



A very special organization will soon observe a very significant birthday.  
The birthday gifts will make a great city even greater.

60 YEARS

LINCOLN COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

We enthusiastically invite you to join the celebration of

L I N C O L N F O R E V E R

**In 1955, a group of visionaries with a genuine love for Lincoln and dedication to its successful future founded the Lincoln Community Foundation.**

The words LINCOLN FOREVER convey the fondness that those who have made gifts to and through the Foundation have always held for this community.

The Lincoln Community Foundation celebrates our diamond anniversary, 60 years of service to Lincoln, in 2015. For sixty years, we have been privileged to be part of so many wonderful legacies by matching community needs with the passions of our donors.

As our anniversary gift to Lincoln, we are focused on building a new group of Diamond Donors. These new donors, with a love for Lincoln, will help continue to move the vision of Lincoln Forever forward.

We are asking our new group of Diamond Donors to make “forever gifts.” Our goal is to build permanent endowment funds that will be flexible and can address the future opportunities and needs of Lincoln, providing resources to improve the community for future generations. There are three ways to

be a Diamond Donor. By the end of our anniversary in 2015, we hope to add 60 new Benefactor Society members, 60 new Legacy Society members and 60 new Lincoln Forever Funds.

With gifts of all sizes from thousands of donors over the years, the resources of the Lincoln Community Foundation have grown to more than \$100 million. The primary focus of this campaign is to increase our annual grantmaking to the community. Annual grants support educational groups, our children, performing arts, museums and zoos, parks and trails, the elderly, those in need and a wide variety of local interests.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we thank all the generous people who have given back to our community and celebrate those who now join us as we look forward to making the future better. It is with sincere pride in our city that we ask you to join us as we rededicate ourselves to the simply stated goal of Lincoln Forever.

## Ways to become a Diamond Donor

While contributions of all sizes make the Foundation's efforts a success, there are a number of ways for you to support our special anniversary campaign and the Lincoln community through significant tax-deductible gifts. We accept gifts of cash, stock and various types of property.

### **BENEFACTOR SOCIETY**

The establishment of our generous Benefactor Society many years ago has formed the backbone of the Lincoln Community Foundation. These gifts have provided long term stability for the foundation and significant benefits to our community nonprofit organizations.

There are three types of Benefactor gifts:

- An individual's gift of \$50,000 or more to the Lincoln Community Foundation Fund
- An endowment gift (individual or couple) of at least \$500,000 to any type of fund
- A gift of \$1,000,000 or more (individual or couple) to any type of fund

Benefactor gifts can be structured as outright gifts or with a pledge or a life insurance policy to fund a gift at the end of a donor's life.

The Foundation highly values the support of more than 300 benefactors. Their names are placed on the glass display wall of honor in the lobby of the Lincoln Community Foundation building.

### **LEGACY SOCIETY**

Many donors make plans in a will or estate gift, establishing a gift now and funding it after death. These legacy gifts are the ultimate gift received from a donor and are highly honored by the Lincoln Community Foundation.

### **NAMED LINCOLN FOREVER FUNDS**

A Lincoln Forever Fund is a broad unrestricted fund administered by the Lincoln Community Foundation to provide grants and leadership gifts to nonprofits in the community. Gifts to a Lincoln Forever Fund are a valuable and flexible resource for responding to future needs and opportunities. As needs change for the community throughout the years, a Lincoln Forever Fund can provide a safety net as well as the visionary gifts that improve our city.

Donor gifts of \$10,000 or more may establish a named unrestricted endowment fund that will provide a legacy and contribute to improving Lincoln...Forever.

**Please consider becoming a Benefactor or Legacy Society member as we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary.**

**Help Lincoln during our diamond anniversary campaign by establishing your Lincoln Forever Fund to support emerging community needs.**

**Diamond Donors will be recognized with a permanent anniversary tribute at the Lincoln Community Foundation.**

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