

More Than an Intern: Sam Bosley Serves HCF

Most organizations are grateful for the opportunity to host a good intern for a few months. During that brief time, the intern may work on one specific project or assist with routine office functions. They receive their college credit and move on. That is the traditional cycle. Sam Bosley was not the traditional intern. As a college student, Sam joined the the Hastings Community Foundation team to help with website updates. Two years later, Sam's contributions to the organization have grown well beyond web work.

Sam first became connected with the HCF in April 2019. His tech savvy was exactly what the organization needed as we transitioned to a new website. As a college student, Sam had many things on his plate – academics, campus media, and much more. While balancing all of those roles, Sam, a Hastings native, quickly started to do more than website work. He began to learn about the role and value of the Hastings Community Foundation. He put this knowledge to work, identifying where he could be of most service, even if it did not come always with college credit or a paycheck.

Sam has done it all from organizing office space to staffing the office himself when the rest of the team had to be away. His impact with Give Hastings Day is also significant. Sam had a role in making nearly every printed and digital Give Day marketing piece during the last two years. From brainstorming, to design to implementation, Sam has done it all!

Sam graduated from Hastings College in May. That is also when he also had to conclude his regular service to the Hastings Community Foundation so he could start his professional career. We're grateful that he continues to respond quickly when we have technical questions. Sam has remained in Hastings and does some freelance work. If you have questions about digital design, social media or IT, Sam can be reached at sam@hastings.foundation (or occasionally at the desk that we still hold for him at the Community Foundation office).



Sam sees good news on the leaderboard during the 2020 Give Hastings Day.



Sam is ready to grab a picture of the record tote board during the 2021 Give Hastings Day.



The Fountain

The Hastings Community Foundation Newsletter
Summer 2021

Remembering John Quirk

The Hastings Community Foundation was saddened by the passing of long-time board member John Quirk on April 11. John found professional success with ag and cattle-breeding enterprises. He brought his keen business and financial skills to the HCF when he joined as a board member in 1998. Most recently, he served on the Executive Committee as past-president of the board.



"While we all appreciated his leadership as board president, I believe John most enjoyed his involvement on the Key Society Committee," said Chery Lockwood, president of the Hastings Community Foundation board of directors. "I remember how excited he was at the gathering to celebrate the opening of the Splash Pad, the group's first project."

Chuck Shoemaker, a fellow board member at the Hastings Community Foundation, remembered, "John was an independent soul, his work schedule was his own, and he was always willing to engage in spirited discussion about the issues of the day. As his educational attainments would suggest, he was smarter than most of us, he remembered everything, and his interests were varied."

John's contributions to the Hastings Community Foundation have helped to further our growth and ensured lasting success. A memorial fund has been established by his family at the HCF. Gifts can be made online at hastingscommunityfoundation.org/give or mailed to the office.

Recent Memorial Funds Established at the Hastings Community Foundation

Gretchen Lainson
John Quirk
Norris Swan
Dorothy VanBuskirk

Memorial funds will be used by the families for charitable gifts that honor the legacy of the deceased. Unless instructed otherwise, families are notified of memorial gifts received by the HCF.

HCF Grants \$740k (and climbing) to the Community

Within the first six months of the year, the Hastings Community Foundation has awarded more than \$740,000 to area nonprofit organizations through the Community Grants Program and Give Hastings Day. The Community Grants Program were awarded to 23 different organizations totaling \$68,785. In addition, the annual Give Hastings Day reached a record of \$673,420 supporting 93 area organizations.

"The philanthropic efforts of the HCF extend well beyond that one day. Our Community Grants Program is less familiar, but has been providing financial support to our area nonprofits since the start of our organization. We're very proud of what we've been able to help achieve with this program."

Examples of the 2021 Community Grants Program recipients include:

- \$2,500 to Threads of Grace for electrical and plumbing improvements to their building.
- \$7,000 to Crossroads Mission Avenue to purchase metal bunk beds and mattresses.
- \$2,000 to the Salvation Army in support of their Summer Feeding Program.
- \$1,540 to the City of Hastings to provide scholarship passes to the Acquacourt.
- \$5,000 to Our Place After School Care in support of a summer care program for special needs youth.
- \$400 to Hastings Literacy Program for a projection system.

Give Hastings Day culminated on May 6, with a record response. The total raised surpassed the previous record, set in 2020, by \$100,000.

"The Give Hastings Day committee and participating nonprofits spend months planning the event. Once Give Day arrives, we turn things over to the community for their response," explained Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. "By late morning, we were getting phone calls and emails from nonprofits saying that they have already beaten their goal for the day. Once again, we saw our community stepping up to the challenge when asked."

The 2022 Give Hastings Day has been scheduled for May 5.

"Give Hastings Day rightfully gets lots of attention," said Peters.

The Community Grants Program is funded through an endowed fund. More information can be found at www.hastingscommunityfoundation.org/grants.

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The Hastings Community Foundation has grant dollars available year-round for nonprofits facing urgent and unanticipated needs. Organizations may contact us for details.

2021 HCF Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Hastings Community Foundation awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships annually to local students. Donors create the criteria and fund the scholarship through the Hastings Community Foundation, often to honor or memorialize loved ones. School officials select the recipients and the HCF manages the administration and distribution. We are pleased to award 2021 scholarships to this exceptional group of local students.



Carin Holm Scholarship
\$2,000 awarded to a student from Hastings High.
Awarded to: Alexandra Curtis
Attending: University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Daughter of Andrea and Troy Curtis

1st Lt. Kevin Gaspers Scholarships
\$1,000 awards to one student from each of the community high schools.

Matthew Boyd
St. Cecilia High School
Attending: University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Son of Karen and Pat Boyd



Tom Osborne Scholarship
\$500 awarded each semester for four years to a student from Hastings High.
Awarded to: Jarrett Synek
Attending: University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Son of Paula and Doug Synek

Ashley Kulwicki Memorial Scholarship
\$250 awarded each semester for one year to a student from Hastings High.
Awarded to: Courtney Beave
Attending: Central Community College
Daughter of Mary and Erin Beave



Lucas Stevens
Hastings High School
Attending: University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Son of Lori and Daniel Stevens



Watley DECA Scholarship
\$500 awarded each semester for four years to a student from Hastings High active in the DECA program.
Awarded to: Grace Ballou
Attending: Central Community College
Daughter of Nathan Goodwin

Kyto Warner
Adams Central High School
Attending: Fort Hayes State University
Son of Hiroko and Gary Warner



Tech Upgrades Benefit Fund Holders

It is a technology leap more than a year in the making. Thanks to a successful software transition, organizations and individuals with funds at the Hastings Community Foundation will soon have 24/7 online access to review fund histories, download fund documents and request distributions.



“This isn’t technology for the sake of technology,” explained Chris Junker, engagement coordinator for the Hastings Community Foundation. “This update will make information easily accessible to fund holders and provide another way they can communicate with us. We still welcome fund holders to call or visit our office when they need information. The online system simply provides one more tool that is available to them.”

Updates to fund statements and online giving have already been implemented. Online portal access for fund holders is being piloted now. “The early feedback we’ve received has been very positive,” said Junker.

HCF To Host Seminar Series for Nonprofits

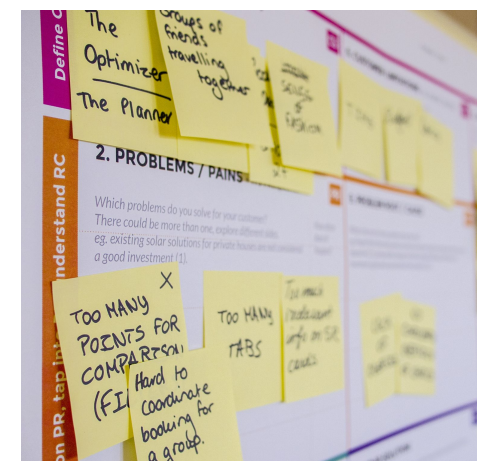
The Hastings Community Foundation has long served as a resource for area nonprofits, helping to strengthen their mission and operations. A series of seminars sponsored by the HCF will further those efforts.

“We want local nonprofit organizations to know that our role is to help them be successful. Educational seminars and professional development are ways we can serve them beyond Give Day and our grants program,” said Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation.

Many of the programs are being held in partnership with Nonprofit Association of the Midlands and the Peter Kiewit Foundation which allows access to subject matter experts while also significantly decreasing the cost to attend.

Upcoming events include:

Hire Right (September 13) - Best practices for job posting, interviewing, and hiring to help nonprofit leaders find the best talent.



Performance Management & Coaching (September 16) - Learn how to help your team be the best they can be using performance management.

Board Masters (September 22) - Providing directors and board members with practical information, resources, and tools to further their organizations’ missions.

The Role of the Finance Committee (September 28) - Learn about the role of the finance committee, its relationship to the Board of Directors, typical functions, and more.

Some programs will be held in person. Zoom offerings can be made available to nonprofit organizations beyond the Hastings area. For a complete list of events or to register, please visit hastingscommunityfoundation.org/learning or contact the HCF office.

By the numbers GIVE DAY 2021

May 6, 2021 was a record Give Hastings Day with \$673,420 raised! Support for the day came from well beyond Adams county and made for a competitive race for the top spot.

\$40,031

Dollars raised by the top earner, the Hastings YMCA



70

Number of Nebraska communities from which gifts were made



29

Number of states from which gifts were made



BENEFITING THE HASTINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Save The Date!

The minds behind the annual Hastings Variety Show are back with a production that is better than ever! Mark your calendars now.

The return of the Hastings Variety Show!
Friday, November 19th at the Hastings City Auditorium

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hastings Community Foundation. Ticket information will be available in October.