Paying it Forward...

When Elvera Abrahamson Howard graduated from high school her dream was to attend nursing school. It was just a dream for Elvera as she had no financial resources to pursue her education. An anonymous person stepped up and paid for her education. Although she had suspicions, she never really knew who that person was. She remained eternally grateful for the gift and the opportunity to obtain a degree in nursing.

When Elvera passed away in September of 2012 her husband, Charles, decided it was time to “pay back” the anonymous person’s kindness. Charles made a significant contribution to the Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Scholarship Fund at the Phelps County Community Foundation in memory of Elvera. Vincent Abrahamson and Mrs. Howard were first cousins.

Mr. Abrahamson, a resident of Sierra Vista Arizona, created a scholarship fund in 2005 in order to “give back” to the area where he was born and raised. Vince was a very caring man with a generous spirit. During his lifetime, Vince had the pleasure of granting $33,200 from his scholarship fund to 32 students.

The Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson scholarship is endowed and will continue to help students from this area in perpetuity. Vince passed away in 2014.

This scholarship gift, in memory of Elvera, will enhance the annual awards making each scholarship award more meaningful and allows Elvera to give back in honor of the individual who made her education possible.

Charles and Elvera spent the majority of their married life and their retirement years in Grand Junction, Colorado and were the parents of twin sons and a daughter.

50 Ways to be a Lover...of Your Community

On Sunday, April 26, the Phelps County Community Foundation recognized and honored donors to the Phelps County Community Foundation by allowing them to give away $10,000.

Invited guests had the opportunity to vote for three favorites out of 50 funds at the Foundation. The top three vote getters were invited to “sell” their organization to the crowd gathered at the Balcony in Loomis.

Guests were provided with an envelope of play money and used their money to vote.

The three winning organizations were the YMCA of the Prairie, represented by Jessica Sameulson, the Nebraska Prairie Museum, represented by Dan Christensen and the Phelps Community Pantry, represented by Sharon Fuents. After the votes were tallied, the Nebraska Prairie Museum was awarded $3,100; the YMCA of the Prairie gained $3,180; and the Phelps Community Pantry collected $3,720.

Miles and Brenda Marshall were honored as the Foundation’s newest Benefactors. They were presented with a Benefactor Book in appreciation of their investment in Phelps County.

The Balcony provided wonderful appetizers and guests enjoyed a wine tasting provided by Mac’s Creek Vineyards.
MEMORIALS

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IN HONOR OF:
- Teresa Benjamin
- Exce Director, Dan Christensen
- Lois Clayton

I dedicate this donation to the Creative Writing gnome and to myself for putting up with all the distractions caused by the dang gnome.

Chief DaMoude's work with 5th grade DARE program
- Alli Mae Dannull
- Our favorite vet, Melissa Drain.
- Gloria Erickson
- My Foster dog, now family pet, Mila!
- HMH Board of Directors
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Given on November 20, 2014
The Women’s giving group is up and running! Approximately 30 women have joined forces to form a women’s giving group in Phelps County. The mission of the Women’s Giving Group is: To provide a positive impact through collaborative giving and to engage women in the power of community philanthropy.

Membership is open to all women who wish to support the mission of WGG. Members are women who annually support WGG with a minimum annual gift of $300 ($25 per month). Members will have the opportunity to make an impact through a grants process.

Consider being a member of the Women’s Giving Group. Additional benefits are networking opportunities with other women in our area and the opportunity to participate in impact grantmaking.

Call the Foundation office today!
In April, the ‘Future Fund’ granted nearly $20,000 to these nine great projects in Phelps County:

- Bertrand School: $2,200 for the Media Center
- Phelps/Harlan CASA: $2,500 to meet the needs of the program
- Loomis School: $5,500 to help build a greenhouse for Ag Ed
- Mt. Calvary Disability Camp: $700 for the summer disability camp
- Loomis School: $700 to attend ‘Raising Nebraska’
- Nebraska Prairie Museum: $2,200 for foyer renovations
- Prairie Home Cemetery: $1,500 for new mower
- Village of Atlanta: $2,500 for playground improvements
- YMCA of the Prairie: $2,180 for community garden

The mission of the Future Fund is to “Continue the tradition of community growth through visionary leadership and philanthropy.”

Future Fund members put hope into action by investing $10 per month per member to belong to a group that supports the great non-profits in Phelps County. Since inception, more than $76,000 has been granted to local non-profits by the Future Fund.

Future Fund members network through social events and learn about grantmaking and philanthropy.

Call the Foundation to find out how easy it is to join the Future Fund!

One of the most exciting initiatives the Phelps County Community Foundation hosts is our annual giving day called ‘give2Grow–Phelps County Match Day’.

On Nov. 19 the Foundation will host its fourth day of giving for the benefit of non-profits in Phelps County. The results have been nothing less than remarkable.

In 2012, $451,011 was raised for 46 local non-profits; During the 2013 giving day $673,142 was raised for 51 non-profits, and 56 non-profits participated in give2Grow last year and netted over $730,000!

The most exciting thing about this event is how the communities in Phelps County have embraced give2Grow. People understand the power of “the match” and know that their gifts are made larger when enhanced through the matching pool of funds.

This year, the Phelps County Community Foundation will contribute $85,000 to the matching pool. IN ADDITION...the Foundation board of directors has committed another $15,000 for a grand total of $100,000 in matching funds from the Foundation.

Other generous donors continue to step up to the plate as match partners who contribute various amounts to our match pool. Last year our match pool was $140,000 and we are very close to raising the same amount for this year’s match pool.

Match Pool Sponsors to date are:

- Ag West Commodities
- Anonymous
- Central Valley Irrigation
- Cambridge Advisors
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- KUVR/KMTY Radio
- Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce
- Bertrand Herald
- Holdrege Daily Citizen

Call 995-6847 to find out how you can sponsor give2Grow!
Message from PCCF Board President
Chris Erickson

As our fiscal year comes to a close at the end of June, I reflect back on another prosperous year at the Phelps County Community Foundation. The continued success and tremendous growth of the Foundation is due to our generous donors and I would like to thank everyone involved for making this possible. Often we quantify our success in numbers and dollars, and while that is important, I’ve lately become more aware of the effect our giving has on a more personal level and in our daily lives.

Recently, I attended an orientation for the Summer Honors Program with my son. The director of the program brought up the fact that, because of donations given through “Give 2Grow”, they were able to purchase some Oculus Rift Glasses for the computer science program to explore the world of virtual reality. The funds also enabled ESU 11 to provide some additional opportunities and activities for the students during the two week event. This is just one of the many examples of how your donations and gifts enhance people’s lives within our community.

Through your donations, the Foundation is making Phelps County a better place to live for all of us. Be it through grants given to non-profits in our county, our “Give2Grow” giving day, or a scholarship facilitated through the foundation, the fruits of your giving are real and have profound impact on the quality of life of your friends and neighbors.

As we start our new fiscal year the staff and board looks forward to new challenges in continuing to serve the fine people of Phelps County. Have a great summer.

~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~

PCCF Awards for April Grant Cycle

Following the April grant cycle, your gifts allowed the Foundation to invest in six (6) great projects in Phelps County.

- $13,300: Bertrand School - Security System
- $4,000: Bertrand School - Digital Media
- $15,548: Phelps County Historical Society - Foyer Renovation
- $11,145: Loomis School - Greenhouse
- $13,500: Village of Atlanta - Playground
- $5,339.35: Prairie Home Cemetery - New Mower

These grants were funded through:
- The PCCF Community Impact Fund
- The PCCF Don & Florence Skallberg Fund
- The Arnold and Olive Wallander Fund
- The Scheel Family Memorial Fund
- The William & Margaret Richards Field of Interest Fund
- The William & Margaret Richards Capital Improvement Fund
- The PCCF Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Fund

Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Continue Their Love of Philanthropy Through a Charitable Endowment

Approved through the Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Charitable Endowment Fund April grant cycle:
- Nebraska Prairie Museum - Foyer renovation: $15,550
- Prairie Home Cemetery - New Mower: $3,533

Random Grants of Kindness

On March 3, the PCCF board of directors presented a $2,500 Random Grants of Kindness award to Delores Schneider for her many years of devotion to the Caring Cupboard at the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church.

The Caring Cupboard serves area residents by supplying basic needs which are not provided through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program or other programs. These items may include diapers, laundry soap, toilet paper, shampoo and other personal care items for people who exhibit need.

Delores, the office manager at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, greets these individuals when they come to the church in order to help meet their needs as well as connect them with other services that may be available to them. Her contacts with these individuals are fulfilled in a loving and caring manner.

The Rev. Kenton Birtell from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church said “Delores Schneider has a heart for helping people in need. Over the years she has been there to listen and to provide necessary items from the Caring Cupboard. In this way she has served as Christ’s hands and feet extending His compassion and mercy no matter what the situation.”

The PCCF board’s program called “Random Grants of Kindness” recognizes groups and organizations that go above and beyond to enhance the lives of people in Phelps County. Random Grants of Kindness may also be awarded in honor or memory of an individual who has gone above and beyond by donating time and talent to a non-profit organization.