

Annual Report
2017



**HERE
FOR
GOOD**

FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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TOGETHER *We grow, thrive and learn*



\$24 million
in *community*
assets

\$1.5 million
invested in grants and
scholarships in 2017

184 funds
supporting the
Fremont area

Communities are built across generations.

We grow, learn, and thrive in the surroundings sewn by those before us, and—when it comes time—we till the ground anew to leave our own mark.

For the past 37 years, the Fremont Area Community Foundation has provided the tools, expertise and leadership to facilitate and foster this spirit of generosity.

In 1979, a school teacher by the name of Ethel Whalen, bequeathed a gift of \$53,000 in her will, specifically to serve as the establishing gift of a community foundation for the betterment of the Fremont area. Following her lead and vision, Lester A. Walker, Hazel Keene, Dorothy Stangel, Audrey Hoegermeyer and so many others have added to the legacy, creating the community we all enjoy.

Today, 184 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 holds more than \$24 million in community assets and has granted over \$20 million to nonprofit organizations and charitable efforts throughout the Greater Dodge County area.

Well-positioned to meet the challenge of future needs and opportunities, your community foundation will continue to grow, learn and thrive. To build across generations.



GREG HASKINS
President of the Board



MELISSA DIERS
Executive Director

BUILDING *healthy families and youth*

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

With a goal of empowering individuals and strengthening families within northeast Nebraska, the Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP) offers a parent support program called *Healthy Families* for expectant families and those with children. Parents can learn about positive discipline, social, emotional and cognitive development, and the benefits of good physical and emotional health. A recent grant of \$5,000 is funding the *Healthy Families* program, helping individuals develop and hone vital parenting skills.



SCOUTREACH

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, Mid-America Council to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law. *Scoutreach* is the Boy Scouts' commitment to ensuring that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood or ethnic background. With the help of foundation funding, the Mid-America Council is now offering a *Scoutreach* after-school program at three Fremont elementary schools for boys who would otherwise be unable to afford the Scouting experience.



FACF Grantmaking
Year in Review

Education
70 grants totaling \$204,183

Social Services
69 grants totaling \$219,300

Civic Improvements
115 grants totaling \$586,410

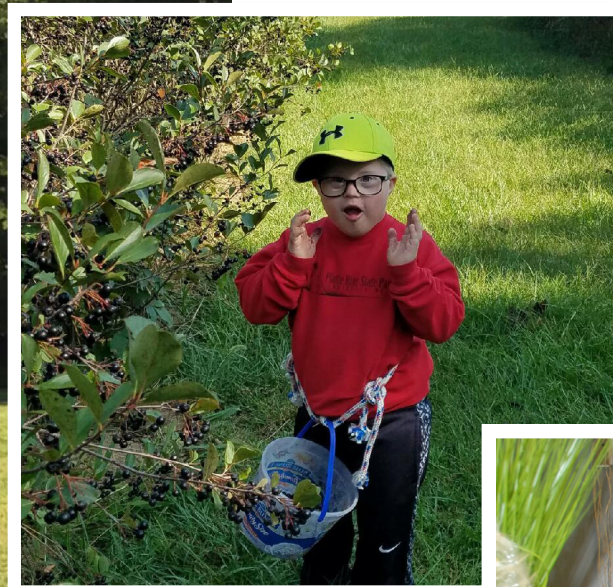
Health & Recreation
111 grants totaling \$68,317

Arts & Culture
15 grants totaling \$144,261

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.

Individuals gain additional personal growth from an array of job opportunities of their choosing, they receive a well-earned salary.

A recent FAFG grant provided Roots to Wings funds for a new laptop computer and sound system for community presentations. The foundation is proud to support the innovative efforts of this new Fremont area nonprofit. For more information about Roots to Wings, contact Linda at (402) 478-5215.



Photo courtesy of Fremont Tribune



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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



ROOTS TO Wings

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!

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THE FREMONT AREA
BIG GIVE
MAY 8, 2018

powered by the Fremont Area Community Foundation

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



Legacy Society

Individuals who have 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.

Kathryn Anderson*
Milo and Cheri Anderson
Dolores Bang
Marvin* and Marie* Bartling
Rachel Bayer*
Mary Bigelow*
J.J. and Jennifer Bixby
Leona Blazek*
Gary and Denise Bolton
Pat and Judy Booth
Lloyd and Betty Brooks
Jack Bryant*
Elaine Cady*
Keith and Linda Chapman
David and Cynthia Christensen
Laura Clatanoff*
Mary E. Cochrane*
Charlie and Mary Lou Diers
Kirk and Melissa Diers
Sid and Hazel Dillon
Sid and Patty Dillon, Jr.
Don* and Mary K. Dolejs
Bill and Jane Dugan
Rupert* and Ruth Dunklau
Ruth E. Dunklau*
Jim* and Sherie Ebers
Milton C.* and Lois* Ebers
Elvera Eckdahl*
Jack and Judy Ekeler
Bill* and Elaine L. Emanuel
Sandi Frauen
Ruth Fredriksen*
Anna Furst*
Margaret Furst*
David and Kristine Gale
Bruce* and Sylvia D. Gocken
Charles and Marilyn Gordon
Mamie Grohn*
Mike and Janice Guilliat
Allan and Julia Hale
Bertha E. Hansen*
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Si Harbottle
Gerry and Lynette Harnisch
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Merle Hasson*
Bud* and Marj* Hendriksen
Richard L. and Paula K. Hendriksen

Robert and Dian Hillis
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Audrey Hoegermeyer*
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Jessica Janssen
Helen F. Jasa*
Joel and Jan Jelkin
Elnora Jensen*
Carl W.* and Betty K.* Johnson
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Keith and Ann* Lallman
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Wayne and Janet Larson
Marcia Mickelsen LaVally*
Sherry R. Leriger
Terry J. and Linda McClain
Alton* and Nadine* Merrick
David and Kimberly Mitchell
William* and Helen* Monke
Henry Monnich*
Jim* and Maria Moore
Elizabeth Y. Mulliken*
June Mussack*
Gaylord and Vali Mussman
Steve and Julie Navarrette
Nick Neff*
Perry* and Eileen Nelson
Evelyn Nichols*
Leonard C. Nielsen
Loren C. Nothwehr
Dale and Fern Olson
Lee Paden
Mervin and Gail Peck
Art Peters*
Russ and Jennifer Peterson

Richard and Janet Pineda
Steve and Peg Pribnow
Darrell and Myrna Puls
Ruth Register
Mike Reilly
Bill and Kathy Rhea
Jerry Rinne
Darlene Ritter*
Marilyn Rolf*
Duane Ruppert
Bill and Cathy Saeger
Darlene G. Saeger
John and Lori Sajevic
Ronnie and Shelly Sandeen
Elmer* and Elda* Sasse
Lyle Saunders
Neil and Bonnie Schilke
Gary* and Carol Schmidt
Ray and Mary Sendgraff
Barbara L. Sherlock*
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Tom and Sheryl Thomsen
Rachel Timme
Robert L. Tookey*
Chad Troester
Joe and Diana Twidwell
Bill and Joan Vobejda
Lester A. Walker*
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Leah Weber*
Marv and Jean* Welstead
Steve and Patricia Wendt
Ethel Whalen*
Mary Ellen Wieland*
Dan and Kathy Wiesen
Dick* and Marty Wikert
James and Carolyn Windeshausen
Bob and Janice Wobken
Tom and Deanna Wolf
Phil and Michelle Wood
Larry and Marianne* Yost

*Remembered forever



Audrey Hoegermeyer's Lasting Legacy

Audrey was born on the family farm in rural Hooper. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Hooper High School in 1935. Audrey was active in her church and became an accredited Braille translator. She never married, but continued to live with and care for her family.

When her brother, Allen, a World War II veteran, took over the family farm, Audrey continued to help him. They remained on the farm for over 95 years. Allen passed away in March, 2014, and Audrey followed him two years later.

Audrey is remembered as a kind, Christian woman who “lived her life in exactly that manner,” according to a friend. Her caring disposition is reflected in the generous bequest Audrey left to the community foundation’s Social Services Field of Interest Fund. Her legacy of kindness and care-taking will benefit countless individuals throughout the Fremont area for generations to come.

Summary of Financial Information

Consolidated Summary of Activities and Changes in Assets*

| CHANGES IN ASSETS | June 30, 2017 | June 30, 2016 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues, gains, and other support: | | |
| Contributions | \$2,257,266 | \$2,367,505 |
| Interest, dividends, and other investment income | \$417,949 | \$426,599 |
| Administrative fees and other revenue | \$221,101 | \$202,067 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/loss of investments | \$1,296,725 | (\$10,665) |
| Grants returned | \$10,409 | \$1,977 |
| Life insurance net of cash value increase | - | - |
| Transfers from agency funds | \$500 | \$5,310 |
| Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support | \$4,203,950 | \$2,992,793 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Grants and scholarships | \$1,510,675 | \$905,250 |
| Administrative expenses | \$270,519 | \$251,032 |
| Trustee fees | \$48,045 | \$41,785 |
| Support services and fees | \$412,946 | \$443,703 |
| Life Insurance net of cash value decrease | (\$37,926) | \$6,548 |
| Total Expenditures | \$2,204,259 | \$1,648,318 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$1,999,691 | \$1,344,475 |
| Net Assets beginning of year | \$22,065,235 | \$20,720,760 |
| Total Net Assets | \$24,064,926 | \$22,065,235 |

*All information contained in this summary for year end 6/30/17 has been audited.



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**When we plant a tree,
we don't do it for
ourselves but for our
children."**

— David E. Trueblood