

GIVING MATTERS

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KEARNEY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW GRANTS

When the Kearney Area Community Foundation was established in 1995 its founding members had a vision of creating a vehicle through which charitable individuals could give back to their communities. For the past twelve years we have worked to keep that vision alive. Through program support and Building for Tomorrow grants, more than \$7 million has been reinvested in our community through the Foundation. Each year we award grants to non-profit organizations in two cycles, one in January and one in July. We were proud to support the following organizations with grants in January 2007:

- **Nebraska Humanities Council for the 2007 Chautauqua**
- **Tri-City Youth Symphony for student music folders**
- **Christian Heritage Children's Home for clothing and gifts for children**
- **University of Nebraska Extension Buffalo County for their sound system**
- **Museum of Nebraska Art for their elementary student art exhibit**
- **Friends Program of the Kearney Jubilee Center for a computer and software**

Sharon Almquist, Board Secretary/Treasurer for the Tri-City Youth Symphony, said the grant they received from the Foundation has made a big difference in the symphony's on-stage appearance. "The folders have the symphony's name embossed on the cover and really give the kids a much more polished look when they're on stage."

The deadline for submitting an application for the next grant cycle is July 1. To find out more about our grants visit our website, www.kearneyfoundation.org.



**KEARNEY AREA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Our Mission:

To enhance the quality of life in the Kearney area by promoting the spirit of charitable giving and effectively responding to the community's needs.

NEBRASKANS WHO CARE: HELP GOES OUT TO GREENSBURG

The devastating tornado that tore through Greensburg, Kansas in May left many of our Kansas neighbors homeless. But true to the caring nature of Nebraskans, people began calling within days following the disaster inquiring about how they could help. In cooperation with community members like Tom Henning and several Rotary clubs, the Kearney Area Community Foundation set up the "Central

Nebraskans Care for Kansans" relief fund. Within three weeks donors from McCook to Kearney had donated more than \$4760. We will take donations until June 30 and then send the money to two Community Foundations in Kansas that will use the money for community rebuilding in Greensburg. We want to thank all of the donors to this fund who are helping our Kansas neighbors rebuild.

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GIVE TO YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE KEARNEY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

One of the unique features of the Kearney Area Community Foundation is the ability to offer donors a wide variety of types of charitable funds. Each one can be tailored to suit your situation and goals. In the upcoming newsletters we will feature one fund in each issue to educate our readers about their giving options through the Foundation.



FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities.

By establishing a Field of Interest Fund, a donor can target their gift to address needs in an important area of community life. Arts. Literacy. Aging. Youths at Risk. The donor identifies their personal interest area when making a gift; the foundation board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area the donor selects. *The gift stays flexible enough to meet community needs in the donor's interest area - even as they change over time.*

ABOUT US

The Kearney Area Community Foundation began in 1995 to provide a platform for people to give back to their community. Today, the foundation partners with numerous organizations and individuals to support more than 90 funds providing scholarships, enhancing parks, encouraging community leadership, promoting education and helping those in need.

A SMALL GIFT CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT

The Kearney Area Community Foundation offers a wide variety of options for charitable giving, from gifts of appreciated stock, IRA's and real estate to simply writing a check to the foundation for a charity that is important to you. Many people are under the impression that they cannot or should not give a gift unless it is substantial. ***Nothing could be farther from the truth.*** Gifts that come through the Kearney Area Community Foundation range from small

personal gifts to large gifts of appreciated stock or real estate, and every one of them has made a difference. We encourage you to think about what is important to you and your family. Whether it's health, education, recreation, or the arts, think about how you can make a difference in an area that you care about regardless of the size of your gift. Then we invite you to visit with us about how you would like to give back to your community!

“Connecting people who care with causes that matter.”

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