



Fremont Area Community Foundation
2013 Annual Report
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A Message from the President and Executive Director

At its core, America is philanthropic. When we see a problem, we join hands to fix it, and when we see an opportunity to make things better, we reach out and grab it. We contribute our money, time and know-how to make good things happen.

Many problems—like homelessness and poverty—defy simple answers. But anyone, however modest his or her means, can be part of creating solutions.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation serves as this area's philanthropic hub. We connect donor interests with community needs, in effect, joining hands together to address the challenges (and opportunities) facing our area.

Last year, our grant-making and community collaborations impacted thousands of people living in the Fremont area. We helped feed hungry kids, enhanced the safety of homes for elderly homeowners, boosted school readiness for preschoolers, and strengthened area nonprofits through trainings and programs.

A total of 34 grants was provided this year, totaling nearly \$270,000. We have space to highlight just a few of them on the pages that follow, but they exemplify the positive impact that our foundation and you, our supporters, have made possible.

With our community, our state and our nation facing pressing problems that elude quick fixes, our best hope of finding long-term solutions lies in the fundamentally American approach of working together to make our communities better. Through FAF, all of us can play a part in building our successful collective future.

Dick Hendriksen, President
Melissa Diers, Executive Director



Photo Courtesy Tony Gray, Fremont Tribune

Grantee Highlight: Summer Lunch Program Pioneering Efforts to Impact Poverty

A shift in economic status over the past decade has led to an increased poverty rate in Fremont, and with that has grown an increasing number of school-age children who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. But for students whose only meal of the day might come from the school cafeteria, summer break can present a difficult situation. The Fremont Family Coalition (FFC), formerly Early Childhood Coalition, stepped in to help bridge the gap. Assisted by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, it coordinated efforts to offer the Summer Lunch Program for children ages 1 to 18.

The Fremont Family Coalition, spearheaded by the Fremont Area United Way, is a group comprised of community members, ministerial groups, nonprofits and for-profits, Fremont Public Schools, Midland University, the Fremont Area Community Foundation and others that convened in 2012 to address some of the community's underlying issues, many related to family poverty. It has made such an impact in its three years of existence, state and federal officials are looking to it as a potential model that can be duplicated in communities across Nebraska.

With efforts underway to enhance school readiness; address gaps in access to food, housing and utilities; and provide education and support as a bridge out of poverty, the FCC is rising to the challenge with fresh ideas and a collaborative spirit.

According to Shawn Shanahan, Executive Director of the Fremont Area United Way, "The success of the coalition illustrates what can happen if community partners work together to address community issues and focus on community outcomes rather than the program outcomes of a single agency."

Photo Courtesy Chris Bristol, for the Fremont Tribune



Grantee Highlight: Rebuilding Together, Greater Fremont Area, Inc. Building to Improve Lives

Rebuilding Together focuses on home modifications and community-centric programs that serve a variety of populations: low-income homeowners, elderly-at-risk, veterans and military families, families with children, people living with disabilities and victims of disaster. Since the Fremont chapter of the organization was started by Loren Nothwehr in 2007, it has provided services to more than 75 homeowners in the community.

The organization's "Safe at Home" program addresses home repair and maintenance issues that present a safety risk or limit access within the homes of elderly or disabled persons. This strategy is driven by Rebuilding Together's vision of a safe and happy home for everyone. The Fremont Area Community Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant toward the project.

Many projects require skilled contractors for construction, electrical and plumbing improvements. Through those relationships, they are able to address many issues that could prevent homeowners from remaining in their home. Countless volunteers have also helped with yard work, painting and cleaning.

Homeownership is a fundamental asset to the health and continued growth of communities across the county. Rebuilding Together helps provide safe and healthy homes for homeowners who may not be able to make the necessary improvements on their own.

One homeowner assisted by Rebuilding Together was unable to use her back door and patio. Volunteers came in and gave her mobility around the house and use of the back yard again. "I am overwhelmed at your kindness and hard work in helping those of us who need assistance – in so many ways words cannot express my gratitude and thanks for the hard work and kindness sent my way by many. Thanks to all."

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*Fremont homeowner helped
by Rebuilding Together*

FOCUSED ON FITNESS

Last year, the Fremont Area Community Foundation helped lay the groundwork, literally, for some fitness-inspired projects throughout the Fremont area.

A grant of \$20,000 was provided to the City of Fremont for development of the Ridge Road Trail that will connect the Fremont State Lakes to Hormel City Park. The 2 ½ -mile stretch will provide a safe, off-road route for bicyclists and hikers who are expected to use the trail year-round.

This project will enhance quality of life for Fremont residents and improve access to the Fremont State Lakes recreational area that sees approximately 800,000 visitors each year.

A grant of \$14,000 was made to the Fremont Public Schools Foundation “Project Fit America” initiative for installation of state-of-the-art fitness equipment at Johnson Crossing and Linden Elementary Schools. The Fremont Area Community Foundation pulled together with other community partners to bring home this national initiative that builds sustainable physical education programs for grades K-8.

“Project Fit America” is a national agency that works at the grassroots level with schools and front-line educators to create new opportunities for children to be active, fit and healthy. Its program includes curriculum with games, activities and challenges for students using outdoor and indoor equipment, on-site teacher training and in-class instruction, all designed to get children fit and foster a love of movement for a lifetime.

Grants totaling \$2,000 were made in December to the Low Income Ministry and Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children to help provide a record 66 bikes to area youth, just in time for the holidays. This is the second Foundation grant for the Ministry’s annual bike giveaway and this year the effort really gained traction. After a record 27 bikes in 2012, the 2013 giveaway more than doubled that record, thanks to the support of a local cycling group, area banks, service clubs, private donations and the Community Foundation.

At the Fremont Area Community Foundation, we believe that the Fremont area is a great place to live that gets better all the time. Your support this year helped enhance our community by providing quality opportunities for health and recreation!



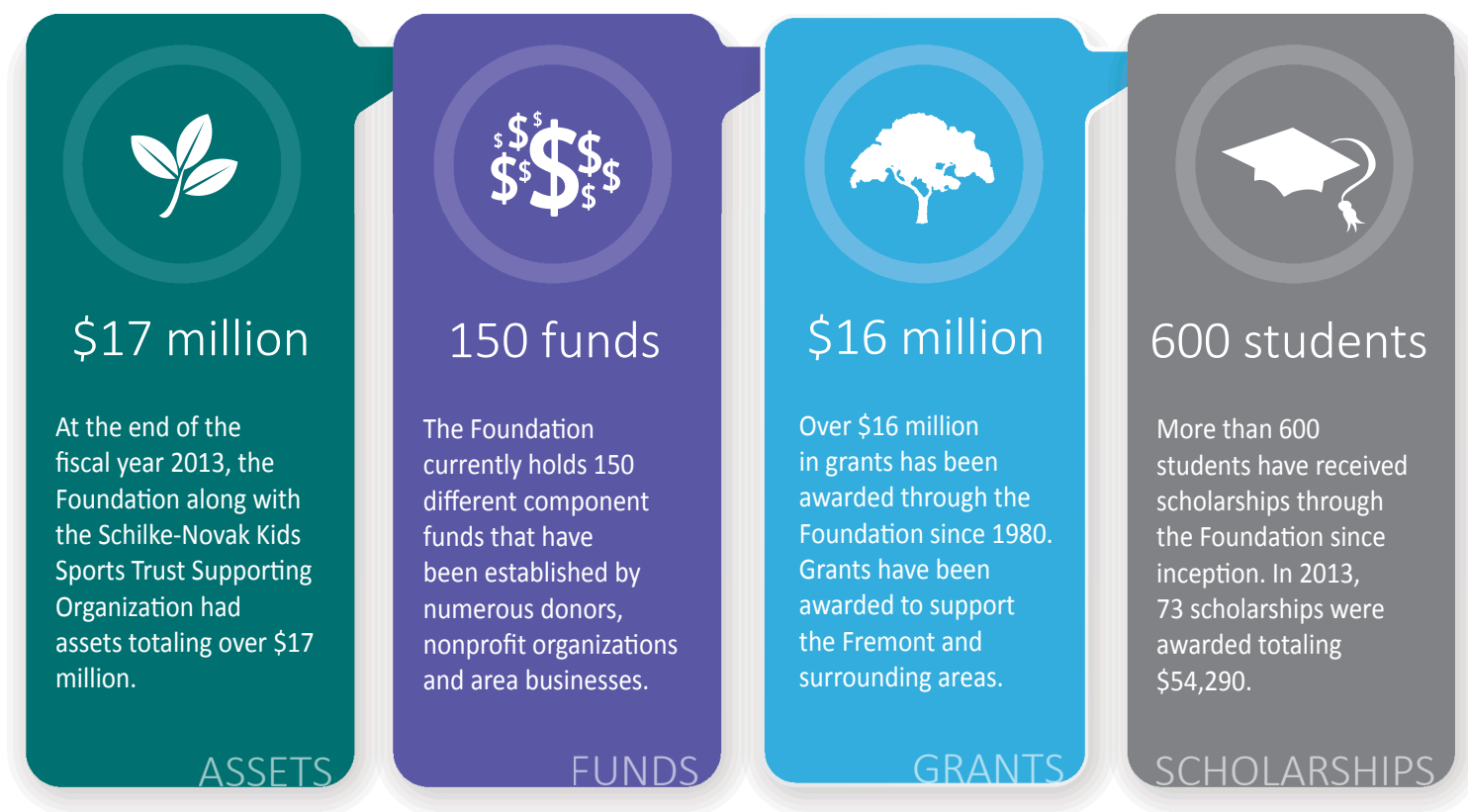
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Financial Facts



Consolidated Summary of Activities

	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012 (Restated)
CHANGES IN ASSETS		
Revenue and support:		
Contributions	\$3,953,149	\$4,521,274
Investment income	\$383,207	\$313,940
Administrative fees and other revenue	\$138,807	\$172,147
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss of investments	1,432,138	-\$42,689
Life insurance net of cash value increase	\$20,387	\$10,444
Transfers from agency funds	\$26,166	-\$123,167
Total Revenue and Support	\$5,953,854	\$4,851,949
Expenses:		
Grants and scholarships	\$1,234,006	\$1,546,679
Administrative expenses	\$258,648	\$219,881
Trustee fees	\$34,995	\$73,396
Support services and fees	\$181,191	\$102,595
Total Expenses	\$1,708,840	\$1,942,551
Change in net assets	\$4,245,014	\$2,909,398
Net assets beginning of year	\$13,412,781	\$10,503,393
Total Net Assets	\$17,657,795	\$13,412,791

Availability of Financial Information

You may request a copy of the Fremont Area Community Foundation's most recent IRS form 990 by contacting the Foundation's office. The Form 990 is also available online at www.guidestar.org. You may also request a copy of the Fremont Area Community Foundation's most recent audit by contacting the Foundation's office.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation does not have any unrelated business income; however, if the Foundation does acquire any unrelated business income, the Foundation will file a 990-T form with the IRS. That form will also be available to the public by contacting the Foundation office at 1005 East 23rd Street, Suite 2, Fremont, NE 68025, (402) 721-4252.

Information about the Foundation's investments – including the names of investment managers, fees charged and list of members of the Foundation's Investment Committee – is also available upon request from the Foundation's office.



Fremont Area Art Association was one of the organizations that participated in the 2013-14 Intensive Program. Photo Courtesy Chris Bristol, for the Fremont Tribune.

What is Nonprofit Capacity Building?

Simply put, nonprofit capacity building refers to activities that improve and enhance a nonprofit's ability to achieve its mission and sustain itself over time. Why is it important? Society depends on the nonprofit sector to serve as the safety net for our communities. As nonprofit organizations play increasingly important roles in our society, it becomes more critical for them to perform effectively. In short, great programs need great organizations behind them.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation is keenly interested in nonprofit capacity building because we believe that strengthening our area nonprofits ultimately strengthens our entire community. Toward that end, the Foundation recently graduated its second cohort of nonprofit directors from its Nonprofit Intensive Program, a year-long series of trainings designed to help executive directors and their board chairs evaluate and strengthen their management practices and principles to achieve greater impact. Led by Mary Lee Fitzsimmons, a nonprofit organization management consultant, the program has helped both new and long-time organizations reach for the next level of operational, programmatic, financial and organizational maturity.

Hats off to the 10 area nonprofits that have participated in the Fremont Area Community Foundation's capacity building initiative!

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 Care Corps
 The Bridge (formerly the Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse)
 Fremont Area Art Association
 Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity
 Jefferson House
 John C. Fremont Days
 Joseph's Coat (Blair)
 Keene Memorial Library
 Rebuilding Together, Greater Fremont Area, Inc.

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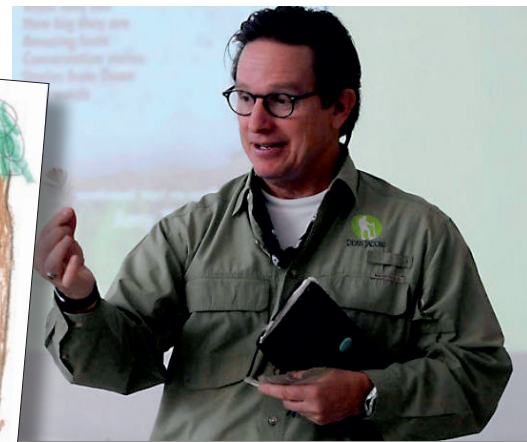
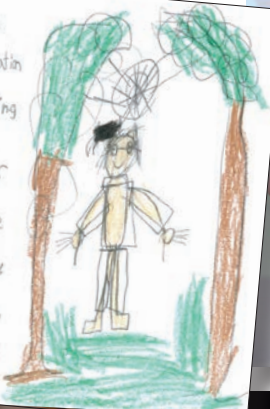


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Dear Fremont Area
Community Foundation
Thank you for letting
him come to our
School, my favorite
part was when the
chachla bit him
because it was funny
Sincerely Adam



Dear Fremont Community Foundation,
Thank you for funding Dean Jacobs and
his exciting adventure down the Mississippi
River. It was really nice of you for
helping him. When he was here showing
us all of his pictures and videos
I felt like I could do anything
even be the first official female
President of the United States.



Dean Jacobs Shares River Adventures with Area Students

Dean Jacobs has traveled to area schools to share stories about his travels down the Mississippi River. His presentation was not only educational, but it inspired students to follow their dreams. The Foundation granted \$13,500 toward the project.

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