

Annual Report
2018

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FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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THANK YOU *for making good work possible*



*“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”*

—Helen Keller

\$26.7 million
in *community*
assets

\$2.1 million to date
invested in grants and
scholarships in 2018

186 funds
supporting the
Fremont area

Dear Friends,

In 1980, a group of civic-minded folks embarked on a journey to create a foundation for the community that would inspire others to give to charity. Nearly four decades later, the Fremont Area Community Foundation has grown to be an enduring resource for our community—a place where people can come together to make a difference, to make arts and culture flourish, to improve the well-being of our residents, to provide opportunities for those less fortunate, and to create hope for the future.

Thanks to you, the Fremont Area Community Foundation celebrated a number of milestones during its last fiscal year. For the first time in our organization’s history, our total assets exceeded \$26.7 million. We made 540 grants to support 215 different charities and programs, for a total investment of \$1.7 million. And we awarded 109 scholarships totaling over \$102,000 to graduates of 11 area high schools—a record amount of financial aid to help youth further their education.

Today, 186 individual funds underneath the community foundation “umbrella” serve a variety of needs and goals to benefit life in the Fremont area. The Fremont Area Community Foundation has granted nearly **\$31 million** to nonprofit organizations and charitable efforts throughout the Greater Dodge County area since its inception.

For 38 years, one driving force has helped make this good work possible. You. Our 2018 Annual Report is dedicated to your generosity, your passion and your commitment to strengthening our community. Thank you for joining us on this journey.



GREG HASKINS
President of the Board



MELISSA DIERS
Executive Director

FACF GRANTMAKING...*A year in review*

DODGE COUNTY COLLABORATIVE TEAM • Operation Backpack

The Dodge County Collaborative Team (DCCT), comprised of over 30 local organizations, held a Resource Fair at the Fremont Mall last August. The event is held annually to help connect individuals and families in need to local services that are available within our community. A grant of \$750 was provided to help the DCCT distribute backpacks and school supplies during the event to area youth in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



GIRL SCOUTS SPIRIT OF NE • Camp Scholarships

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has been providing girls with fun and educational opportunities to learn about their natural environment at Girl Scout Camp. Activities at camp are girl-led, age appropriate, and encourage learning by doing. A grant of \$2,500 provided scholarships for 10 girls from the Fremont area to experience Girl Scout camp.



FREMONT OPERA HOUSE • Stand the Test of Time

This Fremont landmark suffered the loss of the exterior course of soft bricks on its north facade, an area sheltered for most of its life by an adjacent building which was removed following the historic Pathfinder Hotel explosion. The brick had deteriorated over time, ultimately causing its failure. A foundation grant of \$35,000 was awarded to help replace the exterior brick and to protect the inner four courses of brick that support the structure.

MOSAIC • 2018 Holiday Dinner

Once per year, this organization provides a holiday dinner for those it serves and their parents/guardians. Many are at or below the poverty level and Medicaid often runs out each month to provide for all of their needs. This event provides much-needed cheer during the holidays.

FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION • Chromebooks for Kids

This fall, a foundation grant of \$40,000 helped provide each Fremont Middle Schooler—7th- and 8th-grader—with a Chromebook. This milestone extends the Fremont Public School district's one-to-one ratio of students to devices to include grades five through 12.

FREMONT AREA ART ASSOCIATION •

West Building Renovation: Phase 1
With the help of an FACF grant, the Art Association purchased the building directly west of its existing building in 2016. Phase 1 of the West Building Renovation created a ground-level, fully accessible studio/classroom with a framing workroom, and two ADA-

compliant restrooms. The finished space, supported by a \$50,000 grant, will allow the organization to expand its programming and better accommodate Fremont artists and patrons.

REBUILDING TOGETHER, PLATTE VALLEY EAST • Technology for Rural Capacity Building and Program Services

Thanks to a new grant opportunity from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed to increase the capacity and sustainability of rural-based housing programs, our local Rebuilding Together affiliate is expanding its services to include Cuming County. A grant of \$3,000 helped the organization purchase two Microsoft Surface Pro LTE tablets to improve client intake, communications, and reporting and record-keeping efforts.

HOPE CENTER FOR KIDS • Fremont Mentoring Program

Youth ages 11-19 who either attend The Hope Center-Fremont or have had contact with the juvenile justice system will get the chance to have a healthy, supportive mentoring relationship with an adult. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. The program will be modeled after a similar one created at The Hope Center-Omaha, which has experienced positive outcomes from healthy mentor relationships over the past two years.

CARE CORPS • Emergency Shelter & Food Pantry

As Care Corps, Fremont's homeless shelter, continues to serve homeless and near-homeless individuals and families, with complicated needs and barriers, the shelter and food programs are essential to the mission of the organization. A recent grant of \$10,000 from the foundation will provide vital funding for these programs.

UEHLING FIRE DIST. #6 • Emergency Responder Medical Supply Bags

All Uehling Rescue Squad members now have Emergency Responder Medical Supply Bags, thanks to a \$1,500 grant from the FACF. The volunteers will carry them in their personal vehicles in the event they go directly to the scene of a rescue call or are present during an emergency. The bags are outfitted with the supplies needed for basic life support.



WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT • Pagers

A grant of \$5,000 helped update and replace old pagers used by the Winslow Fire and Rescue Department.

HUMANITIES NEBRASKA • Prime Time Family Reading

Funded through a \$3,000 grant and held at Keene Memorial Library, this six-week program of reading, discussion and storytelling brings the humanities to underserved children and their parents. Prime Time is designed for at-risk families within which reading scores do not meet Nebraska state standards. It encourages children and their parents to bond around the activity of reading rather than passively watching television during "prime time" hours.

GREATER FREMONT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (GFDF) • Housing Development Revolving Grant and Loan Fund

FACF joined other community and regional partners to help establish the Dodge County Investment Fund. An FACF grant of \$125,000 helped meet the matching requirement of the state's Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund which provided \$850,000 for the program. The local Investment Fund was created to spur workforce housing and rehabilitation projects throughout the county.

SAUNDERS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES • Home-based Therapy for At-Risk Youth and Families

A grant of \$10,000 was awarded to help provide in-home therapy services for youth and families who are referred to the program through school, truancy specialist or diversion officer in Saunders County. The goal is to help decrease juvenile delinquency and improve attendance and academic achievement in school.

FREMONT AVENUE OF FLAGS •

Veterans Memorial Park
A grant of \$25,000 was awarded to help construct the Veterans Memorial Park on Fremont's Military Avenue which honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

FREMONT AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY •

Organizational Growth
A grant of \$1,500 was awarded to help upgrade and enhance the organization's technology.

For a complete listing of our recent competitive grants, please visit facfoundation.org.

FACF Fields of Interest 2018 Grants as of 12/7/18

Education

91 grants totaling \$354,360

Social Services

65 grants totaling \$259,746

Civic Improvements

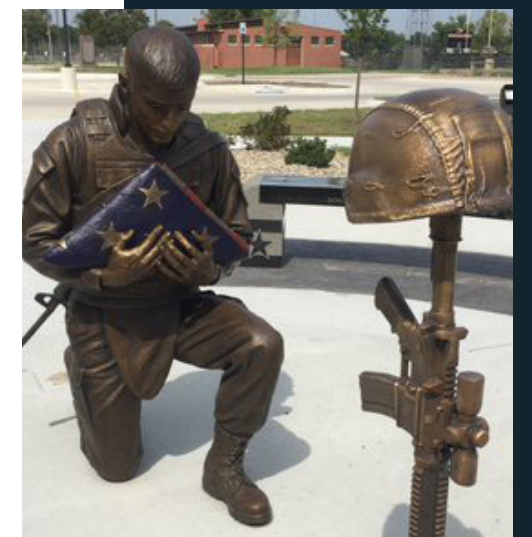
109 grants totaling \$748,254

Health & Recreation

159 grants totaling \$216,171

Arts & Culture

19 grants totaling \$144,568



MAKING *a difference*

Although “philanthropy” is a big word, it simply means giving of your time, talents and treasure for the benefit of all. And youth throughout the Fremont area are learning firsthand its importance and impact by participating in the foundation’s annual Youth Philanthropy Contest.

Supported by FACF grants of up to \$1,000, more than 340 youth from throughout the Fremont area have spearheaded projects that have made a difference in their communities since the program began in 2014. The following projects, completed during the 2017-18 academic year, involved 85 youth from six different schools.

Feed Fremont Families - Lauren Owsley & Friends
Lauren Owsley had the idea to make meals for Fremont families to cook in their own kitchens. Lauren, with the help of her friends, prepared these meals for families and children in need. Their goals included encouraging busy families to enjoy quality time together over a meal, and creating healthier eating habits and cooking skills that will last a lifetime.

Youth and Elderly Enrichment Project - Nathan Kudrna & Friends
Nathan and his friends go on bi-weekly visits to Nye Health Services’ skilled care facility, called Nye Legacy, and encourage residents to engage in a variety of fun activities. Whether it’s playing indoor golf, planting flower pots, or doing arts and crafts, the kids and their elderly friends enjoy their time together and benefit from the intergenerational activity.

Comfort Bags for Kids at The Bridge - Confirmation Class of Elim and St. Paul’s Lutheran Churches
Confirmation class members of two area churches made comfort bags for children at The Bridge. The comfort bags included a fleece tie blanket, a t-shirt blanket, a book, personal care items, and a plush animal, all in a large draw-string canvas backpack.



“This is such a wonderful opportunity to help kids see how they can make a difference in their community for someone in need... Great opportunity!”
Jen Ashley, Project Mentor, PresbyYOUTH

Serenity Garden - Grace Steinmeyer & the Wisner-Pilger Student Council
With the blessing of the village board, Grace’s group created a serenity garden in Pilger to help beautify the community ravaged by the 2014 twin tornadoes.

Fixer-Upper Fremont - PresbyYOUTH Group
The youth group of the Presbyterian Church in Fremont partnered with Rebuilding Together-Platte Valley East to help build a ramp for a homeowner needing wheelchair access.

TIE-ing Our Community Together - Archbishop Bergan Key Club
Members of the Bergan Key Club brought warmth and comfort to those in need by

creating and delivering 19 fleece tie-blankets for residents of LifeHouse (formerly Care Corps).

Shed Project - The Hope Center-Fremont
Youth attending Fremont’s Hope Center built and painted a storage shed for the center in order to free up more space for the students and for classes.

Eco-Agents for a Better Community - Giorgi Orkodashvili
Giorgi created clubs in both Fremont and Cedar Bluffs schools that focused on environmental and conservation issues.

Tie Blankets for Cancer Patients - Ashley Uhing & Logan View FCCLA
Ashley and fellow classmates made and delivered fleece tie-blankets to cancer patients at Children’s Hospital. Their goal was to add a little bit of comfort and color to the patients’ lives during their stay.

Octopuses for Babies - Kylie Schurz
With the help of friends and mentors, Kylie crocheted 125 octopuses for newborns at Fremont Health Medical Center (now Methodist Fremont Health). Crocheted octopuses are a known comfort device beneficial to newborns and especially premature infants as doctors believe their “tentacles” remind them most of their mother’s umbilical cord.

Photo courtesy of Fremont Tribune



Youth Philanthropy Contest



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A SUCCESS!**

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Pinnacle Bank

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Don Peterson & Associates
Dugan Funeral Services
Fremont Electric
Fremont Eye Associates
Gene Steffy Chrysler-Jeep-
Dodge
Getzschman Heating
Goree Excavating
Roger and Rita Goree
Hormel
INSPRO Insurance
Max D. Signs
McDonalds (Leonard
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Trinity Lutheran School raised \$4,372 during the 2018 Big Give to help purchase Chromebooks for its third grade students.

THE FREMONT AREA BIG GIVE...24 Hours of Giving Together

Last May, the Fremont area came together once again to support the second Fremont Area Big Give.

And the 56 area nonprofit organizations participating in the 2018 local day of giving provided even more opportunities for individuals and businesses to make a difference in their community.

Spearheaded by the Fremont Area Community Foundation, the Fremont Area Big Give is an annual 24-hour online giving event organized by the Fremont Area Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in the Greater Dodge County area and lift up the vital work of the nonprofit sector.

The event, held on May 8th, had a goal to increase public awareness of the impact local nonprofits make in addressing our area's social challenges, bring nonprofits and donors together, expand online giving, connect people to the causes that matter to them most and, of course, make giving FUN.

More than \$355,000 was raised that day through 1,767 donations, and many nonprofit executives reported that many of their gifts came from NEW donors.

The months leading up to the event featured new trainings for participating nonprofits such

as "Telling Your Story With Video," "Stewarding Giving Day Donors" and "Using Social Media to Engage Donors."

For the community foundation, it was all about enhancing the impact of our nonprofit partners, showcasing the important work they do for our community, and celebrating the collective effort it takes to make the Fremont area great.

Participation prizes were integral to encouraging community support and building excitement throughout the day. The 29 generous businesses and individuals listed at the right sponsored the prize money.

It was a great day for the Fremont area and we look forward to the next Fremont Area Big Give on **May 7, 2019**. By turning giving into a shared experience, we can move the Fremont area forward, together!



On May 8, 2018...

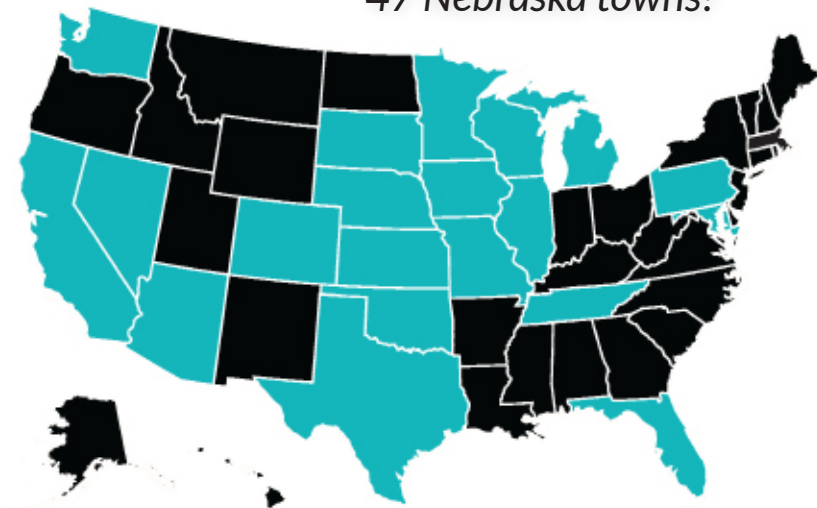
\$355,022

Raised for 56 nonprofits through 1,767 gifts!

\$10
Most popular gift amount



Gifts were received from **20 states and 47 Nebraska towns!**



Legacy Society

Excellence. Accountability. Impact.

Individuals who share a concern about the on-going strength and well-being of the causes, projects, organizations and community they support during their lifetime oftentimes partner with the Fremont Area Community Foundation. They establish funds or support the general grant-making of the Foundation through bequests, insurance policies, trusts or other planned gifts—each gift designed to accomplish a specific charitable goal. These individuals are honored and celebrated as members of our Legacy Society.

Anonymous
Kathryn Anderson*
Milo and Cheri Anderson
Dolores Bang
Marvin* and Marie* Bartling
Rachel Bayer*
Mary Bigelow*
J.J. and Jennifer Bixby
Leona Blazek*
Gary and Denise Bolton
Pat and Judy Booth
Lloyd and Betty Brooks
Jack Bryant*
Elaine Cady*
Keith and Linda Chapman
David and Cynthia Christensen
Laura Clatanoff*
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Paul and Liz Johnson
William A. Johnson*
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John L. Kavanaugh, Jr.
John* and Audré* Kerrigan
Clarence* and Lois Kerschinske
Mary Ellen Kissell*
Rodney and Cyndy Koerber
Ron and Karen Kortan
Ron and Susie Kranz
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Wayne and Janet Larson
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David and Kimberly Mitchell
William* and Helen* Monke
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Evelyn Nichols*
Leonard C. Nielsen
Loren C. Nothwehr
Dale and Fern Olson
Lee Paden
Mervin and Gail Peck
Art Peters*

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Dick* and Marty Wikert
James and Carolyn Windeshausen
Bob and Janice Wobken
Tom and Deanna Wolf
Phil and Michelle Wood
Larry and Marianne* Yost

*Remembered forever

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Achieving the National Standards designation is not mandatory for community foundations. Our Board of Directors chose to seek this distinction to certify and affirm our commitment to excellence and accountability. Our accreditation provides assurance that we have sound policies and practices in place and meet the highest standards for local giving.

To receive accreditation with National Standards, foundation policies and procedures are submitted to a rigorous review of 41 National Standards in six key areas of community foundation operations, including donor services, investment management, grant-making and administration. This certification from the Council on Foundations says that we meet the most rigorous standards in philanthropy—a promise to our community that we'll continue to do this good work together, right here in the Fremont area.

Summary of Financial Information

Consolidated Summary of Activities and Changes in Assets*

CHANGES IN ASSETS	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Revenues, gains, and other support:		
Contributions	\$1,648,269	\$2,257,266
Interest, dividends, and other investment income	\$490,685	\$417,949
Administrative fees and other revenue	\$540,098	\$221,101
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss of investments	\$913,510	\$1,296,725
Grants returned	\$4,505	\$10,409
Life insurance net of cash value increase	-	-
Transfers from agency funds	\$2,955	\$500
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$3,600,022	\$4,203,950
Expenses:		
Grants and scholarships	\$1,777,370	\$1,510,675
Administrative expenses	\$269,282	\$270,519
Trustee fees	\$50,031	\$48,045
Support services and fees	\$615,651	\$412,946
Life Insurance net of cash value decrease	(\$22,997)	(\$37,926)
Total Expenditures	\$2,689,337	\$2,204,259
Change in Net Assets	\$910,685	\$1,999,691
Net Assets beginning of year	\$24,064,926	\$22,065,235
Total Net Assets	\$24,975,611	\$24,064,926

*All information contained in this summary for year end 6/30/18 has been audited.



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One of the best feelings in the world is knowing your **presence and absence** both mean something to someone.

Whether or not we write our memoirs, in the end we are all remembered for our acts—for the lives we touch and by the causes we advance. In that light, we invite you to consider a lasting legacy by including the Fremont Area Community Foundation in your long-term charitable plans.

Planned giving does not require a large income or vast estate. Planned giving only requires a thoughtful intention to make a difference in your community by identifying the community foundation in your estate plan.

Thank you for your consideration!

To learn more, please contact Melissa Diers at the Fremont Area Community Foundation by calling (402) 721-4252 or sending her a message at mdiers@facfoundation.org.

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