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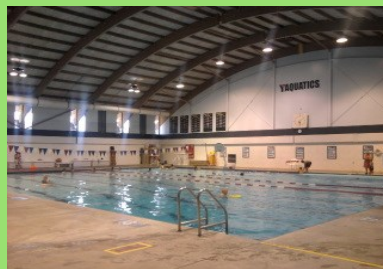
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The Hastings Community Foundation is celebrating the breadth and diversity of the grants we were able to make in 2015 on behalf of our generous donors, both past and present.

CASA of South Central Nebraska received a grant award to help carry on the local celebration of "National Adoption Day" begun by Judge Michael Offner. The sudden passing of Judge Offner left a void that cannot be filled, however, the Hastings Community Foundation is helping to insure that this event will continue.



Prairie Loft received a grant award toward the renovation of their Workshop!



YMCA was awarded a grant to assist with the pool renovations.



Hastings International Exchange was awarded a grant to assist with transportation and banquet costs for the 20th Anniversary of our Sister-City, Ozu, Japan! 35 guests came from Ozu for the anniversary festivities. One of the highlights of the week was when Mayor Powers re-signed the sister-city agreement along with two officials



South Central Partnership was awarded a grant to pay for marketing materials for Project Homeless Connect event, held on July 23, 2015. Services were provided to over 400 homeless or near homeless folks. Numerous agencies provided services without charge. Over 150 volunteers assisted in this huge event.

"GIVING MATTERS"

2015 Community Grants Awarded

Hastings College Foundation—to assist in construction of the Jackson Dinsdale Art Center
Hastings Literacy Program—to provide scholarship assistance for GED testing
Hastings Respite Care—to help underwrite the cost of the 10th annual “Day of Caring for Those Who Care” event
South Central Nebraska Children’s Choral –to purchase sheet music for concerts
Hastings Community Theatre –to assist in the renovation of their restrooms
Good Samaritan Village –to assist in the purchase of a Nu-Step recumbent cross trainer
CASA of South Central Nebraska –to purchase a new desktop computer and a laptop computer
* CASA of South Central Nebraska –a local celebration (begun by the late Hon. Judge Michael Offner) for National Adopt. Day,
Maryland Living Center –to assist in building secure storage area in the basement to be used by residents
Hastings Teen MOPS –to provide scholarships for low income members and to purchase books and study materials
Revive Ministries –in support of their project
Boxcar Youth Theatre Co. –to provide funding for costs of scripts, music, and choreography cd’s for 2015 Education Express
Hastings Symphony –to assist in the cost of the Young Artist competition
Crossroads Center –to replace a heating and air conditioning unit.
The Lark –to assist in funding for equipment to enhance technical and visual offerings for classes, events, and presentations
Teen Reach Adventure Camp –to provide scholarships to boys and girls to attend camp for teens residing in foster care
Hastings Museum –to help fund the “Brainy Bunch” program to get kids in summer school to enjoy a visit to the museum
YWCA Of Adams County –to provide “Hastings Bucks” as incentives for students at the Zone
Duncan Field –to help fund the new concession stands
Give Hastings Day –to contract for the development and maintenance of a new Give Hastings Day web platform
*Hastings International Exchange –to help underwrite the costs for a visit from the Ozu Japan people
*Prairie Loft—to assist with the funding of the workshop renovation
**Project Homeless Connect –to help fund their marketing expenses to reach out to the homeless and near homeless
*Hastings Family YMCA –to assist in the cost to renovate the pool

**items were featured on front page*

*** Sponsored by the South Central Partnership*



**May 1, 2015
was our 2nd annual
Give Hastings Day!**

**Once again we were reminded of how fortunate we all are
to live in such a charitable community!**

**Give Day 2015 Grand Total:
\$344,427.64
raised in and for our community!**

**THANK YOU FOR ONCE AGAIN STEPPING UP TO HELP MAKE THIS
EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!**

The Presidents Message

I am excited to welcome our three new Board members, Jessi Hoeft, Scott Kvols, and Aaron Schardt. I know they will bring even more energy, new perspectives, and innovative ideas to our operations and to the Hastings community. We are blessed to have such great community leaders. Our mission, and our passion, is to keep Hastings the same rooted, vital, welcoming community for generations to come. With assistance from all of our community I know that will happen!

Thank you!

Chuck Shoemaker, Foundation President

“Welcome New Board Members!”

JESSI HOEFT was raised in Nuckolls county. She and her husband Nathan lived in Nashville for many years, where Jessi was involved in public relations work. They returned to Nebraska to be near family. Jessi is the Chief Operating Officer for Pacha Soap, and is also co-founder of the new First Street Brewing Company. Jessi, serving as Chairperson for Give Hastings Day, guided our committee as we undertook the huge job of organizing this event! With her leadership, energy, promotional abilities and talent, she helped make Give Hastings Day the huge success that it has been!

SCOTT KVOLS is a native Nebraskan who grew up knowing what agriculture is to Nebraska and our rural communities. With a BS in Agri-Business, Scott is the Pinnacle Bank’s Hastings Branch President. Scott is excited to work along side the businesses in Hastings, especially the farms! He is an avid fan of live music and especially enjoys attending the Flatwater Music Festival, and the Listening Room. Scott and wife Megan have three children.

AARON SCHARDT is a Deshler native. He attended Doane College where he majored in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and Finance. Aaron has a special interest in foundations, and especially community foundations! He is an avid flyer, enjoys boating, and anything else that moves fast! Aaron is Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Trust Officer for Heartland Bank. He also serves as Director of Heartland Bank as well as Secretary and Treasurer for Geneva State Holding Company. He and his wife Megan have three children.

Bulletin Board

Got papers to shred?
Come on downtown to
Heritage Bank, 3rd and Burlington
West Side Parking Lot
Saturday, September 26, 2015
9 a.m. until noon
Bring your papers to shred for a
suggested
donation of \$5 to benefit the
Hastings Community Foundation!

Community Foundations
Week starts
November 9, 2015

Celebrate Philanthropy
on
National Philanthropy Day
November 12, 2015

WANTED:
Key Society
New Project Ideas
Call 402-462-5152

UPDATE: KEY SOCIETY FUND

One of our favorite funds here at the Hastings Community Foundation is our Key Society Fund! This fund is very special to us as it allows us to do some special projects in and around our community that could not be done without Key Society funding! It also gives us the opportunity to meet new people who care about improving the quality of life in our community and surrounding area!

Current balance in the fund - \$121,950.46

Current Memberships -131

If you are not yet a member of our Key Society, but would like to be, we would like to welcome you! Key Society memberships are \$250/year. (A self addressed envelope is included in this newsletter.)

WANTED

Your ideas!

Send us your idea for the next Key Society Project!

We'll put the names of those submitting ideas into a hat and draw out a winner.

The winner of the random drawing will have a gift in the amount of \$500 given to their favorite 501C3 charity!

**Please use the envelopes enclosed to send us your Key Society Project ideas!
(You need not be a member of the Key Society to participate.)**

What kind of project are we looking for? We have over \$120,000 to spend.

- ◆ We're looking for an idea that will benefit as many people in the community and surrounding area as possible.
- ◆ We're looking for a project that would not happen without the Key Society funding.
- ◆ We're looking for a project that will be free to the public so all can participate.

Perhaps . . .

- * it is something new and different.
- * it involves a little creativity.
- * it will improve the quality of life in our community.
- * it's something new for our parks (Example: the splash pad at Lib's Park.)
- * it's an embellishment to the Pioneer Spirit Hike & Bike Trail.
- * it commemorates a special time in our history

**Deadline to submit
your ideas:**

October 9, 2015

Drawing to be held on

October 13, 2015



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