

Annual Report
2016

Building Across Generations
TOGETHER



FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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TOGETHER *We Are More!*



\$23 million
in *community*
assets

\$1.3 million
invested in grants
and scholarships

177 funds
supporting the
Fremont area

We build on foundations we did not lay
We warm ourselves by fires we did not light
We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant
We drink from wells we did not dig
We profit from persons we did not know

This is as it should be.
Together we are more than any one person could be.
Together we can build across the generations.
Together we can renew our hope and faith in the
life that is yet to unfold.
Together we can heed the call to a ministry of
care and justice.

We are ever bound in community.
May it always be so.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Spilman Raible

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded that much of the good work being done in the Fremont area was started by those who went before us.

The lines above, adapted from Deuteronomy 6:10-12 by the late Rev. Dr. Peter Spilman Raible, a Unitarian Universalist minister, ring true for our community.

“We build on foundations we did not lay.” Thanks to Lester Walker, Hazel Keene, Dorothy Stangel, and many others who left their legacies through funds at the Fremont Area Community Foundation, our area has continued to thrive. YOU are contributing to that legacy through your support! Together we are building across the generations!



CHRISTINE LEECH
President of the Board



MELISSA DIERS
Executive Director

TOGETHER *we improve the quality of life*

CARE CORPS FAMILY SERVICES

Twenty years ago, the Fremont Area Community Foundation provided seed money to help establish a local shelter to serve the area's growing homeless population. Since then, over 10,000 people—like Debra (at right)—have been helped by Care Corps Family Services...through life skills classes, transitional housing, aftercare programs and a prevention initiative. A recent grant of \$43,400 is funding the Homelessness Prevention Project, helping clients build a sustainable and productive life outside the shelter.



Photo by Care Corps

Thanks to Care Corps case management, Debra is now living well in her own apartment.

THE BRIDGE

In moments of crisis, a phone can be a lifeline to help. For The Bridge, which is dedicated to providing safety and assistance in situations of domestic violence, a working phone system is vital and fundamental to the important work they do. A grant this year from the Fremont Area Community Foundation helped The Bridge upgrade its aging phone system, and provided a laptop computer for use by the organization's Community Educator who fosters prevention by providing community education, training and awareness of domestic abuse. So many organizations do good work throughout the Fremont area. Our big-picture perspective supports their efforts and amplifies their impact.



Social Services

Our donors care deeply about people in our area who are underserved or economically disadvantaged. Nonprofit partners provide critical services to individuals and families who need a safe place to call home, access to medical and dental services, education in life skills and a hand-up when needed.

TOGETHER *we educate our children*

AUTISM ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Every autistic individual has unique gifts and can make important contributions to our community. In 2016, a foundation grant brought to the Fremont Public Schools a nationally renowned program called Circle of Friends. This school inclusion program helps builds genuine friendships between students with special needs and their general education peers. It increases the understanding, acceptance and appreciation of individual differences while decreasing bullying. The Circle of Friends changes lives. . .one friendship at a time.



MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

The Education program is Midland University's second largest, with a tradition of sending teachers into the world as child-centered, thinking professionals, good managers and relationship builders. So the Foundation was pleased to provide a grant to help upgrade technology for the Education Department and Teacher Education Program. New SMARTboards and notebooks now allow students pursuing a degree in Education to enter the field up to pace with modern classroom technology.

Other grants in the area of education are sponsoring students in the Fremont Public Schools Dual-Credit Program, providing opportunities to learn about health occupations, computer science and more, and helping area youth attend college.



Education

Funding updated technology, scholarships, studies abroad and more, the Fremont Area Community Foundation continues to place a high priority on providing access to quality education for Fremont area students.

TOGETHER *we keep our community healthy*

GOOD NEIGHBOR HEALTH CLINIC

The Good Neighbor Health Clinic opened its doors in Fremont in 2015 to provide quality medical and dental care that is affordable for area families. A grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation last year allowed the clinic to expand its oral health services to better meet demand. Through the funding, Good Neighbor was able to increase the number of clients served by over 1,000 individuals and increase dental health care for infants and children younger than nine years of age.



ENHANCED EMS SUPPORT

A heart attack: it happens every 43 seconds, according to the Center for Disease Control. Technology, like the chest X-ray and electrocardiograph, has carried treatment and recovery a long way. But one category of heart attack—a STEMI (ST-elevation myocardial infarction)—leads to more fatalities than any other. So much so it's known as "The Widow Maker." Now, Fremont-area first responders are better equipped and trained to address "The Widow Maker." Together with the Fremont Health Foundation, the Fremont Area Community Foundation provided grant funding to help provide new 12-lead ECG/defibrillators to the EMS agencies in Fremont and Hooper. Better equipped EMS teams means more lives saved.



Health and Recreation

Grants from Fremont Area Community Foundation funds are impacting health and wellness throughout the Fremont area...improving access to quality healthcare services, enhancing technologies among care providers, joining forces with local organizations to create a healthier community.

TOGETHER *we celebrate our creativity and heritage*

FREMONT AREA ART ASSOCIATION

Thanks to the support of community partners, including the Fremont Area Community Foundation, the Fremont Area Art Association is expanding its vision by expanding its footprint. Last July, the organization purchased the adjacent building (formerly Rump's Furnace & Hardware) with plans to add studio, classroom and gallery space, and eventually a street-level gift shop. For an organization that serves as a hub for creative minds and destination for art lovers, the additional space will help further its goals to host larger exhibits and showcase larger collections for all to enjoy.

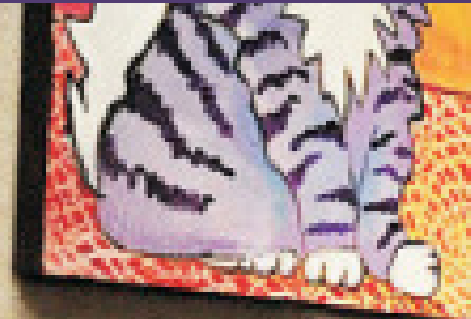


MAY MUSEUM RESTORATION

The May Museum – long a beloved architectural and historical gem in the Fremont community – is also the home of the Dodge County Historical Society. A recent grant to the Society helped restore the museum's roof line balustrade, which had been removed in the 1940s due to its deteriorated condition. Now the museum, originally the home of Fremont's first mayor, Theron Nye, has been returned to its turn of the 20th century self, its "crown" made of rot resistant materials, firmly in place. The iconic home of a Fremont founding father will continue to serve as a source of beauty and historical significance for future generations.



Photo by Rich Rader



Fremont Tribune Photos

Arts and Culture

A community thrives when opportunities abound for creative expression and cultural celebration. Arts & Culture organizations are essential to healthy communities and to the well-being of people of all ages.

TOGETHER *we improve the Fremont Area*

NEW NORTH BEND PARK PAVILION

North Bend area residents will soon enjoy the amenities of a new and improved Pavilion in North Bend City Park. The original metal park shelter stood for 52 years, a gathering point for annual Old Settlers Days' food stands and countless community and family gatherings and picnics. It was razed last summer to make way for the new facility that will feature cement counters, hot water, ceiling fans, sinks, a refrigerator and more working space.



WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS UPGRADES

It's hosted a variety of Washington County Fair events, including the Pioneer Farm Family Awards, 4-H events, children's tractor pull and wine tastings, wedding receptions and other gatherings.

But when fairgoers return to Arlington this summer, they'll notice some much needed changes to the Frank Rybin Building at the fairgrounds. The community center, named after long-time board member Frank Rybin, hadn't been touched in 30 years and was in great need of repair and ADA-compliant upgrades. Visitors to the Washington County Fairgrounds will enjoy the new facility, especially its air conditioning during the hot summer months, courtesy of a Community Foundation grant.



Civic Improvement

Creating bike/pedestrian trails, upgrading playground equipment in public parks, restoring historical landmarks, refurbishing well-used public spaces... all of these civic improvements and more impact quality of life for families living in the Fremont area.

Legacy Society

Individuals who have 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.

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
Arlene D. Brandes*
Lloyd and Betty Brooks
Jack Bryant*
Elaine Cady*
Keith and Linda Chapman
David and Cynthia Christensen
Laura Clatanoff*
Mary E. Cochrane*
Charlie and Mary Lou Diers
Kirk and Melissa Diers
Sid and Hazel Dillon
Sid and Patty Dillon, Jr.
Don* and Mary K. Dolejs
Bill and Jane Dugan
Rupert* and Ruth Dunklau
Ruth E. Dunklau*
Jim* and Sherie Ebers
Milton C.* and Lois* Ebers
Elvera Eckdahl*
Jack and Judy Ekeler
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David G. Hartmann
Greg and Mary Haskins
Merle Hasson*
Bud* and Marj* Hendriksen

Robert and Dian Hillis
Mildred Hindmarsh*
Don and Jan Hinds
Audrey Hoegermeyer*
Jim* and Nancy Hoshor
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Joel and Jan Jelkin
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Carl W.* and Betty K.* Johnson
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Ron and Karen Kortan
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John and Shirley Larsen
Wayne and Janet Larson
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Sherry R. Leriger
Terry J. and Linda McClain
Alton* and Nadine* Merrick
David and Kimberly Mitchell
William* and Helen Monke
Henry Monnich*
Jim and Maria Moore
Elizabeth Y. Mulliken*
June Mussack*
Gaylord and Vali Mussman
Steve and Julie Navarrette
Nick Neff*
Perry* and Eileen Nelson
Evelyn Nichols*
Leonard C. Nielsen
Loren C. Nothwehr
Dale and Fern Olson
Lee Paden
Mervin and Gail Peck
Art Peters*
Russ and Jennifer Peterson

Richard and Janet Pineda
Steve and Peg Pribnow
Darrell and Myrna Puls
Ruth Register
Mike Reilly
Bill and Kathy Rhea
Jerry Rinne
Darlene Ritter*
Marilyn Rolf*
Duane Ruppert
Bill and Cathy Saeger
Darlene G. Saeger
John and Lori Sajevic
Ronnie and Shelly Sandeen
Elmer* and Elda* Sasse
Lyle Saunders
Neil and Bonnie Schilke
Gary* and Carol Schmidt
Ray and Mary Sendgraff
Barbara L. Sherlock*
Dave Simmons
William Simms*
John G. Spangler
Lois I. Spurrier*
Dorothy Stangel*
Charles* and Doris M. Steffen
Leo* and Joanne Thietje
Tom and Sheryl Thomsen
Rachel Timme
Robert L. Tookey*
Chad Troester
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Bill and Joan Vobejda
Lester A. Walker*
Tom and Carol Waring
Leah Weber*
Marv and Jean* Welstead
Steve and Patricia Wendt
Ethel Whalen*
Mary Ellen Wieland*
Dan and Kathy Wiesen
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



Board of Directors

Front row: Steve Swanson, Gaylord Mussman, Christine Leech (president), Marv Welstead*, Jane Dugan, Barbara Christensen, Jennifer Bixby, Sheila Monke.

Second row: Barry Benson, Steve Navarrette, Brad Holtorf, Caryl Johannsen, Dee Bang, Cindy Coffman.

Third row: Joe Sajevic, Greg Haskins, Sid Dillon, Jr., Ron Kortan, Terry McClain, Jessup Wilson, Tom Thomson*, Patti Beebe
Not pictured: Todd Hansen, Kate Heineman, Bob Hillis, Dale Olson*, Russ Peterson, Toni Vering (*Ex-officio)

Summary of Financial Information

Consolidated Summary of Activities and Changes in Assets*

| CHANGES IN ASSETS | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues, gains, and other support: | | |
| Contributions | \$2,367,505 | \$1,000,593 |
| Interest, dividends, and other investment income | \$426,599 | \$504,031 |
| Administrative fees and other revenue | \$202,067 | \$203,200 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/loss of investments | (\$10,665) | (\$77,888) |
| Grants returned | \$1,977 | \$2,118 |
| Life insurance net of cash value increase | - | \$7,151 |
| Transfers from agency funds | \$5,310 | \$3,000 |
| Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support | \$2,992,793 | \$1,642,205 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Grants and scholarships | \$905,250 | \$641,698 |
| Administrative expenses | \$251,032 | \$283,176 |
| Trustee fees | \$41,785 | \$41,553 |
| Support services and fees | \$443,703 | \$405,951 |
| Life Insurance net of cash value decrease | \$6,548 | - |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,648,318 | \$1,372,378 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$1,344,475 | \$269,827 |
| Net Assets beginning of year | \$20,720,760 | \$20,450,933 |
| Total Net Assets | \$22,065,235 | \$20,720,760 |

*All information contained in this summary for year end 6/30/16 has been audited.



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