

# COMMUNITY THEATRE ENDOWMENT

Just one of the nearly 150 funds held by the Hastings Community Foundation

On with the show! That's the goal of the Hastings Community Theatre Endowed Fund held by the HCF. Established in 2015, the fund generates revenue to support the theatre's mission of providing opportunities for the community to participate in the study, practice and production of all phases of the theatrical arts.

For more than 60 years, HCT has allowed countless hundreds of people to gain experience in theatrical arts as actors, directors, producers, light and sound crews, set construction crews, and audience members. That impact extends to all ages with the HCT Kids program providing summer theatre experiences for grade school through high school students.

Additional contributions to the fund can be made anytime, further growing the revenue it provides annually. The Hastings Community Foundation is honored to play a role in ensuring the theatre has many more opening nights to come!



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## Grants In Action

### Responding to an Urgent Need

Meeting after meeting, the problem was the same. Area nonprofits who offer emergency assistance to individuals were all running out of funds to help pay for fuel. Being able to fill up the car allows individuals to get to work, medical appointments, job interviews, and get kids to school. Without gas in the tank, income is lost and school is missed.



The Hastings Community Foundation heard about the need and knew we could be of assistance. We also knew that community partnerships could further expand the solutions available for this important issue.

The HCF contacted the United Way of South Central Nebraska with an offer. If we awarded a grant of \$1,500 for fuel cards, would they match it? The answer was an enthusiastic YES. In addition, local retailers where the gas cards were purchased were willing to add a 10% bonus onto the amount purchased.





HCF's initial \$1,500 grant has now transformed into \$3,300 for emergency fuel cards to be distributed through the Community Impact Network.

"This is a great example of the partnerships that exist in our community," explains Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. "We are always seeking ways to get the most impact from our efforts. Partnering with our United Way allowed us to multiply the resources available for addressing a real community need."

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# The Fountain

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## HCF Services for Year-End Giving

The end of the calendar year means a busy season for charitable giving. The Hastings Community Foundation has tools and services to help reach your year-end philanthropic goals.

**Donor Advised Fund** – Think of DAFs as a philanthropic investment account. A DAF is established with an initial contribution of cash or securities, the full amount of which may be eligible for an immediate charitable tax benefit. The fund grows with investment earnings (and any additional contributions you make). Distributions from the fund to nonprofits are made in amounts and on timelines that you suggest.

**Anonymous Giving** – Some donors wish to make gifts anonymously to nonprofit organizations, but still want to receive a charitable tax receipt. The HCF is happy to facilitate these transactions. Donors can write a single check (payable to Hastings Community Foundation) and provide us instructions on how the gift is to be distributed. We'll receipt your gift and make your distributions anonymously. Any special correspondence we receive as a result of your anonymous gifts will be forwarded onto you.



**Transfer of Securities** - You can turn securities (including stocks or distributions from an IRA) into a cash gift for your favorite nonprofit. The process starts when you transfer securities to the HCF. Those securities are liquidated, and proceeds are allocated to nonprofit organizations based on your recommendations. (This process can be especially convenient if you're wanting to complete multiple Qualified Charitable Distributions with one simple transfer.) Including the Hastings Community Foundation as a recipient of the proceeds is always appreciated, but not required.

## Fountain Club Celebrates First Year

The Fountain Club, an annual giving society to support the mission, operations, and priorities of the Hastings Community Foundation, is celebrating its first year!

"Fountain Club members support the growth and mission of the HCF," said Dan Peters, executive director. "With their generous support, we continue to build on the programming, impact, and leadership we're able to provide to Hastings."

Membership to the Fountain Club is given upon an annual unrestricted gift starting at \$250. We appreciate and proudly recognize our 2023 Fountain Club members! Join or learn more by visiting [hastingscommunityfoundation.org/fountainclub](https://hastingscommunityfoundation.org/fountainclub).

**Fellow (\$250-\$499)** Heather & Matt Baack · Heiden & Cameron Brei · LuAnn & Ray Conant · Lesa & Craig Kautz · Amy & Bill Hermes · Susie & Terry Klatt · Ann & Robin Koozer · Lynette & Paul Krieger · Susan & Tim Overmiller · Dan Peters Kristi & Dave Rippe · Vicki & Larry Rouse · Hauli & Bill Sabatka · Colleen & Phil Werner

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The Hastings Communication Foundation makes it easy to donate stock and other securities as part of your year-end charitable giving. With recent mergers of investment providers, the HCF has updated our process and account numbers to receive security transfers. Please contact our office to learn more and ensure a smooth transfer.

# Key Society Provides Communications Board

Sometimes the best resources are the simplest ones. When local speech pathologists needed funding for a communications board at the Crosier Park playground, the Hastings Community Foundation's Key Society was able to provide the \$3,000.

The 70-inch by 19-inch communications board is a low-tech method of communication for children who are minimally or non-speaking. Board vocabulary was customized by RiteCare Clinic Hastings MMI Speech-Language pathologists with appropriate symbols and vocabulary to meet children's communication needs on a playground.

Speech pathologist Sydney Norton explains, "Children with speech-language disorders can come and tell their family 'I'm hurt, I have to go potty, I made a new friend,' and they can really dive into those social, emotional communication opportunities that a park gives a child."



The playground provides a sensory-rich environment that enables children of all abilities to engage physically and socially in a supportive environment. The playground is ideal for children ages 0-12.

# Hastings Variety Show Returns!

It's the unofficial kick off to the holiday season and tickets are selling fast! Local performers of all abilities will showcase their skills on Friday, November 17. Audience members can expect to see singers, skits, talents, and an evening of pure fun. All of the corporate tables have sold out! Balcony seats are still available \$15 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Proceeds from the event support the operations of the Hastings Community Foundation.

Learn more or purchase balcony seats by visiting [hastingscommunityfoundation.org/show](http://hastingscommunityfoundation.org/show) or emailing the HCF office at [hcf@hastings.foundation](mailto:hcf@hastings.foundation) or calling (402) 462-5152.



# New Mural Highlights Community

A celebration of Hastings. That was the inspiration behind a new downtown mural featured on the corner of 2nd Street and Hastings Avenue. The Hastings Community Foundation partnered with the Hastings Community Arts Council and Community Redevelopment Authority to fund the project.

"Each letter of Hastings is a scene representing parts of the community that make Hastings unique," said Dani Schwinn, mural artist. "The hardest part was narrowing it down because there are so many things to love about our community."

If selecting the scenes was the biggest issue, the sheer size of the project was the next obstacle

that she had to overcome. The solution involved a little artist math.

"I drew out the letters on graph paper and scaled them up on the wall," explained Schwinn. "Each square on my graph paper represented six inches. The letters with straight edges weren't too bad, but the curved letters took a couple of attempts and extra points of reference. I essentially made myself a giant dot-to-dot drawing for the two Ss and the G. Once the math part was done, I was in my comfort zone, which was painting the scenes."

The HCF contributed to the mural from our Community Grants program and the Brenda John Memorial Fund. The mural is expected to be completed by mid-November.



By the numbers  
DOWNTOWN  
MURAL PROJECT

384  
SQUARE FEET

7  
Different paintbrush  
sizes used

42° - 80°  
Outdoor  
temperature  
range while  
painting

12  
Paint colors used  
(plus the variations  
from mixing colors)

# Thank you Key Society Members!

Members of the Key Society continue to make great things happen in Hastings. 100% of Key Society membership dues are used to fund projects that positively impact our quality of life. We thank the following for supporting our community. To enroll, renew, or gift a membership, visit [hastingscommunityfoundation.org/keysociety](http://hastingscommunityfoundation.org/keysociety). Membership names are as of October 1, 2023.

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Ora & Jerry Adler  
Mary Kay & Al Anderson  
Lori & Jeff Anderson  
Lafe Anderson  
Mari & Gary Anderson  
Pat Anderson  
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Suzanne & Terry Anstine  
Heather & Matt Baack  
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Megan & Scott Kvols  
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