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To Lincoln Day

THURSDAY
MAY 26TH
2016

Prosper
Lincoln

Working Together to Lift Lincoln Higher

LINCOLN FOREVER



Go to GivetoLincoln.com
and give **BIG** to the nonprofits you love.

GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY IS MAY 26
\$300,000 Challenge Match Fund offered for Nonprofits

Give To Lincoln Day returns for a 5th year on Thursday, May 26. People are encouraged to make a charitable donation to local nonprofits they care about during this 24-hour day of giving.

The Lincoln Community Foundation and their sponsors will contribute a match fund of \$300,000 for Give To Lincoln Day. Every nonprofit organization will receive a proportional share of this fund, based upon their percentage of the total dollars raised on May 26. The match fund increases every donation made on Give To Lincoln Day, making every gift even more meaningful.

LAST YEAR, GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY RAISED \$3.2 MILLION

“Give To Lincoln Day was an outstanding success last year, helping to support 327 of Lincoln’s nonprofit organizations,” said Barbara Bartle, President of Lincoln Community Foundation. “This community-wide event has become a citywide celebration that contributes significantly to the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln. By helping nonprofits raise funds, this one day event helps them carry out their important work.”

Give To Lincoln Day aims to encourage philanthropy and meet the community’s growing needs. It increases public awareness of local nonprofit organizations, helping the agencies tell their stories and attract new donors.

GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.GIVETOLINCOLN.COM

Donations to participating nonprofits may be made online beginning at 12:00 a.m. on May 26 and ending at 11:59 p.m. Starting on May 1, there is also an online feature that allows you to schedule your donations in advance, to be counted for Give To Lincoln Day and the match fund. The minimum donation is \$10. The Lincoln Community Foundation will also receive donations from people who prefer to make their gifts in person at the Foundation office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on May 26.

Open a donor advised fund and schedule your Give To Lincoln Day gifts right now through Lincoln Community Foundation. The Foundation does not charge any fees for gifts made from your donor advised fund so your selected nonprofits receive 100% of your donation. Call us to learn more or to open a fund.

Prosper Lincoln is bringing together every sector of our community to make our city even better. On February 10, more than 1,000 people attended the Prosper Lincoln Summit at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The crowd was challenged to become involved and to make personal and organizational commitments to support three priority areas of the Prosper Lincoln community agenda.



Early Childhood Education. The goal is to help all children, regardless of their background, learn and grow during their early years. According to Lincoln school officials 700 children are on a waiting list to attend LPS early childhood programs and one goal is to ensure every child has a space to attend a program by 2020.

Employment Skills. The goal is to have a workforce with the talent to meet the

increasing demand from employers for stronger knowledge and capability skill sets. Enhancing job skills will result in more employment opportunities, which can help reduce poverty levels while promoting higher wages and better benefits for local workers.

Innovation. Lincoln strives to be a city of innovation for all sectors, from cradle to grave, which will make things better for residents

throughout the community. Prosper Lincoln’s goal is to create a culture of innovation that can be passed on from one generation to the next.

These three priority areas, and their goals and objectives, were shaped from 2,105 ideas submitted by community members and then narrowed and developed into a community agenda by more than 100 citizens from every corner of the city. The next step is to engage people across all sectors – businesses, anchor institutions, nonprofit organizations, neighborhoods, government, faith communities, philanthropies and individuals – to implement the agenda and successfully reach the goals by 2020. With this accomplishment, all in the community will truly prosper.

An infrastructure has been put in place to coordinate action and sustain the work over the next four years.

The three priority areas are under the umbrella of this infrastructure:

Developer	Oversight Committee	Support Organization
<p>One or more individuals leading the work, creating the strategic vision, developing and strengthening relationships, pursuing collaborative opportunities, marketing the initiative and securing resources.</p> <p>Early Childhood Education: Michelle Suarez</p> <p>Employment Skills: Bryan Seck and Mike Milbourn</p> <p>Innovation: Job opening posted</p>	<p>One or more organizations providing office space, technical assistance and general support.</p> <p>Early Childhood Education: Nebraska Children & Families Foundation</p> <p>Employment Skills: Southeast Community College Lincoln Public Schools</p> <p>Innovation: Nebraska Innovation Campus FUSE Coworking Firespring</p>	<p>Led by co-chairs, a small team of practitioners and experts will ensure progress is made toward achieving goals and objectives.</p> <p>Early Childhood Education Co-Chairs: Dr. Marjorie Kostelnik and John Neal</p> <p>Employment Skills Co-Chairs: Dr. Dan Hohensee and Kim Russel</p> <p>Innovation Co-Chairs : Dan Duncan and Jay Wilkinson</p>

Take action, give time, make a donation. There are many ways to help move the community agenda forward. How will you help Lift Lincoln Higher? Learn the many ways you can engage and share what you are doing at www.prosperlincoln.org. Sign up on the website to receive Prosper Lincoln updates and stay informed.

LCF NEWS FROM PRESIDENT BARBARA BARTLE

SPRING, 2016

JIM AND MARY ABEL & THE ABEL FAMILY
TO BE HONORED WITH CHARITY AWARD

The Lincoln Community Foundation is pleased to present Jim and Mary Abel, and the Abel family, with the 2016 Charity Award for three generations of leadership and philanthropic work in Lincoln and throughout the state. They will be recognized at the Foundation’s annual Donor Recognition celebration on May 5.

“Mary and I were exposed to philanthropy by the generations before us,” said Jim Abel. “We both had parents, grandparents and relatives who were passionate about being charitable, doing good for others and being involved in their communities.”



In 1931, George Abel Sr. and Hazel Abel made the first significant community gift, all the brick and concrete needed to help First Plymouth Congregational Church move to 20th and D Streets. For decades, the Abel family and the Abel Foundation have made substantial gifts to fund a wide variety of projects and organizations including the University of Nebraska Foundation, Abel Hall, College of Business Administration, YMCA, Hazel Abel Park, Mahoney State Park, The Nature Conservancy and the Alice Abel Arboretum and Abel Stadium at Wesleyan University.

Recent NEBCO projects that have enhanced Lincoln and Nebraska include Quarry Oaks, Fallbrook, and Haymarket Park, home of the Lincoln Saltdogs.

Jim and Mary’s goals with the Abel Foundation are to make things happen, to make a difference in the community and to help good projects get off the ground. Their work and their gifts have changed the face of Lincoln and have improved the community for generations to come. LCF is honored to recognize their good works with the 2016 Charity Award.

For information about the May 5 Donor Recognition and Charity Award lunch, call the Foundation at 402-474-2345.

Jim and Mary co-chaired a major fundraising campaign for the Lincoln Children’s Museum and led the largest campaign since its founding for the Lincoln Children’s Zoo. In 2008, to recognize NEBCO’s 100th anniversary, the Abel Foundation made the largest gift ever received by the United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster County.

Jim’s leadership role in Vision 2015 helped develop Antelope Valley and led to the construction of Pinnacle Bank Arena, a public-private partnership with people working together for a common goal, paving the way for future collaborations.

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West Gate Bank
Donor Drawings

Every hour, an online donor will be selected at random and \$300 will be added to their nonprofit gift.

Match Fund Sponsors

The generous support from these sponsors has provided more than \$100,000 toward the match fund.



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NEW LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS

The Lincoln Community Foundation is pleased to recognize our new 2015 Lincoln Benefactors. Benefactor gifts provide long-term stability for the Foundation and significant support to our local nonprofit organizations.

These special people are investing in Lincoln...Forever, helping to build a strong community for future generations.



BRUCE BAILEY AND MARSHA STORK

We feel fortunate for the opportunity to live and provide employment for over a hundred employees in Lincoln. Our support of the Lincoln Community Foundation, our Respite Care Foundation, our church and the arts have been our way of trying to say "Thank You" to Lincoln.



JAY AND RUTH WENZL GERBER

It is a pleasure to gift to nonprofit organizations that not only represent our values but benefit our local and global community. Giving through Lincoln Community Foundation enables us to consolidate and easily update our plans.



KILE AND VIRGINIA "CUZ" GUENZEL JOHNSON

We have enjoyed our lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Our lives are better for the heritage of the Midwest and the culture of the Plains. We also have reached a point in our lives when we are considering how to provide for such a life experience for future Lincolniters, and we appreciate that the Lincoln Community Foundation is in the business of fostering new ideas and different solutions for the success of varied causes. We respect the structure of the Lincoln Community Foundation which accomplishes its work through a Board of Directors that is considerate, bold and innovative with a willingness to assume appropriate risk. By making this contribution, we believe that we are encouraging what is best for Lincoln by putting the decision-making in the capable hands of the Lincoln Community Foundation.

LOY AND JULIE OLSON

We have been blessed to live, raise our family and work in Lincoln. We have seen first-hand the many projects and organizations supported by the Lincoln Community Foundation through the generosity of Lincolniters before us. As our family grew and our children matured, we had discussions about the importance and pleasure of giving back to our community. The Lincoln Community Foundation has made it easy to establish the Loy and Julie Olson Charitable Fund and allow us to continue to support many charitable organizations in Lincoln. Giving gifts to our fund and assets from our estate will insure the long-term existence of LCF for future generations.



JOHN AND JAN BLUMER

We both grew up in Lincoln. Giving through Lincoln Community Foundation makes our hometown a better place. We, along with future generations, become the recipients of their hard work.

MARK AND RITA WALZ

Both Rita and I are lifelong Lincoln residents. We have benefited educationally, economically, socially and culturally from this wonderfully dynamic, prosperous, safe and increasingly diverse community. I was the recipient of educational scholarships from Lincoln Community Foundation on two occasions during my college years. We both feel extremely blessed to now be in a position in life where we can "give back to" and "invest in" the community that has meant so much to us and our children. We chose to become Benefactors of the Lincoln Community Foundation to help insure that it has the financial resources it needs to help the next Mark or Rita Walz.



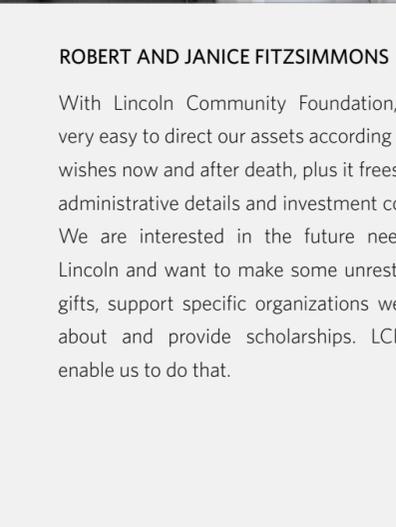
TAWNIA STARR-WILKINSON

The noblest of all pursuits is to live one's life to impact others.



JAY WILKINSON

When I was 16 years old, I attended a workshop conducted by Launch Leadership—a Nebraska organization founded in 1961 to educate students on how to be leaders in their schools and communities. At the end of the week, I committed to living a life that embraced the spirit of these words written by Stephen Grellet: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."



ROBERT AND JANICE FITZSIMMONS

With Lincoln Community Foundation, it is very easy to direct our assets according to our wishes now and after death, plus it frees us of administrative details and investment control. We are interested in the future needs of Lincoln and want to make some unrestricted gifts, support specific organizations we care about and provide scholarships. LCF will enable us to do that.



JEFF AND SARAH PEETZ

We are fortunate to live and work in a community like Lincoln, and we want to ensure it will be a thriving community for future generations. Lincoln Community Foundation is a leader in their stewardship of our community and its resources. Supporting the Lincoln Community Foundation is a strategic way to reinvest in the community.



GARDEN PERFORMANCE SERIES

Wednesdays at Noon ■ Free to the Public ■ LCF Foundation Garden ■ 1415 N Street



May

- 4 PANgea
- 11 Black Eyed Susan
- 18 The Jazzocracy
- 25 John Walker

July

- 6 Us and Them Blues Band
- 13 Annette Murrell
- 20 Nebraska Brass
- 27 The Melody Wranglers

June

- 1 Coro di Flauti
- 8 Andy Hall Group
- 15 Nebraska Trumpet Ensemble
- 22 2 Gals & a Guitar
- 29 The Lightning Bugs

August

- 3 Group Sax
- 10 The Midnight Wanderers
- 17 Oasis Bluegrass Band
- 24 Sarah Cosano with Cambia
- 31 Skylark

BUILD YOUR LEGACY

Use a Charitable IRA Rollover and Support Lincoln Forever

Finally, after years of last-minute extensions, Congress made the popular Charitable IRA rollover a permanent part of the tax code. The rules for making a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA have not changed—the donor must be at least 70 1/2, the gift must be made directly to a public charity and total charitable distributions must not exceed \$100,000 in each year.

While charitable IRA rollover distributions cannot be made to a donor advised fund, they are well-suited to create permanent endowed funds for Lincoln Community Foundation or the specific nonprofit organizations you wish to support. For example, charitable rollovers of at least \$10,000 can create a named Lincoln Forever Fund. These funds provide grantmaking dollars that are used to meet the ever-changing needs of Lincoln and also provide permanent recognition of a donor's love for Lincoln.

Questions? Call Chip DeBuse or Paula Metcalf at 402.474.2345.