

# Community Grants Create A Stronger Hastings

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 the Hastings Community Grant Fund. Annually, this fund awards nearly \$125,000 in grants to community nonprofits. Our 2020 grant recipients include:

**Adams County Board of Supervisors** - To provide funding to help purchase hygiene products and large duffel bags.

**Boxcar Youth Theater Company** - To purchase wireless headsets for stage managers.

**CASA of South Central Nebraska** - To purchase food and supplies for the Disability Fall Festival.

**Catholic Social Services** - To purchase four Coleman wheeled coolers.

**Central Community College Foundation** - To provide software and programmatic expenses for the Nebraska Math Readiness Project at St. Cecilia and Silver Lake High Schools.

**Crossroads Center** - To assist with the costs to replace a heating/air unit in a guest room.

**Hastings Family YMCA** - To provide scholarship funding for students to attend their After School Enrichment Programming.

**Hastings Kiwanis** - To purchase an outdoor musical playground ensemble for one of the area elementary schools.

**Hastings Literacy Program** - To provide scholarship funding for GED test preparation students.

**Hastings Museum Foundation** - To assist with the costs for the “Brainy Bunch” summer program.

**Hastings Museum Foundation** - To purchase security cameras with network switches for the Nature Nook exhibit and the lobby.

**Hastings Public Schools Foundation** - For the “Grow the Garden” Community Garden project (expand the current garden and add a greenhouse).

**Hastings Respite Care** - To assist with the costs of the 15th Annual “Day of Caring for Those Who Care” event.

**Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings** - To purchase two sealers, replacement parts for one sealer, an electric skillet and funding for new plastic cups for scooping soy protein.

**Maryland Living Center** - To purchase a vehicle to transport youth, create employment opportunities and develop personal driving and maintenance skills in youth.

**Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation** - To assist with refurbishing the Home Away From Home.

**Open Table** - To provide milk and juice for children during the summer months for the Open Table Lunch program.

**Our Place After School Care** - To provide funding for a summer care program that would provide specialized care nine hours per day for special needs students, primarily ages 13-20, during the school’s summer break.

**Prairie Loft Center** - For the Experiential Education Program.

**Revive Ministries** - To purchase necessary supplies for their Fight the Fight of Sobriety program (drug test strips, breathalyzers and mouth pieces).

**Salvation Army of Hastings** - To help with the Summer Feeding Program for those in Hastings who suffer from a lack of available meals.

**SASA** - To create and supply a children’s room.

**St. Mark’s Episcopal Pro-Cathedral** - To provide laundry services for those in need in the Hastings community via the Laundry Love Program.

**TeamMates Mentoring of Hastings** - To provide school supplies for mentees.

**Teen Reach Adventure Camp** - To provide scholarships for kids in foster care to attend their camp.



### Where do dollars for Community Grants come from?

The Community Grants Fund is made possible by the endowment of the Hastings Community Foundation. When you make a direct contribution - or leave a gift through your estate - you're helping to provide for future community grants. Because the principal investment of our endowment is never spent, you can be assured that the gift you make now will continue to strengthen Hastings for generations to come.



# The Fountain

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## Community Foundation Awards 2020 Scholarships

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 2020 scholarships to this exceptional group of students.



### Tom Osborne Scholarship

\$500 awarded each semester for four years to a student from Hastings High. Awarded to: Mike Boeve Attending: University of Nebraska - Omaha, undecided major Son of Traci and Jim Boeve

### Carin Holm Scholarship

\$2,000 awarded to a student from Hastings High. Awarded to: Kate Delaney Attending: University of Nebraska – Lincoln majoring in pre-health Daughter of Kristi and Tim Delaney

### Watley DECA Scholarship

\$500 awarded each semester for four years to a student from Hastings High active in the DECA program. Awarded to: Robert “Robb” Foote Attending: Doane University majoring in business administration Son of Joanne and Bob Foote



### Ashley Kulwicki Memorial Scholarship

\$250 awarded each semester for one year to a student from Hastings High. Awarded to: Gillian Hueske Attending: University of Nebraska - Lincoln majoring in pre-health Daughter of Georgina and Greg Hueske

### 1st Lt. Kevin Gaspers Scholarships

\$1,000 awards to one student from each of the community high schools. Jacob Brouillette from St. Cecilia High School Attending: University of Nebraska - Lincoln majoring in construction management Son of Carol and John Brouillette

Jack Coil from Hastings High School Attending University of Nebraska – Lincoln majoring in sports media communications Son of Beth and Randy Coil

Evan Johnson from Adams Central High School Attending Nebraska Wesleyan majoring in biology Son of Dr. Kristen and Dave Johnson

### Hastings Band Parents/Barb Walker Memorial Scholarship

\$500 awarded to a student from Hastings High active in band. Awarded to Sarah Cabrera Attending: University of Nebraska – Lincoln majoring in pre-health Daughter of Reina Cabrera



**Ellen Seberg Memorial Scholarship** \$500 awarded to a senior student in Creighton University’s nursing program at Mary Lanning. Awarded to Emily Earl



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Interested in creating a scholarship legacy of your own? Contact the Hastings Community Foundation to learn how.

# Supporting Nonprofits in the Age of COVID

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact our area nonprofit community. Serving an increased population, lost revenue from cancelled fundraising events and an increased cost for remote operations or cleaning are some of the recurring struggles being faced by our area nonprofits.

Since the Hastings Community Foundation partnered with the United Way of South Central Nebraska on a COVID Community Response Fund in March, more than \$45,000 in grants have been awarded. Examples of Community Response Grants include:

- \$1,000 to United Harvest to support the monthly food distribution program.
- \$2,000 to Goodwill Industries to allow Developmental Disability Services to meet with clients remotely.
- \$500 to Harvard People's Project to provide emergency aid to individuals.

- \$3,480 to Senior Action/Meals on Wheels for increased meal cost associated COVID-19 restrictions.
- \$500 to Pooh Corner Childcare Center for additional supply of cleaning products.

In addition, the Feeding Our Heroes fund has now injected more than \$6,000 into local food

retailers while showing appreciation to front-line staff working in essential industries with a free meal and snacks.

For more information on how you can make a gift to the COVID Community Response Fund or the Feeding our Heroes program, contact the Hastings Community Foundation or the United Way of South Central Nebraska.



Feeding Our Heroes brought lunch to staff of The Heritage at College View Assisted Living in May.

# Give Hastings Day Has A Record Year

The 7th annual Give Hastings Day concluded at 11:59 pm on Thursday, May 7 with a record total. \$580,034 was raised, shattering the previous record by \$100,000. With additional gifts received in the mail the following day, Give Hastings Day total is up to \$582,793.70.

"Ultimately, I think it was the positive message that really connected with our community this year," said Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation, which hosts the event. "You don't hear enough good news these days. People are eager to be part of an opportunity that provides optimism and allows them to feel good. Give Hastings Day provided that exact outlet and the community really responded well to it."

The organization with the most dollars raised was Kiwanis with their musical playground projects. Funds raised from Give Hastings Day will allow them to purchase outdoor musical playground equipment at all eight of the Hastings area elementary schools.

"Kiwanis members were overwhelmed with the support the club received for the musical playground project on Give Hastings Day," said Mike Howie, project coordinator for Kiwanis. "We can't thank this community enough for their generosity during these times. We thought this would be a multi-year fundraising project, but we were able to complete it in less than one year."

Give Hastings Day totals in 2018 and 2019 were both near \$480,000, the highest amounts until this year. 2020 was unique in that it offered an extended giving period, with gifts being accepted starting on April 20. In addition, 91 community nonprofits participated in Give Hastings Day, more than any other year.

"We are so excited by this outcome and what it means for our community," said Peters. "Give Hastings Day doesn't just benefit a small group. The participating nonprofits range in services from education and community health to family service, animals and fine and performing arts. The collective impact of Give Hastings Day impacts the entire community."

## By The Numbers:

# Give Hastings Day 2020

**\$582+** thousand  
Total dollars raised.



59% of the total raised came through checks or mail.

2.75 Average number of organizations supported per donor. This is up 11% from 2019.

**Small Gifts Add Up**  
Number of donations of up to \$25

173

**So Do Big Gifts**  
Number of donations of \$1,000 or more

119

**\$5,302.15**  
Donated in the final hour

# Give Hastings Day Leaderboard: The Top 9 Earners in 2020

**Kiwanis Musical Playground Project** | \$32,077

**Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity** | \$24,545

**Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation** | \$21,034

**Hastings Catholic Schools Foundation** | \$30,502

**Prairie Loft Center** | \$23,787

**Crossroads Center** | \$17,918

**Start Over Rover** | \$25,512

**Catholic Social Services of Southern NE.** | \$21,364

**Salvation Army** | \$17,008