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.

**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

**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.

Norfolk Area Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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

**Name:** ___________________________  
**Address:** ___________________________  
**Phone:** ___________________________  
**Email:** ___________________________

I would like to give $ ____________  
- [ ] Today  
- [ ] Monthly  
- [ ] Annually  

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.

Tara Buell Korth  

609 W Norfolk Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701
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.

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.

Norfolk Arts Center: Fifth-grade Passport to Art Program

The inaugural launch of the program has helped a core group of 90 students inspire creativity and expand their knowledge and appreciation of the arts through hands-on and experience-based opportunities. Home-school students from Gretnn are among the regular participants, and organizers have heard from several families of fourth-graders excited about getting involved next year.

The passport program, my friends and I have gotten to do a lot of really cool projects like origami 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. “Overall, as 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 Hallerty.

Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska: Unleash the Possibilities

For Bright Horizons, the shelter housed two dogs and two cats that were brought to the shelter in current or recent evictions and testing. In one case, a single mother with two children lost her home and came to the shelter to surrender her dog since she couldn’t keep it without a home. After learning of this program, she was grateful that the shelter would house her pet 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/Kids Club also have been part of this 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.E. Inc.: Scholarships for Everyone

S.M.I.L.E. (Samaritans’ In Lifting Everyone’s) was 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 the time and effort you put into having a grant fund,” said Patty Prauner of S.M.I.L.E. “S.M.I.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.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 4 X 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 Wonder. The 4 X 4 Guidance Classroom highlights a fictional city and learn more about the people who work there. The software program also loves students to work independently to explore careers that might help them 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 individual and families who are homeless or near homeless are able to receive a wide variety of services and support to help them with their unmet needs, such as medical, dental 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 Eimes. “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.”

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 camp. She 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.

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:

Northland Community College’s John Stufflebeam was selected as the 2018 Nor-Folk Business Leader of the Year by the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. He was honored at the Norfolk Area Community Foundation’s Annual Celebration.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.