

HIKE & BIKE TRAIL FUND

Just one of the more than 140 funds held by the Hastings Community Foundation



Many of Hastings' popular stops can be accessed through the 12 miles of the Pioneer Spirit Trail. This hike and bike trail provides for a pedestrian, bike, and an exercise route between major recreational centers such as Libs Park, Heartwell

Park, Lake Hastings, Hastings College, and the Downtown Central Business District.

The Hastings Community Foundation's Hike & Bike Trail Fund provides financial support for the care and growth of this much loved community asset. Additional contributions to this fund can be made to the Hastings Community Foundation and noting "Hike & Bike Trail" with your donation.



Grants In Action

Forklift for Catholic Social Services

As part of our Community Grants program, the Hastings Community Foundation awarded \$8,000 to Catholic Social Services for the purchase of a forklift to aid in food distribution. In 2021, the CSS distributed 205 tons of food from their truck to the Hastings community and to 17 food pantries across south central and southwest Nebraska.

"Without the Hastings Community Foundation, we would not have been able to purchase such a vital piece of equipment that allows Catholic Social Services to give fresh produce, meat, and dairy to the hungry in Hastings," said John McDonald, regional director of Catholic Social Services.



The Fountain

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HCF Partners with Key Society for Record \$150,000 Grant

It is the single largest grant made by the Hastings Community Foundation.

The HCF Grants Committee partnered with the Key Society to make a \$150,000 gift to the Hastings Family YMCA's "Building What Matters" campaign. The project includes a complete renovation and expansion of the 16th Street YMCA facility and the selling of their 18th Street location.

"The HCF went way above and beyond with their gift to our capital campaign," said Troy Stickles, CEO of the Hastings Family YMCA. "It's humbling when organizations like the HCF stretch their gift beyond what they normally do, because it shows the value they see in our organization and our

community as a whole. We are very grateful for their generosity."

In addition to being the largest grant from the Hastings Community Foundation, this represents the first time the HCF Grants Committee and Key Society combined their efforts.

"We knew this YMCA project was an important one for our community," said Dan Peters, executive director of Hastings Community Foundation. "Our Grants Committee had been discussing this project when our Key Society committee said they also wanted to make a gift. With both groups involved, it reinforces just how excited we are by this project and what it means for the future of Hastings."

The Hastings Community Foundation grants program is funded by an endowed fund. The Key Society is an annual giving club that makes philanthropic contributions to projects that better the quality of life in Hastings.

While this is the largest gift made by the HCF, the foundation's support of the local YMCA is nothing new.

"The HCF and the Hastings Family YMCA have had a great working relationship for many years," said Stickles. "They have been extremely supportive of the YMCA mission and our desire to help everyone participate in YMCA programs."

Rendering of the remodeled exterior of the Hastings Family YMCA's 16th Street location.

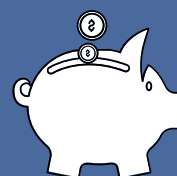


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Grants like the one made to the Hastings YMCA are made possible through the Community Grants Endowed Fund. This fund makes it possible for us to award grants and resources to the Hastings nonprofit community in perpetuity. Contributions to this fund can be made anytime online by visiting www.hastingscommunityfoundation.org/give or by contacting our office.

2022 Community Grants Awarded

The Hastings Community Foundation was established by generous, community-minded citizens who knew generosity could change lives and better the community. That philosophy still guides us today – perhaps no better example of this is than our Hastings Community Grants. Annually, this program awards \$100,000+ in grants to area nonprofits. Our 2022 grant recipients include:



Crossroads Mission Avenue
\$10,000 to replace the mechanical components in refrigeration units at the Hastings shelter.



The Lark
\$4,000 for facility upgrades including flooring, stage extension, bar equipment and speakers.



Hastings Catholic Schools
\$25,000 pledge towards the remodeling of the Middle School and High School.



Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation
\$6,000 in support of the Healthcare Pathways Program in partnership with Hastings High and Central Community College.



Hastings Literacy Program
\$1,350 to purchase Amazon Fire tablets for students who complete their GED.



Prairie Loft
\$1,700 to provide a smart TV and meeting equipment in the Pavilion classroom.



Hastings Parks & Recreation
\$1,500 for waterpark passes to youth in low income families.



Roseland Community Club
\$5,000 to aid in the completion of their new Community Center.

For a complete list of the **more than two dozen grant recipients**, please visit www.hastingscommunityfoundation.org.

HCF Names Scholarship Recipients

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 2022 scholarships to this exceptional group of local students.

Carin Holm Scholarship
\$2,000 awarded to a student from Hastings High.
Awarded to: Wyatt Johnson
Attending: Creighton University to study bio-chemistry
Son of Sara Baumann



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

Breck Samuelson
Adams Central High School
Attending: UNL to study bio-chemistry
Son of Julie and Ryan Samuelson

Seth Aipperspach
Hastings High School
Attending: Doane University to study mechanical engineering
Son of Brenda Aipperspach and the late Mike Aipperspach

Bailey Kissinger
St. Cecilia High School
Attending: UNK to study physical therapy
Daughter of Erin and Jerald Kissinger



Tom Osborne Scholarship
\$500 awarded each semester for four years to a student from Hastings High.
Awarded to: McKinsey Long
Attending: UNL to study optometry
Daughter of Jami and Cory Long

Give Hastings Day Sets New Record

The Give Hastings Day record was shattered by nearly \$200,000 when **\$867,629** was raised on May 5th.

Give Day Headquarters at The Lark was a popular destination for giving, a Business After Hours and even a live band.

The HCF will host the next Give Hastings Day on May 4, 2023.



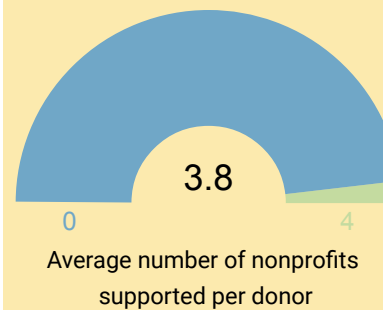
By the numbers
GIVE HASTINGS DAY

The ninth annual Give Hastings Day was another record year. **96** area nonprofit organizations benefited from the event!

1,208 households
Made a Give Day donation



Most popular hour to give online



Average number of nonprofits supported per donor



Number of states from where gifts were made

Three Strategies for Philanthropy in a Volatile Market

When it comes to stock market performance, there are only two things that are guaranteed - the market will go down and the market will go up. How do you reach your charitable goals when the market is in flux? Here are three suggestions:

1

Align Your Goals

Do you use an investment account to achieve annual charitable giving goals? If so, make sure the level of investment risk matches your charitable goals. A high desire to meet specific charitable donation amounts may require you to reevaluate the level of risk in your chosen investment strategy.

2

Gift Assets Over Cash

It can be difficult to know when to cash out stock in order to fund a charitable donation. You can potentially avoid the uncertainty of trying to time the market by gifting appreciated assets, instead of cash. The process can have the same charitable tax advantages as gifting cash, but allows the donor to repurchase the security, thereby establishing a new cost basis and eliminating taxable gains on the security.

3

Utilize a Donor Advised Fund

You can think of a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) as an investment account for your charitable giving. A DAF with the Hastings Community Foundation can be established with a gift of cash or stock. Once created, the HCF invests the fund, eliminating stress for you. (Our investment process includes a thorough policy for our investment managers.) You can potentially receive charitable tax benefits each time you contribute to the fund, but a DAF allows you to make charitable distributions over time.

As always, please consult with your tax or investment professional with questions to your individual financial situation.