day I was thinking about all of the categories tagged to everyday things.

For example: "Let's go have a Coke." Are we really going to have a Coke or just go somewhere and enjoy something refreshing to drink? How about a cup of coffee? When you go into a coffee house the possibilities are endless and I would guess that very few customers simply want a plain old cup of coffee.

The same could be said for community foundations.

We get lumped into one category with a vague idea of what goes on but not a clear understanding of what a foundation really does.

What do we do? Well, for starters, we can't do anything without you, our donor. We offer opportunities for people to make meaningful impact through charitable giving. That might be an outright gift to support our grants program, the creation of a scholarship fund or working with an estate professional to leave a legacy after you are gone.

Who do we do it for? Our mission is to serve the people of Phelps County. Simple! We all love where we live and we all strive to make Phelps County vibrant. When donors give gifts to the Foundation we then have the ability to make grants and award scholarships which are investments in the people of Phelps County.

Why should you choose us? Diversity is a simple answer, but it is much more than that. Who or what do you want to impact? We are here to serve all of Phelps County and we have a track record of getting it done. We have approximately 170 charitable funds. Donors have the ability to make an outright gift to a fund that is important to them or to create a fund tailored to their charitable intent.

Bottom line: We are here to help you serve your charitable passion while making Phelps County a better place to live.

PCCF Awards for October Grant Cycle

During the October grant cycle, your gifts allowed the Foundation to invest

\$109,483.88 in three (3) great projects in Phelps County

- \$40,000 to YEP/City of Holdrege: Disability Playground Equipment
 - \$19,483.88 to the Tassel: Lighting Project
 - \$50,000 to PCDC: High Demands Scholarship

April 1, 2017 is the next PCCF grant cycle deadline

Pearson Awards for July, 2016

In July of 2016 the Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson charitable fund was supported these projects in Holdrege.

\$5,000 to Holdrege Memorial Homes: North Entrance Renovation
\$18,600 to Donald Sjogren Community YMCA: R7 Daycare Project

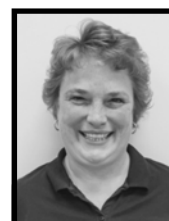
January 1, 2017 is the next Pearson grant cycle deadline

Foundation Welcomes Three New Board Members



Born and raised in Phelps County, Richard Krohn graduated from Holdrege High School and continued his education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln earning a bachelors degree in mechanical agriculture and a masters degree in soil and water. Richard owns an ag consulting business servicing ag producers in south central Nebraska. Richard and his wife, Terry, have two married children and two grandchildren. Traveling, Nebraska Cornhusker sporting events and gardening are among Richard's favorite pastimes. On the Foundation's board Richard serves on the grants, finance and nominating committees.

Diane Samuelson is a graduate of Holdrege High School and is currently a vice-president at First State Bank in Holdrege. Diane has been an active volunteer serving on the Village of Atlanta board, the Kiwanis Club, the Holdrege Library board and the Holdrege Literacy Council. Diane and her husband, Kent have three grown children and 7 grandchildren. Diane loves to garden in her spare time. Diane will serve on the Foundation's community engagement, grants and finance committees.



Tammy Vonasek graduated from West Point High School and continued her education at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln and Midland Lutheran College in Fremont Tammy graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. She and her husband, Monty, are owners of Central Valley Irrigation in Holdrege. Tammy has enjoyed serving on the board at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. She and Monty have three grown children and two grandchildren. The Vonasek's enjoy water sports at Johnson Lake and love to attend UNL football and volleyball games. At the Foundation, Tammy will serve on the grants and community engagement committees.

PCCF Volunteers for Feed My Starving Children

