

HCF Welcomes Four New Board Members

At the September board meeting, four new individuals were confirmed as Hastings Community Foundation board members.

Board members commit to terms of three years. In addition to their work with the full board, each member serves on at least one board committee.



Colleen Adam
Community, state and national volunteer



Matt Baack
Attorney, Skalka & Baack Lawfirm



Roger Doerr
Professor Emeritus, Hastings College



Dave Rippe
Owner, Queen City Development

These new board members join the current board of directors, including:

Stephanie Bliss	Dean Moors
Martha Boyd	Michael Nevriy
Jack Crowley	John Quirk
Charles Hastings	Hauli Sabatka
Jessi Hoedt	Aaron Schardt
Adam Jacobitz	Chuck Shoemaker
Scott Kvols	Mike Walenz
Cheryl Lockwood	

Key Society Offers New Membership for Young Professionals

The Key Society has long been a vital tool in bettering the quality of life in Hastings. With a membership fee of only \$250, hundreds of community leaders have found it to be a worthy community investment. Now, the benefits of the Key Society are available at a reduced rate to new leaders. With the new Key YP program, those under 40 years old can join the Key Society for only \$100 for the first year, \$175 for the second year and \$250 for the third year and beyond.

“With the Key YP program, we are able to expand our membership base while also educating about the benefits and services of the Hastings Community Foundation,” said Dan Peters, executive director of the community foundation. “It’s a win-win for the Key Society and for the new members. It’s also a great, low-cost way to introduce the concept of philanthropy and community engagement to your family.”

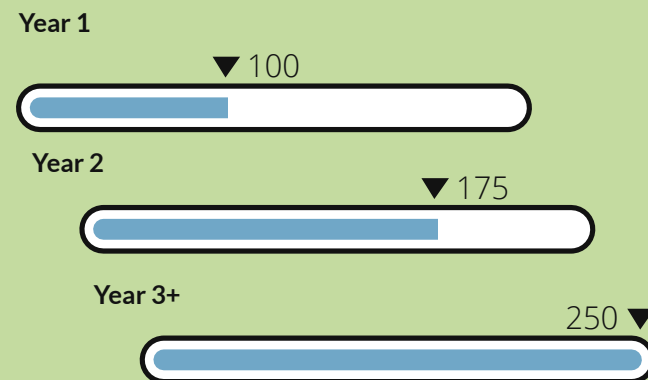
Key YP is available to any family who lives or works in the greater Hastings area, regardless of their profession. One head of the household needs to be under age 40 at time of joining. Membership can be started at anytime.

A Key YP membership is an excellent way to:

- Make a positive community impact
- Teach your family about philanthropy
- Stay informed on HCF news, events and happenings

Visit hastingscommunityfoundation.org/keyyp to learn more or to start your membership in the Key YP program.

Key YP Annual Membership Dues



The Fountain

The Hastings Community Foundation Newsletter
November 2020

Key Society Makes Leadership Gift to Park Project

In a joint announcement event on October 14, the Key Society announced a partnership with Hastings Parks & Recreation for an all-inclusive playground. The playground will be built in the southwest corner of Crosier Park in Hastings.

An inclusive playground will provide a sensory-rich environment that enables children of all abilities to engage physically and socially in a supportive environment. It will include slides, swings, climbing features, interactive spinners and roller tables, accessible ramps and interactive music features. The playground will be ideal for children ages 0-12.

The City of Hastings, through the half-cent sales tax, budgeted \$700,000 for the project. The Key Society has committed an additional \$100,000.

“In discussing the park idea with the Parks & Recreation department, we asked them what a larger budget could mean to the project,” said Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation, “We learned about additional equipment and features that could be added. The Key Society committee saw value in it and committed the funds to make it happen.”

Memorial funds from Jackie Ortegren and John Harrington have also been committed to the project.

Phase 1 of the project, which includes the parking and playground, is expected to break ground in the summer of 2021. Phase 2, which includes the restrooms and shelter, is expected to break ground in the fall of 2021.



Manufactures illustration of a possible park design.

The entire project is expected to be completed by summer of 2022.

“This is more than a parks project,” said Peters. This is a community gathering space for all families, including those that maybe haven’t had options before. Key Society members can be proud of their role in bringing this incredible playground to Hastings.”

Since 2003, the Key Society has been funding, or substantially growing, projects that positively impact the quality of life in Hastings. Membership is open year-round with annual dues of only \$250. To join Key Society, please contact the Hastings Community Foundation or visit www.hastingscommunityfoundation.org/keysociety.



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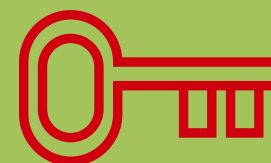
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Key Society memberships make great gifts! Celebrate our community with a unique and impactful gift. Perfect for friends, family and co-workers. We'll even provide a special card when gifting a membership so you have something to wrap. Contact the HCF to get started.

Maximizing Your Year-End Charitable Giving

The end of the calendar year can mean the busy season for your charitable giving. Every donor approaches this process differently, but there are rules and tools available to assist, regardless of your giving level or charities of choice.

It's important to first note the federal legislation earlier this year can impact your giving. For those who take the standard deduction, there is an above-the-line charitable deduction of up to \$300. There is also a 100% charitable deduction limit for cash gifts to public charities.

One of the more popular tools for philanthropic giving is a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Donor Advised Funds are convenient, flexible tools, allowing you to support the causes and organizations you care about. When you establish a DAF with the Hastings Community Foundation using cash, stock, or other assets, you receive an immediate charitable giving benefit for tax purposes. Your fund is invested and can grow over time. You may recommend

grant distributions to the nonprofit organizations of your choice at anytime. The HCF team takes care of the fund management and distribution process.

"Nearly one-third of all the accounts held at the community foundation are Donor Advised Funds," explained Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. "Beyond the tax advantages, our DAF account holders like

the partnership we provide. We make the distribution process easy. We can also help them identify HCF initiatives or other nonprofit needs in our community that may fit with their philanthropic interests."

To learn more about the benefits of a DAF with the Hastings Community Foundation or to download the distribution request form for current fund holders, simply visit hastingscommunityfoundation.com/daf.



Happy Holidays from the HCF!

What a year it's been! We hope you'll join us in welcoming the upcoming holiday season. Being with family during a season of kindness and joy sounds like exactly what we need right about now. Despite the challenges of 2020 (and there were plenty of them!) we're very proud for what the Hastings Community Foundation was able to achieve. By partnering with our donors, nonprofit community, board of directors and stakeholders, we continued our mission to enrich the quality of life in Hastings and the surrounding area. Our highlights from this year include:

- Managed 120 different funds.
- Awarded more than \$100,000 from our Community Grants program, across nearly 30 different local nonprofit organizations.
- Hired an Executive Director.
- Achieved a record breaking Give Hastings Day.
- Partnered with the United Way of South-Central Nebraska on a COVID Community Response fund that has provided more than \$86,000 (and growing) to support nonprofits in our area impacted by the coronavirus.
- Began implementation of new donor/financial software.

In looking ahead to 2021, our biggest change will be a retirement. Susan Poppe started with the Hastings Community Foundation in October, 2001. She's done it all since then – operations, office management, events, finance guru, marketing, donor communications and any other role you can think of. For many, Susan has been the only face and contact point they've had with the Community Foundation. It's hard for all of us to imagine not having her in the office! While we're not ready for her to leave, it's our understanding that her dog and cat are very excited to have more of her attention. Susan will continue her current role through the end of the year then move to part-time through the first quarter of 2021. Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement, Susan!

As we head into the final stretch of the year, please know it has been our pleasure to work with you in 2020. Thank you for your continued partnership in making great things happen in our community. We wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Stephanie
Stephanie Bliss

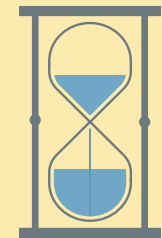
Susan
Susan Poppe

Dan
Dan Peters

By The Numbers: Susan Poppe's Career at HCF



Years of Service



168
hours
of Give Hastings Days



73

cycles of quarter-end statements prepared and mailed to fund holders

306%

increase in HCF assets while Susan has been on staff



Immeasurable:
The positive impact Susan has had on the HCF, our donors and board.

Thank you Key Society Members!

Members of the Key Society continue to make great things happen in Hastings (including an inclusive playground). We want to recognize the following for being members of the Key Society - and thank them for supporting our community and the Hastings Community Foundation.

Membership names are as of October 21, 2020.

Colleen and George Adam
Stephanie and Tyler Adam
Ora and Jerry Adler
Mary Kay and Al Anderson
Mari and Gary Anderson
Lori and Jeff Anderson
Lafe Anderson
Pat Anderson
Teresa and Dan Anderson
Suzanne and Terry Anstine
Heather and Matt Baack

Heather and Larry Baker
Gary Barth
Patty and Brian Bassett
Dennis Bauder
Jane and Chuck Bauer
Dawnita and Andy Beirou
Paula and Gale Beirou
Stephanie and Mark Bliss
Martha and Bill Boyd
Karen and Pat Boyd
Kristin and Rodney Buhr
Ute and Larry Butler
Jean Cambridge
Pat and Randy Chick
Jalaene and Tom Choquette
Dianne and Richard Christensen
LuAnn and Ray Conant
Judy and Jack Crowley
Shannon and Sean Daly
Kaylin and Mark DeDiana
Karen and Kirk Dielman
Karen and Roger Doerr

Kathy and Jim Duval
Lorraine Edwards and Richard Loutzenheiser
Ashley and Preston Englund
Barbara and David Fisher
Diann and Lyle Fleharty
Kaleena and Matt Fong
Don Foote
Joan and Terry Foote
Connie and Lavern Franzen
Linda and R.D. French
Lynne Friedewald and Chuck Shoemaker
Pam and John Gaspers
Kay and Frank Georgiana
Patty and Brent Gollner
Suzanne and Matt Greenquist
Nancy and Jim Guthmann
LeRoy Hahn
Amy and David Hamburger
Shelly and Bruce Hartford
Elizabeth and George Hasley

Jeanne and Chuck Hastings
Jeri and Dee Haussler
Ann and Neil Heckman
Kate and Mark Hemje
Jan and Bob Herbek
Amy and Bill Hermes
Margaret and Charles Hermes
Jan and John Hill
Judy and Marty Hoch
Jessi and Nathan Hoeft
Susan and Neal Hoff
Paul and Rhe Holm
Janet Howe
Jane and Cal Johnson
Kim and Pat Kern
Sara and Jerry Kerr
Carol and Mike Kleppinger
Ann and Robin Koozer
Betty and Ron Kort
Cheryl and Jim Kostal
Megan and Scott Kvols
Gretchen Lainson
Kelly and Dave Landgren
Nancy Langford
Cheryl and Ed Lockwood

Rebecca and Craig Marble
Jessica McAndrew
Susan Meeske and Brady Rhodes
Brenda and Dean Moors
Marlene and Dennis Mullen
Roxanne and Rick Nelson
Mary Lou and Chuck Neumann
Michael Nevriy
Marilyn Nielsen
John Northrop
Lorri and Doug Oakeson
Marie Ochsner
Michelle and Tracy Ochsner
Mary and Jorn Olsen
Alison and Justin Osborne
Jessica Meeske and Todd Pankratz
Sherri and Joe Patterson
Kristin and Doug Pauley
Rhonda Pauley
Nancy Pavelka
Eugene Peck
Cathy and John Pershing
Stephanie and Matt Pershing

Dan Peters
Deb and John Quirk
Monte Rasmussen
Kathy and Curtis Reimer
Kristi and Dave Rippe
Beth and Alan Robertson
Hauli and Bill Sabatka
Katherine and Clyde Sachtleben
Phyllis and Harry Salyards
Alisha and Bruce Sandahl
Anna and Colin Sandall
Brandee and Dave Schram
Colleen and Chris Schukei
Delores and Marvin Schultes
Joanne Seberg
Mary and Jerry Seiler
Sally Smith
Marnie and Doug Soderquist
Spotts Trust
Mary and Jack Steiner
Hank Sunderman
Norris Swan
Jean and Jim Thom
Tom Trausch

Kathryn Utter
Dorothy VanBuskirk
Jeff Waechter
Susie and Mike Walenz
Peg and John Welch
Kili and Justin Wenburg
Colleen and Phil Werner
Jacqueline Werner
Beth and Ron Wissing
Dan Yost
Amy Skalka and Josh Yost
Vera and Dan Zabloudil

To add your name to our list of members, or to gift a membership, please contact the Hastings Community Foundation.