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Greetings:

Spring is in the air, and its long-anticipated arrival always signals change and rebirth. When you opened your mailbox and discovered this newsletter, you may have noticed our new look along with a new title:

Together For Good

Three simple words that highlight partnership, collaboration, positivity, and generosity with an eye toward the future. This title reflects not only our new tagline, but it also exemplifies the stories contained within these pages. In this issue, you will discover stories illuminating the work we're doing together as a community to support our neighborhoods,

children and families, aspiring students, affordable housing, nonprofits and much more!

Collectively, we're writing the story of Lincoln's future. A community where everyone is thriving, working together, to build a better tomorrow.



Gratefully,



Alec Gorynski,
President/CEO



Contributors



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CLOVER FREDERICK

Clover is a nonprofit consultant specializing in public relations, fundraising and board development who also takes on freelance writing assignments. She and her husband, Matt, are recent empty nesters who enjoy playing tennis, attending theatre and walking their mixed breed dog, Hunter, when they aren't visiting their children at college in Washington, DC and Chicago.



MARY KAY ROTH

Mary Kay Roth served as the director of communications at Lincoln Public Schools for 20 years and as a reporter at various publications including the Lincoln Journal Star. She now writes as a freelancer, hikes, travels, plays with her granddaughters, and attempts to catch as many sunrises as possible.

Front Cover: A furry friend from Domesti-PUPS enjoying the Give to Lincoln Day Festival in Tower Square. Last year's event raised more than \$7.5 million for local nonprofits. Read how Lincoln's one big day of giving is getting bigger than ever on page 12!



Zoo Lights dazzle record-breaking crowds

A beloved holiday tradition continues to break records and warm hearts at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. LCF was proud to sponsor the new Cathedral Lights installation at this year's Zoo Lights. The event saw more than 72,400 visitors (an increase of 37% from 2022), provided 33,870 train rides and handed out 21,671 cups of hot chocolate and cider (that's nearly 2,000 gallons to those of you who are counting) to the happy crowds. Now that's something to cheer about!

LCF welcomes new staff & board members

LCF is pleased to welcome two new members to its team of professionals and three new members to its board of directors – folks who are committed to building a better, stronger community for people today and generations to come.



As LCF's Senior Director of Development-Major and Strategic Giving, **Sandi Hansen** leads efforts to support community initiatives and cultivate strategic philanthropic partnerships. She has more than 15 years of major giving experience, most recently with Arbor Day Foundation. Sandi is passionate about creating and fostering meaningful relationships to build the Lincoln community and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Laura Uridil is also new to the team and excited to be processing accounts payable and grants for Lincoln Community Foundation. She is a longtime Lincolnite, a Lincoln High School graduate, and a "nonprofit junkie." Laura holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Bellevue University. Previously, Laura led community leadership programs at Leadership Lincoln.

Additionally, three new members were elected to LCF's board of directors in February: Susie Blue, retired executive director at Matt Talbot, Brett Ebert, attorney with Ball, Loudon, Ebert & Brostrom, LLC, and Rhonda Seacrest, Community Advocate.



Susie Blue



Brett Ebert



Rhonda Seacrest

Officers for 2024 include Mark Hesser, board chair, Pinnacle Bancorp, Inc.; Lauren Pugliese, vice chair, McCarthy Capital; Jasmine Kingsley, secretary, Hudl; Ryan Beckman, treasurer, Olsson; and Marilyn Moore, past chair, retired Bryan College of Health Sciences.

"The energy, experience, and expertise that our new staff and board bring to the Foundation is a significant boost," said LCF President/CEO, Alec Gorynski. "Leveraging our unique strengths, we'll continue to forge partnerships that extend our network for good and build a thriving community."



Big news for Lincoln's littlest residents

LCF is pleased to announce that its recent annual giving campaign for Lincoln Littles raised more than \$685,000 for early care and education. Since 2019, our community has contributed nearly \$4.7 million for Lincoln Littles programs, operations, and initiatives – including tuition assistance for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to attend quality early childhood education programs throughout Lincoln.

“In Lincoln, we know that access to quality care and education means healthy growth and development for our children, a more available

workforce, and ultimately more opportunities for our families to thrive,” said Alec Gorynski, LCF President/CEO. “Our community continues to make this a priority with their generous support of Lincoln Littles.”

In addition to increasing affordable childcare options for families, Lincoln Littles’ work focuses on increasing quality in early care and education, educating and engaging businesses and the larger community, supporting workforce development in the childcare sector and influencing policies to be responsive to the needs of young children and their families.

“This community investment means the world to Lincoln’s children and families,” said Anne Brandt, Executive Director of Lincoln Littles. “With childcare costs at an all-time high, these funds will allow us to continue to fill the critical need of affordable, high-quality early care and education for working families.”

2024 Lincoln Littles Lead Donors

ABC Electric, Acklie Charitable Foundation, Bettenhausen Family Foundation, Drs. Bob & Stacie Bleicher, Becky & Gale Breed, Candy & Bob Campbell, Rosalind K. Carr in memory of Professor James D. Carr, Community Health Endowment, Shirley & Jerry Daugherty, Donlan Foundation, Bob & Jan FitzSimmons, Larry Frederick & Robyn Sitzman, Harbor of Dreams, Inc., Barb Hoppe Johnson & Bruce Johnson, Kile & Cuz Johnson, Jim & Penny Krieger Family Foundation, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Drs. Marilyn & David Moore, Mike Munro & Susie Keisler-Munro, Drs. Bob & Lisa Rauner, Sue & Al Saathoff, Rhonda Seacrest, Susan Sehnert Stuart, Tom & Sue Tallman, The Buffett Early Childhood Fund, Sue & Ed Tricker, Dr. Eileen & Richard Vautravers, Bill & Mae Whitmer Family Fund and Woods Charitable Fund.

To learn more about the critical work of Lincoln Littles, visit www.LincolnLittles.org.

Working together to make housing more affordable

Last fall, LCF awarded \$850,000 in grants from its Affordable Housing Fund to seven organizations working to create and preserve affordable housing. These organizations include Community Development Resources, Family Service Lincoln, Habitat for Humanity Lincoln/Lancaster County, Lincoln Housing Authority, Nebraska Housing Resource, NeighborWorks Lincoln and South of Downtown Community Development Organization.

“Housing that is affordable leads to healthier and more stable families and neighborhoods and promotes economic mobility,” said LCF President/CEO, Alec Gorynski. “These grants serve as a demonstration of all

the ways in which grant funding can support access to affordable housing.”

The City of Lincoln’s Affordable Housing Coordinated Action Plan calls for the addition of 5,000 rental units and 4,000 ownership options of affordable housing by 2030. In alignment with this priority, LCF created and seeded an Affordable Housing Fund with the purpose of supporting the development of affordable housing to include the purchase, renovation, and construction of single-family and multi-family, rental and owner-occupied housing. Housing is defined as affordable when the annual housing cost does not exceed 30% of a family’s annual income.

Eleven local banks also contributed to the Affordable Housing Fund including Cornhusker Bank, Exchange Bank, FNBO, Five Points Bank, Frontier Bank, First Interstate Bank, i3 Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, Union Bank & Trust, US Bank and West Gate Bank.

The organizations that received grants from the Affordable Housing Fund support a wide array of housing types, including single-family, owner-occupied housing and

multi-family rental. The grants are being used in a variety of ways such as funding a portion of development costs, property acquisition costs, down payment assistance, and funding for loan funds to, in turn, provide financing for housing development.

For more information on LCF's Affordable Housing Grants, visit www.LCF.org.

A circular portrait of Rosalind Carr, an older woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a light blue shirt and a red tie. The background of the portrait is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

LEAD DONOR PROFILE

Inspired by her husband, Rosalind Carr hopes to encourage others to give back

By Clover Frederick

Rosalind Carr wants you to know that an ordinary family can make an impact. “You don’t have to have inherited wealth,” she said. “You can live a frugal life and have enough money to do something like this.”

Since 2022, Rosalind has made a Lead Donor gift in her late husband Jim’s memory to the Lincoln Littles campaign, which provides tuition assistance to families in need of early childhood education and supports providers, teachers, businesses and the community. She hopes her gifts will encourage others to support the causes that are near and dear to them.

Jim and Rosalind raised their family in a home near East Campus. Jim, a beloved chemistry professor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, loved to teach and to learn. “You asked him a question and he’d find the answer,” Rosalind said.

“He loved blowing stuff up for an audience,” laughed Rosalind.

He would volunteer and donate his time generously. Among other places, he was a regular at fundraisers for the childcare at their church, First Plymouth Congregational Church, as well as in classrooms taught by teachers in his Kiwanis Club.

“He probably had 40 years’ worth of T-shirts from judging school science fairs in Lincoln and the state.”

As Rosalind reflected on Jim’s qualities, she extols his patience, his ability to find the answer to any question, and to explain it in a way you’d understand.

Jim died in July 2020 after living with Parkinson’s Disease.

“He never lost his chemistry,” Rosalind said. “If you asked him a chemistry question, you could see his demeanor change, and he could answer it.”

Despite being a single-income family for most of their 50 years of marriage (Rosalind worked for about 10 years to allow their girls to attend any college they wanted without incurring debt), Jim and Rosalind have long supported their favorite causes. They made donations that reflected Jim’s passion for singing in the church choir and Rosalind’s knack for quilting. They supported theatre, civic engagement nonprofits, and those that help with basic needs.

But they also liked to inspire others. Because they believe that everyone needs a home to flourish, they originated the “Friends of Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln Fund” at Lincoln Community Foundation in 2017, with the intent that others would give to it as well.

After Jim’s death, Rosalind created her legacy plans with LCF to set up a fund to support organizations that provide quality early childhood education to local children from birth to age 5.

“Jim always liked to work with little kids,” she said. “He loved how they were so curious and asked such good questions.”

She believes this sort of legacy is exactly what Jim would want.



Friends, family, and early childhood advocates gathered at the Lincoln Community Foundation to celebrate the graduates of the inaugural Lincoln Little's Childcare Teacher Foundations Class.

Connection Cadre provides moral support, guidance to local childcare educators

By Mary Kay Roth

Vanessa Benes has worked as an early childcare educator for less than a year, and she's still new to her job with Kids First Childcare, Inc.

But she has found understanding, moral support and friendship – along with solid strategies and advice – at the Connection Cadre, a monthly professional learning and coaching opportunity initiated by Lincoln Little's.

"Everyone is so kind at the Cadre, very open, accommodating and encouraging," Vanessa said. "They can give you support and sympathy when you've had a hard day, while also understanding that you really love your job."

And she does love her job.

"I get all those hugs and snuggles from the cutest toddlers, 15 to 24 months old. I love little kids."

The Connection Cadre launched several months ago with invitations to the 30 graduates of the Childcare Teacher Foundations Classes – training hosted by Lincoln Little's and focused on providing training and guidance for those interested in working in early childcare.

The Cadre provides a safe space for graduates of the classes to stay connected, process barriers, celebrate successes in their work, and exchange strategies. The Cadre has a well-being focus to build community and connection in the early childhood workforce.

Aaliyah Solorio, who works at Trinity Lutheran Childcare, is drawn to the learning and bonding at the Cadre.

"You get new and different perspectives from all the guest speakers about things you might not even think about, like applying diversity training in our classrooms, or getting help when you don't know what to do in a specific situation," she said.

According to Aaliyah, perhaps the best part of the Cadre is getting to know and connecting with other early childcare educators.

"We have breakthrough moments," she said. "We talk about the love of our job. Younger kids are such a breath of fresh air. They have such innocence and happiness. It's rewarding, helping them learn."



Elaine Simpson, recently hired as director of the new early childcare program at Catholic Social Services, has respect for the training class as well as the Cadre – both facilitated by Lincoln Littles.

“The connections we make with other people in childcare are invaluable. We learn from one another,” she said.

Elaine said it’s been an interesting experience switching from a career with school-age children to a career with younger children with support from Lincoln Littles.

“This has been a great opportunity to get the necessary training, talk about diverse strategies, appreciate working with young children,” she said. “I love watching these little kids grow, giving them the confidence to take risks and learn new things.”

The new Cadre fosters a community of learning and problem-solving, not only supporting individual teachers but also contributing to a culture of continuous improvement within the early childhood community.

The Cadre reinforces the importance of professional development programs that provide a platform for teachers to share their experiences, seek advice and collectively work towards solutions. Educators expand their knowledge and deepen professional connections.

Vanessa explained that she is new to early childcare – and new to working at Kids First Childcare, Inc. – and decided to explore the opportunity after she struggled to find childcare for her own two children when she was looking for work.

“The situation ultimately led me to working in early childcare, and it has been a perfect solution,” Vanessa shared.

The training and Cadre experience have offered her help in a new career by providing everything from CPR certification to handling difficult work situations to celebrating career successes.

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– Vanessa Benes

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“The training and Cadre are really great things for Lincoln,” Vanessa said. “I hope they can offer more classes. This kind of training helps to ensure we provide high-quality childcare in our community. Parents need to be able to trust that their children are well taken care of.”

Aaliyah agreed. “Everyone in the Cadre is connected. We support one another. We set and share our intentions of how we want to get better.”

Elaine echoed a common sentiment from the cohort.

“I’m so grateful for the prospect of getting immersed in the culture of early childcare, for the ongoing support, for the chance to continue to grow and learn, for connecting with people who are doing what you’re doing. People who understand,” she said.

Fiscally sponsored by Lincoln Community Foundation, Lincoln Littles is an organization of passionate advocates focused on ensuring access to quality early childhood care and education in Lincoln.



For more information, contact Anne Brandt at anne.brandt@lincolnlittles.org or visit www.LincolnLittles.org.



Sowing the seeds of success

Each spring, as the trees start to blossom, students in our area prepare for the next step on their learning journey. Graduation parties are planned, and many high school seniors and their families look to their upcoming opportunities for college. Over the years, generous donors to Lincoln Community Foundation have established 87 scholarship funds that benefit students in Lancaster County and across the state of Nebraska.

Many of us are familiar with scholarships from the student perspective, but there is also a great deal happening in tandem with the application process. Other individuals are also preparing for the scholarship season – the members of our community that serve on LCF's scholarship selection committee.

These folks are the behind-the-scenes volunteers who are passionate about helping students attain higher education and dedicate hours of their time to ensure that deserving recipients are selected.

Bob and Sheri Downey know this process well.

"When you read the applications, the need is obvious," said Bob. "And the work that these students are putting in to gaining higher education is tremendous."

Sheri agreed.

"They have a high likelihood of succeeding," she said. "It's a good thing to be able to help them along the way."

Bob and Sheri discussed what draws them to this volunteer opportunity year after year over coffee at the Mill Coffee Telegraph. For Sheri, it was her own college experience that inspired her to give of her time.

"I worked full-time to support my tuition and books," said Sheri. "Scholarships made it possible for me to pursue my degree."

Originally from Kansas City, Sheri came to Lincoln to attend the University. Bob, a long-time Lincolnite, also graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They met by chance



outside of Sports Courts, a Lincoln health and racquet ball club. Forty-four years later, they love calling Lincoln home.

“It’s still a big-small town,” said Bob.

Answering a blind ad in the newspaper for a job at the Capital Humane Society brought them back to Lincoln early on in their marriage. Looking for opportunities to be closer to family, Bob didn’t realize at the time that he’d be forging his path of 36 years helping Lincoln’s pets as its CEO.

“When I started, the organization was close to bankruptcy,” said Bob. “We had a staff of

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– Bob Downey

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11 and one facility. Now their assets have grown to more than \$11 million, they have two locations, and they’re providing critical veterinary services.”

“During my time we were able to do so many positive things,” he continued. “But I think the biggest impact was changing how the community looks at animals who come from shelters.”

Sheri’s heart and career has been focused on working with veterans. After more than 29 years with the VA Medical Center, she reflected: “the good always outweighed the bad.”

Volunteering as LCF scholarship reviewers led Bob and Sheri to think about their own legacy plans and establishing a future gift for students. When it came to deciding where to create their own scholarship fund – the choice was obvious.

“It was extremely easy to work with the Foundation,” said Bob. “The trust was already there. I just picked up the phone.”

The Downeys worked with Vice President and General Counsel Tracy Edgerton to focus their support on the areas that meant the most to them. The Bob and Sheri Downey Endowed Scholarship Fund reflects their own passions and will benefit students pursuing veterinary medicine, food and nutrition, and health care.

“It is such a joy to work with folks like the Downeys to help them bring their vision to reality,” Tracy said. “Bob and Sheri knew they wanted to help young people in our community make the most of their college experience, and they honed in on helping students in critical areas that mirror their professional journeys.”

As Bob and Sheri gear up for another season of scholarship selections, they hope that others are encouraged to think about legacy giving.

“What a great way to ensure that what’s left behind will help other people,” said Bob. “It’s something everyone can do.”



Generosity blossoms through uplifting acts – like leaving a meaningful gift for the community of the future. To learn more, contact Tracy Edgerton at 402-474-2345 or tracye@lcf.org.



Inaugural Lincoln CAP® cohort charts the way for clients' philanthropic aspirations

LCF is pleased to introduce eight newly minted Chartered Advisors in Philanthropy (CAP®) in our community, thanks to a new partnership between LCF and the American College of Financial Services. Pictured from left to right: John Mabry, Food Bank of Lincoln; John Gessert, Union Bank & Trust; Lisa Smith, D.A. Davidson & Co.; Chip DeBuse, Lincoln Community Foundation; Brittney Holley, Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, LLP; Keith Napolitano, University of Nebraska Foundation; and Michael Henkenius, Union Bank and Trust. Not pictured: Brett Ebert, Ball, Loudon, Ebert & Brostrom, LLC and Krystal Siebrandt, HBE, LLP.

The Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) designation is a graduate level program available to professional advisors such as estate planning attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, and development professionals. Aided with their new CAP® designation, these participants employ valuable skills and expertise in their work with individuals and families as they consider how best to incorporate philanthropy into their financial and estate plans.

During the seven-month CAP® program, participants learn how to work through family dynamics to arrive at a shared set of goals, learn the different charitable structures and tax implications, and gain valuable insights into nonprofit finance. LCF sponsored and organized a study group of eight individuals to pursue together the CAP® designation.

The group met bi-weekly for seven months and was facilitated by Jon Gessert of Union Bank and Trust and Brett Ebert of Ball, Loudon, Ebert, and Brostrom. Both Brett and Jon had previously received their CAP® designation and helped bring the material to life for the study group participants.

"It was exciting to serve as a guide and a navigator to my colleagues in the financial and legal professions," said Brett. "Twice a month we had the chance to get together to swap stories of clients who are doing great things for Lincoln, and how we can continue to grow in our ability to better serve the client and our community."

This was the inaugural CAP® study group, with a second cohort set to begin this spring.

"Arming our professional advisor community with the philanthropic expertise to help shape and support generosity is critical to our mission here at the Foundation," said Chip DeBuse, LCF's Vice President of Legacy Planning. "Through the CAP® program, we are building a network of trusted advisors locally that are trained to get to the 'why' of giving in conversations with their clients – ultimately creating a more vibrant and generous community."

Celebrating the gift of giving back

Lincoln Benefactors

The establishment of our generous Benefactor Society many years ago formed the backbone of the Lincoln Community Foundation. These gifts have provided long-term stability for the Foundation and significant benefits to our community nonprofit organizations.

With a current or a planned estate gift, you can become a Benefactor three ways:

- Individual gifts of \$50,000 or more to the Lincoln Community Foundation Fund, our operating endowment
- Gifts of \$500,000 or more to any endowed fund held at LCF
- Gifts of \$1,000,000 or more to any LCF fund made during a 12-month period

Legacy Society

LCF's Legacy Society recognizes those who have chosen to support our community with an end-of-life gift through a will or trust, or beneficiary designation via a retirement plan, investment account or insurance policy. Such gifts may be of any size. As a member of the Legacy Society, you join a distinguished group of people who share a common vision for the future of Lincoln.



As you develop your financial and estate plans, remembering your community can provide a lasting and meaningful legacy. For more information, contact Chip DeBuse at 402-474-2345 or chipd@lcf.org.



Members of LCF's Legacy Society, Board of Trustees and Benefactors gathered on September 21 at Talent+.

It is always an honor to recognize and celebrate the generosity of our Benefactors and members of our Legacy Society and Board of Trustees. They are leaders who love our community and inspire others in partnership with Lincoln Community Foundation.

LCF's Legacy Society recognizes forward-thinking donors who make a lasting commitment to the community by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary through a will, trust, or other future gift. Our Benefactors understand the importance of a healthy community foundation in building a better tomorrow and have pledged to support its sustainability. LCF's Board of Trustees serve as our ambassadors in the community and share with others how we can be a resource for all things charitable.

NEW MEMBERS OF LCF'S LEGACY SOCIETY:

Bruce & Diane Anderson
Ron & Vicki Biloff
Sally Buchholz
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Chris & Susan Gibson

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Roger Moore
George A. Vidaver*
Anne K. Vidaver

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** honored posthumously*

IN MEMORIAM

The LCF community lost several generous members of our Legacy Society in the past year. We are grateful for their foresight and commitment to building a better tomorrow for all Lincolniters.

Alice M. Dittman
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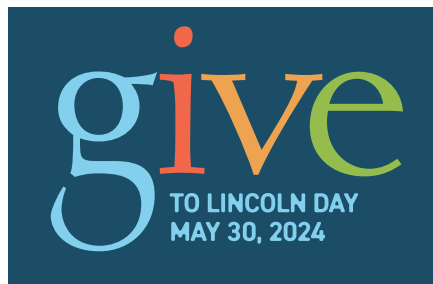
LCF announces largest match fund in G2LD history for the 13th annual event

Join us on Thursday, May 30th for the 13th annual Give to Lincoln Day.

Coordinated by LCF, Give to Lincoln Day is an online event encouraging donations to support the local nonprofits and causes people care about.

This year, every participating nonprofit organization will receive a proportional share of the record \$650,000 match fund based upon its percentage of total dollars raised, thanks to LCF and many generous sponsors including Presenting Sponsor, West Gate Bank.

"Year after year, Give to Lincoln Day represents what makes our community



special," said Alec Gorynski, LCF President/CEO. "With the largest match fund in our 12-year history, we can't wait to create an even bigger impact for our local nonprofits."

Nearly 25,000 donations were received during last year's Give to Lincoln Day. The event has raised more than \$57 million for local nonprofits since 2012.

LCF is also pleased to announce the continuation of West Gate Bank's Presenting Sponsorship for Give to Lincoln

Day for the next three years. As a locally owned community bank, West Gate President Carl Sjulín said giving back to Lincoln is an important part of their mission.

"Our ongoing commitment 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," Carl said. "We are proud to continue our partnership with Lincoln Community Foundation as the Presenting Sponsor for Give to Lincoln Day."

Donors may search participating nonprofits and give online at GiveToLincoln.com starting May 1. Donations must be made before 11:59 p.m. on May 30 to count toward the giving day and the match fund. The minimum donation is \$10 per charity. Visit www.GiveToLincoln.com to learn more!

Participate in Give to Lincoln Day via IRA QCDs

When you reach a certain age, the federal government requires you to withdraw or distribute a portion of your IRA investment and consequently pay taxes on the amount withdrawn. By using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to support a qualified charity, those funds are transferred directly to that charitable organization, tax-free.

This year's Give to Lincoln Day is **Thursday, May 30**. Join Lincoln's One Big Day of Giving by using Qualified

Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA to support your favorite registered nonprofits.

Here's how . . .

1. Contact your IRA administrator about your annual distributions. Decide your total donation for Give to Lincoln Day this year.
2. Request your IRA administrator distribute an IRA QCD directly to Lincoln Community Foundation, mailing the distribution to the
3. Complete the LCF form for IRA QCDs gifts, listing the amount for each nonprofit you wish to support, and return it to LCF by May 10. This form is available on www.lcf.org, or by contacting Rhonda Page at 402-474-2345 or rhondap@lcf.org.

Foundation at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please request that your name be included on the check.