

Voice

News from the Fremont Area Community Foundation

Grants Awarded to Area Organizations

More than \$14.8 million has been granted to the community through donor-advised funds and Foundation grants. The following grants were recently awarded.

- **ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Computer Network System – \$5,000. Funds were provided for an updated computer system at the library.
- **CRISIS CENTER FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE/SEXUAL ASSAULT**, “Lighting the Way Campaign” – \$100,000. Grant funds were provided toward the construction of the new Crisis Center facility.
- **FREMONT BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION**, Band Uniforms – \$30,200. Grant funds were provided for new band uniforms.
- **FREMONT FAMILY YMCA**, FREEmont Community Skating Program – \$10,000. Funding provided assistance for updates to the rental skate inventory and storage, and a computer software tracking system at the Sidner Ice Arena.

- **FREMONT OPERA HOUSE**, Imagine Fremont Radio Drama Camp – \$2,500. The camp had 22 participants this year and performed to an audience of more than 200 on the final night of the camp.

- **LOGAN VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, Automated External Defibrillators – \$3,500, and Playground Equipment - \$10,000. Funds were awarded for the purchase of two AEDs and one set of pediatric pads. Grants were also awarded from the Marvin G. Welstead Donor-Advised Fund, Uehling Area Foundation and Hooper Area Community Foundation. Funding was also provided for new playground equipment at the new elementary school.

- **LOW INCOME MINISTRY OF DODGE COUNTY** – Gutters and Downspouts - \$1,700. Funds helped replace gutters and downspouts for the facility.
- **REBUILDING TOGETHER GREATER FREMONT AREA**, “Safe at Home” Program – \$10,000. Funding was provided from the program to help address home repair and maintenance issues that potentially present a safety risk or limit access to or within the homes of elderly or disabled persons.
- **RIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**, Head Stone Straightening, Phase 1 – \$10,000. Funds were provided to help with the first phase of the project. Some stones included in the project are over 100 years old.
- **SALVATION ARMY**, Summer Food Program – \$5,000. Funds helped support the Summer Food Program in partnership with several other organizations in the area.
- **FREMONT COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**, Community Visioning Project – \$5,000. Funds helped support the University of Nebraska-Omaha’s facilitation of the project.



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The Fremont Area Community Foundation’s stewardship ensures that grants made from this fund respond to the changing needs in the community, and those grants work to make certain that this place we call “home” remains a great place to live. Forever.



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Now and Forever



The mission of the Fremont Area Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life by connecting donor interests with community needs.

Grantee Spotlight: Crisis Center “Lighting the Way” Campaign

The Fremont Area Community Foundation recently awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault for the “Lighting the Way” capital campaign for a new facility.

The new facility will allow the Crisis Center to enhance prevention programming, which will work with youth to change attitudes and behaviors while encouraging intolerance for violence. It will also increase visibility and allow the Crisis Center to create a greater community presence.



Last year, the Crisis Center provided face-to-face crisis intervention and support services to 604 adults and 705 children across five counties — Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Saunders and Washington. The new facility will allow for all of its services to be provided under one roof.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-winter.

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Fremont Family YMCA Sidner Ice Arena

by Evan Schinasi

In the summer of 2008, we began thinking of a program that would engage the youth in the Fremont community, providing healthy, active and safe physical activities and complement the educational programs offered through the local schools. The result was the FREEmont Skating Program, founded in the fall of 2009, which provides free ice skating and a safe positive environment for children to hang out on days they are off school throughout the year.

We also opened the FREEmont skating days to adults, allowing for families to participate together in these activities. In addition, we provide free learn to skate lessons for all 2nd grade students through the physical education curriculum at local schools, the only community in the state to offer such a program.



After three years, the program is one of the most popular and well-attended programs offered in the community, having served approximately 20,000 local children and their families over its lifespan. Due to the overwhelming success, we needed to replace a number of rental skates far sooner than planned. The Fremont Area Community Foundation stepped in during the summer of 2012, and with a grant of \$10,000 has allowed us to update the worn equipment so we can continue to provide the best and safest equipment for the thousands of FREEmont Community Skating participants we look forward to serving each year.

Sustaining Membership Drive

During the past year, these individuals and families have shown their support for the Fremont Area Community Foundation's work by contributing to the Sustaining Membership Drive. The operating budget is partially funded through this drive and some of the contributions have been designated for the Unrestricted Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support that allows the Foundation to make a bigger impact in the community!

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Fremont Area Alzheimer's Walk Raises Over \$25,000

The local walk held on September 15 gave participants an opportunity to take a "Step Toward Progress" in the fight against Alzheimer's. In addition to the walk, participants enjoyed face painting, raffles, food, snow cones and music. All monies raised become part of the Fremont Area Alzheimer's Fund held at the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

The fund was established to help support Alzheimer's research, education and caregiver support. Sixty percent of the monies raised will be donated directly to institutions doing cutting edge research in Alzheimer's disease, and the 40 percent will be given as grants to support caregiver education and programming in the Fremont area.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

We hope that you enjoy reading this update from the Foundation. Like a tree continues to grow and flourish while anchored by its deeply established roots, it seems as though each year the Foundation experiences new growth through collaboration with area organizations and philanthropic partnership with community members.

This year we welcomed an opportunity to be a catalyst for strengthening the work of area nonprofit organizations by developing a new professional development program. Our grantmaking has reached its highest peak to date extending far beyond the vision of our founding members, and we continue to explore how the Foundation can be a leader within the community to create positive change. None of this would be possible without the support of the community.

You've received this newsletter along with a request for Sustaining Member support. We hope that you will feel inspired to join us in benefiting the community now and forever.

Dick Hendriksen, Board President

Nonprofit Resource Program Training Opportunities Offered Through FACF

The following organizations were selected for the 2012-13 Nonprofit Resource Intensive Program earlier this year. The organizations include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse, Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, John C. Fremont Days and Rebuilding Together Greater Fremont Area.

The intensive course is being led by expert consultant Mary Lee Fitzsimmons and has included one-on-one executive director coaching, roundtable meetings with other executive directors, board leadership facilitation and assistance helping organizations identify and plan a course of action to meet their area of greatest need.



Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity's executive director, Joy McKay, shared her experience in the program.

"I want to thank you for allowing Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity to participate in the nonprofit programs you make available to our community, particularly the Intensive program. Being new in my position (and to the community) made it a little difficult at first, coming in after the initial steps were taken but prior to the first session. However, I have felt welcomed and a part of the group that is participating and feel as though I am learning some valuable lessons about sustaining nonprofit agencies. The information we are learning is relevant, innovative and meaningful.

"This program is not only benefiting me as the Executive Director, but I believe will benefit Habitat for Humanity for years to come."

"We've spent time learning about leadership, characteristics of successful nonprofits, the different roles of the Board and the Executive Director, how to focus on planning for the future and how to develop effective Boards. This program is not only benefiting me as the Executive Director, but I believe it will benefit Habitat for Humanity for years to come.

"In addition, it is wonderful to have so many various training opportunities for persons involved with nonprofit agencies at either little or no cost. I have participated in several of the trainings you have made available, and I appreciate that they are available for us to improve what we do.

"Thank you again for these opportunities and for investing in the growth and sustainability of local nonprofit agencies."

In addition to the exclusive program, a series of trainings available to nonprofits was also offered this year. Organizations that attended all four sessions will receive special recognition by the Foundation, which will be shared with donors in our community. We believe that an investment in our area's nonprofit agencies will further extend our stewardship and help make each organization sustainable and effective in its work.

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IRAs are excellent vehicles for accumulating assets for your use during retirement, but they are terrible for transferring wealth to others. Those who inherit IRAs may find them seriously depleted by taxes — unless the recipient is a charitable entity like the Fremont Area Community Foundation.



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You can leave your remaining IRA funds to the Fremont Area Community Foundation, preserving 100 percent of them to support our work rather than giving up a huge portion to taxes. Your IRA plan administrator or estate planning attorney can assist you in arranging to name us as the primary or secondary beneficiary for a percentage of your IRAs.

If you would like to learn more about this or other gift options, please contact us at (402) 721-4252.

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