

Gifts that Inspire Long-Term Growth Across Boone County

Founders Award Club

Lifetime gifts totaling \$10,000+ designated to the BCFF permanent unrestricted endowment.

June Bentley
Boone County Bank
Cornerstone Bank
Wayne & Beverly Buller
Rori Erickson
Mitzi Fox
Great Plains State Bank
Kayton Farms
JSM Farms, LLC
Bob & Myrna Krohn
Kurt & Jerene Kruse
Dr. Tony & Carol Kusek
Rex & Julie Mahoney
Jim & Karmen Meysenburg
Allen & Debra Parmet
Niewohner Brothers, Inc.
Jo Ann Ward
Jim & Candy Wells
Jim & Elaine Wolf
Jay & Susie Wolf

Hometown Heritage Club

The Hometown Heritage Club recognizes individuals who have made a planned gift of any amount to benefit the Boone County Foundation Fund. Recognition of the Hometown Heritage Club is based on information known on or before March 31, 2017:

Wayne Boilesen	Ted Thieman
Rori Erickson	JoAnn Ward
Liz Hunt	Cheri Werner
Kurt Kruse	Jay & Susie Wolf
Pat Petsche	

Becoming a Member of the Hometown Heritage Club

The Boone County Foundation Fund's Hometown Heritage Club is our way to celebrate and say thank you to generous donors of future gift provisions through estate plans that benefit our community. If you would like to give back to your hometown, or if you have already made a future gift intention in your will, through a beneficiary designation contact: Kurt Kruse at 402-649-1267.

Charitable IRA: A Tax-Wise Way to Give Back

The Charitable IRA Rollover law allows people ages 70.5 and older to transfer funds from an IRA to a charity, tax free.

- The law allows those age 70.5 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a charity, tax free. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his/her IRA each year.
- The gift must be made directly from the custodian of your IRA to the Nebraska Community Foundation for the benefit of Boone County.
- Your tax-free rollover gift will be excluded from your gross income.
- Your gift can count toward your required minimum distribution.
- Gifts to life income plans, donor-advised funds, supporting organizations and most private foundations do not qualify.

Learn more about how you can ensure your dollars stay in Boone County: Contact any BCFF advisory committee member, or Jim Gustafson, NCF's Director of Advancement and Gift Planning at 402-323-7341.

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www.boonecountyareafoundation.com

All gifts to our unrestricted endowment will help us earn matching funds from the Sherwood Foundation - here's how you can give!

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| • Gifts of cash or property | • Gifts of life insurance |
| • Gifts of grain or livestock | • Memorial/Honor gifts |
| • Bequests in your will | • Gift annuities provide lifelong income for you & your loved ones. |
| • Retirement plans. | |

Give online:
www.nebcommfound.org/fund/boone-county



Inspiring the investment in the quality of life in Boone County, Nebraska.

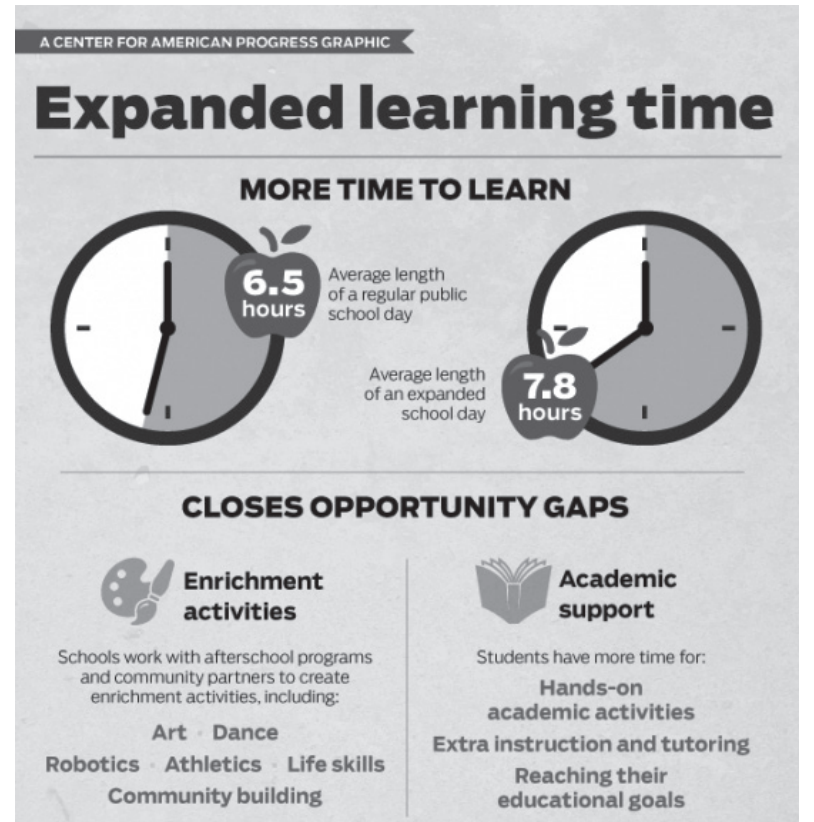
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Addressing the Need for Child Care in Boone County

The Boone County Foundation Fund (BCFF) and Boone Central Schools are partnering to bring the Cardinal Kids Club to the Albion community. This after school and summer program will offer care to students (K-5th grade). Boone Central is one of five districts receiving a grant through the Nebraska Department of Education and the organization, Beyond School Bells, to develop expanded learning opportunities rich in STEM curriculum and aligned with Nebraska readiness standards.

This community-driven partnership between the BCFF and Boone Central Schools will serve as a model for other districts across the state hoping to implement their own expanded learning opportunity. Cardinal Kids Club will be open this Fall.

Learn more about the new Cardinal Kids Club on Facebook: @CardinalKidsClub



2017 BCFF Grant Recipients

When you support the BCFF, your dollars go a long way in supporting key needs and initiatives across the county. Each year funds from the BCFF permanent unrestricted endowment are used to help area organizations provide care, programming, and much needed services to residents and visitors of Boone County. In 2017, more than \$21,000 to 11 organizations:



Front Row: Dr. Kate Kusek Johnson (BCFF), Virginia Whidden (St. Edward Development Co.), Staci Sandman (Albion Public Library), Patricia Wagner (Smoyer-Wathan Monument); Back Row: Paul Hosford (Albion Area Arts Council & Boone County Historical Society), Lisa Hallberg (Albion Senior Center), Irene Dresch (Village of Primrose), Duane Kuhlman (Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department & Petersburg Rescue Squad)

- Albion Area Arts Council: Annual programming - \$2,000
- Albion Public Library: Outdoor lighting - \$3,500
- Albion Senior Center: Replacement countertop - \$2,400
- American Legion Post #334: Boys/Girls State - \$375
- BC Historical Society: Presentation equipment - \$1,277
- Good Samaritan Society-Albion: Spa room updates - \$600
- Petersburg Rescue Squad :12-lead EKG machine - \$4,000
- Petersburg Volunteer Fire Dept: PPE washer/extractor - \$2,500
- Smoyer-Wathan Monument Initiative/BC Historical Society - \$2,000
- St. Edward Development Co.: Radar speed sign - \$2,000
- Village of Primrose: Park sidewalk & flagpole - \$1,000

2017 BCFF Advisory Committee

BCFF Advisory Committee consists of volunteers committed to inspiring investment in quality of life in Boone County:

Tom Briese
Jolynn Groeteke
Dr. Kate Kusek Johnson
Doug Koch
Kurt Kruse, Chair
Rex Mahoney
Mollie Morrow
Bev Schuele
Tina Stokes
Virginia Whidden
Jay Wolf
Dr. Jeremy Young

If you're interested in joining our committee, please contact any of our current members.

Help us make a bigger impact on Boone County: Rural Development Philanthropy Challenge Grant

The BCFF is one of 12 NCF affiliated funds challenged to raise \$200,000 by the Sherwood Foundation (formerly Susan A. Buffett Foundation).



In doing so, the BCFF will receive \$100,000 in matching funds, resulting in a total of \$300,000 toward the BCFF's permanent unrestricted endowment. The matching funds are distributed in \$25,000 increments for every \$50,000 raised.

The BCFF kicked off the campaign with pledges made by the BCFF Advisory Committee members, totalling \$82,000. With the addition of several gifts and the 2016 Boone County Big Give, we have received \$50,000 in matching funds — putting us half way to our goal!

All gifts to the BCFF unrestricted endowment help us earn matching funds from the Sherwood Foundation. These additional funds toward our endowment will give the BCFF greater opportunities to support Boone County, including our annual grant campaign that provides much needed funds and resources to area charitable organizations, and key initiatives such as the Boone County Big Give, the Boone Central Cardinal Kids Club, and more.

The BCFF is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization.

Giving back to Boone County spotlight: Wayne and Beverly Buller



When Wayne and Beverly Buller established Sentinel Building Systems in 1987, their intentions were focused on creating a business that sold a quality product at a fair price, and one that could support stable employment in Boone County. As the business grew, they quickly realized the importance of actively serving the community you live and work in.

The Bullers were introduced to the Nebraska Community Foundation by the late Jim and Elaine Wolf. After becoming familiar with the mission of NCF, and how other business leaders had enhanced the community, they began considering how they could support the Albion community and Boone County overall. Recognizing the work and commitment of

the employees of Sentinel Building Systems, they became determined to help assure employment, and inspire growth across the Boone County area.

The Bullers purchased an annuity through the Nebraska Community Foundation and have been generous supporters of key initiatives in Boone County. This includes a gift to the BCFF as part of the Rural Development Philanthropy Grant.

They feel there's an importance to participate in philanthropy, whether that means giving your time or through monetary donations. "We have been truly blessed and care very deeply about doing what we can to keep jobs here," she commented. "By supporting organizations like the Boone County Foundation Fund, we can also support local employment." She went on to describe how gifts of any size can make a lasting impact on a particular organization or project. "What really matters is that you participate in supporting your hometown," she concluded.

Wayne and Beverly Buller sold Sentinel Building Systems to Global Industries in 2000. At that time, the company had approximately 40 employees, and has grown to roughly 60 team members. The couple relocated to Wheeler County shortly after the acquisition and played an integral role in establishing the Wheeler County Foundation Fund. Creating a matching funds endowment opportunity, the Bullers played a key role in the improvement to Lake Ericson before moving back to Boone County.

Past Projects Supported by the BCFF

The BCFF is committed to working with all Boone County communities to enhance quality of life. For more than a decade, we have provided funding and resources for projects such as:

- Funding to support the **Albion Area Arts Council's** annual programming
- Donor hub for the **Albion Family Aquatics Center**
- Funding to upgrade technology at the **Albion Public Library**
- Donor hub for the Boone Central Performing Arts Remodel project
- Underwriter for the **Boone County Big Give**
- Funding to upgrade emergency equipment for the **Cedar Rapids Rescue Squad**
- Funding to help replace two wings of **Good Samaritan Society-Albion**
- Funding to upgrade emergency equipment for the **Petersburg Volunteer Fire & Rescue** team
- Funding to support park upgrades in Primrose
- Funding to help **St. Edward** implement a radar speed sign

Gifts that Helped Us Receive Matching Funds: from July 1, 2016 - March 30, 2017

Builders Club

(Gifts during a year of \$1,000+)

Tom & Joan Briese
Wayne & Beverly Buller
Bonnie Conrad
Randall Henning
Dr. Kate Kusek Johnson
JSM Farms LLC
Tim Kayton
Kayton Farms
Robert & Myrna Krohn
Kurt & Jerene Kruse
Dr. Tony & Carol Kusek
Rex & Julie Mahoney
Jim Meysenburg
Jane Mundschenk
Dr. Mark Palmer
Tom & Bev Schuele
Mike & Roberta Seda
Candice Wells
Bruce & Cheri Werner
David & Pam Wolf
Jay & Susie Wolf
Dr. Jeremy & Kim Young
Lanny & Jeanne Young

Sustaining Members

(Gifts during a year of \$500-\$999)

Christensen Consulting
Chris & Heather Kohtz
Kerry Davidson
Rori Erickson
C.G. Holthus
Liz Hunt
Jarecki Yosten PC LLC
Dan & Barb Krohn
Tony & Nicole Levander
Levander Funeral Home
Newman Grove Properties, LLC.
James & Mary Patton
Ralph & Deborah Schmadeke
Ron & Kristin Stock
Corey & Tina Stokes
Ted & Mona Thieman
Mr. & Mrs. James Webster
Francis & Virginia Whidden

Supporting Members

(Gifts during a year of \$20-\$499)

Elva Bartels
Brad & Jane Beckwith
Jim & Laura Carder
Jim & Julie Dickerson
Endacott, Peetz, Timmer
Great Plains State Bank
Kevin Gragert
Mary Grosch
Ken & Donna Iwan
Jeff & Lindsey Jarecki
Steve & Jill Johnson
Pat Kaup-Luettel
Nick Kayton & Emma Vavricka

Supporting Members (con't)

(Gifts during a year of \$20-\$499)

Eugene & Cynthia Kelly
Bill & Sharon Ketteler
Andrea Kruse
Robert & Katherine Ladd
Lyla Levander
Madison County Bank
Richard Martinsen
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Mills
Therese Mortensen
Randy & Pat Neidhardt
Niewohner Brothers, Inc.
Chris Nelson
Iver & Mary Lou Nore
Jill Olson
Sever & Connie Paulson
Chuck & Pat Petsche
Helen Preusser
Brian & Julie Rasmussen
Bilse & Kay Robinson
David & Heather Rogers
Dale Salber
Francis Schweers
Stan & Beverly Sherrill
Richard & Vicki Sirek
Frank & Barbara Svoboda
Debra Stevenson
Jeff & Jan Temme
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Harold & Elizabeth Thaut
Hank & Diane Thieman
John & Laurene Veik
Wagonhammer Cattle Co.
Dennis & Kathryn Wells
Arlyn & Theresa Wilke
Dr. John & Kathleen Williams
Alex Wolf
Hilary Wolf
Wolf Brothers & Reich, Inc.
Doug & Pam Young
Zoucha Hay Grinding Inc.

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are designated to the
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Save the Date - Boone County Big Give is Dec. 1st

Plans are underway for the next Boone County Big Give. In 2016, this giving event led to more than 1,000 gifts given to 23 Boone County charitable organizations! The result: More than \$185,000 given to support local initiatives.

Visit www.BCBigGive.org to learn more. If your charitable organization is interested in joining the Boone County Big Give, contact Tina Stokes (402-430-3176) by August 15th.

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www.BCBigGive.org