

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

LCF NEWS FROM PRESIDENT BARBARA BARTLE

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## MILITARY FUND ESTABLISHED SUPPORTING VETERANS - A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

For the past nine years, America's military service members, guard, and reserves have been at war. Now, as they begin returning home, meeting the needs of the veterans and their families is a national imperative: not only is it our duty to serve those who have sacrificed to serve us, but by ensuring these soldiers successful transition to civilian life, America benefits from the strength, courage, and talent that compelled these men and women to serve.

Recently, the Lincoln Community Foundation was funded by the Council on Foundations to develop the Veteran's Support Initiative: a replication model for community foundation-led collaboratives that seek to improve the circumstances of service members and their families as they transition home from war. Community foundations, which are at the intersection of public, private, and philanthropic sectors, are well positioned to develop local solutions to this growing national challenge.

As part of this work, the Lincoln Community Foundation was extremely fortunate to host Colonel David Sutherland in his visit to Lincoln on April 28th. COL Sutherland is the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and is visiting 50 states in 50 weeks to encourage communities to address the needs of returning veterans and their families. In Lincoln, he met with a diverse group of community representatives from religious and faith-based organizations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and private businesses.

To honor Colonel Sutherland's visit, the Lincoln Community Foundation established a new Military Support Fund. This fund was launched with a generous gift by Cynthia Milligan from her W.K. Kellogg Foundation fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation. Grants will be made to non-profit organizations in the community to support areas of unmet need for service members, veterans and their families such as counseling, physical and mental health services, employment and education opportunities.



*Barbara Bartle and Colonel Sutherland at Lincoln Country Club.*

How can citizens in Lincoln help? Employ a veteran. "Adopt" a military family in your neighborhood, church or school. Make a gift to the new Military Support Fund. Together we will build a Nebraska legacy, our promise to our service members, veterans and their families.

Donations to the military support fund can be made online at [www.lcf.org](http://www.lcf.org).

### PHILANTHROPY MADE SIMPLE

The Lincoln Community Foundation always stays abreast of charitable needs throughout our community. To take full advantage of our services, simply share your charitable interests with the Foundation, and we'll make you aware of giving opportunities that match your philanthropic goals.

The 2010 Financial Summary and full report is now available online.

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## GIVING WELL

### DONORS , TIM AND KRIS GEMAR



Tim and Kris Gemar and their two teenage children have lived in Lincoln for many years. Tim has been a self-employed entrepreneur for most of his adult working life. As owner and founder of The POGO Card concept, he says, "My goal is to help people, businesses, and organizations realize their goals." Now, he and his family will take that promise one step further.

They have established an endowed donor advised fund and an expendable donor advised fund (Charitable Checkbook) with the Lincoln Community Foundation.

The Gemars began thinking about philanthropic giving last year, when they sold their business, Nebraska Scooter Mart. Their financial advisor suggested looking into planned giving through the Lincoln Community Foundation. Tim explained, "The alternative was to pay more taxes." When describing the benefits he says, "You can take the full deduction on the amount you donate, yet spread the giving over several years. You may also keep adding to the fund whenever you like." Tim encourages people who have some type of business that they sell, to think about setting up a giving plan through the Lincoln Community Foundation. "It is an easy way to set up a charitable fund, give to something you care about, and begin a legacy."

"We liked the idea of establishing an endowed fund as a perpetual source of giving for our family. We will involve our children in helping to decide on creating scholarships or giving to other causes we care about, perhaps youth programs such as band or golf at Lincoln Southwest High School."

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## LCF RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP

Policy makers understand the important role foundations play in improving America's communities. The Lincoln Community Foundation's support of Community CROPS was praised in a recent report on best practices, sponsored by TPC (The Philanthropic Collaborative), a national organization of foundations, charities and elected officials. The report, "Creating Jobs & Building Communities" writes, "This LCF interest, along with micro-lending, program related investments, and a military initiative, illustrates the importance of philanthropy in helping with the economic recovery and jobs programs." Community CROPS is a Lincoln, non-profit organization that helps people work together to grow healthy food.

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler also recognizes the important contribution of foundations. "Foundation giving is literally planting the seeds of change in Lincoln. Without foundation support, initiatives like Community CROPS that create meaningful change would not develop and grow. Lincoln's philanthropic community is a critical component to our high quality of life."

### CHARITABLE CHECKBOOK

This popular Lincoln Community Foundation fund is a great way to simplify your charitable giving. The full value of this donor advised fund is expendable and readily available for distributions to the nonprofit organizations you care most about. And a Charitable Checkbook Account also serves as an excellent record keeping and tax-planning tool. For many people, this type of account functions as a family foundation.

Learn more or open your account at [www.lcf.org](http://www.lcf.org).





## IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

### JAN PITSCH REMEMBERED

In a public ceremony on Thursday, April 15th, representatives of the Lincoln Community Foundation joined friends of Jan Pitsch, along with The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and members of the Country Club Neighborhood Association in a dedication of parkland as “Jan Pitsch Green.”

Jan Pitsch, a long time Lincoln resident and lover of gardens, left a gift to the Lincoln Community Foundation upon her death in 2008. Her gift has funded the initial landscaping improvements for a small park, named in her honor, located just west of 33rd Street and Sheridan Boulevard and the roundabout median on that intersection. A \$70,000 endowment will provide for the perpetual landscaping care of the areas.

Pitsch was also a dog lover, and her gifts to the Foundation include an endowed fund to support no-kill shelters. The initial grants from her animal welfare fund will sponsor an adoption viewing room at the new Capital Humane Society facility and a fenced-in play yard at Hearts United for Animals, a no-kill shelter, sanctuary and animal welfare organization located on a 65-acre farm east of Lincoln.

For more information contact Sarah Peetz, Vice President for Community Outreach, 402-474-2345 or sarahp@lcf.org.



### MARGUERITE A. HAC LEAVES LEGACY

Marguerite Hac’s gift to animals is a great example of the giving power of an endowed fund. She died in 2003 at the age of 100. Her obituary ends with the simple words, “Loved dogs” with a request that gifts be sent to the Capital Humane Society.

Before she died, she set up two funds with the Lincoln Community Foundation, one for animal welfare, the other for children and youth. Ms. Hac ran a piano studio called “The Chimes” at 2943 Garfield Street, and taught piano to children for more than 50 years.

On June 7th, 2011, the Capital Humane Society launched a capital campaign to build a new Animal Adoption Center. Ms. Hac’s major gift of \$200,000 will help fund a vestibule and dog den within the new center.

### FOUNDATION GARDEN PERFORMANCE SERIES

**WEDNESDAYS AT NOON: Free and Open to the Public**

#### JULY

- 6 The Melody Wranglers
- 13 OK Chorale
- 20 Lincoln Summer Youth Ensemble
- 27 Club Kicks

#### AUGUST

- 3 Nebraska Trumpet Ensemble
- 10 The Cronin Brothers
- 17 The Resonators
- 24 Cool Poppas
- 31 Broad Appeal

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# MAY GRANTS ANNOUNCED

May 18, 2011 - The Lincoln Community Foundation recently granted \$286,059 to 14 area nonprofit organizations. The grants, which ranged from \$10,000 to \$50,000, are made possible by contributions from the Lincoln Forever Fund and from a number of LCF donor endowment funds. Organizations that received funding include:

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION-GREAT PLAINS CHAPTER - \$12,500  
Counseling caregivers and family members dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

BRIGHT LIGHTS, INC. - \$15,000  
Educational enrichment classes for Lincoln's youth during the summer months.

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER - \$50,000  
Child-centered, family-focused mental health services to the vulnerable youth population in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES - \$25,000  
Providing financial services to people and businesses underserved by traditional financial institutions.

EASTERDAY RECREATION CENTER - \$10,559  
Provide tools, education and support for emergency preparedness and emergency response training to persons with disabilities.

F STREET COMMUNITY CENTER - \$13,000  
Open Studio and Writers WordShop classes for individuals involved in behavioral health services and for low-income neighborhood residents.

GIRL SCOUTS SPIRIT OF NEBRASKA - \$25,000  
Building the Hilltop House program center on an acreage in Lincoln for programs focused on leadership and character development in girls.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF LINCOLN - \$10,000  
Bring the Junior Achievement curriculum of entrepreneurship and financial literacy to students in high-needs Lincoln elementary schools.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE - \$20,000  
Provide support for the season's opening production of West Side Story.

NEBRASKA APPLESEED CENTER for Law in the Public Interest- \$20,000  
Provide support for low-income and underrepresented adults to achieve sustainable employment and economic security.

NEBRASKA TRAILS FOUNDATION INC. - \$10,000  
Construction of a Multi-Purpose Trails Center along the Antelope Valley Trail at the Union Park Plaza.

SHELDON ART MUSEUM - \$20,000  
Art Exhibit telling the story of Lincoln's Vietnamese citizens and the role Lincoln plays as a resettlement community for Vietnamese refugees and immigrants.

SPRING CREEK PRAIRIE AUDUBON CENTER - \$45,000  
Development of educational exhibits that foster the understanding, appreciation and conservation of Nebraska's tallgrass prairie ecosystem.

TeamMates OF LINCOLN - \$10,000  
Support of mentoring through one-on-one relationships with youth participating in the TeamMates Against Bullying program.

## DONORS

These grants were made possible through generous gifts from the following Lincoln Community Foundation donor endowment funds:

Edith Madden Fund  
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Zephyr A. Clouse Discretionary Fund  
Willard & Katherine Townsend Fund  
Margaret O. Joy Discretionary Fund  
Sheila L. Graf Field of Interest Fund  
Marguerite A. Hac Children & Youth Fund  
Marjorie Barstow Environment Enhancement Fund  
Kenneth J. Good Endowed Fund  
Jennings & Beulah Haggerty Older Adults Fund  
Lincoln Forever Fund

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