

Finding Purpose Through Philanthropy

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LEAVING THEIR MARK

Huffs create lasting legacy
for downtown Lincoln
congregation

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Greetings:

At a recent conference in Houston, we heard the inspiring heroic stories of resilience during and after Hurricane Harvey. Leaders, nonprofits, philanthropists, businesses and families are working together to build Houston Strong again. The hope is to keep that wonderful community spirit in place.

It reminded me once more of the importance of our nonprofits in Lincoln. They are working hard every day, year after year, providing for the needs and opportunities in our community.

Our endowed designated funds can help support these impactful organizations. Nonprofits can count on an annual revenue that allows them financial stability as they continue their good work. You'll find an article about the magic of these endowed funds and the donors who make them possible on page 4.

Another way that donors leave a legacy for their community is with scholarship funds. In this issue, enjoy stories of students whose lives have changed for the better thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of donors like you.

The Lincoln Community Foundation can help you give a gift that makes Lincoln strong for generations. Our dedicated and professional staff is here to help you leave a mark. We'd love to hear from you.

Gratefully,

Barbara M. Bartle
President

PS – There are many ways to leave a legacy gift. Learn more at LincolnForever.org.



Cover photo by Kelly Theye. John and Vicki Huff stand beside their home church, St. Paul United Methodist Church in downtown Lincoln. Their recent gift creates a lasting legacy, providing annual funding to the church forever. Article on page 4.

Save the Date

APRIL 6 AT 4 PM

Bike Share Launch, Lincoln Community Foundation Garden



Lincoln's new bike share program, BikeLNK, with 100 white bikes and 18 stations across downtown Lincoln, will kick off at an event on the afternoon of April 6.

Lincoln Community Foundation provided a generous sponsorship grant to bring this program to our city.

Learn more at www.BikeLNK.com

MAY 10 AT 11:30 AM

Duncans to be Honored at Annual Event, Country Club of Lincoln



Karen and Robert Duncan have been selected to receive Lincoln Community Foundation's distinguished Charity Award for 2018. They will be honored at our annual donor appreciation luncheon on Thursday, May 10. Invitation to follow.

MAY 15 AT 6:30 PM

Community Connections: "Served Like a Girl", Auld Pavilion

Lincoln Community Foundation is partnering with NET Television to offer a screening of the documentary film "Served Like a Girl" which explores the challenges faced by female veterans. A panel discussion will follow the screening. Invitation to follow.

MAY 31 - Give to Lincoln Day

Lincoln Community Foundation's annual day of giving is back for its 7th year. Choose from more than 350 local nonprofits to support. Nonprofits will receive a proportionate share of a \$400,000 match made possible by LCF and generous sponsors. If you have a donor advised fund at LCF, make your Give to Lincoln Day grant request at LCF.org through the donor portal anytime before May 15 (please note that it is for Give to Lincoln Day). Or you may make an online gift via credit card at www.GiveToLincoln.org starting May 1.



Human Trafficking Fund

As hard as it may be to believe, human beings are trafficked in Nebraska and even in our own community of Lincoln. This modern day tragedy is illegal, yet it thrives in the shadows. In order to respond to the crisis, the community must come together to prosecute the traffickers, protect the victims and identify effective methods of prevention.

Concerned community members wanting to provide financial support to organizations working to prosecute, protect and prevent may contribute to the Human Trafficking Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation.

Learn more by contacting Sarah Peetz, Vice President for Community Outreach at sarahp@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.

The Next Generation of Lincoln's Philanthropists



NextGen Lincoln, LCF's group of young professionals who donate their time and money to local nonprofits,

granted more than \$16,000 to three local charities chosen by its members in 2017.

The group is now accepting applications for 2018 NextGen members. Sponsors and Friends are also needed to reach their goal of distributing \$20,000 in 2018.

To apply for membership or support the NextGen Giving Circle, visit www.nextgenlincoln.org or contact Chip DeBuse, Vice President for Development, at chipd@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.

GENEROUS DONORS LEAVE THEIR MARK



"This is our community and it's important to leave a legacy," said Vicki Huff. The retired trust officer and her husband, John who is retired from Lincoln Fire and Rescue, recently found a way to leave a lasting impact on an organization they love.

"We've always felt tithing at our church is important," Vicki explains. "And I worried that someday, when we are both gone, the church will have a void without our annual gifts."

Vicki and John started an endowed fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation that is designated for St. Paul United Methodist Church. The church will receive an annual distribution from the fund, and the fund will grow over time as a result of its investment and additional planned contributions from the Huffs. After providing for their 4 children and 10 grandchildren, they plan to leave much of their estate to the endowment fund as well.

Lincoln Community Playhouse Guild sponsors one of the playhouse's performances every year including Camelot in 2017. With their new endowed designated fund, they intend to be able to sponsor a show annually forever.

What mark will you leave on Lincoln?

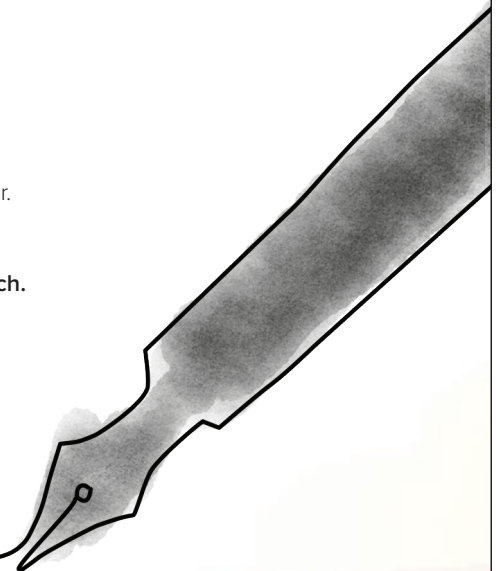
This city is your home, and it's filled with opportunities, experiences and energy that have left their mark on you. What mark will you leave?

The Lincoln Community Foundation can help you make an impact forever.

Make a permanent gift of \$10,000 or more for your favorite nonprofit or house of worship through Dec. 2018 and we will provide a 10% match.

Visit LincolnForever.org to leave your mark on the future.

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- Vicki Huff, donor,
regarding LCF's 10% match

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“This teaches our children and grandchildren how important it is to give,” she said. “It is a big legacy for John and I to leave.”

The Huffs used a tax-savings tool to initiate the fund. “When I turned 70½, I was required to take a minimum distribution from my IRA,” she explained. “By using some of it to set up the endowment, no taxes were due on that amount.”

Lincoln Community Foundation is currently offering a 10% match on endowed funds designated to local nonprofits or churches. “The match was spectacular,” Vicki said. “I wanted to give the cake. You iced it!”

Endowments don't have to be started by a single donor or family. The Lincoln Community Playhouse Guild found a way to ensure they could support the Playhouse for many years to come thanks to the newly established Lincoln Community Playhouse Guild Charitable Fund.

The Guild was started 50 years ago by a group of women who wanted to support the Playhouse's programming. Over the years, the Guild had enough members and financial contributions to sponsor one of the Playhouse's performances each year. But as membership organizations in general are experiencing a decline in involvement, so did the Guild.

Carla Petrey, the Playhouse Guild's president, spoke to the Playhouse's executive director, Morrie Enders, about her concerns in raising enough money to sponsor a show. Morrie knew that LCF could hold an endowment but had recently learned that a 10% match would be made available on endowments of \$10,000 or more.

In 2017, the Guild started the fund with an initial gift of \$5,000 — the amount that the Guild normally used to sponsor a performance — and they plan to contribute their sponsorship dollars annually to the fund.

“We're encouraging supporters of the Playhouse and Guild members to consider donations to the endowment fund in memory of friends as well as include it in their estate plan,” said Petrey.

The fund is in “incubation” until it reaches \$10,000 or more in donations, when it will then be invested, receive the 10% match and begin distributions annually to the Playhouse.

“That is just a win-win,” said Petrey. “Our name will continue on forever because of this fund.”

Learn more about the 10% match on designated endowed funds at www.LincolnForever.org or contact Paula Metcalf, Vice President for Gift Planning, at paulam@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.

Make a lasting gift!

Currently, LCF holds endowed funds designated for several local programs. You can support local churches and nonprofits by contributing to their endowment. New gifts totaling \$10,000 or more to a fund will be matched 10% if given before December 31, 2018.

- ▶ Aging Partners
- ▶ Arc of Lincoln
- ▶ Cedars
- ▶ Centennial Mall (Lincoln Parks Foundation)
- ▶ Center for People in Need
- ▶ City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation
- ▶ Clinic with a Heart
- ▶ Connecting Pointe Church of the Nazarene
- ▶ El Centro de las Americas
- ▶ Everett Elementary School Playground
- ▶ First Plymouth Congregational Church
- ▶ Food Bank of Lincoln
- ▶ Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries
- ▶ Friendship Home
- ▶ JD RF Heartland Chapter
- ▶ Hyde Memorial Observatory (City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation)
- ▶ Launch Leadership
- ▶ Leadership Lincoln
- ▶ Lighthouse
- ▶ Lincoln Arts Council
- ▶ Lincoln Children's Zoo
- ▶ Lincoln Community Playhouse
- ▶ Lincoln Literacy
- ▶ Lincoln Municipal Band Association
- ▶ Lincoln Music Teachers Association
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Lux Center
- ▶ Nebraska Wesleyan University
- ▶ NET Foundation for Television
- ▶ Pitsch Garden (Lincoln Parks Foundation)
- ▶ Redeemer Lutheran Church
- ▶ Santa Cop
- ▶ Sheridan Lutheran Church
- ▶ St. Matthews Episcopal Church
- ▶ St. Paul United Methodist Church
- ▶ Tabitha
- ▶ Tower Square (Lincoln Parks Foundation)
- ▶ Trinity United Methodist Church
- ▶ Voices of Hope
- ▶ YMCA of Lincoln
- ▶ Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Would you like to make a gift to help grow the endowment of one of these nonprofits or start a new one for your favorite church or nonprofit? Contact Michelle Paulk, Program Coordinator at michellep@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.



Art by scholarship recipient, Maria Guiza Beltran.

Donor Wishes Meet Student Dreams

LCF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MAKES IT EASY FOR DONORS WHILE HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE

While Maria Guiza Beltran dreamed of studying art, she is also talented in math and science. Thanks to one local donor, Maria is currently majoring in Fine Arts with a math minor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) and the first recipient of the PINC (Poverty is Not a Choice) Scholarship.

Inspired by the Nebraska Loves Public Schools film by the same name which explores the day-to-day realities faced by students living in poverty, the scholarship donor set up the fund that would provide a generous scholarship to someone displaying extreme financial need. The donor also wanted to support an individual wishing to study the arts.

“A lot of people suggested that I not go into the arts,” said Maria, a first-generation college student whose mother didn’t have the same opportunities and only studied until the sixth grade. “I felt really grateful and encouraged that I could do it. It is amazing that there was a scholarship for art. It was encouraging.”

Cornhusker Bank set up two scholarships several years ago in the names of their founders, George and Cecile Frampton. Grandson and current Chairman of Cornhusker Bank, John Dittman, loves how easy it is to support students through their LCF scholarship funds.

“You make it so easy to set up and will do whatever the donor wants,” he said. “While there are always ups and downs in the market, our funds have seen nice growth. It makes us want to add to the funds.”

One of last year’s scholarship winners, Hae Paw, is a graduate of Lincoln High School. Hae came to the US in 8th grade after being born in a refugee camp in Thailand. Her parents, Karen refugees, both died before having a chance for stability and safety. Her father died suddenly in the camp and her mother died after a long battle with cancer after returning to her birthplace in Burma.



As the youngest of 9 children, she is one of only four to be afforded the opportunity of a new life in America. She entered Park Middle School knowing no English, learning fast and moving up quickly.

“My family never had the chance to even graduate from high school,” she said. “When you grow up in a refugee camp, we don’t explore opportunities.”

Hae is the first in her family to attend college, now studying nursing at UNL. “The lack of support given to my parents by health providers was proof that I needed to contribute to the medical profession,” she explained in her scholarship application.

“Because of this scholarship, I can reach my dreams,” she said. “The money won’t be wasted. I will use it for good.”

You can help students achieve success with a scholarship fund. Contact Tracy Edgerton, Vice President for Strategic Giving, at tracye@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.

Scholarship Made a Difference for CEO

Mark Walz might not have graduated from college in 1988 had it not been for the Margaret and Max Pumphrey Scholarship.

"I was raised in a middle class, two-income family in the Meadowlane area. My parents' decision to allow me to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University in the fall of 1983 was a significant financial stretch for them," Walz remembers.

When his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, she continued to work during her treatment so Mark could continue his education. She passed away his sophomore year.

"Suddenly, not only was I dealing with the loss of my mother, I was faced

with the very real possibility that I would be unable to return to college because my family's income had essentially been cut in half," he said.

His academic success and financial need played a part in him receiving the scholarship twice. "The Pumphrey Scholarship was absolutely critical at the time. I'll never forget the feeling of humility and joy when I received the notification that I had been awarded the scholarship," Walz said.

Mark continues to live, work and raise his family in Lincoln. He is currently Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer at Farmers Mutual of Nebraska.



Do you recognize this local businessman? LCF scholarships helped him during a critical time, allowing him to graduate college. Courtesy photo.

Dear Gladys D. Goodson Scholarship Fund:
I was a foster child, moved 39 times in four years, who aged out of the system without being adopted. Only 2.5% of foster children graduate with a bachelor's degree and I am months away from reaching that goal.

My heart is so ready to give back to this great community as a psychiatric nurse and I am so thankful for your investment into my future.

Very Sincerely,
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2018 Match Fund Largest Ever Thanks to West Gate Gift

\$400,000 TO BE AVAILABLE TO LINCOLN NONPROFITS



Give to Lincoln Day will have the largest match fund in its seven year history thanks to a generous gift from West Gate Bank. Lincoln's annual giving day is scheduled for Thursday, May 31. Every participating nonprofit organization will receive a proportional share of the record \$400,000 match fund, based upon its percentage of total dollars raised.

"West Gate Bank is proud to be celebrating 50 years of serving the Lincoln community," said Carl Sjulín, President of West Gate Bank. "As a locally-owned, community bank, giving back to Lincoln is such an important part of our mission. Our commitment of \$25,000 per year for three years to Give to Lincoln Day is one of the many ways we are investing back into the community in order to keep Lincoln growing and thriving."

"We are so grateful for West Gate Bank's generous donation to Give to Lincoln Day, allowing us to grow the match fund," said

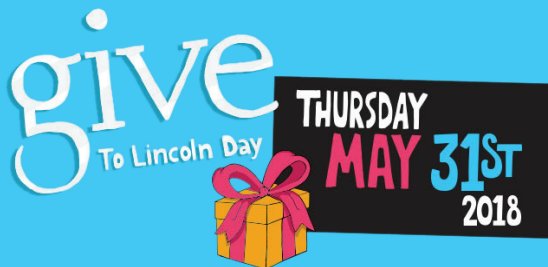
Barbara Bartle, President of Lincoln Community Foundation. "This event, which many local nonprofits depend upon, will accomplish so much more thanks to this increased match."

All local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that have an office in the community and serve Lincoln or Lancaster County may participate in Give to Lincoln Day. Registration for nonprofits opens on March 1st at GiveToLincoln.com.

Last year, Give to Lincoln Day raised a record \$3,693,307 for 365 local nonprofits. Give to Lincoln Day aims to promote philanthropy in the city. By helping nonprofits raise funds, the daylong event helps them carry out their important work and supplements budgets that are challenged to meet current demands. It also allows nonprofits to tell their stories and attract new donors. Individuals may make their charitable donation to local nonprofits during this 24-hour day of giving at www.GiveToLincoln.com.

You can help all participating nonprofits by being a Match Fund Sponsor. Contact Michelle Paulk, Program Coordinator, at michellep@lcf.org or 402-474-2345.

Support Give to Lincoln Day Nonprofits With Your Donor Advised Fund



If you have a donor advised fund at Lincoln Community Foundation, fees are waived when you support nonprofits for Give to Lincoln Day. Make grants to your favorite participating nonprofits and they will receive 100% of your gift. Use the My LCF online portal at www.lcf.org or email Michelle Paulk at michellep@lcf.org to request grant distributions by May 15. Minimum distribution of \$100 per nonprofit.

If you don't already have a donor advised fund with Lincoln Community Foundation, there is still time. Contact Scott Lawson, Vice President for Finance at scottl@lcf.org or 402-474-2345 to set up and fund your DAF by May 1st in order to make your Give to Lincoln Day grants from the fund.