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## Message from the Chair

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair for the 2018-2019 operating year for your Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. It has been a year of change. We have said goodbye to several committee members who have served for many years and welcomed a number of new members to our team. We welcomed a new staff person, Callan Collins, who has brought new ideas and energy to our committee. We are also pursuing a new marketing strategy with a new website in development and a larger social media presence.



But as much as things change, the constant that remains is our shared vision that we want Norfolk to be a growing, thriving community. Our mission is to build an endowment that can be a resource for the betterment of Norfolk. An endowment, particularly an unrestricted endowment, allows your Fund Advisory Committee the ability to award earnings on those monies based on the current needs of Norfolk, both today and in the future. The need today might be housing, the arts, or helping our neighbors recover from a flood, but tomorrow's need may be something completely different. The beauty is in the flexibility to meet the current needs of the community. It's also an investment that continues to give back exponentially. If you are a past or current donor, we thank you for your investment in Norfolk's future. If you haven't yet seized the opportunity to contribute, we invite you to invest in the future of Norfolk today.

*Tara Buell Korth*

Founded by a group of forward-thinking citizens, Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is a group devoted to the future of Norfolk and creating a vibrant hometown for years to come.

### VISION

The Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund envisions a growing, thriving community where giving back is a priority and an ongoing process for all citizens. A community where there is available funding for innovative projects, services, and opportunities that enhance the Norfolk area and make a difference in people's lives.

### MISSION

To build a permanent endowment that creates and sustains innovative projects, services and opportunities that enhance the Norfolk area and make a positive impact on people's lives.



## How You Can Help



Thanks to your generous donations, you will continue to help enhance Norfolk both now and for years to come. 100% of your donation stays in the Norfolk area.

As you can see from the efforts shown in the previous community projects, the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is investing in giving back to the Norfolk community.

If you share our passion of giving back to our great community, we hope you will support our operations and endowment funds.

**Together, we are planning for our future. Together, we are achieving more.  
Together, we are building a greater Norfolk.**

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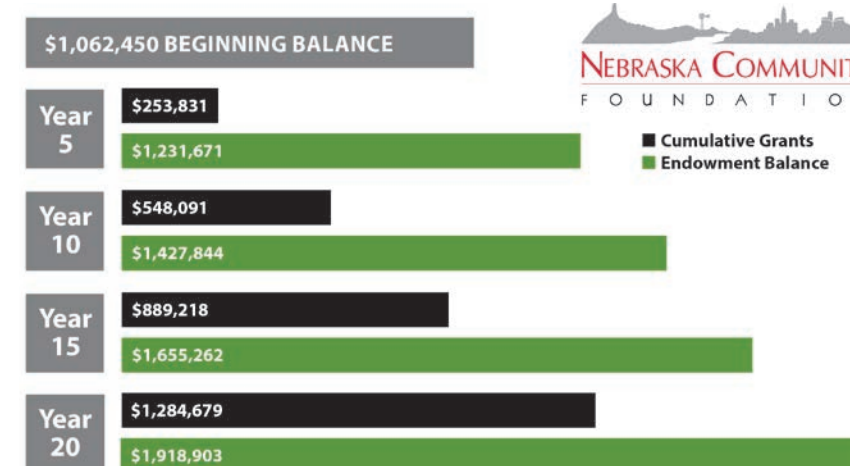
### Donor Card

Donate to the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund. Please fill out this donor card and lend your support today.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation**  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Today  Monthly  Annually  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ For:  
 Operations  Endowment

Your gift is tax-deductible and will be reinvested back into the Norfolk community for projects and programs that will address the emerging needs and opportunities of the area. Thank you.

Send this form to the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund  
609 W Norfolk Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701



This is an example using the following assumptions: 7.5% return (net of fees), 4.5% annual endowment payout, asset allocation: 75% equities, 25% fixed income.





## Meet our Newest Staff Member

The Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund proudly welcomes Callan Collins to assume the position of coordinator for the Fund. Callan will perform administrative functions and work with the Fund Advisory Committee to support the development of the NACFF. Callan has been in this role since September 2018.

Callan and her family moved to Norfolk in April 2018. She and her husband, Ben Collins, are 'returners' to the area. She previously lived and worked in Columbus as an agronomist for six years. Callan graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in environmental sciences. When Callan is not working, she enjoys being home with their two young daughters and attempting Pinterest projects.

Callan will be working part time out of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce office. She can be reached at 402-379-9516 or nacffund@gmail.com

## Members of the Fund Advisory Committee

Emily Afrank  
Jim Bradford  
Tara Buell-Korth (Chair)  
Tracey Buettner (Vice Chair)  
Chance Buss  
Betty Froehlich (Secretary)  
Pamela Handke  
Jon Hausmann  
Jeff Hoffman  
Lisa Johnson  
Tim Pearson  
Andrew Steffensmeier (Treasurer)  
Leann Widhalm  
Coordinator: Callan Collins



Honorary Board Members:  
Steve Busskohl, Brandon Day,  
Tammy Day, Bob Dudley, Jared Faltys, Joe  
Ferguson, and Paula Pflueger

Jerry Huse was Honorary Board Member  
until his death in June 2018.

# Our Grantmaking in Action

## The unrestricted endowment surpassed \$1 million for the first time in 2018!

Since 2013, the Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund has reinvested more than \$100,000 in grants back into community-led projects and programs to help the Norfolk area. One hundred percent of the fund's endowment earnings are awarded back into the community. The Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund awarded a record number of grants — 10 grants totaling almost \$33,000 were given to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year's grant recipients were:

### Norfolk Arts Center: Fifth-grade Passport to Art Program

The inaugural launch of the program has helped a core group of 30 students inspire creativity and expand their knowledge and appreciation of the arts through hands-on and experience-based opportunities. Home-school students from Creighton are among the regular participants, and organizers have heard from several families of fourth-graders excited about getting involved next year. "Because of the passport program, my friends and I have gotten to do a lot of really cool projects like votive making and learning about pop art," said Piper Okamoto, a fifth-grader at Norfolk Middle School. "I also got to go to Soup 'R Art and talk to some artists and learn about their artwork."



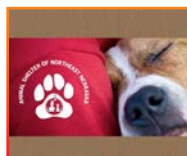
### Norfolk Family YMCA: Rock Steady Boxing

This program provides an effective form of physical exercise to people who are living with Parkinson's disease. Studies have shown that forced intense exercise programs may delay the progression of Parkinson's symptoms. Grant money from NACFF was used to purchase equipment, marketing material and RSB coach certifications. Family members also are encouraged to become involved as "corner men," helping members with their boxing gloves, being a cheerleader and even participating themselves. The hope is to eventually offer an additional class time option. "Over six months of doing Rock Steady Boxing, I have more energy, the tremors in my left hand aren't as strong and I've developed good friendships and support from the other group members," said participant Elaine Halferty.



### Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska: Unleash the Possibilities

For Bright Horizons, the shelter housed two dogs and two cats that were brought current on vaccinations and testing. In one case, a single mother with two children lost her home and came to the shelter to surrender their dog since they couldn't keep it without a home. After learning of this program, she was grateful that the shelter would house her dog while she searched for a new residence. The family was allowed to visit as much as possible and continually thanked the staff at the shelter for taking such good care of the dog. Groups such as Mosaic and the Norfolk Catholic Elementary K Kids Club volunteered as part of the program. The animal shelter plans to continue the program with Paws to Read, Paws for Abilities, and helping people who become homeless or are going through trauma.



### S.M.I.L.L.E. Inc.: Scholarships for Everyone

S.M.I.L.L.E. (Stephanie's Miracles In Loving Equine) provided recreational therapy on horseback to 135 students per week, ranging in age from 2 to 65 with a wide range of disabilities. They also come from a 10-county area in Northeast Nebraska. "I appreciate all the time and effort you put into having a grant fund," said Patty Prauner of S.M.I.L.L.E. "S.M.I.L.L.E. operates on donations. Every dollar is a blessing to help others." "It is supporters such as yourself that help bring smiles to all the faces of the participants with S.M.I.L.L.E. Inc. Not just the riders' faces, but those of the family, friends, and workers", said a grateful mother of a rider.



### Norfolk Public Schools Foundation: Career Exploration in K-4 Guidance Classroom

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade at seven elementary schools in Norfolk are given opportunities to explore careers with "Paws in Jobland" featuring a puppy named Paws, who helps students navigate a fictional city and learn more about the people who work there. The software program allows students to work independently to explore careers that they might like to learn more about. The goal is to promote career exploration as part of the college/career readiness programming for Norfolk Public Schools.



### Bright Horizons: Project Homeless Connect Norfolk

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless are able to receive a wide variety of immediate, on-site services and support for unmet needs, such as meals, medical services, haircuts and more. The second annual event served 350 guests, with the largest number of adults between the ages of 51-61 and children between the ages of 6-12 years old. "More businesses and private sectors want to get involved and be a part of this project," said coordinator Lacy Kimes. "They see the effects that this project has on hundreds of people in their own community, and many have voiced their wish to see it continue to grow."



### Norfolk Youth Theatre: A Walk in the Woods

The Norfolk Youth Theatre camp attracted 53 participants ranging in age from 9-18, up from 10 from the 2017 camp. The majority of the camp staff are from Norfolk and surrounding towns, and the camp serves children from Norfolk, Tilden, Stanton, Pierce and Battle Creek. The grant money allowed more of the budget to be used to provide food for the volunteers this year, allowing them to place their full focus on kids like Katy Edmisten. "Katy's week with Norfolk Youth Theatre gave her precisely the confidence boost she needed at the time," said her mother, Karen Edmisten. "In September, when she auditioned for the Norfolk Community Theatre's 'Peter and the Starcatcher,' she landed a leading role, which - before NYT - she didn't think herself capable of."



### Bright Horizons: My Body, My Life

Bright Horizons collaborated with the Nebraska State Patrol to send one person from each agency to the My Body, My Life/REAL Men training. This is an award-winning, evidenced-based training for men and women ages 13 to 93. It uses a multidisciplinary approach to build self-esteem, boundary setting, building skills to recognize unsafe relationships and, unsafe situations, and provide the tools to protect your body and your life. After becoming certified instructors, they will present this program to schools all across our service area to students in middle school through college and community members. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20.9% of female high school students and 13.4% of male high school students report being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. Nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by a dating partner every year.



### Boy Scouts of America: Norfolk Area Scoutreach Program

Through the Scoutreach after-school program, youths at Grant Elementary, Washington Elementary and Norfolk Middle School enjoy character-building programs that emphasize hands-on learning, fun exploration and Scouting adventures. Through these meetings, Scouts have helped at the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska and Mercy Meals with food packaging, in addition to constructing birdhouses, learning how to set up a tent, constructing robotic cars and even making rope from toilet paper.



### City of Norfolk: Mayor's Diversity Council

Through the grant from the NACFF, the Mayor's Diversity Council has been able to put together marketing materials as part of a broader outreach to the community, including T-shirts that have been sold in the community. The council's main events have included a Cinco de Mayo event and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, which featured Raponzil Drake, pastor of Norfolk First United Methodist Church. Drake urged those attending to help lift someone who is "down." Among future goals is bringing a Diversity and Inclusion Conference to Norfolk. "We are extremely grateful to the community foundation. The grant has launched our group to another level that we could not have reached without the financial backing."



# Annual Celebration 2018



## Unleash, Inspire, Connect

Nearly 500 passionate community builders gathered at Norfolk's DeVent Center and Divots Conference Center in November for Nebraska Community Foundation's Annual Celebration. Part volunteer training, part hometown expo, part celebratory banquet, the gathering featured some of the most extraordinary stories from communities all across the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) network and centered on topics critical to the future of Greater Nebraska, including early childhood development, youth engagement, workforce development and more.

The theme of the event was "Unleash, Inspire, Connect," a nod to NCF's newly established mission statement that reads: "We unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska."

Thank you to all who attended this year's Annual Celebration in Norfolk.