

Annual Report
2018

FOR GOOD. FOR EVER.



FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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THANK YOU *for making good work possible*

*“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”*

—Helen Keller

\$26.7 million
in *community*
assets

\$1.7 million
invested in grants and
scholarships in 2018

185 funds
supporting the
Fremont area

Dear Friends,

In 1980, a group of civic-minded folks embarked on a journey to create a foundation for the community that would inspire others to give to charity. Nearly four decades later, the Fremont Area Community Foundation has grown to be an enduring resource for our community — a place where people can come together to make a difference, to make arts and culture flourish, to improve the well-being of our residents, to provide opportunities for those less fortunate and to create hope for the future.

Thanks to you, the Fremont Area Community Foundation celebrated a number of milestones during its last Fiscal Year. For the first time in the organization’s history, our total assets exceeded \$26.7 million. We made 540 grants to support 215 different charities and programs, for a total impact of \$1.7 million. And we awarded 109 scholarships totaling over \$102,000 to graduates of 11 area high schools—a record amount of financial aid to help students further their education.

Today, 185 individual funds underneath the community foundation “umbrella” serve a variety of needs and goals to benefit life in the Fremont area. The Fremont Area Community Foundation has granted over **\$20 million** to nonprofit organizations and charitable efforts throughout the Greater Dodge County area since its inception.

For 38 years, one driving force has helped make this good work possible. You. The 2018 Annual Report is dedicated to your generosity, your passion and your commitment to strengthening our community. Thank you for joining us on this journey.



GREG HASKINS
President of the Board



MELISSA DIERS
Executive Director

FACF GRANTMAKING...*A year in review*

DODGE COUNTY COLLABORATIVE TEAM • Operation Backpack

The Dodge County Collaborative Team (DCCT), comprised of over 30 local organizations, held a Resource Fair at the Fremont Mall last August. The event is held annually to help connect individuals and families in need to local services that are available within our community. A grant of \$750 was provided to the help the DCCT distribute backpacks and school supplies during the event to area youth in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



GIRL SCOUTS SPIRIT OF NE • Camp Scholarships

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has been providing girls with fun and educational opportunities to learn about their natural environment at Girl Scout Camp. Activities at camp are girl-led, age appropriate, and encourage learning by doing. A grant of \$2,500 provided scholarships for 10 girls from the Fremont area to experience Girl Scout camp.



FREMONT OPERA HOUSE • Stand the Test of Time

The Fremont landmark suffered the loss of the exterior course of soft bricks on its north facade, an area sheltered for most of its life by an adjacent building which was removed following the historic Pathfinder Hotel explosion. The brick had deteriorated over time, ultimately causing its failure. A foundation grant of \$35,000 was awarded to help replace the exterior brick and to protect the inner four courses of brick that support the structure.

THE BRIDGE • Backyard Area for Outdoor Programming

Providing a safe and confidential area for clients, The Bridge's new outdoor space provides opportunity for therapy through art and music activities, life skills classes and gardening. A grant of \$3,825 assisted with fence installation to help maintain client privacy and safety.

FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION • Chromebooks for Kids

This fall, a foundation grant of \$40,000 helped provide each Fremont Middle Schooler—7th- and 8th-grader—with a Chromebook. This milestone extends the Fremont Public School district's one-to-one ratio of students to devices to include grades five through 12.

FREMONT AREA ART ASSOCIATION •

West Building Renovation: Phase 1
With the help of an FACF grant, the Art Association purchased the building directly west of its existing building in 2016. Phase 1 of the West Building Renovation created a ground-level, fully accessible studio/classroom with

a framing workroom, and two ADA-compliant restrooms. The finished space, supported by a \$50,000 grant, will allow the organization to expand its programming and better accommodate Fremont artists and patrons.

REBUILDING TOGETHER, PLATTE VALLEY EAST • Technology for Rural Capacity Building and Program Services

Thanks to a new grant opportunity from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed to increase the capacity and sustainability of rural-based housing programs, our local Rebuilding Together affiliate is expanding its services to include Cuming County. A grant of \$3,000 helped the organization purchase two Microsoft Surface Pro LTE tablets to improve client intake, communications, and reporting and record-keeping efforts.

HOPE CENTER FOR KIDS • Fremont Mentoring Program

Youth ages 11-19 who either attend The Hope Center-Fremont or have had contact with the juvenile justice system will get the chance to have a healthy, supportive mentoring relationship with an adult. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. The program will be modeled after a similar one created at The Hope Center-Omaha, which has experienced positive outcomes from healthy mentor relationships over the past two years.

CARE CORPS • Emergency Shelter & Food Pantry

As Care Corps, Fremont's homeless shelter, continues to serve homeless and near-homeless individuals and families, with complicated needs and barriers, the shelter and food programs are essential to the mission of the organization. A recent grant of \$10,000 from the foundation will provide vital funding for these programs.

UEHLING FIRE DIST. #6 • Emergency Responder Medical Supply Bags

All Uehling Rescue Squad members now have Emergency Responder Medical Supply Bags, thanks to a \$1,500 grant from the FACF. The volunteers will carry them in their personal vehicles in the event they go directly to the scene of a rescue call or are present during an emergency. The bags are outfitted with the supplies needed for basic life support.



WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT • Pagers

A grant of \$5,000 helped update and replace old pagers used by the Winslow Fire and Rescue Department.

HUMANITIES NEBRASKA • Prime Time Family Reading

Funded through a \$3,000 grant and held at Keene Memorial Library, this six-week program of reading, discussion and storytelling brings the humanities to underserved children and their parents. Prime Time is designed for at-risk families where reading scores do not meet Nebraska state standards. It encourages children and their parents to bond around the activity of reading rather than passively watching television during "prime time" hours.

GREATER FREMONT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (GFDF) • Housing Development Revolving Grant and Loan Fund

FACF joined other community and regional partners to help establish the Dodge County Investment Fund. An FACF grant of \$125,000 helped meet the matching requirement of the state's Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund which provided \$850,000 for the program. The local Investment Fund was created to spur workforce housing and rehabilitation projects throughout the county.

SAUNDERS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES • Home-based Therapy for At-Risk Youth and Families

A grant of \$10,000 was awarded to help provide in-home therapy services for youth and families who are referred to the program through school, truancy specialist or diversion officer in Saunders County. The goal is to help decrease juvenile delinquency and improve attendance and academic achievement in school.

FREMONT AVENUE OF FLAGS •

Veterans Memorial Park

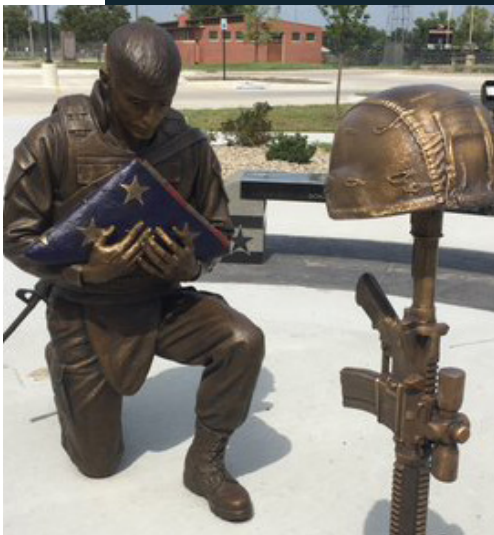
A grant of \$25,000 was awarded to help construct the Veterans Memorial Park on Fremont's Military Avenue which honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

FREMONT AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY •

Organizational Growth

A grant of \$1,500 was awarded to help upgrade and enhance the organization's technology.

For a complete listing of our recent competitive grants, please visit facfoundation.org.



FACF Fields of Interest

Education

86 grants totaling \$301,910

Social Services

55 grants totaling \$215,196

Civic Improvements

103 grants totaling \$744,818

Health & Recreation

103 grants totaling \$161,598

Arts & Culture

17 grants totaling \$135,223



BUILDING *innovative solutions*



Each year, Roots to Wings farmers harvest aronia berries grown at the farm of Dave and Sheila Monke, which are then turned into jams, syrup and barbeque sauce for sale at the store.

ROOTS TO WINGS

Roots to Wings, established last spring in downtown Arlington, is the combined dream of special education teachers Jessica Scott and Jamie Smith (shown below, left, with Executive Director Linda Menking). Their special needs students had completed the transition program, and were ready to enter the adult world and get a job.

Like most parents who have children with a developmental disability, one of their biggest concerns was for their future.

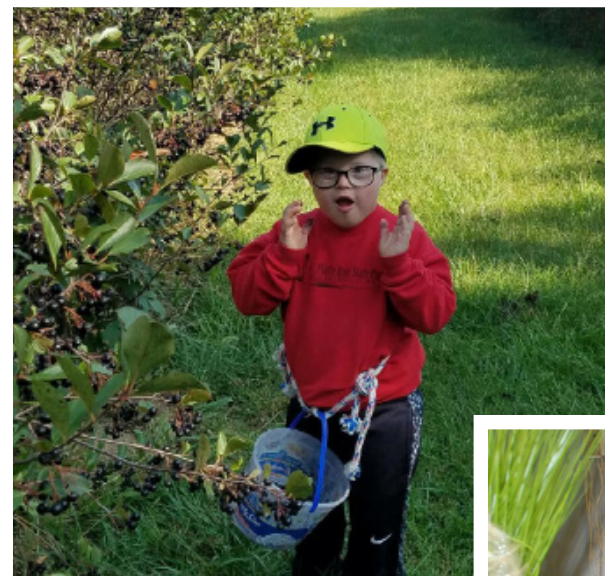


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Every parent hopes that the future includes a safe environment for their child's individual needs and a fulfilling and valued lifestyle.

Out of these hopes and dreams Roots to Wings was born. A nonprofit organization with the mission of offering employment opportunities and improving the quality of life for those with disabilities. Individuals who work through the organization grow and harvest produce (they're called "farmers"), make crafts, and package the products that will be available for purchase at the store (see photo at left).

Roots to Wings provides a community-integrated, hands-on work environment where participants with developmental disabilities learn valuable vocational skills by experiencing all aspects of running a small business, including customer service, marketing, operating a cash register, stocking and pricing merchandise, cleaning, maintenance and much more.

Parents, educators and mentors help the organization identify eligible individuals who are invited to apply for employment. Not only do these



Helping Young Spirits Take Flight

OUR MISSION:

To provide purposeful education and personal growth opportunities for individuals with special needs.

(Photo above) Roots to Wings farmer Jacob Plugge and his mother, Christine VonDollen, harvest aronia berries at the Monke farm outside of Arlington.
(Photo above right) Beau Rhea, a future farmer of the organization, practices his harvesting skills.

FACF Board Member Barry Benson, second from right, presents Rebuilding Together-Platte Valley East volunteers with a Big Give check following last year's day of giving.



TOGETHER *we give to the Fremont Area*

THE FREMONT AREA BIG GIVE

Forty-three nonprofit organizations participated in the first-ever Fremont Area Big Give last May—a local day of giving spearheaded by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Individuals throughout the Fremont area came together to give together during the 24-hour event.

More than \$260,000 was raised, and many nonprofit executives reported that as many as half of their gifts came from NEW donors.

For the community foundation, it was all about building capacity among our nonprofit partners, showcasing the important work they do for our community, and

celebrating the collective effort it takes to make the Fremont area great.

Participation prizes and a Bonus Pool, which was distributed to all participating nonprofits following the event, were integral to encouraging community support and building excitement throughout the day. The 19 generous businesses and individuals listed at the right sponsored the prizes and pool money.

It was a great day for the Fremont area and we look forward to building on its success in 2018.

*Thank you for
Giving where you Live!*

BIG GIVE CHAMPIONS

First State Bank & Trust
Fremont Beef
Pinnacle Bank

BIG GIVE PACESETTERS

First National Bank-Fremont

BIG GIVE PARTNERS

Don Peterson & Associates
Dugan Funeral Services
Fremont Eye Associates
Fremont Electric
Getzschman Heating
INSIRO, Inc.
McDonalds (Leonard Management)
Nye Health Services
Sid Dillon Motors
Sid and Patty Dillon
Sidner Law Offices
Taylor & Martin
Yost Law Offices

MEDIA SPONSORS

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The Numbers...

50% Of nonprofits surveyed received HALF of their FABG gifts from NEW DONORS

70% Of nonprofits surveyed say they INCREASED THEIR SKILLS IN SOCIAL MEDIA through FABG trainings

83% Of nonprofits surveyed felt that the FABG INCREASED AWARENESS OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

**THE
FREMONT
AREA** **BIG
GIVE**
MAY 8, 2018

powered by the Fremont Area Community Foundation

Legacy Society

Individuals who share a concern about the on-going strength and well-being of the causes, projects, organizations and community they support during their lifetime oftentimes partner with the Fremont Area Community Foundation. They establish funds or support the general grant-making of the Foundation through bequests, insurance policies, trusts or other planned gifts—each gift designed to accomplish a specific charitable goal. These individuals are honored and celebrated as members of our Legacy Society.

Anonymous	Bud* and Marj* Hendriksen	Art Peters*
Kathryn Anderson*	Richard L. and Paula K. Hendriksen	Russ and Jennifer Peterson
Milo and Cheri Anderson	Robert and Dian Hillis	Richard and Janet Pineda
Dolores Bang	Mildred Hindmarsh*	Steve and Peg Pribnow
Marvin* and Marie* Bartling	Don and Jan Hinds	Darrell and Myrna Puls
Rachel Bayer*	Audrey Hoegermeyer*	Ruth Register
Mary Bigelow*	Jim* and Nancy Hoshor	Mike Reilly
J.J. and Jennifer Bixby	Marion Iversen*	Bill and Kathy Rhea
Leona Blazek*	Jessica Janssen	Jerry Rinne
Gary and Denise Bolton	Helen F. Jasa*	Darlene Ritter*
Pat and Judy Booth	Joel and Jan Jelkin	Marilyn Rolf*
Lloyd and Betty Brooks	Elnora Jensen*	Duane Ruppert
Jack Bryant*	Carl W.* and Betty K.* Johnson	Bill and Cathy Saeger
Elaine Cady*	Paul and Liz Johnson	Darlene G. Saeger
Keith and Linda Chapman	William A. Johnson*	John and Lori Sajevic
David and Cynthia Christensen	Jack and Betty Kavanaugh	Ronnie and Shelly Sandeen
Laura Clatanoff*	John L. Kavanaugh, Jr.	Elmer* and Elda* Sasse
Mary E. Cochrane*	John* and Audré* Kerrigan	Lyle Saunders
Mike and Cindy Coffman	Clarence* and Lois Kerschinske	Neil and Bonnie Schilke
Charlie and Mary Lou Diers	Mary Ellen Kissell*	Gary* and Carol Schmidt
Kirk and Melissa Diers	Rodney and Cyndy Koerber	Ray and Mary Sendgraff
Sid and Hazel Dillon	Ron and Karen Kortan	Barbara L. Sherlock*
Sid and Patty Dillon, Jr.	Ron and Susie Kranz	Dave Simmons
Don* and Mary K. Dolejs	Abe* and Beverlee Krasne	William Simms*
Bill and Jane Dugan	Duane and Helen Krause	John G. Spangler
Rupert* and Ruth* Dunklau	Keith and Ann* Lallman	Lois I. Spurrier*
Ruth E. Dunklau*	Nicholas J. and Cheryl A. Lamme	Dorothy Stangel*
Jim* and Sherie Ebers	John and Shirley Larsen	Charles* and Doris M. Steffen
Milton C.* and Lois* Ebers	Wayne and Janet Larson	Leo* and Joanne Thietje
Elvera Eckdahl*	Marcia Mickelsen LaVally*	Tom and Sheryl Thomsen
Jack and Judy Ekeler	Sherry R. Leriger	Rachel Timme
Bill* and Elaine L. Emanuel	Terry J. and Linda McClain	Robert L. Tookey*
Sandi Frauen	Alton* and Nadine* Merrick	Chad Troester
Ruth Fredriksen*	David and Kimberly Mitchell	Joe and Diana Twidwell
Anna Furst*	William* and Helen* Monke	Bill and Joan Vobejda
Margaret Furst*	Henry Monnich*	Lester A. Walker*
David and Kristine Gale	Jim* and Maria Moore	Tom and Carol Waring
Bruce* and Sylvia D. Gocken	Elizabeth Y. Mulliken*	Leah Weber*
Charles and Marilyn Gordon	June Mussack*	Marv and Jean* Welstead
Mamie Grohn*	Gaylord and Vali Mussman	Steve and Patricia Wendt
Mike and Janice Guillatti	Steve and Julie Navarrette	Ethel Whalen*
Allan and Julia Hale	Nick Neff*	Mary Ellen Wieland*
Bertha E. Hansen*	Perry* and Eileen Nelson	Dan and Kathy Wiesen
The Rev. Robert* and Janice Hansen	Evelyn Nichols*	Dick* and Marty Wikert
Si Harbottle	Leonard C. Nielsen	James and Carolyn Windeshausen
Gerry and Lynette Harnisch	Loren C. Nothwehr	Bob and Janice Wobken
David G. Hartmann	Dale and Fern Olson	Tom and Deanna Wolf
Greg and Mary Haskins	Lee Paden	Phil and Michelle Wood
Merle Hasson*	Mervin and Gail Peck	Larry and Marianne* Yost

*Remembered forever

Excellence. Accountability. Impact.



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The Fremont Area Community Foundation is accredited with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™ — the industry benchmark for excellence in philanthropic practice.

Achieving the National Standards designation is not mandatory for community foundations. Our Board of Directors chose to seek this distinction to affirm our commitment to excellence and accountability. Our accreditation provides assurance that we have sound policies and practices in place and meet the highest standards for local giving.

To receive accreditation with National Standards, foundation policies and procedures are submitted to a rigorous review of 41 National Standards in six key areas of community foundation operations, including donor services, investment management, grant-making and administration. This certification from the Council on Foundations says that we meet the most rigorous standards in philanthropy — a promise to our community that we'll continue to do this good work together, right here in the Fremont area.

Summary of Financial Information

Consolidated Summary of Activities and Changes in Assets*

CHANGES IN ASSETS	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Revenues, gains, and other support:		
Contributions	\$1,648,269	\$2,257,266
Interest, dividends, and other investment income	\$490,685	\$417,949
Administrative fees and other revenue	\$540,098	\$221,101
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss of investments	\$913,510	\$1,296,725
Grants returned	\$4,505	\$10,409
Life insurance net of cash value increase	-	-
Transfers from agency funds	\$2,955	\$500
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$3,600,022	\$4,203,950
Expenses:		
Grants and scholarships	\$1,777,370	\$1,510,675
Administrative expenses	\$269,282	\$270,519
Trustee fees	\$50,031	\$48,045
Support services and fees	\$615,651	\$412,946
Life Insurance net of cash value decrease	(\$22,997)	(\$37,926)
Total Expenditures	\$2,689,337	\$2,204,259
Change in Net Assets	\$910,685	\$1,999,691
Net Assets beginning of year	\$24,064,926	\$22,065,235
Total Net Assets	\$24,975,611	\$24,064,926

*All information contained in this summary for year end 6/30/18 has been audited.



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The Fremont Area Community Foundation helps people create funds that change lives. By partnering with highly effective nonprofits, we keep the community's wealth working here at home...

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