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Give Hastings Day Sets Giving Record

(Hastings, Neb.) — The 8th annual Give Hastings Day concluded on Thursday, May 6 with a record total. $668,862 was raised, supporting 93 nonprofit organizations. The total raised exceeded the previous record of $580,034, set in 2020. With additional gifts received the following day, the 2021 Give Hastings Day total is up to $673,420.

"We're obviously thrilled with the result," said Dan Peters, executive director of Hastings community Foundation, the host organization for Give Hastings Day. "It's exciting to see these kinds of numbers, but this day is about so much more than the total raised. The outcome of this Give Day is recognition that the efforts of our nonprofit organizations are valued and appreciated. Our community should feel very proud of what we achieved together."

Total dollars raised was just one of the surprises of the day. The race for the organization who raised the most dollars was competitive until the very last minute. The Hastings Family YMCA edged out the Hastings College Foundation by raising $40,031 compared to the college's $39,906. While both are well established Hastings nonprofits, they are not typically top of the Give Hastings Day leaderboard.

"We were very surprised to be on top of the leaderboard," said Troy Stickels, CEO of the Hastings Family YMCA. "It's a great reward for our staff because they work hard every day to improve our community, and this shows that people recognize the work we are doing. We are blessed to have unbelievable support from our community, and you saw yesterday, just one more reason why this is a special place to live."

"To have this kind of success on Give Day takes a year-round effort," said Peters. "It's the months of planning by our Give Hastings Day committee, the support of our sponsors, the constant work of our nonprofit community, and the ongoing support donors that allows us to celebrate this record-breaking day."

Since 2014, Give Hastings Day has raised more than $3.5 million for area nonprofit organizations. Give Hastings Day is a service of the Hastings Community Foundation. For more information visit www.givehastings.org or www.hastingscommunityfoundation.org.

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