

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Here They Go!

...With a little help from FACF

Three recent grants are getting Fremont area people and programs where they need to go.

Fremont Transit Program. When Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) announced last spring it was ceasing public transportation services in Dodge County, community members came together to identify an alternative for Fremont area residents. The Transportation Task Force hosted a community meeting with over 80 participants to survey transit needs, and worked with Fremont city officials to plan an on-demand bus service. With Nebraska Rural Transportation Program funding, the Fremont Transit Program began operations on September 7th, with Mayor Joey Spellerberg along for the first ride. A challenge grant of \$15,000 from FACF is helping meet the state's local match requirement and aims to keep the service affordable for all.

New Fremont Family YMCA Bus. After YMCA officials were forced to retire a bus from its fleet



Members of the Fremont Transportation Task Force were on hand for the inaugural ride of the new Fremont Transit Program. From left to right: Van driver Tammy Nolan, dispatcher Dakota Buesing, Shawn Brown (Methodist Fremont Health), Melissa Diers (FACF), Angie Olson and Nick Hansen (City of Fremont), Mayor Joey Spellerberg, Christy Fiala (Fremont Area United Way), and Terra Uhing (Three Rivers Public Health Department). Not present was Michelle Padilla (Fremont Family Coalition).

due to age and condition, the foundation provided funds to purchase a gently used bus to transport kids involved in the Y's childcare, before/after school programs, summer fun club and camp. The "new" bus is providing reliable and safe transportation to and from school every day.

New Habitat for Humanity HomeStore Truck. When the local chapter purchased a box truck years ago, it was very inexpensive, very used and had high mileage. While it was in high demand to pick up donated items to be sold in the Habitat HomeStore, it had become unreliable, expensive to maintain and unsafe for volunteer use. An FACF grant of \$30,000 helped the Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity purchase a gently used "new" box truck which is helping area families donate to the HomeStore. Donations support the organization's primary mission of building affordable homes for Fremont area families.





The mission of the Fremont Area Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life by connecting donor interests with community needs and serving as a leader and catalyst in the development of solutions.

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Rebuilding the Future...Together!

FACF Grant Helps Local Chapter Build Capacity to Serve

With a vision of “a safe and healthy home for everyone,” Rebuilding Together, Platte Valley East has enhanced its ability to serve its clients significantly, resulting in approximately \$2 million being reinvested into Fremont area communities.

Since 2007, lower income individuals and families have benefitted from the organization’s services which include:

- protecting them from harmful exposures to a variety of health and safety hazards like mold, moisture, trips and falls,
- installation of modular ramp systems that allow clients to enter and exit their home safely,
- offering critical home repairs like roof repair, replacement of weak or unsafe floors and porches, bathroom and kitchen repairs that enhance safety and accessibility.



Volunteers are the lifeblood of Rebuilding Together, Platte Valley East, lending essential carpentry skills, handyman support, site assistance or hospitality.

Dozens of area individuals and families are now able to enjoy their safe and healthy homes, including elderly citizens who are happy to be able to “age in place.”

Now, Rebuilding Together, PVE is looking ahead to continue building its capacity to serve. A recent grant of \$50,000 from FACF will help the organization build its own facility to house workshops, inventory, offices, and an education room.

Learn more at: rebuildingtogetherpve.org.

Thank You for Supporting Our Sustaining Drive!

As we work to meet challenges and embrace opportunities in our area, we are so very thankful to have you by our side. Following are the individuals, families and businesses who have provided financial support for the work of the Fremont Area Community Foundation by contributing to the Sustaining Drive for our 2022-2023 fiscal year.**

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*Remembered forever.

**July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.

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Rethinking Inherited IRAs

As you build your estate plan and consider how to provide for your adult children, keep in mind that naming children as the beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified plan probably is not something that should be automatic.

For starters, if you are charitably-minded and have other assets (such as highly-appreciated stock) to leave your children, those assets should come first. This is because your children will inherit the stock at a “stepped up” basis, meaning their capital gains tax hit upon sale will be far less. Plus, if you name a charitable organization, such as a donor-advised fund at the community foundation, as the beneficiary of your IRA, the IRA proceeds won’t be depleted by either income tax or estate tax. Your kids, on the other hand, will have to pay income tax on the proceeds of an inherited IRA.

This dynamic became even more important to consider when the

law changed a few years ago, such that a child who was named as the beneficiary of a parent’s IRA, for example, could no longer count on a relatively straightforward and tax-savvy method of withdrawals called the “stretch IRA.” With the passage of the SECURE Act, that changed for many children who inherited an IRA after December 31, 2019. Instead of taking distributions over their lifetimes, affected children now need to withdraw the entire inherited IRA account within a 10-year period as calculated under the law.

If you’re evaluating options for how to handle an IRA in your estate plan, talk with your advisors and the community foundation about leaving an IRA to your donor-advised fund or other charity via a beneficiary designation. Or, if you’d still like to provide an income stream to your children following your death, in some circumstances it might be worth considering establishing a charitable remainder trust to name as the IRA

beneficiary (assuming the stars align vis-a-vis children’s health, their tax brackets, projected returns, and other factors).

Importantly, if you are a child of parents who own IRAs, they will appreciate you bringing this opportunity to their attention! Your parents might not realize that their good intentions to leave their IRAs to their children could be saddled with tax burdens down the road. Encourage your parents to talk with their advisors and give the community foundation a call. We are here to help make IRAs a win for everyone—your parents, their favorite charities, and you!



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Front row, from left to right: Rev. Scott Jensen, Caryl Johannsen (Vice President), Jennifer Bixby (President), Steve Swanson, Vanessa Brown, David Mitchell, Mark Prince, Cheryl Lamme.

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Fremont Forever Friends

Hats off to the following Fremont Forever Friends who have created their own unrestricted endowment funds to support FACF grantmaking!

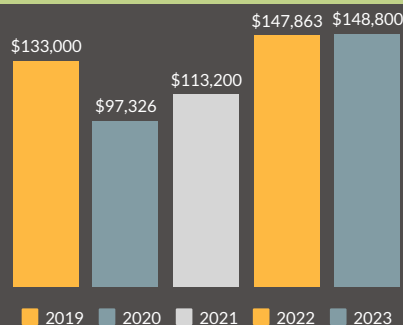
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Fremont Area Community Foundation



By The Numbers

INVESTING IN STUDENTS & THE GREATER DODGE COUNTY AREA



Since 1993, \$1,283,595 has been awarded in scholarships to 1,280 students!



NEW FUNDS

AWARDED IN 2023

Arbor Vitae Eastern Star Scholarship Fund
 Coach Melcher Scholarship Fund
 Terry J. McClain Scholarship Fund

79 funds

award scholarships through the Fremont Area Community Foundation



Number of students applying in 2023:
121

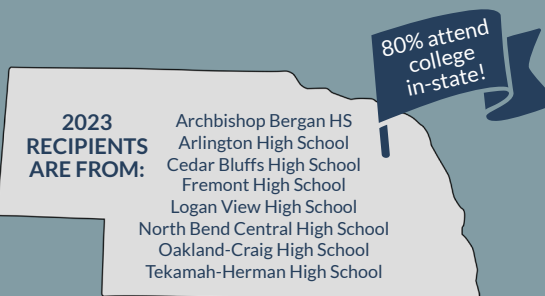


Number of applications received:
1,009



Number of scholarships awarded in 2023:
120

WHO ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS?



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE PURSUING CAREERS IN:



Our 2023 Grantees

Since its inception in 1980, over \$38 million in grants have been awarded from the Fremont Forever Fund, Donor-Advised Funds, scholarships and other funds administered by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. This fiscal year alone, the foundation has awarded nearly \$3.3 million in competitive, Donor-Advised Fund and other grants. Listed below are competitive grants awarded so far this year from the Fremont Forever Fund, the Lester A. Walker Fund and the Fremont Forever Friends funds.

American Cancer Society-Dodge County Relay for Life—\$1,500 to help promote the annual event.

Aspire for Greatness—\$10,000 to support after school programming.

Banister's Leadership Academy—\$10,000 to support the Family Navigator Program.

Care Corps' LifeHouse—\$25,000 to support renovations within the emergency shelter.

CASA of the Midlands—\$10,000 to help provide a strong community support program for children in the court system.

Catz Angels Rescue Effort (CARE)—\$1,500 for website development.

City of Scribner-Economic Development—\$15,000 to replace the Highway 275 message center sign.

Dodge County Sports Complex—\$25,000 to support administrative and consulting expenses.

FEVR Rail to Trail Foundation—\$50,000 to help convert railroad line into a walking/bicycle trail between Fremont and Hooper.

Fremont Area Art Association—\$50,000 to help complete construction on FAAA buildings.

Fremont Family Coalition—\$4,200 to provide Inclusive Communities trainings.

Fremont Family YMCA—\$60,000 to help purchase a bus.

Fremont Rural Fire Department—\$55,000 to upgrade flood and water rescue boats/trailers.

FurEver Home—\$1,500 for strategic planning facilitation.

Greater Fremont Development Council—\$100,000 to support housing creation and revitalization efforts in Fremont.

Logan View Public Schools—\$3,854 to help provide transportation for the National WWI High School Junior field trip.



An FAFAC grant helped refurbish fencing, pens and roofing at the Old Poor Farm north of Fremont. Enjoying the improved facilities are residents Lily (the alpaca), Brock (the horned sheep), and Mary (the white sheep).

Midland University—\$50,000 for a new health sciences facility.

National Inventors Hall of Fame—\$5,000 to provide STEM Summer Enrichment for Fremont area children.

Nebraska Mediation Center—\$1,500 for software.

North Bend Central Booster Club—\$7,500 to support the curriculum program of the digital scoreboard project.

North Bend/Morse Bluff Area Community Veterans Park—\$5,000 to help revitalize the landscape.

Old Poor Farm—\$10,000 to support the renovations of a new fence, pen, and roof.

Rebuilding Together, Platte Valley East—\$50,000 to enhance capacity through construction of a new facility.

Sammy's Superheroes Foundation—\$1,500 to fund a children's book tour in the Fremont area for "Unlocking Your Superpower."

Woodcliff Veterans—\$5,000 to enhance the Woodcliff Water Tower.