



The Pacha Soap team practices their "social distancing" while preparing a batch of hand sanitizer to distribute through the Hastings Community Foundation.

## Pacha Soap Supports HCF

Andrew Vrbas knows how to get things done. When there was a world-wide shortage of hand sanitizer, Andrew was able to shift production of his Pacha Soap company to make CDC approved hand sanitizer. He's shipped cases, at no charge, to hospitals and emergency personnel across the country.

Not one to forget his local community, Andrew wanted to ensure that he was able to supply sanitizer to essential business throughout Hastings too. Pacha had the infrastructure in place to fulfill large orders from coast to coast but lacked a system for management and distribution in Hastings. Andrew's solution - reach out to the Hastings Community Foundation.

Utilizing our network of community organizations and friends, the HCF was able to take the lead in implementing a community-wide distribution system. Businesses ranging from gas stations, grocery stores and the Postal Service have all been recipients of hand sanitizer at no cost.

The plan is to keep going as long as there is a supply. The Hastings Community Foundation expects to help with the distribution of more than 3,000 bottles of Pacha hand sanitizer. (That's more than 280 gallons!)

## CARES ACT Provides Donor Benefits

You have likely read news about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act recently passed by Congress. The legislation has received much attention for its provisions to help individuals and businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bill also includes topics related to charitable giving. A couple of note include:

- A \$300 above-the-line income tax charitable deduction is available to those who claim the standard deduction. Please note that contributions to donor-advised funds are not permissible for this deduction.
- Individual donors may deduct cash gifts to nonprofits up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI). There are some caveats, and the deduction is not available for cash gifts to donor-advised funds.

Additional charitable giving incentives could be part of future COVID-19 related legislation. As always, please visit with your financial professional to learn if and how you may qualify for these benefits.



# The Fountain

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## Hastings Community Foundation Welcome New Executive Director



The Hastings Community Foundation has hired Dan Peters as the organization's executive director. In his role, Peters will work with the board of directors to provide leadership for communication and publicity, financial administration, fundraising, donor stewardship, and community outreach. In addition, he will oversee the Foundation's leadership of Give Hastings Day and the Key Society.

Peters started in his role on February 27, just days before a market collapse and a global pandemic. The challenges have only served to strengthen his commitment to the organization and the Hastings community. "I continue to be so amazed by the generosity of this community, especially in a difficult time," Peters said. "The spirit of community we have in Hastings is unlike any other. That is why I make Hastings my home and I am honored to serve in this role."

Peters joins current staff members Susan Poppe and Stephanie Bliss at the Community Foundation office on the second floor of the Heritage Bank building. Peters can be reached at dan@hastings.foundation or (402) 462-5152.

## COVID-19 Response Funds Serving Hastings Community

The Hastings Community Foundation, in partnership with the United Way of South Central Nebraska, has created two separate funds aimed at serving the community during this difficult time. The two organizations each provided initial funding for the COVID-19 Community Response Fund which awards grants to area nonprofits working with populations impacted by the virus or working to prevent its spread.

The organizations also partnered to create the Feeding Our Heroes initiative. The program purchases food from area restaurants and delivers them to workplaces of medical personnel, first responders and other essential industries. The program recognizes the efforts and dedication of those required to work the front lines during a stressful time while also supporting our community dining establishments.

The programs are managed by the same organizations, but are separate funds. Donors can support one or both funds, and trust that their dollars are being used as they intended. Donations to the funds can be made at the United Way's website, [www.unitedwayscne.org/give](http://www.unitedwayscne.org/give).



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# GIVE HASTINGS DAY 2020

It's year #7 for Give Hastings Day. As much as we want to celebrate the excitement of the day, we know things are different this year. The nonprofit community, like so many other industries, is hurting.

As the realities of COVID-19 came to be, we quickly discovered two things. First, our nonprofits need us now like never before. Secondly, we have many donors ready to offer their support.

In order to meet the needs of the community and our donors, Give Hastings Day will still culminate on May 7, but we are asking donors to GIVE NOW. We will officially start accepting gifts for Give Hastings Day on April 20.



We hope this expanded timeline will encourage donors to make a gift online now or provide time for them to mail their gift to the Community Foundation. Even though we enjoy seeing and visiting with all our friends who hand deliver their donations, we want everyone to remain safe. We are kindly asking gifts to be mailed, not brought to our office.

On behalf of all the organizations participating in Give Hastings Day, we hope you'll consider taking part in this event - even in these challenging times.

And because we all need good news to look forward to, we're going to keep the leaderboard a secret until Give Hastings Day. Make your gift now, and watch the totals appear on May 7!



[givehastings.org](http://givehastings.org)



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## New GHD Organizations for 2020

**God Made Me Preschool** - "Train up a child in the way he shall go when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

**Hastings American Legion Baseball** - GHD will help pay off the balance of the Duncan Field Turf project that was spearheaded by the Hastings Baseball Committee in 2018.

**Hastings Fire & Rescue** - Our mission is to protect life, property and environment through response, training, inspection and educational programs.

**Kiwanis Musical Playground Project** - The project is raising funds to build musical playgrounds for each of the area elementary schools.

**Our Place After School Care** - We strive to create a caring community that will encourage special needs students, ages 13-20,

**PFLAG Hastings** - We are invested in creating new spaces and opportunities for LGBTQ+ people in the Hastings area to thrive.

**Project Sunflower** - Our hope is to provide education, awareness, emotional support, and funds to those individuals and caregivers fighting Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

**The South Heartland District Health Department** - We are dedicated to preserving and improving the health of residents of Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster counties.

**Special Children's Fund Mission** - Our mission is to assure that every child is able to receive prompt medical treatment.

## By The Numbers: Give Hastings Day

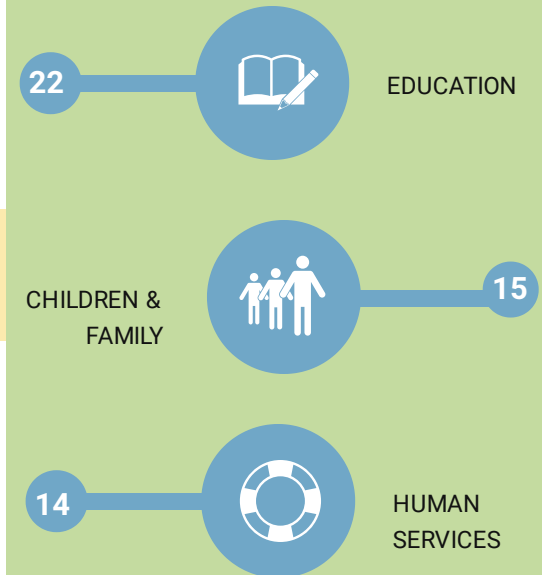
# 6 years

Give Hastings Day started in 2014. That first year raised \$339,990 for 55 organizations. (We have 91 organizations participating this year!)

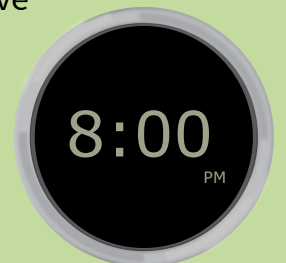
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raised since 2014

### Number of Nonprofits in Popular 2020 Categories



Most popular hour to give online



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