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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.

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- **By mail or in person:**

424 Garfield Street

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PCCF Intern Benefits Foundation



Having our first intern at the Foundation was an experience beyond what we expected.

Grace Schrock was looking for an internship following her freshman year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Foundation hired a gem.

Tasked with stepping out of her comfort zone, Grace interviewed a number of long-time supporters of the Foundation to find out what inspires them to give and to gain their perspectives on the Phelps County Community Foundation. She was also tasked with creating a social media timeline and increasing the Foundation's social media exposure.

She lived up to her name, handling the donor interviews with "grace" while ramping up our social media presence.

Part of Grace's responsibility was to write a final report on her experience as an intern to the Foundation.

Grace shared that the people she interviewed came from different backgrounds, practiced different religions, and were of different ages and genders, but a lot of them had similar answers. These common threads included interviewees having an example of a giver in their life and, if that giver was a parent, it seemed they gave more through action and time than money. Growing up with that example inspired each

person to be a giver. Most of the candidates related their reason for giving to their faith. "They believed in the value of giving and the good that comes from it," she said. "They believed that we aren't true owners of what we have in this life; only stewards."

Grace commented that the people she interviewed expressed that they felt a deep responsibility to give back to the community they are a part of and they have faith in the Foundation.

Grace was required to attend our board and committee meetings. Of that experience she said, "Turns out I like board and committee meetings. I think they're interesting and I like hearing everyone's input and ideas."

She admitted that she underestimated the complexity of the Foundation. "Between the seven committees, grant cycles, scholarships, financing, memorial gifts, donor advised funds, women's giving group, future fund, the acorn society, give2Grow etc., I still have no idea how they do it," she said.

Grace feels that she grew up in an extremely generous community, saying, "The families and members of this community genuinely care and are willing to sacrifice a lot to make it a better place and secure its future for years to come."

Thanks, Grace, we miss you!



Nebraska's Philanthropist of the Year: Bruce Hendrickson

Bruce Hendrickson was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals as Nebraska's Philanthropist of the Year on Nov. 9 at the Downtown Hilton in Omaha.

Bruce was nominated by Vickie Klein, the executive director for the Phelps County Community Foundation. Klein commented that she was motivated to nominate Mr. Hendrickson after many years of friendship and respect for both Bruce and his late wife, Carol.

In her introduction of Mr. Hendrickson at the AFP award ceremony, Mrs. Klein stated, "Bruce is a gentle, thoughtful soul. He is that 'everyday man' known and respected for his integrity, dignity, humility and generosity." She added, "I have known Bruce for many years and have worked closely with him over the last 14 years through the Phelps County Community Foundation. Bruce is my mentor and my friend. His patience, encouragement, and selflessness have been an inspiration to me and many, many others."

Bruce graduated from the University of

Nebraska with a degree in economics and serves as a UNL Foundation Trustee. Bruce is an Eagle Scout.

He and Carol were married for 64 years and raised their two children in Holdrege. The Hendricksons have been active in church and community, receiving a Lifetime Achievement award from the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce in 2010. Bruce has served on many local, state and national boards.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-56. In September 1956, Bruce rejoined his father as an agent for the Principal Life Insurance Company (formerly Bankers Life). He was elected president of the National Association of Life Underwriters in 1975 and, in 1977, he received a UNL Alumni Achievement Award and was inducted into his company's Hall of Fame. Bruce sold his business in 2003 and retired in 2014 after 58 years as an agent for the Principal Financial Group.



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- Citizens for Bronze Art
- Christian Homes Care Community
- Holdrege High School Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund
- Community Impact Fund
- Funk School Community Center
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- Holdrege High School Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund
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- Phelps County Historical Society Fund
- Roy W. and Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund
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- Pass Through Donation
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- PMHC Service League Scholarship
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PHELPS COUNTY
ON NOVEMBER 16TH!**

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BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL: VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT—\$2,000.00

- \$2,000.00—Future Fund

CITY OF HOLDREGE : YEP ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND—\$60,000.00

- \$6,900.00—Future Fund

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK—\$2,500.00

- \$2,500.00—PCCF Board of Directors Descretionary Fund

FUNK SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER : BATHROOM RENOVATION—\$19,000.00

- \$9,366.60—PCCF Community Impact Fund
- \$7,633.40—Richards Endowment Fund
- \$2,000.00—Future Fund

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: DUSTER PAVILION—\$11,100.00

- \$11,100.00—Cans For Kids Fund

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: REPLACE TASSEL ROOF—\$30,000.00

- \$30,000.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund

L2 FOR KIDS—\$2,275.00

- \$2,275—PCCF Community Impact Fund

PHELPS COUNTY AG SOCIETY; NEW SIDING—\$50,440.00

- \$18,607.37—Ivan and LeonaBell Kipp Endowment Fund
- \$4,023.60—PCCF Community Impact Fund
- \$2,809.03—Alfred & Josephine Rhinesmith Charitable Endowment Fund
- \$25,000.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund

PHELPS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: COMPUTERS—\$8,000.00

- \$8,000.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund

PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: COMPUTERS—\$3,000.00

- \$1,000.00—PCCF Board of Directors Descretionary Fund
- \$1,000.00—Keith and Glenda Nelson Fund
- \$1,000.00—Ruth Swanson-Arden Fund
- \$1,405.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND: SPRINKLER SYSTEM—\$3,400.00

- \$3,400.00—Future Fund

VILLAGE OF LOOMIS: BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX—\$700.00

- \$700.00—Future Fund

YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE: DEHUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM—\$91,000.00

- \$20,000.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund
- \$20,000.00—Richards Endowment Fund
- \$51,000.00—Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund

AGENCY FUNDS

- \$3,000.00—Friends of the Library
- \$6,532.15—Holdrege Area Public Library
- \$323,000.00—YMCA of the Prairie
- \$9,220.52—Holdrege Public Schools
- \$137,428.34—Holdrege Memorial Homes
- \$37,467.37—Christian Homes
- \$20,000.00—First Presbyterian Church of Holdrege
- \$2,500.00—Phelps Community Pantry
- \$2,000.00—Bertrand Community School BHEF
- \$2,000.00—John and Clara Stevens Charitable Endowment Fund
- \$5,000.00—Holdrege Animal Shelter
- \$15,800.00—Bertrand Community School Foundation
- \$50,000.00—Funk School Community Center
- \$1,500.00—South Platte
- \$2,000.00—Holdrege Rotary Club
- \$12,000.00—Citizens for Bronze Art

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- William M. and Pamela K. Sandy
- Donald Sjogren
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- William and Shelia Tringe

WILL YOU CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION?

I would like to give a gift of:

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$100 _____ Other

To further the work of the
Phelps County Community Foundation.

Please credit this gift to the following fund:

Fund Name: _____

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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 another amazing year for the Foundation.

We recently completed our 2017 give2Grow campaign in which over 2,300 donations were given during the one-day giving event. With over \$468,000 donated, and matching funds of \$140,000, the total raised for non-profit organizations throughout the county was over \$608,000. This was the sixth year for give2Grow and, in total, more than \$3.8 million has been distributed.

The mission of the Foundation is 'To encourage and provide opportunities for charitable giving, to manage and distribute the funds in a responsible manner, and to enhance the quality of life for the people of Phelps County.

With projects and groups such as give2Grow, the Acorn Society, the Future Fund, Professional Advisors and the Women's Giving Group...along with giving opportunities for individual and agency funds...we open up many opportunities for anyone to actively participate in accumulating and distributing charitable dollars.

Our board, committees and staff take the job of managing and distributing funds very seriously. And with over \$1 million distributed annually through grants and scholarships we are certainly having an impact on the quality of life for people in Phelps County.

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 dedications of our volunteers and staff. Working together, we will continue to help organizations in Phelps County create opportunities and improve the quality of life for all.

~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~



All the deductions aside, why do you give?

One can read a plethora of articles on giving and why people give. Sure, the charitable deduction is nice but, personally, I have not found that to be the main reason people make charitable gifts. In fact, when I visit with a donor about the possibility of a gift the conversation rarely goes in the "charitable deduction" direction.

People care. Plain and simple. And if donors can support something meaningful, they find a way to contribute to what is important.

When you make a gift to a group or organization that does good work, it makes you "feel good." When you see your gift in action, your "feel-good" moment moves to the realization that you made a good investment. That makes it all worthwhile.

A report by a leading anti-poverty organization claims the eight (just eight) wealthiest people in the world have more money than 50 percent of the world's population. WOW! If these people gave away just half of their wealth to the poor, world poverty would be seriously impacted.

We know that will never happen, but how about the rest of us? We can all make a difference.

There are other ways to make a difference than by writing a check. We can volunteer in our communities. We can work with advocacy groups to enact laws aimed at alleviating poverty. We can provide meals for people in need. We can serve on a nonprofit board.

Philanthropy is so much more than writing a check. We need every gift, no matter what form it comes in, to make our world better.

NEW GRANT MODEL

The Phelps County Community Foundation has eliminated grant cycles allowing groups and organizations to apply for grants at any time throughout the year. The Foundation board feels this new model will allow grantees the freedom to thoughtfully plan for their needs without the pressures of application deadlines.

PCCF GRANT AWARDS (Since July 1, 2017)

- \$8,000 to Phelps Co. Emergency Management for a drone
- \$40,000 to the YMCA for a pool dehumidification system
- \$30,000 to Holdrege Schools for a new roof for the Tassel
- \$2,275 to L2 for Kids to help purchase clothing for kids in need

These grants were made possible through: The PCCF Community Impact Fund, and the William and Marge Richards Capital Improvement Fund.

ROY W. & MARY I. PEARSON GRANT AWARDS

In July of 2017 the Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Charitable Endowment Fund supported the following projects in Holdrege.

- \$1,402 to the Nebraska Prairie Museum for new computers
- \$25,000 to the Phelps County Ag Society to replace siding
- \$51,000 to the YMCA for a pool dehumidification system

Glimpses in Giving... Elaine Redfern

(Excerpts from an interview by Grace Schrock)

Elaine shared that her parents played a role in developing her values in giving, saying, "I think you should always give back. God gives us all gifts, whether it be abilities, interests, or funds and I think that God wants us to share those gifts."

She said she has been able to see the impact of the Foundation's initiatives through her work at the Ag Society. "The Ag Society was able to build a new beef barn as well as put air conditioning in the Ag Center," she said. Both projects wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Foundation."

Elaine explained that the Foundation has been extremely beneficial to Phelps County and works to bring people of the community together as well as to make new, innovative projects possible to preserve the future of Phelps County. She also served on the Foundation board for six years.



YEP: YOUTH EMPOWERED BY PLAY

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing

In Phelps County, a group of parents banded together to brainstorm the possibility of having an inclusive playground in Holdrege. They didn't look at the challenges, they looked at the possibilities. They called themselves YEP: Youth Empowered by Play.

The following article was submitted by
YEP mom, Ashley Larson

The YEP All-Inclusive Playground has already proven to be a huge asset to our community. In just two short months, the playground has become a popular play area for children of all ages and abilities. With equipment that accommodates most children, the playground is a hub for families to gather on a nice day to play without the worry of limitations and has given children with additional needs the independence to play alongside their peers.

Not only has it attracted visitors from our local community, but it catches the eye of those traveling through town. YEP's All-Inclusive Playground will continue to provide the much needed opportunity for every child to experience the freedom of play in a safe and accessible environment for years to come.



The Phelps County Community Foundation was pleased to provide YEP with \$121,130 in funding through six different PCCF grant opportunities.

