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LCF NEWS FROM PRESIDENT BARBARA BARTLE

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ALICE'S INTEGRITY LOAN FUND ALICE DITTMAN GIVES \$1 MILLION TO LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

There is something special about a donation that establishes a new direction in the realm of charitable giving. In August, Alice Dittman announced a \$1 million gift to establish Alice's Integrity Loan Fund—a micro-lending program that enables underserved entrepreneurs to take advantage of a low-interest loan to grow their business. Former president and CEO of Cornhusker Bank, Mrs. Dittman is also well-known as the first woman to preside over the Community Bankers Association (a division of the American Bankers Association), the local and state chambers of commerce, as well as the Nebraska Bankers Association.

"My career was made through people who took a chance on me at a time when women were not influential in business," shared Mrs. Dittman. "There are plenty of great business plans with smart entrepreneurs that have been overlooked much like I could have been. So many small businesses are started with credit card debt. I want to give these entrepreneurs a chance by providing support and seed money necessary for success."

"This all started as an idea," shared Alice. "I knew I wanted to do something significant that allowed me to share the values I've learned with the next generation. At that time, I didn't even know where to start." Mrs. Dittman partnered with the Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) to make her philanthropic vision a reality. Barbara Bartle said, "Our goal was to take her vision and make it as powerful for the community as it could be. We worked alongside Alice to find the right partners, craft the right plan and ultimately bring her vision to life."

Mrs. Dittman and LCF identified Community Development Resources (CDR) to administer the program—from selection of loan recipients, to training and mentorship throughout their first year. CDR is a 501(c)(3) that provides financial services to small businesses and underserved markets that are not serviced by traditional financial institutions.



Barbara Bartle, Alice Dittman and Deb Payne, Program Manager for Community Development Resources

Created through Mrs. Dittman's prudent financial approach to her life, Alice's Integrity Loan Fund intends to teach recipients self-discipline and social responsibility. Applicants will be evaluated on their character, ability to carry out their business idea, and commitment to repay the loan. Qualified recipients will receive up to \$5,000 to be repaid within 36 months.

The first loan recipients include Raylene Parks, Simplicity Salon; Sarah Allison, Hallow Candle Co.; Patty Kreifels, Picture This-Digital Video Inventory Service; and Jolene John-Beckstrom, Vision Focused Counseling.

"Helping Alice establish this fund has been our honor," shared Bartle. "She has already contributed so much to this community, and this gift will have a major impact on Lincoln's future economy."

Interested individuals may apply for Alice's Integrity Loan Fund at cdr-nebraska.org

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ON GRATITUDE

JACK STEWART REFLECTS ON THE GIFT OF GIVING



Summer, 1944. Lincolnite Jack Stewart was drafted for service into General Patton's 3rd Army. He was a 2nd lieutenant in charge of 40 soldiers in the Infantry Rifle Platoon. He was 24 years old.

Within one month, Jack was captured by the enemy and as a POW was taken to Straasburg,

Germany, then Limburg where he was kept in solitary confinement in a 14th century castle. He says, "The toughest part about being alone was not knowing the future." After several weeks, he was released and ended up in a Polish Camp for American officers.

When Jack's parents got the dreaded telegram that Jack was MIA, his father presumed he might be dead. He wrote in a letter dated October 29th, 1944, "All we can do now is hope and pray that God will bring you through safely. If He does, the rest of my life will be filled with efforts to show my gratitude." It was in this spirit that upon receiving the news that son Jack would return alive, his parents established a private foundation as an expression of gratitude. They contributed \$1,000 to The Don W. Stewart Family Fund, Inc. and put Jack in charge of managing

the fund. It grew. Eventually Jack brought the fund to the Lincoln Community Foundation and established a donor advised fund (charitable checkbook). Jo & Jack Stewart have been very generous to Lincoln and their Charitable Checkbook enables them to distribute funds any time to the charity of their own choice. Jack notes the advantage of being able to avoid the nuisance of record keeping and reporting to the government. "LCF does that for me now and I get a financial report twice a year. I always know what we have available to give away." Jack continues, "The fund was set up by my father in gratitude that I returned home safely. I carried it on in deep gratitude to my father for helping me to get started as a lawyer."

Jack practiced law with his father for many years. In 1974, his firm merged with two other small firms to form Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart & Calkins. Jack and Jo have three children. In 1998, Jack wrote and published Justifiable Pride, his memoirs about World War II.

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BRIDGING CONTINENTS

LCF PRESIDENT BARBARA BARTLE TO LEAD ROTARY GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO INDIA

In January, Barbara Bartle will lead Team India, the Group Study Exchange trip to Rotary International District 3170 in southwest India along the Arabian Sea. She says, "It is our goal to bridge continents and return home to help build our communities."

The 2012 GSE Team India members represent our country in private industry, government and in the philanthropic sector. "What a privilege it will be to lead these talented team members," says Bartle. The Rotary Foundation's GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries.

MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS NOW

You may now make charitable gifts online. To begin the process of opening a Charitable Checkbook, or to donate to other funds including the Lincoln Forever Fund, the Military Support Initiative or other existing funds, please visit www.lcf.org/donate.

The Charitable Checkbook is a popular Lincoln Community Foundation tool and 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. Learn more at www.lcf.org.

NEW 2011 BENEFACTORS

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MAKING A SPECIAL IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Lincoln Community Foundation is proud to recognize some of its new 2011 Benefactors. The word benefactor is derived from the Latin roots for "good" and "maker." These very special people are "making good" in our community in many ways. Individuals can be recognized as a benefactor three different ways: with individual gifts or pledges of \$50,000 or more to the Lincoln Community Foundation Fund, with an endowed gift of \$500,000 or more, or with any gift of \$1,000,000 or more.



RICH BAILEY: "Lincoln, for those of us who were born and raised here, is too often taken for granted. That's why it's always a treat to hear from "transplants" who now live and work here commenting on how much they value the community, its assets, and its citizens, when they compare it to other locales they've called home. Whether we're natives or newcomers, this city has provided outstanding resources to enrich our lives. The Lincoln Community Foundation is one of those remarkable resources and an ideal conduit to help us express gratitude for the opportunity to be part of the Lincoln experience."



MARTHA AITKEN GREER: "I wanted to give a gift to the Foundation to honor my mother, Martha Greer, Her father, William Aitken, was one of the original Foundation founders. My

mother was an active, innovative leader in many Lincoln organizations for the arts, education and service. Many remember her unique presence and leadership style to this day." -Penny Greer



ALICE DITTMAN: "I wanted to do one major commitment to say thank you to the Lincoln Community that has enabled me and my family, through Cornhusker Bank, to be able to fund a significant gift. I was comfortable with a new concept of enabling individuals with a loan based on personal INTEGRITY, an old fashioned virtue. The Lincoln Community Foundation has been a perfect fit to support this vision and gave me the needed legal structure to accomplish my goal."



JAMES AND RHONDA SEACREST: "Becoming benefactors of the LCF was a natural next step for us. Jim's father, Joe W. Seacrest, shared in the creative vision that resulted in the Lincoln Community Foundation. Our family has been a founder or supporter of community foundations across the state, including Scottsbluff, Sidney, Lexington, and North Platte and. We personally have seen the impact community foundations have and the opportunities they can give to donors to fulfill their dreams. We have big dreams for Lincoln that will be realized by the shared commitment of all investors in the Lincoln Community Foundation."



ELIZABETH AND FRANK HILSABECK:

"The Lincoln Community Foundation is a great vehicle to perpetuate our belief in the needs of Lincoln long after we are gone."



TAMI AND JESS DAMIAN: "It is our intent to leave our legacy not with 'things' but rather knowing that when we are gone, there will always be funds available in the Lincoln community to continue to support what we believed in. The benefactor program just makes sense. This ensures that not one agency is the recipient of our funds, rather that the needs of the community at that time are being met. We are honored to partner with the Lincoln Community Foundation to leave our legacy."



NEAL A. THOMAS:

"To whom much is given, much will be expected."

AUGUST GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The Lincoln Community Foundation recently granted \$258,774 to fifteen nonprofit organizations. These grants are made possible through contributions from the Lincoln Forever Fund and a number of LCF Donor Endowment Funds.

ASIAN COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER - \$20,000

Support of the Family Resource Program which includes English language and citizenship classes.

CEDARS YOUTH SERVICES - \$24,600

Renovation of the Teaching and Learning with Children group home.

CLEANER GREENER LINCOLN - \$15,000

Energy saving maintenance and improvements to eleven non-profit agency buildings.

CLINIC WITH A HEART - \$9,645

Supplies and equipment needed for relocating the clinic to a new facility.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER - \$20,000

Support of Crime Victims Impact/Offenders Accountability Program.

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS - \$35,000

Programs where schools and communities work collectively to build strong families and neighborhoods.

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION - \$23,029

Expansion of behavioral health services to Lincoln High School and Northeast High School.

FRIENDS OF ARTS ARE BASIC - \$5,000

Arts education in the Lincoln Schools by connecting teaching artists, classroom teachers and students.

INDIAN CENTER - \$35,000

Intensive Outpatient Counseling Program for substance abuse treatment of youth and adults.

LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS - \$15,000

To support the Lied/Lincoln Partnership for Arts Education program.

LINCOLN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - \$5,000

Tuition for students with financial need to enroll in music lessons through the Music Outreach Program.

MIDTOWN VILLAGE - \$16,500

Neighborhood assistance program that provides services to lower income, elderly residents.

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE FEDERATION - \$7,500

Adopt a Stream program where children and adults engage in the study of streams, wetlands, or lakes and practice conservation methods.

NEIGHBORWORKS LINCOLN, INC. - \$7,500

Leadership Development Program with the purpose of targeting and strengthening Lincoln's core neighborhoods.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY LINCOLN - \$20,000

School Wellness Coordinator at LPS who will direct efforts to reduce the obesity rates of students.

DONORS

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

Altrusa Club International of Lincoln Fund

Asa & Mabel Waters Fund

Carl Olson Fund

Cedric & Nina Yoder Fund

Duncan & Lillian McGregor Fund

Edith Madden Fund

Esther Gehle Fund

Helen Clough Fund

Jane Hines Fund

Janet Smith Fund

Jennings & Beulah Haggerty Fund

Josephine Koudele Fund

LaVerne Bish Fund

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Neil Bean Fund

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Timothy Newton Fund

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