



Firm Foundation

North Bend Area Community Foundation Newsletter
Providing strong roots for the community's future

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MISSION

The North Bend Area Community Foundation builds a stronger community by inspiring charitable giving and dispersing grants for community improvement.

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MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly in February, May, August, and November on the second Thursday of the month at 4 pm at the Historic Platte Valley Bank.

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25 Years of Building a Greater Community

December 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the North Bend Area Community Foundation, a major milestone in our journey of supporting the growth and development of North Bend and the surrounding area.

To kick off the celebration, we hosted a two-day open house during Old Settlers Days. Over 300 visitors joined us at the historic Platte Valley Bank, where we enjoyed root beer floats, ice-cold water and shared memories of the 100-year-old tradition of Old Settlers, and shared 25 years of accomplishments of the Foundation. It was wonderful to see so many faces, both new and familiar, come together to honor our past while looking forward to an even brighter future.

As we reflect on the past 25 years,

we at the North Bend Area Community Foundation are filled with gratitude and pride for all that has been accomplished through the generosity of our donors.

Your continued support has empowered us to contribute to meaningful projects that enrich North Bend and strengthen our bonds as a community. With current assets of \$533,000 and 25 years of grants totaling \$392,000 invested in 76 projects

in the community we love, the NBACF is forever transforming the lives of future generations who will be proud to call the North Bend area home.

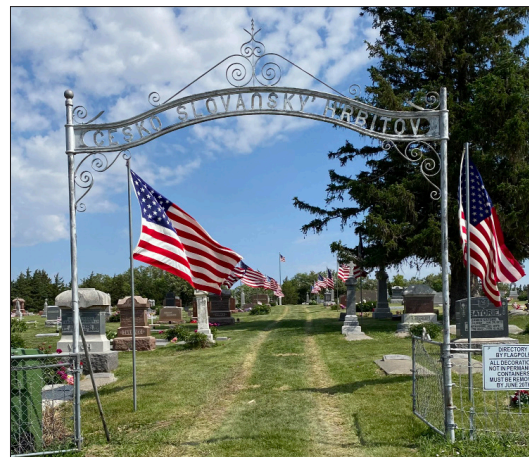
(Picture) The NBACF partnered with the Old Settlers committee to add sidewalks at the city park. Pictured are Cheryl Feala, Nathan Arneal and Nicki Chromy



Killian Cemetery Challenge Match

A \$10,000 Match Challenge focused on supporting efforts to improve the Killian Cemetery, (the Czech Cemetery Association). Through this challenge, the community rallied together and raised \$22,650 through the North Bend Area Community Foundation, with additional donations going directly to the Czech Cemetery Association.

A Community Match Challenge like this is an incredible way for each contribution to have an even greater impact, and it's a meaningful approach for donors who want to amplify their philanthropic



goals. Thanks to this collaborative effort, the foundation and our community made significant progress toward enhancing a cherished part of our local heritage.

Making an Impact: The Purcell Initiative

One of our most exciting projects this year is our contribution to the Purcell Initiative, which will bring a beautiful "Welcome to North Bend" sign to the north side of town.

Thanks to your donations, the North Bend Area Community Foundation was able to grant \$20,000 for this project, which will enhance the visibility and warmth of our community for all who pass by.



Supporting Local Beautification at Veterans Park

Our efforts this year also extended to the beautification of North Bend's treasured Veterans Park. With Foundation support, the landscaping on the park's southern edge was enhanced to create a welcoming and tranquil space for all residents and visitors. This project is part of our ongoing commitment to preserving and enhancing the community spaces we all cherish.

More Information

Does your organization need a grant to help benefit the community? NBACF grants can be applied for by filling out a simple two-page application. Applicants then meet with the NBACF board to answer questions about their application. The whole process is quite simple and NBACF would like everyone to know about these funds that exist for the benefit of the North Bend area.

You can get updates on what the NBACF is up to on their own Facebook page: facebook.com/NorthBendAreaCF.

Updates on the latest information of NBACF is available at www.facfoundation.org; click on "Affiliates." Under Affiliates, click on North Bend. In addition to information, the link to the form for applying for a NBACF grant is also available.

NBACF Fund donors November 1, 2023, through November 1, 2024

North Bend Area Community Foundation Fund donors: Don & Deb Andrews, Steve & Mary Le Arneal, Ken & Pat Beebe, Broc & Ashley Blanchard, Brody Blanchard, Kate Blanchard, Breckin Blanchard, Cora Blanchard, John & Katy Bode, Ellen Bode, Kate Bode, John & Mary Buller, Billy & Nicki Chromy, Eric & Laura Chvatal, Jim & Melissa Cody, Sharon Cody, Rollie & Elaine Dvorak, Mike & Claire Eason, Karma Ellermeier, Nick & Amy Emanuel, Chuck & Sue Emanuel, Kelli & Jordan Emanuel, Paul & Margie Emanuel, Jenna Erb, Evonik Degussa Corp, Larry & Cheryl Feala, Jason & Leigh Feala, Bob & Julie Feurer, First National Bank Omaha, Mark Flamme, Maynard M. Flamme & Stephanie Iwan Flamme, Ron & Rita Freeman, Fremont Area Community Foundation, Gary & Marsha Gillis, Valerie & Brad Harms, Kerri Hiatt, Steve & Bev Grueber, Goree Excavating, Jerry & Cecilia Hall, Ben & Chalice Harvey, Jim Havelka Family, Corrine & John Giggee, Jim & Linda Havelka, Jim & Diane Hines, John & Nancy Hines, Mark & Patrice Hines, Rick & Jan Hobza, Dan & Glenna Hoops, Doug & Jennifer Johnson, Rodney A. & Nancy Johnson, Tom & Marlene Johnson, Brent & Jennifer Karnatz, Kate Kavan, Kelly & Christina Liekhus, Steve & Sharen Minarick, Jack & Loretta Klope, Jerold & Leona Kralc, Lavonne Ladehoff, Fred & Lois Lambley, David & Carol Limbach, Jeff & Randi Mimick, Jim & Ann Minarick, Bob & Caryn Moser, Rich & Carlene Myers, Pinnacle Bank, Platte Valley Bank, Melissa & Mike Powell, Tim & Amy Reznicek, Randy & Julie Reznicek, Jim & Brenda Robinson, Eva Roubal, Larry & Patricia Ruzicka, Rich & Melissa Samuelson, Kinley Samuelson, Paige Samelson, Gene & Nancy Sic, Alan Sloup, Bob & Anne C. Soukup, Jerry & Barbara Soukup, Patricia Hamilton Steele,

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Honorariums to NBACF Fund: Gene Minarick, Idora Durko

Memorials to NBACF Fund in memory of: Adeline Hines, Al Wochnick, Alane Roubal, Beverly Snyder, Bill Peters, Burdette 'Corkey' Busch, Byron 'Toby' Dunker, Carol Haase, Carol Wiebold, Cheryl Feala, Darlene Dvorak, Don Thomas, Doris Martindale, Florence 'Judy' Dunaway, Irish Krepel, Keith McBurney, Linda Havelka, Lloyd Roubal, Marlene Thege, Paul & Norma Hamilton, Penny Lewis, Roy 'Boomer' Gillis, Sally Hamilton, Steven Raymond, Thomas E. Wolf

Veterans Memorial Park Fund Donors: Betterlife Lodge #9 Morse Bluff, Amy Stranik Jespersen, John & Jane Vyhldal, Ron & Jan Schindler, Barry & Diane Wilson, Roger & Janice Sasse, Debra & John Noel, Carroll Wiebold, Galen & Joann Johnson, Bill Winkelman, Doug & Connie Wamberg, Janet Dunker, Bill & Teresa Chromy, Rory & Mary Bagladi Swanson, Sandra Rains, Larry & Cheryl Feala, Jennifer & Robert Voss

Memorials and Honorariums to Veterans Memorial Park for: Tom Stranik, Kathie Stranik Gaughen & Family, Lula Friedrichsen, Carol Wiebold, Bill Peters, Gene Minarick, Linda Havelka, Bob Shanahan, Cheryl Feala, John Dorcey

I'm proud to invest in the future of the North Bend Area!

Name _____ Amount _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Please note below if the donation is for a special designation.

☐ In memory of _____

☐ Or in honor of _____

Make checks payable to: North Bend Area Community Foundation

Send to: Deanna Wolf, Treasurer, PO Box 500, North Bend, NE 68649

Make a Difference – and a Deduction

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to consider donating to the Foundation. Not only does your contribution directly benefit the North Bend area, but it also provides a valuable tax deduction before the year ends. Whether you are supporting a specific project, accomplishing a philanthropic goal, or simply wanting to help us meet the needs of the community, every dollar makes a difference.

Let us continue building a legacy of generosity and care. Together, we will ensure that North Bend remains a welcoming, vibrant place for generations to come.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Here is to a prosperous new year filled with hope, growth, and community spirit.