Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Leave Lasting Legacy

For Roy W. and Mary L. Pearson, giving was always a very important part of their lives. It would be difficult to find a worthy project in the Holdrege area that did not receive generous support from the Pearson’s.

Roy passed away in September of 2010 and Mary passed away in October of this year. It was no surprise that Roy and Mary had plans in place through Roy’s estate to continue their philanthropic goals for generations to come.

The Phelps County Community Foundation received $2.375 million to create a fund which will make a significant impact in Holdrege, Nebraska.

When asked why giving was so very important to the couple, Mary commented that “We live in Holdrege...it is our town and we have always worked to improve Holdrege.”

Roy and Mary supported the Foundation in many ways. Roy became a board member in March of 1976, the Foundation’s founding year. Mary joined the board in 1983 and gracedfully served as Treasurer prior to the Foundation’s hiring of paid staff.

The Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Designated Charitable Fund will make grants for the benefit of charitable groups and organizations in Holdrege. Grants can be made in the areas of education, culture, human service, health and recreation, community, and religious purposes that are non-denominational in service.

PCCF Board President, Sandy Kraus commented that “This gift from Roy & Mary enhances the Foundation’s capacity to support great projects and programs in Holdrege. While the Pearson’s have supported the work of the Foundation financially, just as valuable have been their contributions of time and wisdom.”

Charitable groups and organizations interested in applying for a grant from this fund may contact the Phelps County Community Foundation at 995-6847.

The Foundation is honored and pleased that the Pearson’s have placed their trust in the PCCF to administer this generous and thoughtful legacy.

WE DID IT AGAIN!

The Phelps County Community Foundation hosted its first-ever match day in November 2012, calling the day “give2Grow Phelps County.”

Forty-one non-profit participants had the opportunity to tell their story on the giving day website at give2grow.razoo.com.

As an incentive to donors, the Foundation committed $75,000 in a matching pool. At the end of the day, each participant received amazing contributions along with a pro-rated share of the $75,000 match pool.

The Foundation, and our non-profit partners were pleasantly astonished by the response from our caring public.

With the matching funds, the Foundation disbursed more than $450,000 to the participants.

Following the giving day, participants kept asking us, “You’re going to do this again, right?”

We did it again!

On November 21, donors contributed $566,242 during give2Grow Phelps County. With a $105,000 match pool and bonus grants, we will be distributing $673,142 to 46 non-profits in Phelps County.

Many partnerships enabled the Foundation to host this match day again.

Media partners include: the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the Bertrand Herald, KUVR AM/97.7 Big Country Radio and the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 1st National Bank and Bruning State Bank provided tellers to tally contributions and make timely deposits. Great Western Bank provided lunch for staff, donors and volunteers and the Holdrege Public School loaned us the use of laptops.

This year, the Foundation contributed $75,000 towards the match pool and generous donors contributed more than $30,000 to make the match pool even larger. Donors include: Donald Sjogren DA Fund, Ty & Linda Swan DA Fund, Allmand Brothers Golf Tournament, 1st National Bank of Holdrege, Central Valley Irrigation, Lee & Grace Grove, Clarke & Mary Kay Nelson, Cambridge Advisors, Mary Anna Anderson, Cottonwood Ranch Co., IMO Clinton & Lorraine Carlson, Keith & Glenda Nelson DA Fund, Chris & Caroline Erickson, Betty Sayers, and donors who wished to remain anonymous.

For a complete listing of give2Grow results see page 5.
HONORARY GIFTS

CITIZENS FOR BRONZE ART
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Embury 45th Wedding Anniversary
Karen Kammann HHS Class of 1977
James M. Tringe
Shelia Tringe on Mother’s Day from her children

CHRISTIAN HOMES CARE COMMUNITY
Wayne and Bette Carlson
Vicki Westcott’s Birthday

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND
Richard and Paula Bourelle 50th Wedding Anniversary

GIVING CARD
Sherry McClymont
Vicki Westcott

YOUTH GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Brad Pearson’s Birthday

BRUCE HILLSBECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Brad Pearson’s Birthday

HOLDREGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #44 FUND
Joyce Bills

PELPHS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND
Dick Jurgens 80th Birthday

YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE ENDOVED FUND
Bob and Jean Wells

CITIZENS FOR BRONZE ART FUND
Judy Schrock

OTHER GIFTS

ACORN SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Engler
Mr. & Mrs. H. Stephen Kness
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Long

CITIZENS FOR BRONZE ART
Mary Anna Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bergman
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carlson
Mr. Harry D. Dahlstrom
Jane Dahlstrom-Quinn
Mr. Dennis Damneh
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hobbs
Mr. & Mrs. Raye Johnson
Mrs. Maxine Jones
Mr. & Mrs. William Kenagy
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klein
Mr. & Mrs. Ed LeClair
Judy D. Lillie
Mr. & Mrs. Duane Long
Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. McClymont Jr.
Mary L. Pearson
Ms Sandra Schmoker
Mr. & Mrs. James Van Marter
Patricia K. Waller

HOLDREGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Mr. & Mrs. Eldon L. Johnson

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND
Allmand Brothers, Inc.
Kyle L. & Christi K. Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Erickson
Mr. & Mrs. James Van Marter
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Peterson
Betty Sayers
Mr. & Mrs. John Skallberg

CHRIS & CAROLINE ERIKSSON DONOR ADVISED FUND
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Erickson

FUNK SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER FUND
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Anderson
Anonymous
Krista Barger
R Claran
Cooperative Producers Inc
Wanda E. Dods
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Duren
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert L. Ellner
Mr. & Mrs. Shane Fruhm

Future Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Booze
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Buckley
Mr. & Mrs. Cory Chapman
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew D. Cox
Dr. Scott Michael Ehresman
Mr. Grant Ericksen
Mrs. Kara Faber
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Greenquist
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Ham
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Hardwick
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Hytrek
Mr. & Mrs. Chadd Jacobson
Mr. & Mrs. Jed Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klein
Lloyd Waller Feeding, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Luthy
M P Wilken Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Mach
Mr. & Mrs. Tye Marquardt
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander H. McClymont
Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. McClymont Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher McCullan
Mrs. Samantha Minnick
Mr. & Mrs. Logan Mohr
Mr. Matt Mueller
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Nott
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Olson
Mrs Kate Ogstrom
Matthew R. Ogstrom
Mary L. Pearson
Person Lys. Office
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Pfeifer

Future Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Travis Poley
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Puls
Dr. Wayne & Jerrie Quincy
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Rehberg
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Samuelson
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Sand
Ms Sandra Schmoker
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Soneson
Mr. & Mrs. Ethan M. Soneson
Mr. & Mrs. Cory Steinke
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard A. Streff
Mr. & Mrs. Chris R. Sundquist
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Thorell
Mr. Ted Tilus
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Vinzant
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Waller
Mr. & Mrs. Andrea Weides
Mr. & Mrs. Shane Westcott
Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. Wilken

HOLDREGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #44 FUND
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Allen
BRJ Farms
Erin M. Carlson
Phyllis L. Dellwood
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry R. Dodson
Mr. Robert Dolan
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Florell
Mr. & Mrs. John Hartwig
Mr. Robert Hendricks
Janet Hixon
Phyllis Stelling Hollaman
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klein
Mrs. Willa Kosman
KR Jacobson Communications
Mrs. Pat Logue
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Peterson
Mr. David Raddatz
Mr. & Mrs. William Reiser
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rohndave
Avery Saval
Mr. Rex Schwaninger
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shearman
John L. Singleterry
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Swanson

SCHOOL DISTRICT #44 PERFORMANCE THEATER & QM FUND
Mary Anna Anderson
F. Murdoch Ranch and Farm, Inc.
Murdoch Enterprises, Inc.
Dr. Thomas B. & Shirley B. Smith
William & Sheila Tringe

HOLDREGE SCHOOL DONOR ADVISED FUND
Ag Service Associates
AgWest Commodities LLC
Allmand Brothers, Inc.
Almaquist, Maltzahn & Galloway,
& Uth P.C.
Anderson Bros., Holdrege
Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewer
Ms. Monica A. Anderson
AVA, Inc.
Banc & Trust Insurance Agency, LLC
Becton Dickinson
Bergman Ag, Inc.
Biota Chiropractic
Bruce Furniture
Bruning State Bank
Bunker Hill Farms Inc.
Cargill Ag Horizons
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carlson
Casey’s General Stores, Inc
Central Valley Irrigation
Country Cookin’
Creative Dining Services, Inc.
Curly’s Radiator Service
DorOdorn, Gq &Nheq, P.C., LLO
DLR Group
Eakes Office Plus
Ed’s Electric & Plumbing
Edward Jones Investments
Erickson Agency, Inc.
Chris Erickson Farms, Inc.
Family Medical Specialties
First National Bank of Holdrege
First National Capital Markets
First Tier Bank
Fritz Bros., Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Garrelts
GemMaker Hospitality Inc.
Gnqtepper
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.
Grant W Ericksen, CMFC
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Grassmeyer
Great Plains Agency, Inc.
Great Western Bank
Green Landscapes
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Gustafson
Hausmann Construction, Inc.
Sandia L. Hillsabeck
Mr. Todd D. Hilyard
Dr. Grant Hinze D.D.S. PC
Nancy Hoeck
Holdrege Auto Parts
Holdrege Family Dental Care, P.C.
Holdrege Family Vision Clinic
Holdrege Irrigation
Holdrege Lumber
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Soneson
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathon Sand
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klein
Mrs. Willa Kosman

HOLDREGE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND
Vicki Westcott

JUDY SCHROCK

Given between April 1, 2013—October 31, 2013
Other Gifts

Pass Through Donation Fund
Edward Jones
Mr. David J. Nelson
Mrs. Vicki C. Westcott

Mary L. Pearson Donor Advised Fund
Mary L. Pearson

Roy W and Mary L. Pearson Designated Fund
Roy W. Pearson Estate

PMHC Service League Scholarship
PMHC Service League

Prairie Sports Association Fund
Tina Wiese

Rotary Club of Holdrege Designated Endowment
Holdrege Rotary Club

Holdrege Rotary Scholarship Fund
Holdrege Rotary Club

Donald E. Sjogren Fridheim Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund
Mr. Donald E. Sjogren

John & Wendy Skallberg Donor Advised Fund
Mr. & Mrs. John Skallberg

South Platte Youth Athletic Club Fund
South Platte Youth Athletic Club Inc.

Tassel Coordination Council
Mrs. Mary Anna Anderson
F. Murdoch Enterprises, Inc.
Murdock Enterprises, Inc.
Dr. Thomas B. & Shirley B. Smith
William & Sheila Tringe

Teammates of Holdrege Designated Expendable Fund
Teammates of Holdrege

Richard & Susan Waller Donor Advised Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Waller

Gerald & Volon Weber Donor Advised Fund
Mr. Gerald J. Weber

Grants

Phelps County Community Impact Fund
• $6,671.00—Holdrege Area Public Library for the after school edge digital learning program
• $10,000—YMCA of the Prairie for cardio equipment (partially funded from the Skallberg Fund)
• $15,000—Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce for the downtown revitalization project
• $19,855.44—Educational Service Unit #11 for outside wall repair (partially funded from the Richards Fund)
• $5,816.96—Educational Service Unit #11 for inside wall repair

PCCF Board of Directors Discretionary Grant Fund
• $500—YMCA of the Prairie for new laptop computer for the Gear-Tech 21 program
• $500—Phelps County Historical Society for new scanner for the Genealogy Library
• $500—Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of YELP student
• $500—Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church for providing school supplies

Designated Funds
• PCCF Richards Endowment Fund—$2,640—Holdrege Rotary Club

Future Fund
• $500—Holdrege Public Schools for weight room equipment
• $1,500—American Legion Baseball for landscaping
• $2,600—American Legion Baseball for landscaping
• $1,200—Boy Scout Troop 216 for new tents
• $1,000—South Platte Youth Athletic Club Inc. for volleyball nets, stands, and standards
• $1,000—South Platte Youth Athletic Club Inc. for volleyball nets, stands, and standards

Agency Funds
• $4,000—Holdrege Area Public Library

Donor Advised Funds
• $794.40—Loomis Community Club
• $4,500—Bertrand Community School
• $2,100—Bertrand Community School Foundation

Distributions were made from the following

Donor Advised Funds
• Kyle L. & Christi K. Anderson
• Mary Anna Anderson
• Chris & Caroline Erickson
• Mike & Vickie Klein
• Nancy M. & James A. Morse
• Keith & Glenda Nelson
• Donald E. Sjogren
• John & Wendy Skallberg
• H. Titus Swan & Linda K. Swan
• William & Sheila Tringe

Grants Have Huge Impact

The Phelps County Community Foundation offers two grant cycles each year to provide funding for area non-profit projects. Applications are due April 1 and October 1 of each year.

Grants are offered in the areas of education, culture, human service, health and recreation, community and religion (for non-denominational projects.)

The Foundation’s Quick Response grant program offers opportunities for smaller, more immediate needs of non-profits. These applications are available any time and are reviewed monthly by the PCCF Board.

If your group or organization has a project you would like us to consider we would be happy to visit with you. Stop by or call the Foundation office at 995-6847 to visit about your grant project and to get help with starting the application process.

Giving Cards are Here!

Not sure what to get for that ‘hard to buy’ person on your Christmas list? Consider a ‘Giving Card’ from the Foundation.

The gift recipient will be thrilled to find that they can designate their gift to any one of the many charitable funds at the Foundation.
Future Fund Progressive Evening a Hit!

Over 100 Future Fund Members and guests boarded a Trolley on November 22nd and went from house to house enjoying appetizers, beverages and desserts.

Host couples were Ben and Connie Lans, Erin and Brock Sandy, Jeff and Cheryl Cox and Jeff and Jenni Berney.

The Future Fund, established in 2006, has exploded from 28 members to over 150 members. Future Fund members pay $10 per month per person in order to experience group philanthropy. Annually, in April, members gather to review grant applications and to make awards to great projects and programs in Phelps County.

A byproduct of this group is the opportunity to network and gain friendships with others in Phelps County while learning about grantmaking.

The Future Fund is an outreach of the Phelps County Community Foundation and is open to anyone interested in meeting new people while making a difference in Phelps County.

FUTURE FUND GRANTS in PHELPS COUNTY

Holdrege Public Schools: $2,000
Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department: $1,350
American Legion Baseball: $2,000
Holdrege Memorial Homes: $2,200
Holdrege Public Schools: $2,200
Boy Scouts Bus: $1,500
Holdrege Public Schools: $1,800
Village of Atlanta: $1,000
YMCA of the Prairie: $1,000
Bertrand Community School: $1,000
Holdrege Public Schools: $2,200
Loomis Public School: $1,200
Tassel Performing Arts Center: $800
YMCA of the Prairie: $500
American Legion Baseball: $2,600
Bertrand Community School: $2,000
Boy Scout Troop 216: $1,200
Holdrege Area Public Library: $1,260
Holdrege Senior High School: $1,500
South Platte Youth Athletic Club: $1,000
Dear Friends of the Foundation,

We would like to thank you for your interest in the Phelps County Community Foundation and to ask you to support the valuable, philanthropic work that we do.

As you know, we just completed our second day of giving called give2Grow Phelps County. On November 21, the Phelps County Community Foundation aided 46 non-profit partners in raising $673,142 for the vital work they do in Phelps County. We are still in awe of the amazing response we have received for our two giving days. Two years...two days...$1,124,153. Your contribution to the Foundation will enable us to continue to provide these kinds of opportunities to our area non-profits.

Please consider helping us to support our give2Grow 2014 matching pool of funds. In 2012, the Foundation contributed $75,000 to the matching pool and each non-profit received a pro-rated share of that $75,000 making each donation given more impactful. This year, the Foundation, again, contributed $75,000 and your gifts of more than $30,000 helped make our match pool of more than $105,000 even more meaningful to the non-profits.

Immediately following our first giving day we were swamped with calls from non-profits thanking us for the opportunity and telling us how amazed they were at the response from donors. Their comments were always followed by “You’re going to do is again next year, right?”

Another benefit of the giving day was the impact felt by donors. Many people told us how give2Grow allowed them to learn about the great work being done by the many non-profits in our area in such a way that they were moved to make multiple gifts. One donor told me that “I went online to make a gift and it was just like a candy store. I ended up making six donations.”

Supporting what we value in Phelps County was never more evident than during give2Grow 2013. Donors provided support to our youth, the arts, our senior citizens, agriculture interests, animals, health and recreation, fire and rescue and community. There was an opportunity for everyone to support something important to them.

We know that it is important to connect donors to causes that matter to them and a gift to give2Grow 2014 will do just that. A portion of your gift will be distributed to each of the Phelps County non-profit partners who participate in give2Grow 2014. A gift to the PCCF giving day is a true impact gift.

Thank you!

Board President

Executive Director

Yes, I want to be part of give2Grow
Phelps County Match Day, 2014

Enclosed is my gift of ___$1000 (give2Grow supporter) ___$500 ___$100 $______Other

Name________________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________

City_________________________ State ___________ Zip__________

___ This gift is in memory/honor of __________________________________________

Detach & Mail to: Phelps County Community Foundation
504 4th Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949
### Gifts + Bonus Grants + Match

$673,142  
(preliminary estimates, Razoo Fees not included)

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* Indicates bonus grant received

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**Thanks to all who helped make Give2Grow a Success!**

Volunteers, board members and dedicated staff all play a vital part in making Give2Grow happen. We could not do it without you!

Donors! Where would we be without our loyal supporters who give so generously in order to see our non-profit partners flourish.

Someone once said “Seek not to get a contribution but to be a contribution.” All of you who played a part in give2Grow ‘are’ a contribution to Phelps County and to the good life we enjoy in rural Nebraska.

FOR GOOD...FOREVER...FOR ALL
As the fall season ends and the excitement of the holidays approach, we look forward to growth, innovative ideas and optimism in 2014. The feeling is very similar of the excitement and enthusiasm that the staff and the PCCF board have been experiencing over the past year as gifts have exceeded $3.5 million (including the Roy W. & Mary Pearson estate gift.) During Give2Grow I met new donors and made new friends. With every donor that walked into the Foundation there was a smile and a cause. The enthusiasm and excitement of the donors was contagious! Give2Grow shows the passion of our community and the benefits to giving. When you give with joy, selflessness and love, you benefit greatly with every gift making a vital impact in Phelps County.

Most recently, the Foundation received a generous gift from Roy and Mary Pearson. The Pearson’s giving spirit will touch the lives of the residents of our community for many years.

We are appreciative of your continued support and with your gifts we are able to enhance the quality of life for the people in Phelps County and maintain our commitment to the Foundation’s mission.

The Foundation’s Board and staff have always approached the challenges of Foundation with thoughtfulness and compassion. This work could not have been done without our anchor, Executive Director Vickie Klein, who has led an amazing team. To all our staff and board members, past and present, thank you for your dedication to our mission.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill)

~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~

Working for the Phelps County Community Foundation is inspiring for a variety of reasons. Donors who care so much about making an impact humble and inspire me.

Board members who give of their time and their resources in helping the Foundation serve its mission are rock stars in my book. The work of a PCCF Board member is not ‘rubber stamp’ work, it is impact work.

Nonprofit organizations that work so hard, with limited resources and a tireless volunteer base, cause me to shake my head in wonder.

While I hesitate to single out any one organization, I am going to anyway because the Funk School Community Center is a great example of an organization exemplifying small town commitment.

Losing their school, the heart of their community, was a very hard reality for Funk. Volunteers rose to the occasion and found a way to raise money to purchase the school building with the vision to turn it into a community center. And they have.

This was not a job for the fainthearted. This robust group of volunteers has to labor to make it work. If there is an event, the volunteers have not only organized and promoted it but have also served as the set-up and clean-up crew.

The PCCF is proud to have partnered with this group of hard working individuals by providing multiple grant funding opportunities in order to help them make Funk a better place to live.

The PCCF is pleased to welcome three new board members to the Foundation.

Grace Grove, from Funk, is a graduate of Holdrege High School and is a lifetime resident of Phelps County. Grace and her husband, Lee, are engaged in farming. The Grove’s have three daughters two sons-in-law and four perfect grandchildren.

Joel Bergman of rural Loomis is also a lifetime resident of Phelps County. Joel received his BS from UNL in Agricultural Science and returned to Phelps County to farm. He and his wife, Darla, have four daughters and one son-in-law.

Fred Diedrichsen was born in Fremont, Neb., and graduated from high school in Scribner. Fred went to UNL, graduating with his DDS. Fred practices dentistry in Holdrege and he and his wife, Delores, have lived in Phelps County for 41 years. The Diedrichsen’s have two children, a son-in-law and three grandchildren.

The Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Phelps County Community Foundation and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension of Phelps and Gosper Counties to create an exciting new program for Phelps County youth.

YELP (Youth Engaged in Leading Phelps), a year-long leadership development and community engagement training program, will be offered to a select group of 15 high school sophomores beginning in January 2014. The class will meet once a month for three hours, alternating between Bertrand, Loomis and Holdrege locations.

YELP has three major goals: to teach young people personal leadership skills, to introduce them to local individuals who have modeled community leadership and engagement throughout their careers, and to show them how to identify a particular community need and then put leadership skills in to action to address that concern.

Some of the leadership topics that will be covered include: communication, time management, consensus building, prioritizing, financial management, and team building.

The overall goal of the program is to help our young people get engaged in the leadership of their respective community. Participation in YELP will help to encourage them to consider returning to the area when they are ready to begin their careers.

Each student will also be paired with one of the program’s sponsors. Sponsors are Chamber members or other area businesses that are deeply invested in the future of the county, and we are grateful for their support.