

# Nonprofit Needs Report

June 2015



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

## **The Hope Center for Kids-Fremont**

**Project:** Renovations at The Hope Center's new Fremont location

**Total Project Cost:** \$50,000

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

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

The Hope Center for Kids aims to provide educational support, nutritious meals, and a safe place to grow and play, both educationally and spiritually. The Omaha-based organization expanded programming into the Fremont area with a temporary location (the Fremont Nazarene Church) in 2014. Demand for the program grew quickly and enrollment had to be capped at 40 youth in November of the first year. The Hope Center-Fremont is the only holistic after-school program for 5th grade and above in the Fremont area.

With a goal to have a greater impact in the lives of more Fremont area youth, the organization took steps to lease a larger space – a building located at 555 West 23rd St, formerly Whitmer Welding. Funds are requested to assist with renovations to the facility as well as programming.

## **Dodge American Legion – Post 122/VFW #8597**

**Project:** Veterans Memorial in Dodge, Nebraska

**Total Project Cost:** \$200,000

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

**Amount Awarded:** \$7,500

The Dodge American Legion would like to build a memorial honoring all area veterans from past wars and conflicts. Memory tiles will be made available for \$250 each, on which loved ones can leave tributes and create custom websites that are accessible by scanning a QR code with a smartphone. Approximately \$100,000 has been raised to date for this project.

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

**Project:** Envisioning Fremont as a Film Community

**Total Project Cost:** \$117,876

**Amount Requested:** \$25,276

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

This year Digg Site Productions is expanding the projects it developed and instated in 2014. That expansion will include the further development of the Fremont/Eastern NE Film Commission Office and the Digg Site Productions' "Film It: The World Inside and Out" accredited summer documentary workshop for area youth.

## **NET Foundation for Television, Inc.**

**Project:** A Virtual Tour of the Nebraska State Capitol

**Total Project Cost:** \$600,000

**Amount Requested:** \$49,950

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

Unless they tour the building with school classes, plan a trip to Lincoln that includes a visit, or have business with the State, a great many Nebraskans go through life without experiencing the Nebraska State Capitol – an architecturally significant seat of government and symbol of our state. For this reason, Former First Lady of Nebraska Sally Ganem is working with NET and other partners to create A Virtual Tour of the Nebraska State Capitol. This interactive video tour will strengthen users' appreciation for the Capitol building and serve as a starting point for exploration and study. Targeted primarily to students K-12, the project will place special emphasis on those for whom a visit to the Capitol is not possible due to distance and cost. Funds donated will enhance curriculum developments currently underway in the areas of math and science.

## **HELP Adult Services**

**Project:** Health and Medical Equipment Loan Program (HELP)

**2015 Program Budget:** \$232,825

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

The goal and purpose of HELP Adult Services, based in Omaha, is to provide a "safety net" for all individuals and families who cannot afford to purchase or lease new equipment at retail outlets. This organization loans refurbished durable medical equipment (and often delivers bulky or heavy items such as wheelchairs and hospital beds) to over 500 individuals in the

greater Fremont area who are recuperating from surgery, illness or who have short- or long-term physical disabilities. Charitable contributions are needed to help the organization cover the associated costs of the warehouse and equipment showroom overhead, replacement parts for medical equipment, instructional materials for patients and more. HELP Adult Services is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Center Mall in Omaha.

## **Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries**

**Project:** Imagine-Expand-Empower Bennington Public Library Campaign

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,074,476

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

The goal of this library expansion is to transform the Bennington Public Library into a top-rate library facility, modern information center and community gathering place for residents of the greater Bennington area. This nearly \$1.1 million project will result in not only a larger library, but a community engagement center to spur economic development activity in Bennington and foster community service opportunities. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised to begin construction of the library interior this fall.

## **Dodge County Historical Society**

**Project:** Restoring the May Museum Balustrade

**Total Project Cost:** \$200,000

*This project has received grant support from donor-advised funds administered by FACF.*

In 1902, the Louis E. May Museum, which is home to the Dodge County Historical Society, was adorned with an ornate roofline spindle balustrade. The balustrade was removed in the 1940s and replaced in the 1970s with a simple wooden railing. When the roof was replaced in 1997, the 1970s railing was so badly deteriorated that it could not be reused. According to Jeff Kappeler, museum director, the roofline balustrade is integral to the architectural integrity of the building. Approximately 200 spindles, 29 posts, columns and railing will be needed to complete the restoration, with all materials composed of a special composite that resists decay. To date, approximately \$100,000 has been raised for this restoration project.