

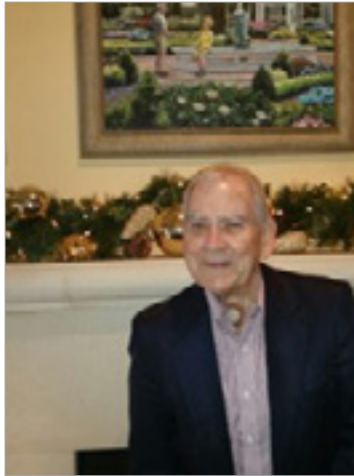
LINCOLN FOREVER

LCF NEWS FROM PRESIDENT BARBARA BARTLE

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WALTER CANNEY CREATES FUND TO SUPPORT VETERANS

Retired CEO of Lincoln Electric System (LES) Walter Canney recently created the Walter Canney Veteran Support Endowed Fund with Lincoln Community Foundation. The purpose of his fund is to support areas of unmet need for our military service members, veterans and their families, no matter when or where they served in our nation's history. Funding will be directed to programs in the areas of education, employment, health and human services.



A Navy Veteran of the Korean War era, Walter moved to Lincoln in 1971 to become the first CEO of Lincoln Electric System. Since his retirement in 1997, Walter has

volunteered regularly at the Lincoln Veterans Administration Campus. "I love the staff and the great service provided at the VA,"

said Walter. "The Lincoln VA Clinic serves more than 15,000 veterans in Nebraska and adjacent states, with thousands more that might be eligible for some services or need them in the future. I'm quite aware of their needs and I think Lincoln is outstanding, providing veteran services that are among the very best anywhere in the country."

Lincoln Community Foundation thanks Walter Canney for his thoughtful, generous gift to our community. If you are passionate for a specific cause, Lincoln Community Foundation can help you design a fund that reflects your goals and intentions. Please contact us for more information.

PUMPHREY SCHOLARSHIP FUND IMPACTS NEARLY 600 STUDENTS

The Margaret & Max Pumphrey Fund is the oldest scholarship fund established at Lincoln Community Foundation. Max Pumphrey was a long-time Lincoln teacher who taught at Whittier Junior High, Park Elementary and Lincoln High. He died in 1979, leaving the bulk of his estate to Lincoln Community Foundation to create a scholarship fund that would help Lincoln area students pursue their higher educations.

The Margaret & Max Pumphrey Fund has now provided financial aid amounting to \$813,852 to almost 600 college students. Max's dedication to education will continue

to benefit students forever through this wonderful permanent fund.

We'd like to share part of a thank you letter we recently received from one of the Pumphrey scholarship recipients:

"My name is Nestor Hernandez. I was raised in Culver City, California. I come from living in a housing project and have faced some difficult life experiences. I learned to take advantage of my opportunities. One of the major blessings in my life was to move to the amazing city of Lincoln, Nebraska. Thanks to donors like you, I'm given the opportunity to go to college. I plan to major in Actuarial



Nestor Hernandez
University of
Nebraska-Lincoln

Science at UNL and complete my education in four years, since I have taken dual credit courses in high school. In the future, I plan to give back to the community of Lincoln. I am really happy to be living here in Lincoln and I plan to do my best to succeed."

GRANT ADDRESSES HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN LINCOLN

In 2014, Sgt. Ben Miller was assigned to the Lincoln Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit and tasked with coordinating its efforts in Human Trafficking. At that time, little was known about the scope of the problem that existed in our city, or even the state. While becoming more engaged in proactive efforts to locate and rescue victims and identify those who trafficked people, Lincoln Police Department (LPD) realized the need for formalized training to better address the trafficking problem.

Lincoln Community Foundation provided funding to send Sgt. Miller and Investigator Matt Franken to the 2016 International Sex Trafficking Summit. The training symposium provided the perfect opportunity to meet with law enforcement officials from all over the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Canada and Thailand.

Ben and Matt quickly discovered that one of the most compelling needs for law enforcement is to find ways to work with other agencies so that trafficking investigations reach across city borders, state lines and even other countries. They learned more about how state, federal and international agencies have developed networks across the world to combat trafficking and raise public awareness.

After the Summit, Ben and Matt returned to Lincoln with tested ideas and a solid plan for implementing an anti-trafficking strategy. LPD's current research and analysis suggests that human trafficking



[The 2016 International Sex Trafficking Summit attendees.](#)

is more prevalent in Lincoln than previously understood. There may be as many as 200 to 400 victims in Lincoln each year, and many victims are school-age children.

Going forward, LPD will invest in educating residents on the dangers of human trafficking and how widespread the problem may be, focusing on schools, community organizations and the general public. LPD also works closely with other community partners to provide services to rescued victims and keep them safe from further harm. They intend to apprehend those responsible for these crimes with proactive enforcement of local, state and federal laws.

Thanks to this training opportunity, LPD is better prepared to combat human trafficking in our community.

MANY WAYS TO ADVANCE THE PROSPER LINCOLN COMMUNITY AGENDA

Whitmer Establishes UNL Scholarship for Early Childhood Educators



Mae Whitmer of Lincoln was inspired by Prosper Lincoln's community agenda to create a University of Nebraska-Lincoln scholarship aimed to prepare future early childhood educators. The Bill and Mae Whitmer Early Childhood

Education Scholarship, a permanently endowed fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation, commemorates the life of her late husband, Bill.

"We need more teachers who are trained and qualified to meet the special needs of early childhood education," Mae Whitmer said, "and I wanted to do something that aligned with Prosper Lincoln and its admirable efforts in this important area." This is another great example of how individuals, institutions and resources can unite to lead community change.

Helping to educate and prepare future generations of teachers, who are especially needed to provide early childhood education in Nebraska, is the focus of the scholarship for students enrolled in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Education and Human Sciences. Six of the \$2,500 scholarships were awarded for the 2016-2017 school year.

Scholarships such as this are helping to build a skilled, informed and diverse early childhood workforce in Nebraska, said Dr. Richard Bischoff, the Gwendolyn A. Newkirk Professor and chair of the Child, Youth and Family Studies Department. "We're deeply grateful to

Mae Whitmer and her family for this generous gift," Bischoff said. "It is timely and relevant. The impact of the gift will expand beyond dollars for tuition to inspire teaching excellence, which makes a difference for young children, their families and teachers."

Bill Whitmer, who passed away in 2012, studied electrical engineering at Nebraska and graduated in 1959. He and Mae were married the following year and raised two children, Dr. Lori W. Wennstedt and John Whitmer. Bill Whitmer was third-generation owner of ABC Electric of Lincoln, where he started working at age 14 at the company founded by his grandparents in 1932. The full-service electrical contractor company is now led by his son and fourth-generation owner, John Whitmer.

Mae Whitmer works closely with Lincoln Community Foundation for much of her charitable giving. She utilizes her LCF donor advised fund, the Bill and Mae Whitmer Family Fund, to make many of her gifts. She also established the Bill and Mae Whitmer Lincoln Forever Fund and became a Diamond Donor during our 60th Anniversary Campaign, providing permanent support for our community grantmaking program. Mae is also a match fund sponsor for Give to Lincoln Day.

In addition to being long-time supporters of Lincoln Community Foundation and the University of Nebraska, the Whitmers have also been active in the Lincoln community. They have enjoyed supporting the Clinton Neighborhood Organization, Malone Center, Child Guidance Center, Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools and Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

To learn more visit
www.prosperlincoln.org


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NEXTGEN GIVING CIRCLE MAKES 2016 GRANTS

The NextGen Lincoln Giving Circle held events to raise funds for three nonprofits: Center for People in Need, Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters and Junior Achievement of Lincoln. The group granted more than \$8,000 to these three charities.

NextGen Lincoln is open to young adults in Lincoln, mostly between the ages of 21-40. Members of this giving circle come together to give collectively so that they can have a greater impact on Lincoln's nonprofit organizations. NextGen offers an opportunity to give back, learn about the unique issues in our city, and get together in a fun and charitable way. Membership for 2017 is \$300/household.

Find out more at www.lcf.org/NextGenLincoln.



BUILD YOUR LEGACY

Do you love Lincoln? We do! In fact, that's why Lincoln Community Foundation exists. Our mission is to provide leadership and resources to help build this great city.

We often have the honor of working with generous people who tell us how much Lincoln has meant to them and their families. They come to us because they are looking for ways to give back to this community that has provided rich opportunities and wonderful memories. At Lincoln Community Foundation, donors have the convenience of easily creating current or future gifts to benefit the whole community or to customize their gifts for the benefit of those specific organizations or causes that are most important to them.

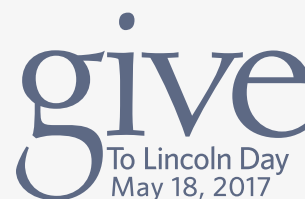
Call us to learn how YOUR legacy can be a continuing gift to our great city.

Questions? Call Tracy Edgerton, Chip DeBuse or Paula Metcalf at 402.474.2345.

SAVE THESE DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 4

The Charity luncheon, our annual donor appreciation event and presentation of the Charity Award, will be held on Thursday, May 4 at the Country Club of Lincoln.



THURSDAY, MAY 18

Give To Lincoln Day returns on Thursday, May 18. Mark your calendar and get ready to support the local nonprofits that make Lincoln a great place to live.

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