

HCF Welcomes New Board

Members, Officers, and Staff

The Hastings Community Foundation is pleased to announce two new members have joined the Board of Directors. Ryan Samuelson and Brandee Schram were both voted onto the board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2022.



Ryan, a Trumbull native, is an associate broker and auctioneer with Ruhter Auction and Reality of Hastings. He has also served on the Iowa/Nebraska Equipment Dealers Board of Directors, the board for Prairie Loft, and was an ambassador for the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. Ryan will serve on the Give Hastings Day committee.

Brandee Schram has spent most of her professional career as a pharmacist, but recently moved into the Director of Impact Ministries position at First United Methodist Church. Brandee has served on the board for Crossroads Mission Avenue and has been a campaign chair and board member for the United Way of South Central Nebraska.



In addition to new members, the Board of Directors has approved their officers for 2022-2023. Dean Moors, previously a vice-president, was elected to serve as president of the board. Jessi Hoeft and Scott Kvols were both reelected to vice-president roles. Matt Baack was elected to serve as board secretary and Roger Doerr will serve as treasurer. Cheryl Lockwood and Mike Walenz will also serve on the executive committee of the board.



The Hastings Community Foundation is also excited to announce that Heiden Brei has joined the staff as a relationship specialist. Heiden, a Hastings native, was formerly the office manager with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. Her duties with the HCF include connecting with fund holders and nonprofits across the Hastings area.

Grants In Action

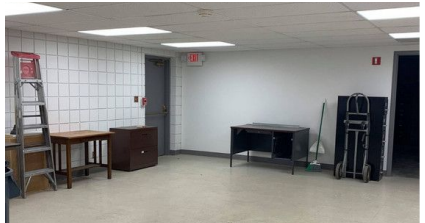
Threads of Grace Remodel Project

In 2021, the Hastings Community Foundation awarded \$2,500 to Threads of Grace to aid in the remodeling of their space. Threads of Grace provides brand new clothing, outerwear, shoes, and other items to children being placed into foster care.

"We wanted to make it a comfortable, warm and welcoming place for kids and family to come in and pick out their clothing," said Kelly Augustine of Threads of Grace. "With the help of the Hastings Community Foundation, we were able to do just that!"



BEFORE



AFTER



The Fountain

The Hastings Community Foundation Newsletter
Spring 2022



Give Hastings Day Is Now Open!

Give Hastings Day returns on May 5 with 96 local nonprofits participating. (That's a new record!) The event, now in its ninth year, has become the biggest philanthropic day in Adams County. The benefits of Give Hastings Day extend well beyond the 24 hours.

"Each year, we hear stories about how Give Day is the method families use to teach their children about the importance of giving," said Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. "I don't think we anticipated the ripple effect of generosity that this event promotes."

Following two years of record giving totals, there is a particular number that organizers are most focused on.

"We talk about the power of the number one. We're pleased that so many people use Give Day to support their favorite nonprofits," said

Peters. "If each of those donors were to also make a gift to just one new organization this year, the results would be tremendous."

Give Hastings Day

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live here. give here.

New this year, The Lark will be the site of Give Day Headquarters on May 5. Give Day HQ will be the spot for donors to ask questions, drop off gifts, and cheer on progress. A full schedule of events, including meals, a Business After Hours, and live music, will help to celebrate the day. The public is invited to all events at Give Day Headquarters.

Visit givehastings.org to make a gift, learn about the participating nonprofit organizations, and see the event schedule for Give Day Headquarters.

The Official Give Hastings Day Headquarters

May 5 • At The Lark

- 7 am - Midnight: Open to accept donations
- 7 am - 9 am: Coffee & Rolls
- 11 am - 1 pm: Hamburger and Hotdog Lunch

Provided by: **Custom Pack, Inc.**

5 pm - 7 pm: Business After Hours

Presented by: **Lutz**

7 pm - 9pm: Live Music by Formerly Three

All events are open to the public • \$5 suggested donation for meals

Give Hastings Day is presented by:



LEARN about the 96 participating nonprofits



Make a **DONATION**



Cheer on and **CELEBRATE** progress

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Give Hastings Day is the perfect time to join the Key Society or renew your membership. Visit hastingscommunityfoundation.org/keysociety to learn about the Key Society program.

New Give Day Participants in 2022



Blue Valley Cemetery Association - The mission of the Blue Valley Cemetery is to provide a respectful place for the families of the deceased to visit and a place where we wish to honor all of our Veterans. Their newest project is to add a Veterans Memorial monument honoring our veterans.



Raices de mi Pueblo - founded in 2018, the group features dancers from preschool to high school. The dancing provides a safe activity that is healthy and promotes fitness. The dancing and performances also build confidence and self esteem for the participants.



Saddle Up 4-H Club - The 4-H Saddle Up Therapeutic Riding Club uses horses to increase the physical and mental capabilities of handicapped youth in our area. Saddle Up Club meets once per week and welcomes anyone to visit our barns and talk to our leaders.



Special Scoops II - Our mission is to provide a place of employment to persons with an intellectual and/or developmental disability. A place they feel comfortable and confident in the service they provide. We also strive to provide a product and service to community, not readily available in the area.



Goodfellows of Hastings - The Hastings Goodfellows' goal is to make the holiday season bright for area individuals and families by providing food and toys to those who may be struggling. For nearly 100 years Goodfellows has been known in the Hastings community for its generosity during the holidays.



Kool-Aid Days - Kool Aid Days attracts thousands of people to the area to celebrate the birthplace of Kool Aid. The event is organized by a dedicated group of volunteers who spend the year planning and organizing every detail of this much loved family event. The board raises funds every year to pay for necessary expenses, like facility rentals, entertainment, merchandise, transportation, etc.

Hastings Variety Show A Fun Success

After a four year absence, the Hastings Variety Show returned on November 19, 2021. The event featured local talent showcasing a variety of skills. The show benefited operations of the Hastings Community Foundation.

Donna Dahlsten and Sherri Patterson produced the event. With such tremendous success, **the show will be back in 2022!** Those interested in performing may contact the Hastings Community Foundation. Event tickets will be available later this fall.



By the numbers

HCF IMPACT IN 2021

2021 was a record year of growth and impact for the Hastings Community Foundation. You can learn more by attending our annual meeting on April 28. In the meantime, here are some highlights.

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Key Society Member Households



Assets increased by 28% in 2021

5 Strategies to Maximize Give Hastings Day

It's the area's biggest giving day of the year. Hundreds of donors from across the country will take part. The excitement is contagious! As you plan to take part in Give Hastings Day, here are a few tips and reminders to help maximize the experience for you and your favorite nonprofit organizations.

1. You can make your gift at givehastings.org anytime between now and May 5. Some people prefer to make a gift via check or cash. If you go this route, remember that the mail delivery times can sometimes be a bit



unpredictable. We advise that you mail your gift early so that it arrives no later than May 5. You may also choose to drop-off your gift to the Hastings Community Foundation office located on the second floor of Heritage Bank at 800 W. 3rd Street. (On May 5, you can bring your gift directly to our Give Day Headquarters at The Lark in downtown Hastings.)

2. Give Hastings Day has become a convenient vehicle for those looking to make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). A single QCD can be made to the Hastings Community Foundation and then allocated to Give Day participants based on your instructions. Contact your financial advisor or the Hastings Community Foundation to discuss more about this easy option.

3. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, all the Give Day organizations receive Bonus Bucks based on how much they raise. In addition, there are incentives based around the number of donors each organization receives. By just making a gift to your favorite nonprofits, no matter the amount, you're helping them to earn even more prize money!

4. With 96 different organizations participating in Give Day, there are sure to be some that are new to you. Each of the organizations have descriptions listed at givehastings.org. Take time to read about all the nonprofits and consider donating to one (or two!) that are new to you.

5. Finally, don't keep your support of Give Hastings Day a secret! Talk to your friends about how easy and rewarding of an experience Give Day was for you! We appreciate your help in spreading the word and further growing Give Hastings Day!

Upcoming Events for Hastings Community Foundation



HCF Annual Meeting
Thursday, April 28
Social: 5 pm
Brief Program: 6 pm
Blank Space at Blue Fork Kitchen



Give Hastings Day
Thursday, May 5
(Early giving now open)
www.givehastings.org



Hastings Variety Show
Friday, November 18
Hastings City Auditorium

\$2.6 million

Total distributed by HCF via grants and scholarships in 2021



\$668,862

Raised during the 2021 Give Hastings Day