

# Nonprofit Needs Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017



Our mission is to connect  
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interests**  
with  
**community  
needs**

We invite you to review grant projects recently submitted to and reviewed by the Foundation Grants Committee. If you would like additional information or wish to support any of these projects through your Donor-Advised Fund, please contact Melissa Diers at (402) 721-4252 or [mdiers@facfoundation.org](mailto:mdiers@facfoundation.org).



## **Catz Angels Rescue Effort (CARE)**

**Project:** Catz Angels Rescue Effort

**Total Project Cost:** \$44,893

**Amount Requested:** \$38,425

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

The mission of this new grassroots organization is to collaborate with compassionate, educated and pre-screened volunteers, local businesses, the City of Fremont and area animal shelters to humanely reduce and control the population of "Community Cats," identified as free-roaming, feral and/or abused and abandoned domestic cats in the Fremont area, through a non-profit Trap/Spay-Neuter/Release/Adopt program.

## **Salem Lutheran Church**

**Project:** Fremont Area Community Handbell Ensemble

**Total Project Cost:** \$73,700

**Amount Requested:** \$41,200

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

Salem Lutheran Church is spearheading the creation of a Fremont Area Handbell Ensemble which will perform throughout the Fremont area. The ensemble will present concerts and educational opportunities while developing the skills of Fremont area musicians. Its repertoire will consist of all genres of music composed for handbell choirs. Salem Lutheran will provide initial support to form the ensemble and ongoing support by providing rehearsal and performance venues and office space for staff and volunteers. Though housed in a religious institution, the ensemble will not have a religious focus. Grant funding will support the purchase of handbells.

## **Cornbelt Diabetes Connection, Inc.**

**Project:** Free Screening for Diabetes & Related Conditions

**Total Project Cost:** \$30,235

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Amount Awarded:** \$1,000

The Cornbelt Diabetes Connection plans to provide its Mobile Diabetes Center and driver to visit 25 sites in Nebraska to provide free screenings for blood glucose and cholesterol levels. The screenings will be performed by nurses and student nurses from Nebraska Methodist College and over 1,000 people in the foundation's grant area will be served.

## **The Digg Site Productions, Inc.**

**Project:** *Film It* Camps & Workshop

**Total Project Cost:** \$30,000

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000

**Amount Awarded:** \$5,000

This summer, The Digg Site Productions is collaborating with the Fremont Family YMCA to offer all "Y" campers the opportunity to learn about film making. Youth signed up for each of four camp sessions will be exposed to all aspects of the film industry including hands-on editing. Digg Site is also offering a week-long workshop during its Annual Film Festival, with daily mentored sessions that focus on a specific field in the industry. Students who have participated with the *Film It* App will receive advanced knowledge on specific areas of filmmaking.

## **Midland University**

**Project:** Dining Hall/Student Commons Renovation

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,800,000

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Amount Awarded:** \$60,000

Funds are requested to support capital improvements in the dining hall and student commons at Midland University. The updated cafeteria will feature bistro- and family-style dining, food stations with a variety of made-to-order options, and an emphasis on local, fresh and healthy menu choices – all provided in a modern, contemporary environment. The student commons will also be updated to include modern recreation equipment and technology, designed to be a welcoming space for all Midland students to convene, study and connect in a positive way.

## **The Merrymakers Association**

**Project:** Music, Laughter & Memories for Seniors

**Total Project Cost:** \$6,720

**Amount Requested:** \$3,360

**Amount Awarded:** \$3,360

The Merrymakers Association requests funding to help provide monthly professional musical entertainment to seniors at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair (Washington County); Golden Living Center in Tekamah (Burt County); and Colonial Haven in Beemer (Cuming County).

## **Uniquely Yours Support Services**

**Project:** Sustainability

**Total Project Cost:** \$119,414

**Amount Requested:** \$23,000

The purpose of the UYSS Sustainability Project is to increase UYSS' capacity and sustainability, so it is better able to serve more clients in need on an ongoing basis. Grant funds would allow UYSS to increase its sustainable income by at least \$40,000 annually and enable the organization to serve at least 75% more clients in the 2017-2018 project year. Grant funds would be used to hire a Development Coordinator who will grow and diversify the organization's revenue sources.

## **FPS Encore Campaign Committee**

**Project:** Encore Campaign

**Total Project Cost:** \$610,000

**Amount Requested:** \$125,000

**Amount Awarded:** \$60,000

The goal of this project is to renovate the Nell McPherson Theatre into a true community-wide performing arts center that will allow Fremont to continue its rich tradition of the promotion of music, theater, fine arts and academic disciplines for the benefit of present and future students, parents, families and all members of the Fremont community.

*Do you have a passion for the arts, education, youth programming or something else? If so, please let us know so that we can keep you informed of community needs and opportunities within your charitable area of interest. Contact Melissa at (402) 721-4252 or [mdiers@facfoundation.org](mailto:mdiers@facfoundation.org).*