

HCF Welcomes New Board Members

The Hastings Community Foundation is pleased to announce two new members have joined the Board of Directors. Jeff Kully and Amy Skalka were both voted onto the board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.



It is difficult to imagine Hastings without Jeff Kully. A Hastings native, Jeff is a graduate of Hastings Public Schools and Hastings College. He has worked full-time at Kully Pipe & Steel Supply, his family business, since 1996.

Jeff brings extensive community leadership experience to his board role. He has previously served on the Hastings City Council, Hastings Utilities Board of Public Works, Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, Hastings Public Schools Foundation, and the Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation.

Amy Skalka is a partner/attorney with Skalka, Baack, & Fiala Law Firm in Hastings. Amy dedicates a great deal of her practice to helping children and families who are struggling in the community, as well as practicing in the areas of estate planning, probate, and real estate. Amy is a Hastings College grad and received her Juris Doctor, with distinction, from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln.



In addition to her practice, Skalka is a member of the Hastings College Foundation Board, chair of the Adams County Mental Health Board, member of the 10th Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, regional coordinator for the Nebraska High School Mock Trial Competition, and past president of the Adams County Bar Association.

HCF Board of Directors

Dean Moors - President	Jeff Kully
Scott Kvols - Vice President	Mike Nevrvy
Jessi Hoeft - Vice President	Dave Rippe
Matt Baack - Secretary	Hauli Sabatka
Roger Doerr - Treasurer	Ryan Samuelson
Cheryl Lockwood - Past President	Aaron Schardt
Colleen Adam	Brandee Schram
Stephanie Bliss	Chuck Shoemaker
Adam Jacobitz	Amy Skalka

Grants In Action

Honoring Service With Quilts of Valor

Since 2016, Quilts of Valor has awarded more than 300 quilts to Adams County veterans. A recent Community Grant from the Hastings Community Foundation was able to cover the material



costs of eight more quilts, awarded in January and February.

"This is a small way we can show Veterans that they are loved and cared for as we present them with a quilt and thank them for their service" said Sharon Selley, chair of Quilts of Valor service project for the Hastings Quilter's Guild. "We thank the Hastings Community Foundation for helping us continue to honor our men and women who make it possible to live in the Land of the Free".

"Our veterans are a huge portion of the backbone of the Land of the Free. They represent the Home of the Brave," Selley said. "Many veterans were not thanked when they returned from



war. We want the quilt to remind them that there are thousands of women and men across this land that are forever in their debt".

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The Fountain

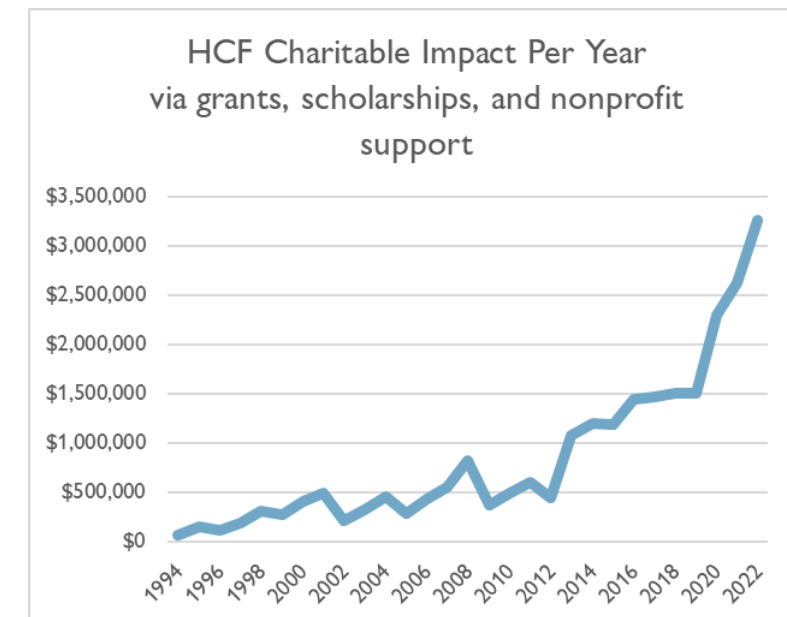
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HCF Continues to Make Record Impact

The Hastings Community Foundation continues to grow our impact. Last year, \$3.2 million was distributed to the nonprofit community in the form of grants, scholarships, and other support. This is the most grant money awarded in a single year during the 35-year history of the organization.

At a time when good news is sometimes hard to find, the Hastings Community Foundation continues their mission of building, distributing and preserving philanthropic assets to enhance the spirit of community and the quality of life in the Hastings area.

"The role we can play in our community and the partnerships we can offer our fundholders has never been greater," explained Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. "We're proud to be a trusted partner for tools like donor advised funds, scholarships, and endowed funds. We know our impact will continue to grow as more individuals and families understand how we can help them achieve their charitable goals and philanthropic legacies."



The Hastings Community Foundation continues to grow its impact by distributing \$3.2 million of charitable dollars 2022.

Community Foundation Offers Give Day Endowment Prize

Give Hastings Day returns on May 4 with 108 (a new record!) local nonprofit organizations and projects participating. The event, now in its tenth year, has become the biggest philanthropic day in Adams County.

To celebrate the 10 year milestone, the Hastings Community Foundation will be awarding a \$10,000 endowment prize to one organization who meets eligibility requirements.

As an endowed fund, it will be invested with a portion of the balance distributed annually to the benefiting organization. The principal balance is never spent allowing the fund to grow. This powerful gift is truly one that keeps on giving.

While Give Hastings Day culminates on May 4, early giving is now

Give Hastings Day

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live here. give here.

open. The early giving period allows donors to send their gift via mail or to drop off their gift prior to May 4. Regardless of the method or the date of the gift, all gifts received on or before May 4 allow the participating nonprofits to access bonus dollars and other incentives provided by Give Day sponsors.

The Lark, in downtown Hastings, will again serve as Give Day Headquarters.

Give Day HQ is open to the public all day. A full schedule of events includes meals, a business after hours, live music, a community art project, and a venue to cheer on our progress with Give Day organizers.



There are more ways than ever to support Give Hastings Day! In addition to making a gift, you can support the 108 Give Day organizations by fueling your car, ordering a coffee, rounding up your grocery purchase, or ordering a cold ale. All the details are available on the back page of the enclosed Give Hastings Day form, or visit www.givehastings.org/content/events to learn more!

New Organizations to Give Day 2023

Give Hastings Day features 12 first time participants, including:

F4 Phantom Jet Restoration - project goal includes a restoration of the original lighting and exterior aesthetics, and repainting and wrapping the jet.

Guardian Angel Life Services - helps the individuals served achieve independence by offering protective services and support.

Hastings Community Music Academy - strives to create a community where everyone has access to connect through collaborative musical experiences, and to give all people the opportunity to learn and grow with others.

Housing Development Corporation - helps to provide safe, affordable housing to low/moderate income individuals and families.

Idlewilde Playground (SID #2) - provides a community gathering space with an inclusive playground in the heart of Adams County Subdivision - Idlewilde Acres.

Juniata Splash Pad Project - the Juniata Community Improvement Project is currently raising funds for a free community splash pad.

Kenesaw Senior Citizens, Inc. - organized and intended to be a nonprofit for charitable, scientific or educational purposes for our members.

NCHS (Nebraska Children's Home Society) - provides safe and loving care to children of all ages.

Proteus - provides agricultural workers and their families with affordable health care, education assistance, and job training.

Quilts of Valor - covers US military service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts of valor.

Royal Family Kids - provides a week long camp for local foster children (6-11) who have been abused or neglected.

Schnase 1906 District - will serve as a hub for innovation and a one-stop full-service location for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs and small businesses.


The Official **Give Hastings Day**
Headquarters

May 4 • At The Lark


7 am: Open to cheer us on, learn more, accept donations, and community art project

7 am - 9 am: Coffee & Rolls


10 am: Speed Giving

Powered by: 

11 am - 1 pm: Hamburger and Hotdog Lunch

Provided by: 

5 pm - 7 pm: Business After Hours

Hosted by: 

7 pm - 10 pm: Live Music by Formerly Three

All events are open to the public • \$5 suggested donation for meals
More details available www.givehastings.org/content/HQ

How You Can Support the Hastings Community Foundation on Give Day

We appreciate the support we get from friends like you on Give Hastings Day! Your gifts are essential to our continued operations and allow us to provide resources and leadership to the community. Historically, there was a single Give Day designation for all Hastings Community Foundation gifts - regardless if it was support for our mission, a Key Society membership, or an unrestricted gift. To make it easier to properly recognize and process your gift, this year Give Day will feature two separate ways you can donate to us - "Hastings Community Foundation - Key Society" and "Hastings Community Foundation."

The Key Society is our program that identifies opportunities to create or enhance projects that better the



quality of life in our community. Key Society projects have included the Splash Pad at Libs Park and a significant gift to enhance the playground at Crosier Park. Key Society membership is only \$250 annually per household. (Those under 40 can join Key Society for \$100 the first year and \$175 the second year.)

New this year, those who want to support the HCF with a non-Key Society donation, can do so with gifts to the "Hastings Community Foundation." Your contributions are vital to supporting our

needs, mission, and priorities. Donations can be made in any amount and those with an annual unrestricted contribution of \$250+ join our new Fountain Club! Fountain Club members receive special recognition on the Hastings Community Foundation website (and the satisfaction of knowing they play a crucial role in supporting the HCF).

We proudly recognize these individuals and organizations for being part of our Fountain Club:

Fellow (\$250-\$499)
Heather & Matt Baack • LuAnn & Ray Conant
Ann & Robin Koozer • Susan & Tim Overmiller
Dan Peters • Kristi & Dave Rippe
Hauli & Bill Sabatka • Colleen & Phil Werner

Ambassador (\$500-\$999)
Suzanne & Matt Greenquist
Molly & Adam Jacobitz
Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
Brenda & Dean Moors • Quirk Family Foundation
Brandee & Dave Schram • The Spotts Trust

Sustainer (\$1,000-\$1,999)
Stephanie Bliss • Cheryl & Ed Lockwood
Michael Nevriy • Megan & Aaron Schardt

Trustee (\$2,000+)
Anonymous • Colleen & George Adam
Karen & Roger Doerr
Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker
Jane & Cal Johnson • Pinnacle Bank
Tom Trausch • Susie & Michael Walenz

Upcoming Events



Give Hastings Day is back for the 10th year on Thursday, May 4. Be part of this milestone event by making a gift at givehastings.org.



The HCF's Key Society and City of Hastings Parks and Rec department will host a ribbon cutting for the Crosier Park playground on Tuesday, May 16.



The Hastings Variety Show tradition continues. Kick off the unofficial start of the holiday season by joining us on Friday, November 17 at the City Auditorium.

The HCF will host a professional development series designed to meet the needs of our area's nonprofit organizations. Workshops include:

Donor Development Roundtable
Tuesday, June 27

Nonprofit professionals will offer their insights and answer questions about building donor connections.

BoardMasters
Thursday, August 24

Provides executive directors and board members with tools to further their organization's mission.

Strategic Planning for Nonprofits
Tuesday, October 3

Will help organizations determine how to plan for and implement a strategic plan.

By the numbers

THE GROWTH OF GIVE DAY

Give Hastings Day will celebrate its 10th year on May 4. What started as a modest event has become a community asset.

55 → 108

55 nonprofit organizations participated in the first Give Hastings Day in 2014. This year, 108 organizations and projects will benefit from your generosity!



4,694

Number of Donations received in 2022.

155%

The first Give Hastings Day raised \$339,990. The 2022 total was 155% higher when a record \$867,629 was raised.

\$144.97

Average gift amount calculated from the last five Give Days.

\$4,514,018.30

Total raised from the first nine years of Give Hastings Day.

5 Strategies to Maximize Give Hastings Day

It's the 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. Allow time if mailing.

You can make your gift at givehastings.org anytime between now and May 4. Some people prefer to make a gift via check or cash. If you do prefer to mail your gift, remember that delivery times can sometimes be a bit unpredictable. We advise that you mail your gift early so that it arrives no later than May 4. 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 4, you can bring your gift directly to our Give Day Headquarters at The Lark in downtown Hastings.)



Dave Rippe celebrates a giving milestone at Give Day HQ in 2022.

2. Utilize QCD. 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. Your gift unlocks bonus money. 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. Study your options. With 108 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. Don't keep Give 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!