

FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Grant Supports Angels Among Us

Helping Families Coping with Pediatric Cancer

There are angels among us, and Fremont Area Community Foundation donors joined their ranks through a recent grant of \$10,000 to provide emotional and financial support to area families battling pediatric cancer.

Since 2006, Angels Among Us, a nonprofit based in Omaha, has been working with social workers at Children's Hospital and Nebraska Medicine to identify families in need—any family living in or being treated in Nebraska is eligible for assistance.

The grant awarded from FAFCF will help families living in the Fremont area, like Fremonter Jayden Swift, shown at right with Angels Among Us staffer Amy Kent at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha.

At age 12, Jayden complained of knee pain and developed a limp in October of 2020. After multiple x-rays, MRI's and a biopsy, he was finally



diagnosed with extremely rare tumors throughout his left leg called Pseudomyogenic Hemangioendothelioma in January of 2021. He is only the 20th person and the second youngest patient to ever be diagnosed with this particular cancer. Angels Among Us has provided Jayden's family with financial assistance, allowing them to focus on their pediatric cancer journey.



Youth Philanthropy Grants Program

More than 430 youth from 11 area schools and eight different communities have learned first-hand the experience and impact of giving back since our first Youth Philanthropy Contest in 2014. Now the contest is a year-round grant opportunity! Winning applicants will receive up to \$1,000 to help make their projects a reality.

Pictured at left are North Bend Central Elementary students planting a pollinator garden by the school. A recent youth philanthropy grant added learning materials to the project. Learn more at facfoundation.org/YPG.



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Paving a Path to the Future:

FACF Grant Helps Finish Franklin-Cotterell Greens Trail

Born on the backside of a napkin at a Nebraska Statewide Arboretum workshop in 1990, the Franklin-Cotterell Greens—more commonly known as the North Bend Arboretum—lies on the grounds of North Bend Central high school in the northwest corner of North Bend. It now features over 1,000 trees and shrubs of over 115 different species and cultivars.

Until 2009 most of the trails in the North Bend Arboretum were grass, dirt or woodchips. But a recent fundraising push to finish paving the mile-long trail was helped by a \$30,000 grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Now, walkers have plenty of room to stroll side by side and bikers room enough to pass slower moving traffic. The pavement also provides greater accessibility for disabled citizens and gives people a consistently maintained surface for walking or jogging.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 110 helped backfill the edges of the newly finished paved walking trail around the Franklin-Cotterell Greens in North Bend. FACF recently provided a \$30,000 grant to help finish the decades-long project.

Franklin-Cotterell Greens is a hub for community recreation and activities and relies on the labor of many. The school district provides mowing and weed control, the North Bend Tree Board raises money for its maintenance and improvements, and student organizations and volunteers help with planting and seasonal chores. Area Boy Scout troops, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the school’s Science Club have all helped make the arboretum an attractive destination for North Bend residents and visitors alike.

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 2021-2022 fiscal year.**

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Grow Your Charitable Giving by Bundling Tax Savings

Many donors elect to use a Donor-Advised Fund at the community foundation as an organizing tool, frequently recommending grants to their favorite charities in ways that mirror the ways they would make donations outright. Often, contributions to a Donor-Advised Fund, or DAF, are in the form of highly-appreciated stock or other hard-to-value assets that generate a favorable tax outcome. Using a DAF in this way is a very effective way to get resources into the hands of the nonprofits who need it to fulfill their missions.

Because the charitable income tax deduction is not currently available to taxpayers who do not itemize, however, you may worry that you have less incentive to give to charities

during certain years. A DAF can help with that. Consider a situation where you have a high-income year and you make a large contribution to your Donor-Advised Fund in that year. You are able to benefit from the charitable deduction because you are eligible to itemize deductions on that year's tax return. Let's assume, then, that your income is lower in the next two years; therefore, you do not itemize deductions. This means you have a reduced tax incentive to support charities, although you have loads of philanthropic incentive!

In this situation, the "bunching" technique you deployed in Year One allows you to support charities from your Donor-Advised Fund in Year One, Year Two, and Year Three. The

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steady across the years, which is greatly appreciated (and very much needed) by the charities you support.

The community foundation is happy to help you develop a charitable giving plan that meets both your tax planning objectives as well as your desire to support the charities you love.

We are honored to serve as a resource and sounding board as you build your charitable plans and pursue your philanthropic objectives for making a difference in your community. And we encourage you to consult your tax or legal advisor to learn how this information and a Donor-Advised Fund might apply to your own situation.



The Fremont Area Community Foundation Board of Directors

Front row, from left to right: Heidi Richmond, Terry McClain (President), Brad Holtorf, Barry Benson, Mark Prince, Jane Dugan.

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Nonprofit Leadership Program Underway

New Cohort of Five Begins Capacity Building Program

The leadership of five Fremont area nonprofits will spend the next 12 months learning how to strengthen their organizations, increase their impact, and sustain their missions long-term.

CASA of the Midlands, the Fremont Area Art Association, Fremont Family YMCA, the Fremont Soccer Club and Roots to Wings applied and were selected to participate in the foundation's fourth Nonprofit Leadership Program (NLP).

The NLP is an intensive, year-long course led by nonprofit consultant Greta Leach of Mission Matters. Participants benefit from one-on-one executive director coaching, roundtable meetings with other executive directors, board leadership facilitation, and assistance helping their organization identify and plan a course of action to meet their area of greatest need. The end goal is for these nonprofit leaders to have the tools, resources and knowledge they need to achieve their missions efficiently and effectively. Each organization will receive a capacity building grant from the foundation of \$5,000.



What Will Your Legacy Be?

Start Planting the Seeds Today!

Your estate plan safeguards more than just matters of finances and inheritance; it can also guide future health decisions, provide for loved ones and create your legacy.

It's a lot like planting a seedling. Taking simple steps today gives you peace of mind tomorrow by ensuring that you and your loved ones are well protected.

Your estate plan can also be used to support the charitable causes that matter most to you, such as the work of area nonprofits and the future of our community.

If you'd like to learn how the Fremont Area Community Foundation can help you achieve your charitable goals through your estate plan, please contact:

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Trisha Kylo (left) is Executive Director of Roots to Wings, one of five area nonprofits selected to participate in this year's Nonprofit Leadership Program, an exclusive year-long course designed to build impact and sustainability. Roots to Wings provides authentic life experiences and skills to individuals living with a disability.

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Our 2022 Grantees

Since its inception in 1980, over \$36 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 \$1.4 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 Relay for Life Dodge County—\$1,500 for promotion of this local event.

Angels Among Us—\$10,000 to help support area families who have a child battling cancer.

Archbishop Bergan Catholic Schools—\$10,000 to help update the school's literacy program.

Arlington Public Schools—\$4,000 for the expansion of pottery in the art room, including a pugmill, slab roller and an extruder.

Aspire for Greatness—\$1,500 to help start a Mock Trial program for participating youth.

Banister Leadership Academy—\$15,000 to provide *Night Life* programming during the weekend for at-risk youth.

CASA of the Midlands—\$30,000 to support children involved in child abuse and neglect cases in Dodge and Saunders Counties.

Christensen Field Improvement Task Force—\$7,500 for a keyless entry for doors and key card access.

Dodge County 4-H Council—\$3,150 to construct, decorate, install, stock and maintain 10 Little Free Pantries.

Fremont Area Big Give—\$3,000 in prize money for three winning nonprofits.

Fremont Family YMCA—\$1,500 for kick boards, pull buoys, equipment bags, paddles and fins for the swim program.

Fremont Rural Fire Protection District #8—\$30,000 for technical equipment and tools to help save lives and property.

Fremont Area Art Association—\$1,000 to assist and support the creation of a Creative District Program in Fremont.

Great Plains United Methodist Camps (Camp Fontanelle)—\$25,000 to help relocate the historic Split Oak Hollow building.



Courtesy Photo

Margaret Vecera, left, and Patsy Fittje carry the banner during a recent American Cancer Society Relay for Life event at Midland University. A Fremont Area Community Foundation grant helped promote the event.

Logan View Public Schools—\$1,500 for the “Discover Your Why, Become the Change” program, presented by world traveler Dean Jacobs.

North Bend Tree Board—\$30,000 to help pave the walking trail around the North Bend Arboretum.

Roots to Wings—\$40,000 for the demolition and remodeling of its new, larger location in Arlington.

Saunders County Youth Services—\$10,000 to help provide in-home mental health therapy to youth under age 11 and adults who reside within the FAFAC grant area.

Special Olympics Nebraska—\$1,500 to support athletes attending the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

Village of Bancroft—A grant of up to \$20,000 to update the Bancroft Park restrooms and picnic shelter.

Village of Inglewood—\$10,000 for solar-powered speeding signs along Ridgeland Avenue.

Washington County Historical Association—\$16,000 for the installation of signs, panels and life-size historical figures throughout the county.