Giving back to your community is more than just a phrase; it is a way of life, a privilege, an obligation.

—Linda Miller, LCF Past President, 2011

Dear Friends,

We often hear the phrase “Charity begins at home” whose origin is an old proverb and was first written by Sir Thomas Browne in 1642. Many argue that this denotes a self-serving attitude and not one of “charity” as we know it, but I believe that this may have a deeper meaning when you expand your definition of “home”.

Although we perceive home as the place where you live and spend time with your immediate family, home is also your community. The place where you live, work, and play with your family, neighbors, and friends; the place where you devote time, energy, and financial assistance to many projects and programs; an extended version of home.

The true meaning of this phrase has been demonstrated many times by our community patrons in the quest to better our “home”. Generous donations of time and money to projects such as the Library, the Pool, the Fieldhouse, the YMCA, and the Majestic Theater as well as the many organizations who benefit from Give Big Lexington are just a few highlights, but they serve as a reminder to all how important our “home” is to us.

Lexington Community Foundation has been a partner with you in the past, and will partner again in the future with your continued support. There are many ways to give, and there will be many projects and programs requiring help in the future to continue the improvement of our “home”.

“Charity really does begin at home” and I wish to thank you for your past and future support. Looking forward to a great 2018!

~ Stephanie Buell, President
OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

Lexington Community Foundation’s mission is to inspire generosity to strengthen our community. Our vision is to have a community where all people thrive.

COMMUNITY-LED GIVING

Lexington Community Foundation is governed by a 25-member Board of Directors comprised of individuals who believe in this community. People who have chosen to lead the Foundation and partner with other local leaders on communitywide philanthropy.

LOCAL & FOCUSED PHILANTHROPY

Lexington Community Foundation supports local, volunteer-led organizations through our affiliate fund program. Every year our affiliates demonstrate the needs and the impact they make in our local community. These outreach efforts help build the overall health of our community.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Lexington Community Foundation consistently ranks among the top Nebraska community foundations in gifts per capita, transactional volume and grant activity, distributing over 30% of its assets annually.

Financial Overview:

• Total Assets: $4,708,099
• Total Gifts: $1,277,945
• Total Grants & Programs: $1,464,962

Key indicators are extracted from accountant prepared financial statements. Complete financials or a copy of our 990 is available upon request.

Operational Expenses

Administration 7%
Grants & Programs 93%
MEET

Vanessa McDiarmid Olmos,
LCF Administrative Assistant

We are so excited to introduce you to Vanessa McDiarmid Olmos. Vanessa is a 2009 graduate of Lexington High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from University of Nebraska—Kearney in 2013. She is married to a Lexington police officer and they recently had a daughter.

After graduating from the university she moved to Texas for a year, but decided to move back to Lexington. Her decision to move back was simple, she wanted to have that home feeling that Lexington gives. She grew up in Lexington and says no other town feels like home while still having such a diverse group of people.

Her past experience includes working with people from different countries by providing support services for immigrants and refugees. She also has experience as a 911 dispatcher for the city and county. Vanessa says she is most looking forward to working on community outreach and wants to give back to the community she grew up in.

Vanessa begins her administrative assistant position at the Lexington Community Foundation in March.

Please stop by the office anytime to meet her and introduce yourself.

“AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT’S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE OR EVEN WHAT YOU’VE ACCOMPLISHED. IT’S ABOUT WHO YOU’VE LIFTED UP. WHO YOU’VE MADE BETTER. IT’S ABOUT WHAT YOU’VE GIVEN BACK.”

Denzel Washington
Lexington Community Foundation has partnered with Firespring, a nationally recognized, Lincoln-based, company focused on serving the nonprofit sector. We have enjoyed working with the fun-loving, talented and creative individuals at Firespring. Their expertise and knowledge has making this much-needed change enjoyable.

In the upcoming weeks, the Foundation will launch a fresh new site that we are confident you will find visually pleasing and easy to navigate. From the latest Foundation news to grant and scholarship information to how to give back - the information you are looking for will all be easier to access.

In addition to a great web design, Firespring is providing exceptionally well crafted custom web applications, and mobile apps. All donations will be securely processed through Paymentspring. As we continue to grown and evolve, so will our website. We will continue to add features and helpful information on a regular basis.
In 2011, Lexington Community Foundation invested in the future of giving. Out of this investment came Give BIG Lexington. That’s when awesomeness began. Seven years later, donors have invested more than $3.1 million through this regionally recognized pioneer of giving.

Give BIG Lexington, is a valuable resource to nonprofits and organizations in the Lexington area, providing giving technology for many, as well as valuable training and support to help them transition to more simple, efficient and fun methods of giving. Lexington Community Foundation produced the original one-day giving campaign in Nebraska, which has since become a regionally admired and often replicated annual event.
**GIVE BIG LEXINGTON SPARKS GENEROSITY**

**GROW GIVING**
Everything Give BIG does aims to increase the number of donors and the total impact of donations received.

**SIMPLY GIVING**
Give BIG provides the tools and resources to make charitable giving a simple process, for both donors and the organizations that need your support. Because giving should be easy!

**MAKE GIVING FUN**
Donating to a cause you love should be a joy ride, not a guilt trip. We help organizations engage donors by shaking up traditional approaches to fundraising.

**TRY NEW THINGS**
Give BIG has helped create tools and new ways to give in Lexington. We will continue to challenge donors, organizations and ourselves to grow giving in Lexington.

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**GIVE BIG 2017 RESULTS**

- **TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED:** $379,600
- **TOTAL DISTRIBUTED TO NONPROFITS:** $429,050
- **TOTAL MATCH POOL:** $50,000
- **GOLDEN TICKET PRIZES:** $2,000
- **# DONATIONS MADE:** 2176
- **# DONORS:** 302
- **# ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING DONATIONS:** 79

**GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS:** ($100 to a nonprofit randomly drawn by Razoo each hour)
1. Larry Warner – Lexington Volunteer Fire Department
2. Blake Reynolds – Orthman Community YMCA
3. Central Valley Irrigation – Johnson Lake EMS
5. Mike & Ronda Maloley – Lexington Majestic Theatre
6. Margaret Reynolds – Royal Family Kids Camps
7. Fran Gutierrez – Lexington Volunteer Fire Department
8. Warren Lynn – St. Mary’s Immigration at St. Ann’s
9. Susan Keith – LRHC Charitable Fund
10. Jill Denker – Micah’s House

**$250 EARLY BIRD PRIZE**
Judy Linden – Dawson County Hero Flight

**$250 MID WAY PRIZE**
Bruce & Theresa Stuart – L2 for Kids

**$250 HAPPY HOUR PRIZE**
Chada Essink – Central Community College Foundation

**$250 NIGHT OWL PRIZE**
Marilee G Aufdenkamp – LRHC Charitable Fund

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Lexington Community Foundation
PUTTING YOUR DONATIONS TO WORK

Look at what we have accomplished because of the support from those in our community that believe in its future.

BUT . . . even more amazing is how through each of these projects YOUR GIFTS KEEP ON GIVING!

Improvements, such as these, contribute to the livelihood of Lexington – each and every day. They strengthen the economic appeal for future employers; they bring us and our families together.

The Foundation is a proud community partner. This is YOUR foundation.
You, as a community, steer our direction.

• $15.6 M has been raised for capital projects in the past 20 years
  ⇒ Projects include a renovated performing arts auditorium; an outdoor rec complex, an indoor soccer complex and batting facility, a new library, an aquatic center, an expended and renovated senior center, a permanent rodeo/riding arena, a YMCA, 20 miles of trails in Lexington and Johnson Lake, renovated and expanded museums, expanded healthcare facilities and a renovated/reopened theater.
Lexington’s Donor Walls:

1. Lexington Middle School Auditorium
2. Lexington Public Library
3-5. Lexington Optimist Hitting Facility
6. YMCA Founder’s
7. Orthman Community YMCA
8. LHS Training Room
9. Lexington Optimist Rec Complex
10. Grand Generation Center
11. JL Lake Trails

Coming soon . . .
the Majestic Theatre donor wall
On Saturday, April 28, 2018 LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will host a wine-themed Key ’18 dinner and auction with a Preview Night Social open to the public on Friday, April 27, 2018.

This will be the 17th annual Key event hosted by LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Preview Night that is open to the public will be held on Friday, April 27th and the annual dinner & auction will be held Saturday, April 28th. Anyone can bid! Registration for the silent auction will again be open to anyone who chooses to participate. QTEGO Auction Technology helps maximize fundraising potential and has proven to be easy and fun!

More than $3.8M dollars has been raised from past events. The resulting grants and program support given back to the community have had an immediate and visible impact. Key event proceeds are returned to the Lexington area in the same year they are raised.

Key 2018 proceeds will benefit:
• Give BIG Lexington 2018
• LCF Initiatives
New this year!

YOU’RE INVITED!

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH
PUBLIC PREVIEW NIGHT
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 5:00-8:00 P.M.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - NO CHARGE
★ ALL AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE DISPLAYED
★ COMPLIMENTARY HORS D’OEUVRES & BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED

BID ONLINE!

Not attending Key ‘18 but would like to participate anyway?
Everyone is welcome to register and bid on silent auction items. The online auction opens Monday, April 23 and will close at 9:00 on Saturday, April 28th.

You will be able to register at:
Qtego.net/qlink/lcf

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MAXIMIZE YOUR FLEXIBILITY?
If you give to many nonprofits throughout the year, donor advised funds provide a flexible and inexpensive way to organize your charitable giving. You receive a charitable gift tax deduction the year you give to the fund. We handle all the accounting, legal and investment services so that you can focus on the most rewarding part of philanthropy - supporting the causes that matter most to you.

INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH A BEQUEST?
Bequests are the simplest way to provide lasting support. To set up, name Lexington Community Foundation in your will or revocable trust. The estate will receive a tax deduction for the gift.

PROVIDE FOR LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY?
Beneficiary designations are a way to provide for the financial needs of your children while establishing your enduring legacy. Options include life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trusts and real estate. Name Lexington Community Foundation as a beneficiary and help provide for future generations.

INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY’S CHANGING NEEDS?
Unrestricted gifts make a permanent investment in the quality of life in Lexington. Every year, your unrestricted fund will make grants to worthy nonprofits addressing emerging and changing community needs. Our forward-thinking leadership will continue to re-set community priorities as needed.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS
Field-of-interest funds let you identify a charitable purpose, find effective nonprofits and ensure that your support continues and forever.

SUPPORT A BROAD PURCHASE?
Designated funds provide long-term support to nonprofit organizations. You choose the charities, and we issue grants.

STREAMLINE YOUR CORPORATE GIFTS?
Whether you’re a small business or a Fortune 500 company, corporate donor advised funds make giving simpler. Your organization recommends the recipients, and we handle everything else.

SUPPORT TOMORROW?
With a gift of $5,000 or more, you can choose the high school, major and recipients. We monitor your fund closely to ensure your giving intent is respected.

PHILANTHROPY THAT MEETS YOUR GOALS
Your goals as a philanthropist are unique to your personal financial situation. Lexington Community Foundation helps you achieve your philanthropic and financial goals.
CREATING A BETTER FUTURE

It does not require great wealth. It requires generosity of spirit – the desire to share what you have for the benefit of others. Many have a desire to help others in a meaningful way. The challenge is how to best realize these desires.

With staff and donors working together, the LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION has designed smarter ways to give, simpler processes for giving and a broader range of gift options. From this broad range of options, you can select what best suits your personal giving objectives. Gifts can be made in many forms and in any size, and can be customized to fit your personal circumstances.
In memory of Florence Anderson
Delphine Anthony
Don & Barb Batie
Mitch & Jackie Berke
Warren & Brenda Bierman
Rick & Stephanie Buell
Randy & Peggy Carpenter
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Ed & Billie Clements
Ed Darby
Kay Denker
Tom & Cathy Fayot
Dave & Shari Giesbrecht
Gary & Barbara Hammond
Heldt, McKeone & Copley
Joe & Dianne Jeffrey
Chris & Kira Larsen
Mike & Ronda Maloley
Bill & Meredith Orthman
Pinnacle Bank
Doran & Pat Post
Tim & Susan Rowe
Dennis & Pat Samway
Steve & Mary Smith
Dave & Cassie Smith
Bill & Donna Stewart
Darlene Tector
John & Jan Wightman
Brad & Jill Williams
Tim & Sheryl Wozny
Gary & Nancy Wright

In memory of Tim Anderson
(Memorials have been directed to the JL Trails Fund for a memorial bench)
Emily J Anderson
Mitch & Jackie Berke
Jeffrey J Buettner
Michael A Drain
Arlin & Jean Edel
Ron & Kathy Fowler
Don Kraus
James L Lauer
Chuck and Joyce Olsen
Plum Creek Dentistry
Marcia Trompke

In memory of Keith Anthony
Delphine Anthony (LACC)
Joe & Dianne Jeffrey
Chris & Kira Larsen
Mike & Ronda Maloley
Bill & Meredith Orthman
Pinnacle Bank
Doran & Pat Post
Tim & Susan Rowe
Dennis & Pat Samway
Steve & Mary Smith
Dave & Cassie Smith
Bill & Donna Stewart
Darlene Tector
John & Jan Wightman
Brad & Jill Williams
Tim & Sheryl Wozny
Gary & Nancy Wright

In memory of Derrell and Ardith Barnes
Rick & Pam Trampe
(Human Trafficking, Parent-Child Center, L2 for Kids, After School Programs, Majestic Theater, Ministerial Assoc. Orthman YMCA, Royal Family Kids)

In memory of Leta Batie
(Memorials have been directed to the Batie Scholarship unless noted)
George & Joan Allen (LCF)
Don & Barb Batie
Mitch & Jackie Berke
Greg & Christy Brickner
Rick & Stephanie Buell
John & Nancee Burbank
Kent Burbank
Steve & Laura Burbank
Truman & Terri Burch
Dan & LuAnn Clark (LCF)
Kay Denker
Family Friends
Marvin & Barbara Hilgedick
Rex & Sheryl Hunt
Mike Jeffrey
John & Miriam Kamino
Brian & Suzanne Knauss
Ronald & Karen Kortan
John Harrington & Kimberly Miyoshi
Toby Owens & Amy Biehl-Owens (LCF)
Doran & Pat Post (LCF)
Kerry Rader
Muriel Shea (Library)
Mitzu Miyoshi & Nikki Shears
Brent & Connie Smets (LCF)
Thomas & Beverly Thurber
Ken & Marie Wellman

In memory of Joyce Bauer
Doran & Pat Post
Muriel Shea (Library)

In memory of Richard Beans
Doran & Pat Post
Al & Katy Seberger

In memory of Lynn Berggren
Berggren Family Trust (LVFD)

In memory of Leroy Burgger
Linda Shaw (CASA)

In memory of Betty Clark
Scott & Corky Anderson (Class of ‘77 Scholarship)

In memory of Virginia Coryell
Toby Owens & Amy Biehl-Owens
(Keep Lexington Beautiful)

In memory of Karen Darby
Ed Darby
(LCF & JL Trails)

In memory of Bill Denker
Bill & Sarah Carver
Kay Denker (Baseball)

In memory of Bill Engberger
Sheila Engberger (JL Trails)

In memory of Conrad Huerta
Marge Bader

In memory of Gary Jackson
Rick & Pam Trampe
(CN Human Trafficking, Parent-Child Center, L2 for Kids, After School Programs, Majestic Theater, Ministerial Assoc. Orthman YMCA, Royal Family Kids)

In memory of Margaret Garcia
Harold & Jo Brown (Majestic Theatre)

In memory of Eithel Gierhan
(LCF, LVFD)

In memory of John Hinds
Colin & Janet Hinds (Lions Club)
Rita Hinds (LVFD, HMMV)

In memory of Sid Hiner
Bill & Meredith Orthman (LRHC Charitable Fund)

In memory of Conrad Huerta
Marge Bader

In memory of Gary Jackson
Rick & Pam Trampe
(CN Human Trafficking, Parent-Child Center, L2 for Kids, After School Programs, Majestic Theater, Ministerial Assoc. Orthman YMCA, Royal Family Kids)

In memory of Connie Jewitt
David Jewitt
In memory of Sarah Johnston
Rita Hinds (Lions Club)

In memory of Louis J. & Margaret Kash
Joe & Karen Kash Reddin

In memory of Ruth Speak Kiltz
Charlie & Carmen Cadwell

In memory of Christopher Kneifl
Linda Kneifl

In memory of Nellie Koepeke
Jim & Jeanette Hain

In memory of Wanda Kopf
Marge Bader

In memory of W. Wesley Lubberstedt
Tom & Cathy Fagot
(YMCA Pool)
Mogens Knudsen

In memory of Ludwig
Wynnie and Larry Reicks
(LRHC Charitable Fund)

In memory of Lawrence & Helen Mandelko
Colin & Janet Hinds
(Lions Club)

In memory of Tom Marshall
Bonnie Marshall
(JL EMS & JL Trails)

In memory of Phillip McDonald
Barb McDonald (CASA)

In memory of Robert Meester
Priscilla Meester
(HMMV & LVFD)

In memory of Marcia Morgan
Margaret Bader
Bonneville Chapter DAR
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Lee & Delphine Sanks
Muriel Shea (Library)
Brent & Connie Smets

In memory of Mary Ann Moritz
Gary Moritz
(GGC, HMMV, LVFD)
Kristi Moyer
(LHS Field Turf Fund & VFW Auxiliary)

In memory of Ron Naumann
Philip E. Darby
Mike & Ronda Maleoy
Doran & Pat Post
Lee & Delphine Sanks

In memory of Ron Neben
Sherill Neben

In memory of Kathy Neil
Chris and Jill Denker
(BackPacks, CFL Booster Club, LVFD,
Mieah's House, Baseball & LRHC Charitable Fund)

In memory of Joyce Royal
Muriel Shea (Library)

In memory of Art Oelkers
Charlene Tilson
(LRHC Charitable Fund)

In memory of Roger Owens
Ed and Elsie Boileau
(JL Trails & JL EMS)

In memory of Tarah Refior
Robyne Lange
(Human Trafficking)

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Reichs Sr.
Wynnie and Larry Reichs
(LRHC Charitable Fund)

In memory of Erica Rowan
Rick & Pam Trampe
(Human Trafficking, Parent-Child Center,
L2 for Kids, After School Programs,
Majestic Theater, Ministerial Assoc. Orthman YMCA, Royal Family Kids)

In memory of Art Smith
Bill & Meredith Orthman
(Club 180)

In memory of Joyce Royal
Muriel Shea (Library)

In memory of Robert “Bob” Sherman
Marge Bader
Charlie & Carmen Cadwell
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Kay Denker
Linda Linn
Marie McCormick

In memory of Rod & Susan Reynolds
Larry & Jeanne Reynolds
Wally & Jo Sandelin
Ron & Ann Schultze
(Class of ’77 Scholarship)
Muriel Shea (Library)
Don Tomasek (Orthman YMCA)

In memory of Dorothy Trampe
Rick & Pam Trampe
(Human Trafficking, Parent-Child Center,
L2 for Kids, After School Programs,
Majestic Theater, Ministerial Assoc. Orthman YMCA, Royal Family Kids)

In memory of Patricia Twenhous
Heldt, McKeone & Copley
Muriel Shea (Library)

In memory of Geraldine Vollmer
Linda Linn

In memory of Brownie & Carol Wamsley
Colin & Janet Hinds

In memory of Chuck Wiley
Charlene Wiley
(Human Trafficking, Club 180, Children's Museum, GGC, HMMV, Lions Club,
Mieah's House Majestic Theatre & Salvation Army)
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We are partners in making an impact in our community!

For more information on how you can become a Sponsor in 2018 please contact the Foundation or visit:
lexfoundation.org

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