

Voice

News from the Fremont Area Community Foundation

Summer 2011

Legacy Society Dinner

Annual Event Honors Members

The Fremont Area Community Foundation held its annual Legacy Society Dinner at the Fremont Golf Club on June 15.

President Steve Navarrette thanked everyone for their generosity and assisting the Foundation to grow and give grants to the community. "Legacy Society Members are a group who is dedicated to the growth of the Fremont community, and they understand the importance of providing for the future. Members trust how the Foundation invests our funds and awards grants, so they decide to entrust us with their planned gift for the future of the community," Navarrette said.

Jessica Janssen, executive director of the Foundation, spoke about some of the highlights of the Foundation over the past year and shared stories about grant recipients. "The Foundation represents the joining together of community members in a unique way that is unduplicated in the community – a joining together of people from across economic strata, personal and professional experiences, and geographic locations – but all who recognize a significant role that the Fremont community had on their lives," Janssen said.

The evening's program included three guest speakers. Leah Harmon, recipient of the Robert L. Tookey Music Scholarship,

played the piano prior to the dinner and spoke about her college plans. Bill Vobedja, president of the Fremont Opera House Board, spoke to the group about progress of the Opera House renovation and this summer's Missoula Children's Theater Residency program.

Terry McClain, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Valmont Industries,



was the evening's keynote speaker. He used the illustration "pillars of giving" that included people, potential, public policy and priorities and how this ties to community giving in the Fremont area.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

~Sir Winston Churchill

Past Advisory Board members were recognized for their support of the Foundation through their generosity and dedication of time. Many have committed to serving on new committees recently established by the Foundation. "We want to give a special thanks to these members and are excited to have many

members who have once again committed of their time on various committees of the Foundation," Navarrette said. In honor of their service, a tree is being planted at one of Fremont's parks.

Six new members were recognized for joining the Legacy Society. The new Legacy Society members are: Charles and Marilyn Gordon, Greg and Mary Haskins, and Nick and Cheryl Lamme.



Read More on Our Blog and Find us on Facebook

The Fremont Area Community Foundation's blog will serve to inform about the daily happenings of the Fremont Area Community Foundation and the nonprofit community in Fremont, NE; educate about philanthropy, collaborations, and current trends in the nonprofit world; and inspire donors, partners, community members, and all caring people to make a positive difference every day. We encourage you to become a fan on Facebook to receive frequent updates on the activities of the Foundation.

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Field of Interest Grants Awarded

Field of Interest Grants was a new grant category for the Foundation this year. In 2010, as part of the organization's 30th anniversary, the Foundation set up five new endowment funds in each giving area – arts and culture, education, health and recreation, social services, and civic improvement – and the income from these endowment funds is used to help support Field of Interest Grants. The following Field of Interest Grants were recently awarded.

- **CARE CORPS HOMELESS SERVICES, Projector/PowerPoint** – \$1,350, Social Services Field of Interest Grant. Funds will support the purchase of a projector/PowerPoint system and educational DVDs to enhance Life Skills Programs by offering more visual aids. The Life Skills classes offer educational opportunities and the tools needed to help move clients from homelessness to permanency.
- **FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Back to Basics program** – \$3,000, Education Field of Interest Grant. Funds will support the Back to Basics program, which has a two-fold purpose: 1) information to educate parents and preschool teachers about activities they can provide for their children to help them develop the basic fine motor hand skills, and 2) exposure to make sure children have experience with skills that use the fingers, and to make sure children have what they need to gain experience with art media (play dough, crayons, scissors, etc.)
- **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, Broad Street Scholars program** – \$1,000 match, Education Field of Interest Grant. Funds will help to establish a Broad Street Scholars Fund, which would provide scholarships for low-income Fremont High School students taking dual credit courses through Metro.
- **FREMONT FAMILY YMCA, Fremont Well City, Speaker** – \$3,000, Health and Recreation Field of Interest Grant. Funds will help to bring national wellness speaker Dr. Ann Kulze to speak at a luncheon and evening community event as part of the Fremont Well City Initiative. The evening presentation will be free and open to the public.
- **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY, Learning Garden** – \$1,000, Education Field of Interest Grant. The Learning Garden is a community garden located at Washington Elementary, and it allows real-world application of the content students learn in various areas of curriculum. Funding supports flowers, bushes, grasses, benches, a stone path and fence.
- **INVENT NOW, INC., 2011 Camp Invention** – \$4,000, Education Field of Interest Grant. Funding supported partial or full scholarships for up to 40 underserved children in grades 1-6 from the Fremont area to participate in the 2011 Camp Invention program. The program was held at Bell Field Elementary on June 6-10 and June 13-17. Scholarship recipients included children from Bergan, Trinity and FPS.
- **FREMONT OPERA HOUSE, INC., Missoula Children's Theater Residency Week** – \$2,500, Arts and Culture Field of Interest Grant. Funding supported a second year residency program by the Missoula Children's Theater in Fremont. Missoula Children's Theater presented an overwhelmingly successful experience for area children in 2010. MTC program is free for students in 1st-12th grade.
- **LOGAN VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL, Raider Recycling** – \$2,664.85, Education Field of Interest Grant. Expansion of the Logan View recycling project, which was begun in January 2010 by the special education department. Expansion of the program will include all K-12 classrooms and public areas. Funds will support permanent recycling containers and a cart for disposal at the outside bin.

Granting to the Community

Recently Awarded Grants from the Foundation

More than \$10.5 million has been granted to the community through donor-advised funds and Foundation grants. The following grants were recently awarded.

- **ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP** – \$5,000. Funds will help to support Royal Family Kids Camp, which is a camp for children ages 7-11 who are victims of abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. The camp is held at Camp Rivercrest and is free for the children who attend.
- **UEHLING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**, Uehling Playground Fund – \$7,500. Funds will support the installation of a safe, modern playground in the community of Uehling. Funds will partially match \$14,000 raised from within the community.
- **FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT/DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**, AEDs for Law Enforcement – \$10,000. Funds will equip patrol vehicles with Automated External Defibrillators.
- **WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT**, Bunker Gear – \$6,464. Funds will support the purchase of four new sets of bunker gear for the fire department.
- **GROWING HEARTS DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL**, Garden Fence – \$1,857.20. Funds will support fencing for the Growing Gardens outdoor classroom.
- **CRISIS CENTER FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE/SEXUAL ASSAULT**, "In My Daughter's Name" Theatrical Performance – \$1,100. The grant funds will assist the Crisis Center in hosting the Angels Theatre Company in its performance of "In My Daughter's Name." The play is about the cycle of domestic violence, the support system needed to help a victim overcome abuse and the dangerous situation victims are in. This performance will help educate the community about domestic violence.
- **SHOOTING STARS 4-H CLUB**, Safety Equipment – \$250. Funds will help support the purchase of additional safety equipment.



Business Supporters

Kick-Off Event Held Recently

Each year, the Foundation annually raises funds from the business community to help sustain operations. To kick off the start of this drive, an open house was held with Ed Burchfield of Valmont Industries as the featured speaker.



Similar to your business, we maintain a streamlined budget and operational support helps us maintain an office, staff, insurance, and other necessary supplies and expenses. But did you know that our operational budget also provides for our affiliate community foundations in Arlington, Hooper, North Bend and Uehling? It also includes provisions to support up-and-coming community benefit organizations such as the new Fremont Area Young Professionals group and Fremont Women's Connection. We are also proud that in 2011 our budget includes a new line item for "Nonprofit Resources," which we will use to provide training workshops and professional development resources to help make our nonprofit organizations stronger.

We hope that you will consider supporting the Foundation this year! For more information about how to become a Business Supporter, visit our website at www.facfoundation.org.

Sign up for our e-Newsletter!

Would you like to receive monthly updates about the Fremont Area Community Foundation?

Sign up to receive the Foundation's e-Newsletter by visiting our website at www.facfoundation.org, contact us at 402-721-4252 or info@facfoundation.org.

Scholarships Awarded

2011-12 Recipients Announced

This spring, 50 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$32,170. Four new scholarships were available this year including the Kristine Gale Leadership Scholarship, William Carl Drieling Memorial Scholarship, Team Mates of Fremont Scholarship and the Robert Tookey Music Scholarship. Congratulations to all these recipients!

BAYLEY BECHER

Haines Hill Memorial Scholarship

MORGAN BEIGHLEY

Fremont PTA/PTSA Scholarship

BLAKE BOWLAND

Emmett & Mae Johnson Memorial Scholarship

CHARITY CLAUSEN

Fremont Area Art Association Hazel Keene Memorial Scholarship

ERIN FAIRLEYWINE

Jamie Charleston Memorial Scholarship

ALEXIS EGGER

Cedar Bluffs Education Foundation Scholarship

KIMBERLIE GAFFNEY

Arlington Education Foundation Scholarship

HERIBERTO GARCIA

William Carl Drieling Memorial Scholarship

MEGAN GIESICK

Robert Yanike Music Scholarship

ROBERT GIOVANAZZI

Fremont High School Alumni Student Aid

EMILY GREITENS

Golden K Kiwanis/Harold Anderson Scholarship

LEAH HARMON

Robert L. Tookey Music Scholarship

KRISTEN HOESING

Fremont High School Alumni Student Aid

BECKY HOTOVY

Fremont Business & Professional Women's Scholarship

CONNOR HOTOVY

Francis Conrad Memorial Scholarship

NICHOLAS JOHNSON

Myra Rogier Lesiak Scholarship

ZACHARY KAUP

Arlington Education Foundation Scholarship, Keith Hindmarsh Memorial Scholarship, Loran and Ian Deane Rogers Memorial Scholarship

BLAKE KAVAN

Mary Ellen Wieland Scholarship

CORTLAND KERWIN

Cedar Bluffs Education Foundation Scholarship

TRENTON KIRCHMANN

Cedar Bluffs Education Foundation Scholarship

DEREK LEAGUE

Ruth Frederiksen Scholarship

CAMERON MENARD

Arlington Education Foundation Scholarship

SPENCER MORRISSEY

Kristine Gale Leadership Scholarship

MIA-ANNE PAOLUCCI

Cecil Anderson Midland University Fremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship

LAURA PEMBERTON

Dodge County Humane Society Scholarship

JORDAN PERRY

Loren Nothwehr Scholarship

SOPHIE PETERS

H.M. "Micky" Krupinsky Scholarship

AUSTIN PETERSON

Rodney and Amy Mueller Johnson Memorial Scholarship

CORY POEHLING

LaVern F. Lueschen Scholarship

TONYA PUSH

Fremont Business & Professional Women's Scholarship

KATHRYN REESE

Fremont Business & Professional Women's Scholarship, Sherlock Nursing Scholarship



McCAFFREY RICHARDS

Jamie Charleston Memorial Scholarship

DALTON ROBINSON

Golden K Kiwanis/Harold Anderson Scholarship

SAMANTHA ROUMPH

Cedar Bluffs Education Foundation Scholarship

HANNAH SCHROEDER

Matthew Hartmann Memorial Scholarship, Allyssa, Sheldon & Mariah Johnson Memorial Scholarship

ALYSA SHIPLEY

Cecil Anderson Vocational Fremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship

ALYSSA SIEBKEN

Robert L. Tookey Music Scholarship

TYLER SODERBERG

Al and Patti Bahe Memorial Scholarship, Rodney and Amy Mueller Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Marvin G. Welstead Scholarship

JOHN SPELLERBERG

Bruce Gocken Memorial Business Scholarship, H.M. "Micky" Krupinsky Scholarship

BAILEY STEWART

Fremont PTA/PTSA Scholarship

RYAN THAYER

E.V. "Vic" & Lois Nielsen Fremont Noon Optimists Scholarship

ANA TROUPE

Fremont PTA/PTSA Scholarship

BRAXTON VOSS

Jack R. Bryant Memorial Scholarship

DAN VUONG

Freeman Midland University Fremont Kiwanis Club Scholarship

New Directors Join Foundation Board

The Fremont Area Community Foundation announces the addition of three new members to the Board of Directors. Barbara Christensen, Dr. Greg Haskins and Gaylord Mussman joined the board in July 2011.

The three members going off the board are Cherry Gocken, Bob Hillis and Steve Pribnow. "We appreciate the commitment and involvement of these board members. They all have served as chairs of committees and have served on the board at least nine years," said Steve Navarrette, President of the Fremont Area Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Barbara Christensen is a consultant with her family's corporation – Christensen Corporation. She is also a member of PEO. She and her husband, Thom, have two children.

Dr. Greg Haskins has his practice at Fremont Eye Associates. He

is also involved with Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, Fremont Family YMCA, Rotary, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni, and Fremont Surgical Center. He and his wife, Mary, have three children.

Gaylord Mussman is an agent with State Farm Insurance. He is also involved with the Boys Scouts of America. He and his wife, Vali, have two children.

"The Foundation is extremely fortunate to add these three new members to the board," Navarrette said. "We look forward to seeing the growth they will inspire over the next year."



Barbara Christensen



Greg Haskins



Gaylord Mussman

North Bend Senior Center Receives Grant from North Bend Area Community Foundation



North Bend Area Community Foundation Board members Mary Buller, Pat Beebe, Duane Ellermeier, and Tom Wolf presented a check for \$2,000 to the North Bend Senior Center Board members Cecilia Powers, Duane Emanuel, Bob Moser, and Bob Nesladek.

Fremont Women's Connection Kick-Off Event Planned



The Fremont Women's Connection is a new group that exists to encourage, educate and empower all women in the community. This group has been established as a component fund of the Foundation.

The Fremont Women's Connection will host monthly seminars on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., which will include a keynote speaker, opportunities to network and connect with other women, and facilitated breakout sessions. We are excited to begin with three events scheduled this fall.

The kick-off event will take place on September 15 with guest speaker Anne Boyle, of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and Fremont City Council President Jennifer Bixby sharing how she started in city government and her experiences serving the community.

The event will be held at the Clarion Inn on 23rd Street in Fremont. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling, 402-721-4252 or at the door for \$10.

To learn more about the Fremont Women's Connection, please visit the Foundation's website at www.facfoundation.org.

Upcoming Events

SEPT. 14 – 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NPPP - Charitable Reminder Trusts, Planning on a Napkin
Fremont Area Medical Center

SEPT. 15 – 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fremont Women's Connection Kick-Off Event
Clarion Inn

OCT. 1 – 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Registration 9 a.m.)
Walk to Cure Alzheimer's
Midland University Campus

OCT. 11 – 6 p.m.
Professional Advisors Seminar - Joe Twidwell
Fremont Golf Club

NOV. 15 – 6 p.m.
Fremont Area Community Foundation Annual Dinner
Fremont Opera House

For more information about any of these upcoming events, please contact us at info@facfoundation.org.

Message from the President

Friends,

As we put the hot temperatures of the summer behind us and look forward to cooler weather and the start of a new academic year, for me there is always anticipation of growth, new knowledge, and hope for the year ahead. This feeling is very reminiscent of the excitement that the staff and Board of Directors of the Foundation have been experiencing over the past few months.



Built on a foundation of high operational standards and expertise in fund management, the Fremont Area Community Foundation is entering into another great stage of growth. As a Board we are preparing a new strategic plan that will take us into the future, looking specifically at how we can grow our relationships and stewardship with donors like you; how we can build our partnership with nonprofit agencies and help them continue to grow through capacity-building efforts; and how we can grow our available grant funds for the future benefit of the community. You may hear us refer to these efforts as exploring our role in "Community Leadership." We are fortunate to have a strong Board of Directors leading the charge, and many past Board and Advisory Board members have stepped up to participate on new committees such as the Legacy Society Committee, Capacity Building Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee.

We are also proud to share that we reached a significant milestone in the Foundation's history, reaching more than \$10.5 million dollars granted through donor-advised funds and Foundation grants. This landmark can be attributed to the generosity of all of you as donors, who have contributed to the community through these funds. The Foundation is committed to continuing to fund initiatives in the community, which will impact positive change for the future.

I hope you enjoy reading an update on the Foundation through this newsletter. I would also encourage you to join our online mailing list at www.facfoundation.org to stay connected with the Foundation each month through our monthly e-newsletter. You can also connect with the Foundation through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FremontAreaCommunityFoundation and blog, www.facfoundation.wordpress.com.

Sincerely,

Steve Navarrette
FACF Board of Directors President

Book of Memories

Donors may establish a lasting memorial to honor the memory of a friend or relative, or to honor a special occasion, such as retirement, through a gift to the Book of Memories. The name of the person honored is inscribed in the "Book of Memories," an attractive, leather-bound volume displayed at the Keene Memorial Library.

In memory of:

Lorinda Allen	Delma Mitchell
Alex Araw	Jerry Moore
Devie Aronson	Judy Navarrette
Joe Brdicko	Lorraine J. Nelson
Bryn Dirkschneider	Evon M. Olson
Shirley Elliott	John Paden
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Mavis Gourley	Richard Reinhardt
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Duane Johanssen	Floyd Sager
Marilyn J. Kitrell	Tanner Schatz
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Arlene Lindholm	George Svoboda
Don Longacre	Bob Taylor
Alice Johnson Lubker	Bob Tegt
Richard Macaluso	Leo Thietje
Karen McGee	Duane VonSeggern

In honor of:

Jerry and Sharon Mulliken
Marv Welstead