

Finding Purpose Through Philanthropy

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# LINCOLN

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## FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SHARE

Couple pledges  
match to encourage  
philanthropy

LINCOLN COMMUNITY  
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Cover photo by Kelly Theye. Bill and Marilyn Cintani in their Lincoln home. Their recent pledge creates a match to encourage others to establish a donor advised fund.

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When I strike the open plains,  
something happens.  
I'm home. I breathe differently.  
That love of great spaces,  
of rolling open country like the sea,  
it's the grand passion of my life.

– Willa Cather

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## Greetings:

I recently read a wonderful Lincoln Journal Star series exploring the economic impact of local refugees as employees and entrepreneurs. It reminded me of earlier settlers arriving. Building community was so important to survival...building barns, sharing equipment and potluck meals. The world was moving to the open plains with Lincoln becoming home.

It is so important to continue to support each other and build our “home place.” Buy from our new entrepreneurs whether shopping or dining. Volunteer for a nonprofit helping to build lives for families and children in Lincoln. Open a donor advised fund (DAF) with Lincoln Community Foundation.

The Lincoln Community Foundation is here to provide information about the many local opportunities and needs. We would be honored to be your philanthropic partner. We work to be agile, while remaining a servant to the place we call home.

Passionate about Lincoln,

Barbara M. Bartle  
President

PS – Be sure to read about the generosity of Bill & Marilyn Cintani and how they are sharing their good fortune to encourage philanthropy.



# LCF Celebrates Benefactors & Legacy Society

**MEMBERS OF OUR LEGACY SOCIETY AND LINCOLN BENEFACTORS ARE LEADERS WHO LOVE OUR COMMUNITY AND INSPIRE OTHERS THROUGH THEIR INVESTMENT IN ITS GROWTH.**

## Lincoln Benefactors

Lincoln Benefactors are the backbone of Lincoln Community Foundation, providing long-term stability for LCF and significant benefits to our community nonprofit organizations. Lincoln Benefactors are donors who have made a current gift or a commitment for a future gift in one of the following categories:

- Individual gifts of \$50,000 or more to the Lincoln Community Foundation Fund, our operating endowment
- Endowed gifts of at least \$500,000 to any fund
- Gifts of \$1,000,000 or more to any fund

Benefactors are recognized on our beautiful glass panels in LCF's main lobby.

## Legacy Society

Many donors make plans in a will or trust or through a beneficiary designation, establishing a gift now and funding it at end of life. These legacy gifts are the ultimate gift received from a donor and are highly honored by LCF.

*To learn more about planning a gift that leaves a lasting mark on Lincoln, contact Paula Metcalf, VP for Gift Planning, at 402-474-2345 or paulam@lcf.org.*



*In August, 2018, LCF's Benefactors and Legacy Society members gathered at the beautiful home of Kimberly and Doug Rath. New Benefactors and Legacy Society members in attendance were introduced.*

*Back row, left to right: Randy Hawthorne, John Linscott, Robert Wagner, Rich Jones and John Hoppe. Front row, left to right: Barbara Bartle (LCF President & CEO), Jenny Tricker, Willa Foster Jones, and Marilyn Wagner.*

## THANK YOU TO OUR NEW BENEFACTORS AND LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS.

### BENEFACTORS

Pamela M. & James\* L. Carrier  
Brenda L. Clements  
Steve & Susie Hughes  
Daniel R. Pestal\*

Georgia E. Pestal\*  
Ann K. & James\* A. Rawley  
Norma J. Somerheiser\*  
James A. & Marlene K. Wagner

### LEGACY SOCIETY

John & Catherine Angle\*  
Carol & Jim Bishop  
James & D'Arcy Blosser  
Pamela M. Carrier  
Tracie & John Chapo  
Brenda L. Clements  
Daniel R. Pestal\*  
Patrick & Candace Dussault  
Tracy Edgerton & Steve Christophersen  
Willa Foster Jones & Richard K. Jones

Ruth Gabelhouse\*  
Randal D. Hawthorne  
Steve & Susie Hughes  
Beatrice "Mike" Seacrest\*  
Dohn J. Theobald  
Ava Thomas  
Jenny Tricker & John Linscott  
Robert & Marilyn Wagner  
Darrell G.\* & Lois Watts

*\*deceased*





# FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SHARE

## Bill and Marilyn Cintani pledge match to encourage philanthropy through Donor Advised Funds

Bill and Marilyn Cintani appreciate their good fortune. They own a successful business. They have raised four successful children. They love their community.

“We have been very fortunate in making Lincoln our home,” Bill said. “Many people find themselves in less than ideal circumstances that are not of their own making. It takes a strong person to persevere through adversity, and live a happy, productive life. We give to try to help level the playing field a little bit for those folks.”

Marilyn grew up near Lincoln, while Bill moved here 40 years ago to work

for Mapes Industries, a family owned business with 100 employees that has manufactured specialty architectural panels and architectural canopies in Lincoln since 1952.

Lincoln is their home, and their involvement reflects that support of the Lincoln community. Bill recently served as Chair of the Lincoln Community Foundation board of directors and will serve as board chair for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce in 2019.

During Bill’s time on the LCF board, he’s seen the impact that a match can have on encouraging donations. Give to Lincoln

Day has been able to leverage a match investment of \$2,050,000 to produce \$20 million in donations over 7 years. “Being able to leverage donations and increase the total number of donors to make a bigger impact just makes sense,” he said.

Inspired by this concept of leverage, Bill and Marilyn have pledged \$50,000 from their personal donor advised fund (DAF) to serve as match dollars for new DAFs established at the Lincoln Community Foundation. As match funds are available, new DAFs will receive an additional 10% gift up to \$1,000, thanks to the Cintanis’ generosity.



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“Today, DAFs are probably the simplest, most flexible structure to create and maintain philanthropy,” Bill said. Donors can advise which nonprofits receive grants from their DAF, and Lincoln Community Foundation verifies the legitimacy of all nonprofits and keeps all of the required records. There are no specific time frames for how often you must donate to or grant from a DAF. There are no minimums and no fees, allowing more benefit to return to the community.

“It really is better than a personal foundation,” Bill said.

This isn’t the first time Bill and Marilyn have used their donor advised fund for a creative purpose. For several years, they sponsored projects at the University of Nebraska Raikes School of Computer Science and Management giving students the opportunity to work on issues that help nonprofits. One example enabled the Lied Center for Performing Arts to hire a technology intern to set up a new event management software and ticketing software, creating long-term efficiencies for the organization.

“I like that we get to expose these tech kids to philanthropy early,” said Bill. “They will be successful some day, and we want them to know how important giving back can be to their community.”

After meeting some of the students, Marilyn said, “It’s nice to hear the students get excited about helping.”

“I believe in supporting people early in their lives,” Bill said. “We won’t have an effect on outcomes unless we catch them in their formative years.”

Marilyn’s heart guides the issues she supports. “I want to touch families by helping children, helping women raise their children and helping them get out of a bad situation,” she said.

Bill sees DAFs as a tool for younger adults too. “DAFs are a great way for someone not as active in philanthropy yet,” he said. “A person could make donations to the fund over time in order to make a larger gift at a future time.”

As a matter of fact, Bill and Marilyn have set up DAFs for their four adult children, who have modeled Bill and Marilyn’s charitable interests, serving on boards and committees. “It is a good way to bring along the next generation of philanthropists.”

Besides Bill’s work with Mapes Industries and the couple’s philanthropic interests, the next generation - their five grandchildren - get much of their focus. “Getting to spend so much time with grandchildren brings us joy,” said Marilyn.

“When you are in a position to share your good fortune, everybody wins,” Bill said.

*To learn more about the match opportunity and setting up a donor advised fund, contact Chip DeBuse, VP for Development, at 402-474-2345 or [chipd@lcf.org](mailto:chipd@lcf.org).*

## 10% Match on DAFs

There has never been a better time to open a donor advised fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation. Thanks to a gift from Bill and Marilyn Cintani, new DAFs will receive a 10% match.

- There is no minimum amount needed to open a donor advised fund.
- A fund will be considered new if no gifts have been received previously for any donor advised fund established by a member of the donor’s household. Donors with an existing DAF could set up a new DAF for an adult child living outside the household and be eligible for the match.
- A new DAF may receive a maximum of \$1,000 in matching funds.

Match available through December 2019 or until match funds have been distributed.

## Endowment Match Also Available

**Endowments create permanent support.** You may give a gift of any size to an existing active endowment held at Lincoln Community Foundation and that gift will receive a 10% match. Or, with a minimum gift of \$10,000, you may create a new endowed fund. From scholarships to endowments that support your favorite cause or nonprofit, many types of funds qualify.

Learn more at [LincolnForever.org](http://LincolnForever.org).



# Poetry and Sacrifice Collide in LPS Vietnam Project



The firsthand accounts of war are often left out of textbooks. NET partnered with LPS to connect Lincoln High students with Nebraska Vietnam veterans, taking a deeper look into the realities of the war. The Vietnam Poetry Project allowed for face-to-face interaction, turning stories of sacrifice into poetry.

With many not knowing much about the Vietnam War, today's high school students lack understanding and appreciation of the stories. This project allowed Lincoln High students to open their eyes to the important lessons of war.

Funded by the Lincoln Community Foundation, students from Lincoln High were paired with Vietnam Veterans from Nebraska for face-to-face interviews to learn about the war from those who saw and felt its impact first hand. "Young people are losing a bit of human connection, but by sitting across from someone, you can see the pain of their memories," said Chris Maly, Lincoln High English teacher. "It becomes very real."



For the veterans, this allowed the opportunity to tell their story and heal old wounds in the process. The poets were able to honor the sacrifice the soldiers made through their work. Both the poet and veteran benefited by building

a multigenerational connection, one that held strong. Many veterans attended their poets' graduation ceremony. One chose to write a letter of recommendation for his poet to enter the Naval Academy. Another attended the recent wedding of his poet as she married into the military, and he has since been a pillar of support as she navigates her new life.

We should never forget the sacrifices our service men and women have made. LPS is leading by example by providing an enlightening educational experience that has created lifelong connections. Through poetry, the sacrifices and warrior spirits will not be forgotten.

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# An Incentive for Veterans with PTSD

When returning from a combat zone, veterans are increasingly diagnosed with mental health disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. The Lancaster County District Court began seeing more of these individuals on their court docket. Lancaster County Community Corrections and the Lancaster County Attorney, along with the Lancaster County District Court, decided that rather than jail, perhaps a problem-solving court would be a better alternative.

Modeled after the highly successful problem-solving court for individuals with substance use disorders, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court is meant to provide veterans and active duty military members facing felony charges with resources rather than prison.

Using funds from Lincoln Community Foundation's Veteran Support Fund, gift cards to The Mill and Walmart are purchased and used as incentives for participants to continue making progress in the program, which includes drug testing, treatment, and individual and group therapy.

"Each week, when a veteran follows all of the conditions of Veterans Court, their name gets put in a hat and one person is drawn to receive a gift card," said Jeff Curry, Chief Probation Officer in the Lancaster County District Court. "On weeks when all participants do well, we draw for two gift cards."

Participants meet weekly and form bonds as a group, Curry says. With a little positive peer pressure, they encourage each other. "They really look forward to the gift cards," he said.

Since kicking off the treatment court in April 2017, six individuals have



*From left to right:  
Jared Baker - Veterans Court Officer,  
Honorable Judge John A. Colborn -  
Veterans Court Judge,  
Landon Parks - Acting Veterans Court  
Coordinator*

started the program and are in varying phases of the process. Because the program takes a lot of resources, there is only room for 8-10 people at this time. The program takes one to two years to complete.

Participants must have served in a combat zone, have a mental health diagnosis or traumatic brain injury, be eligible for Veterans Administration benefits, and not have a long prior criminal history before their service. Veterans are recommended, but also volunteer to participate.

*You can contribute to the Veterans Support Fund to ensure programs like these continue. Contact Sarah Peetz, VP for Community Outreach, at 402-474-2345 or sarahp@lcf.org.*

## LCF AWARDS \$470,000 TO SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS

Thanks to generous legacy donors, Lincoln Community Foundation distributed \$470,000 in community grants to 18 local nonprofit organizations in August. These grants are made possible by contributions to Lincoln Forever Funds and from LCF donor endowment funds.

Some organizations that received funding include Lincoln Parks Foundation (\$250,000 for the Prairie Corridor Trail from Pioneers Park to Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center and \$50,000 for the redevelopment of Rudge Park) and JCMF Children's Charities (\$20,000 for the Float 4 Life national training facility.)

*Learn about how you can support local grantmaking through a Lincoln Forever Fund. Contact Tracy Edgerton, VP for Strategic Giving, at 402-474-2345 or tracye@lcf.org.*



## Reading Aloud Makes an Impact in South of Downtown

Residents in the South of Downtown neighborhoods gathered for a free event at the Thomas Kennard House on Sunday, September 9, to engage as a family with activities that encourage their children to read.

The event, called Colors & Patterns: Stories in Our Community, attracted 155 people and included activities, dance and storytimes from the Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln Children's Museum, Lincoln City Libraries, University of Nebraska State Museum (Morrill Hall), and Midwestern African Museum of Art. These partners are all participating in Read Aloud Lincoln, a two-year initiative inspired by the Prosper Lincoln community agenda focus area of Early Childhood.

Read Aloud Lincoln is designed to spread the word to parents and caregivers that 15 minutes of reading aloud daily from birth to age 8 can profoundly impact success for all of Lincoln's children, both in school and in life. Read Aloud Lincoln's primary goal is to have every child ready to read when entering kindergarten and continue to build literacy skills during their early school years.

Focusing on the diverse populations within the South of Downtown neighborhoods, Read Aloud Lincoln promotes the collaboration and expansion of current early childhood reading opportunities and programs of these libraries and museums. The program partners provide fun, educational programming and events to promote reading aloud in a variety of community spaces, while enhancing their exhibits with early reading-oriented resources and events.



Read Aloud Lincoln is made possible through a grant received from the Institute of Museums and Library Services and the Lincoln Community Foundation in support of the Prosper Lincoln community agenda. Community involvement and support is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

## 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.

**When you create or contribute to an endowment for your philanthropic passion, or open a new donor advised fund, Lincoln Community Foundation will provide a 10% match on your donation.**

Visit [LincolnForever.org](http://LincolnForever.org) to leave your mark on the future.

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