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Continuing the Legacy...Gary Anderson

It is inspiring when people remember their roots and care about the places and things that were important to their parents and grandparents. Gary Anderson, now of Madrid, Spain, was born to DeArmond and Olive (Johnson) Anderson, formerly of Loomis, NE. Gary continues to show his love of Phelps County through regular contributions to the Phelps County Community Foundation.

Gary said “Both of my parents contributed to the Phelps County Foundation for their entire lives, and I’ve tried to keep things alive and give a little money since they died about ten years ago.” He added “I used to get the newsletter and read the stories, but I’ve since moved to Madrid (my wife’s home town) and I now communicate with email. I wish I could give more each year, but I hope to keep contributing a little every year, and then give your address to my son to keep going.”

Gary shared that his grandparents, Hilfred Abramson and Alfred Anderson were married in Loomis in 1907. His dad, was born in Loomis in 1919 and graduated from Loomis High School in 1936. He left Nebraska in the late 30’s to and settled at San Diego, Calif. after WWII. Gary was born in San Diego in 1945 and remembers one summer vacation trip to Nebraska in 1956, where “my uncle taught me to drive in his old 1929 touring car - no doors, no bumpers, no license, no problem.”

The Anderson’s made many summer trips back to Nebraska when Gary was growing up. Gary remembers running through the corn fields and chasing the mice in the corn cribs. They usually spent a week or so in Falls City with his mom’s family, and a week or so in Holdrege with the Anderson and Abramson side of his dad’s family which included his dad’s cousins Evald and Mary Lou Abramson.

After high school Gary graduated from Stanford BS(’67) and MS(’68) in mechanical engineering and then went to work for the Department of Defense. His work took him overseas, to Madrid, where he met his wife. Gary retired a few years ago and the Andersons moved back to Spain in 2014.

The Foundation appreciates all donors who help us meet our mission and Gary’s story just one of many truly unique and meaningful stories.

The Phelps County Community Foundation kicked off its 40th Anniversary Celebration by inviting the Peterson Farm Bros to the Phelps County Ag Center.

The Peterson Farm Brothers are siblings who farm together, with their parents, near Assaria, Kan. They produce entertaining and educational videos on their YouTube channel (ThePetersonFarmBros) and post continuous farming and video updates to social media pages.

Since they began producing content, they have realized a need to inform people about farming and agriculture as a whole.

Aside from their production on social media, they travel the country to perform, speak about and advocate for agriculture. They open their farm for tours in hopes of educating the public about where food comes from and what a real Midwest family farm looks like!

FFA Chapters from Bertrand, Loomis and Holdrege served birthday cake to the large crowd gathered to enjoy the show.

The audience was entertained by these three talented brothers though their singing and storytelling.

The Foundation will continue to celebrate their 40th Anniversary through 2016.
GRANTS

BERTRAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: AID IN KITCHEN REMODEL—$20,000.00
  • $3,100.00—Scheel Family Memorial Fund
  • $16,900.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund

BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL LEGO MINDSTORM KITS—$2,000.00
  • $2,000.00—Women’s Giving Group

BERTRAND LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION FOR HANDICAPPED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT—$11,000.00
  • $1,000.00—Sandstorm-Bertrand Area Fund
  • $785.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund
  • $9,215.00—McComahay Humanitarian Fund

CITY OF HOLDREGE FOR TENNIS COURTS AT THE NORTH PARK—$20,000.00
  • $20,000.00—PCCF Community Impact Fund

HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—$2,000.00
  • $2,000.00—Women’s Giving Group

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE DUSTER PAVILION—$10,000.00
  • $10,000.00—Richards Endowment Fund

NEBRASKA RURAL LIVING FOR A VIRTUAL ART GALLERY—$2,000.00

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  Veron Baxter
  Willis Bopp
  Marion Bonser
  Melvin, Etta, and Rob Borden
  Ward Bryan
  JoAnne Burgeson
  John D. Burgeson
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  Lilie Ann Dahlgren
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  • Backpack Blessings
  • Bertrond Lions Club
  • Bertrand Young at Heart Senior Center
  • Citizens for Bronze Art
  • Christian Charity Fund
  • Christian Homes
  • Funk Improvement Council
  • Funk School Community Center
  • Holdrege Legion Baseball
  • Holdrege Memorial Homes
  • Holdrege Public Schools
  • Holdrege High School Class of 1965

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IN HONOR OF:
  Wilbur and Ruth Black
  The packers of Backpack blessings
  In honor of Exec Director, Dan Christensen
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  Larson Grandchildren
  My SHP creative writing instructor

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1966 Scholarship Fund
  • Phelps County Historical Society
  • Prairie Home Cemetery
  • Phelps County Red Cross
  • Funk School Community Center
  • Holdrege Animal Shelter
  • Holdrege Memorial Homes
  • Holdrege Public Schools
  • Holdrege High School Class of 1966

IN HONOR OF:
  • Bertrond Lions Club
  • Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living
  • Boy Scouts of America—Overland Trails Council
  • Backpack Blessings

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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ecklun
Ms. Cindy Grove
Mrs. Suzanne Titus
Mrs. Karen Stegman

IN HONOR OF:
  • Atlanta Industry Cemetery
  • Bertrand Agricultural Society
  • Bertrand Area Community Foundation
  • Bertrand Fire and Rescue

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Ms. Cindy Grove
Mrs. Suzanne Titus
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  • ESU #11
  • Funk School Community Center
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  • Phelps County Historical Society
  • Prairie Home Cemetery
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The Foundation is so very grateful for the outcome of another successful giving day in November of 2015.

Together, we have raised $Million to benefit our local non-profits who provide valuable services and resources to the people of Phelps County.

The impact of each gift is made larger through the matching pool of funds provided by the generous sponsors listed below. Because of these sponsors, our match in 2015 was nearly 29%. This translates into a $100 gift becoming a $129 gift because of the matching pool.

Our media partners help us to spread the word about give2Grow and are a vital part of raising awareness of the giving day and they encourage donors to support where we live.

Time and time again we are asked about give2Grow and how a county so small is so successful in raising such a significant amount of money in one day. My response is that the people in our county just ‘get it’. They appreciate where they live and the opportunities we have and they continually step up to the plate to support the needs in our area.

Be ready to support our local non-profits through give2Grow—Phelps County Match Day on Thursday, November 17.
PCCF Ranks High in Recent CF Insights Report

Year after year the Phelps County Community Foundation has ranked high in the CF Insights Benchmarking Beyond Asset Size report of “Community Foundations Ranked by Most Gifts Per Capita.” This year, however, the Phelps County Community Foundation received rankings in all three categories in this report.

In the report of most gifts per capita, the PCCF is ranked #16th at $145.88. Gifts per capita is calculated by dividing the PCCF’s total gifts by the population of the foundation’s service area. This dollar amount is equal to each person in Phelps County giving a gift of $145.88 to the Foundation.

Community foundations ranked by “Most Active Grantmakers” refers to the distribution rate calculated by dividing a foundation’s total grants by total assets at the end of a fiscal year. The Phelps County Community Foundation was ranked #78th with a distribution rate of 7.6%.

Community foundations ranked by “Most Activity Volume” looks at total transactions represented by the number of gifts and grants processed annually. The average transaction size represents the total dollar value of the gifts plus the total dollar of grants divided by the number of transactions. Ranking #96th, the PCCF had 3,405 transactions with an average transaction size of $811.

Every community foundation is unique and asset size does not represent what a foundation is all about. Factors such as grant-making, fundraising, donor engagement and community involvement all contribute to a community foundation’s unique attributes and challenges.

There are approximately 750 community foundations nationwide. Participation in the CF Insights study is voluntary.

The Phelps County Community Foundation is proud of our donors who make this kind of impact a reality.

Mark your calendars... give2GROW Phelps County Match Day

Recent Foundation Grant Awards

Women’s Giving Group – Grant Award Photos

Three Retire from Foundation Board

On June 30, three board members completed six years of service on the Phelps County Community Foundation’s board of directors.

During their tenures, exciting growth has taken place at the Foundation. A county-wide giving day was initiated raising millions of dollars for Phelps County non-profits. A women’s giving group was formed and the Foundation relocated to a new site. The assets of the Foundation have nearly doubled over the past six years and new charitable funds were established.

Chris Erickson, immediate past president of the Foundation, will continue to serve as an at-large member of the executive committee. Mr. Erickson served on various committees during his six years on the board including executive, finance and grants.

Nancy Morse has been a valued member of the scholarship committee as well as finance and community engagement committees. She has graciously agreed to serve the scholarship committee as an at-large member.

Vicki Westcott will be missed for her energy and dedication to the community engagement committee. She served as chair of the grants committee for several years and played a role on the finance committee. Vicki will continue to serve the grants committee in an at-large capacity.

The Foundation appreciates the generosity in service given by these three individuals.
Message from PCCF Board President
Chris Erickson

The old adage “time flies when you’re having fun” has certainly pertained to the last six years, as my two terms on the PCCF board came to a conclusion on June 30th. It has been an honor to serve on the PCCF board and a privilege to serve as your president the last two years.

And by “fun” I mean being able to be a part of such a successful organization. During my tenure on the board: Give2Grow was initiated, the Future Fund has grown dramatically (they have granted almost $100,000 since their beginning) and a Women’s Giving Group was created. The foundation has moved to a great new location and our staff increased by two people. In addition, we have almost doubled our assets of $8.9 million to $17.6 million since I joined the board. The success and growth the Foundation has achieved during my time on the board has exceeded any conception of what I thought might be possible when I started.

Of course, none of this would be possible if not for our generous donors. The citizens of Phelps County have made the PCCF one of the finest small community foundation in the nation. It has taken hard work and the dedication of many over the 40 year history of the Foundation to make the PCCF what it has become today. My time and involvement on the board has given me a new insight to just how much the Foundation does to make a positive impact on our community.

Finally, I would like to thank to all of our board members who donate their time and are dedicated to the PCCF. I would especially like to recognize Vicki Westcott and Nancy Morse, who will also be retiring from the board, as they have done a terrific job. And of course a big thank you to Vickie Klein and her staff, we who are familiar with the Foundation know, we couldn’t have achieved our recent great successes without them. I look forward to continuing to be involved and watching the Foundation grow and exceed my expectations as we start another 40 years of service to Phelps County.

~Vickie Klein, Executive Director~

What a year this has been! Not only is the Foundation celebrating 40 years of philanthropy in Phelps County, we are celebrating it in a new home.

The possibility of having a larger office space has been a dream of the Foundation’s board for about two years. As we have grown, we have “out-grown” the wonderful space gifted to the Foundation by Roy and Mary Pearson.

Our new home will allow us to be so much more to the communities we serve that have supported our mission for the last 40 years.

What’s more, donors have made the renovation of this office possible, leaving our charitable dollars available to do what we do best ... make grants and scholarships in and around Phelps County.

In September we will have a big party to celebrate 40 years of philanthropy in Phelps County. We will also be showcasing our new home and all that it has to offer. (If you don’t want to wait that long to have a tour of our new location feel free to stop in any time. We will be thrilled to give you a tour.)

I would be remiss not to thank our board members for their dedication to this project. From searching out possible locations, to drawing floor plans, to picking out carpet, furniture and flooring, to moving boxes...each had a hand in the process and all worked very hard to see this project to fruition. My staff and I are grateful for your service to the Foundation and for the ongoing support you give to the people of Phelps County.

PCCF Awards for the April Grant Cycle

During the April grant cycle, your gifts allowed the Foundation to invest $99,039 in ten (10) great projects in Phelps County

- Holdrege Memorial Homes: N. Entrance Renovation $37,404.54
- Phelps County Historical Society: Bronze Sculpture $10,000
- Phelps County Historical Society Genealogy: Computers $1,000
- Holdrege Chamber: New Office Building $10,000
- Prairie Home Cemetery: Gator and blade $6,065
- Nebraska Rural Living: Virtual Art Project $2,700
- Bertrand Community School: Wellness $3,100
- PCDC Scholarship Fund: Scholarships $7,500
- Loomis Rural Fire District: $7,500
- Donald Sjogren YMCA: Daycare at R7 $29,274

Women’s Giving Group Awards First Grants

The newly formed Women’s Giving Group make their first grant awards, totaling $10,000, at a coffee held on Sunday, May 1.

Awards were made to:
- Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce/Christmas Decorations: $2,000
- Village of Loomis Baseball/Softball program: $2,000
- Nebraska Rural Living Virtual Art Project: $2,000
- Nebraska Prairie Museum/Plum Creek Massacre Project: $1,400
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- Village of Loomis Baseball/Softball program: $2,000
- Spirit of Grace Backpack/School Supply program: $600
- Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce/Christmas Decorations: $2,000
- Village of Loomis Baseball/Softball program: $2,000
- Nebraska Rural Living Virtual Art Project: $2,000

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 interested women. Members pay dues of $25 per month ($300 per year) in order to create impact through group philanthropy. Interested? Call the Foundation at 995-6847

Future Fund Approaching $100,000 in Cumulative Grantmaking

The Future Fund of Phelps County hosted a BAH (Business After Hours) on May 19 in order to award grants and to share the success of their group with the public.

Members awarded $20,000 in grants at the BAH to the following organizations:
- HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: $4,000 to aid in purchase of new office space
- LOOMIS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: $3,000 for items needed in new fire hall
- PRAIRIE HOME CEMETERY: $3,000 for new gator and blade
- NEBRASKA PRAIRIE MUSEUM: $1,000 genealogy computers
- BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL: $2,500 weight room renovation
- PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: $1,000 Harvest Dreams Bronze Awards
- VILLAGE OF LOOMIS/ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL: $4,000 facility upgrades
- NEBRASKA RURAL LIVING: $1,500 Virtual art gallery

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

Future Fund members make a significant impact on our local communities while exposing members to the philanthropic process. The Future Fund seeks to attract, educate, and nurture effective and on-going philanthropic leadership in the community by familiarizing a younger generation with the philanthropic process.

Membership in the Future Fund is $10 per month. While learning about group philanthropy, members meet in social settings and are able to celebrate the good work they accomplish.