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Dear Friends,

This year Lexington Community Foundation celebrates 35 years of service to the community. We honor the 35 foundation board members who have led us to a position where we can support the community and carry on their work for many generations to come. As we approach our annual Fall Luncheon and Giving Over 100 Lexington, I believe our foundation will be proud of the endeavors the Foundation has assisted with and completed in those 35 years. I feel particularly proud of our organization for the past 11 years, I believe we must continue to exist by meeting the needs of our residents and raise the challenges our community will face in the future.

On November 16th we will have our annual giving day. This day supports many agencies and groups. If you choose one specific cause or vision, even the smallest of donations touches the lives of many in the community. The Lexington Community Foundation continues to support Giving Over 100 Lexington with matching funds based on community participation. Our community continues to grow and serve through your generous participation in this event.

As we move forward, I would ask you to consider supporting the Foundation itself in its quest to identify and person new community projects and add in the continuation of established activities. I ask you to remember that the Foundation can be listed as a beneficiator in your will or trust so that it may continue its work for several generations to come.

I am honored to serve as the President of the Foundation for the next two years and thank you for your continued support. I ask that we continue to work to honor the legacy of the foundation.

- Stephanie Buell, President

“...it is an honor to serve on the Foundation’s Board of Directors, to continue the founders’ cause of 35 years ago, and to exemplify the Lexington’s citizen and service organizations.”

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**Lexington Community Foundation**

Get Funding. Create Change.

**Our Impact in the Lexington area is powerful.**

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**Lexington Community Foundation**

is proud to be included in the top giving foundations in Nebraska. This list is derived from The Grand Island Community Foundation’s data bases and includes both corporate giving foundations and community foundations. Based on this information, LCFC is ranked – just behind corporate giants Union Pacific and Con Agra.

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**The Grand Island Community Foundation - [https://www.gicfc.org/giving-score/NE/top](https://www.gicfc.org/giving-score/NE/top)**
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Lexington Community Foundation, Abby Brecks joined the Foundation Board in July 2017 and will be completing the two-year term on John Wightman’s term after his passing last fall.

Abby is a native of Lexington and a graduate of Lexington High School. She and her husband, Bill, returned to Lexington in March of 2002, to be closer to friends and family. Abby previously worked in the banking and public service industries and is now associated with Lexington Family Dentistry.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Lexington Community Foundation, she also serves on the Community Development Agency.

Abby is inspired by the people of Lexington, what they have achieved and the opportunities they have created for the community. She is an outstanding addition to the LCF Board. Welcome Abby!

Thank you to all past & current members who have served, and continue to serve this organization! Your contributions have shaped the direction of this organization and this community.

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WE MADE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION AND TO MEMBERS.

The Foundation owes its success and accomplishments in large part to the far-sighted contributions and involvement of its board members - both past & present. We have lost several former Board members in the past year. Most recently was Wes Lubberstert.

Wes served as a volunteer on the LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION board of directors for 27 years. During that time, he served two separate terms as president from 1991-1993 and 2005-2007. While his contributions on the Executive and Development Committees were invaluable, it is his contributions to the structure of the organization that are most notable. In 1998, Wes offered office space for the Foundation to set up an permanent office. The office and LCF shared the office space for the next 14 years and shared administrative staff for eight years. In 2012 LCF purchased the building - 607 N. Washington St. It was renamed the permanent office of the LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

In recognition of his contributions to the structure of the organization and this community, we owe a sincere debt of gratitude to Wes for his far-sighted vision, passion and commitment to the LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

Stephanie Baull assumed the role of President of the Foundation at the annual meeting in July. She steps into the position as Tom Fagot completes his two-year term in the leadership role. Stephanie has 11 years of Foundation board experience and has served on the Executive and Scholarship Committees. Tom will continue to serve on the Foundation’s Executive and Event Committees.

At the same meeting, Tod McKeone was elected to serve as Vice President. He has also served 11 years on the Foundation Board and currently volunteers on the Executive, Development and Grants committees. Steve Heldt was reelected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, a position he has held since 2016. He currently volunteers on Executive, Development and Finance & Investment committees.

The Foundation’s Board structure includes Board & Staff, Development, Development, Events, Finance & Investment, Grants, Public Relations and Scholarship committees. Every board member volunteers on at least one committee.

The Executive committee meets monthly and is comprised of the organization’s officers and the chair person of each of the other committees. Their role as individuals is to report on their committees’ activities and ideas and those of our patrons and, as an Executive committee, make recommendations to the full board based on those reports.

Lexington Community Foundation
Board of Directors & Executive Committee

The board of directors and the executive committee manage the business affairs and finances of the foundation. Twenty-five voting directors are elected to serve four-year terms at the annual meeting each July. The board of directors meets six times a year, and the executive committee meets monthly to conduct the business. Each board member vanity visits at least one standing committee.

Board of Directors & Executive Committee Members:
- Tom Fagot, Tom Feltes, (Front) Barry McFarland - Chair, (Back L-R) Steve Smith - Chair, Amy Biehl-Owens, Rob Anderson, Tod McKeone, (Not Pictured) Mike Maloley

Board & Staff Development Committee

This committee ensures effective board processes including committee development, board composition, nominating procedures, and new member orientation and training. Recently added to the responsibilities of this committee are issues relating to LCF paid staff. The committee, as needed, will review job descriptions and be responsible for recruitment of new staff.

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Development Committee Members:
- Steve Heldt - Chair & Steve Helt

Events Committee

The events committee’s primary responsibility is to plan the Foundation’s annual events – Key and Give BIG Lexington. The committee meets as needed and reports to the board of directors.

Events Committee Members:
- (Back L-R) Patty Mandello, Gail Wightman, Jill Denker, Amy Biehl-Owens, (Front L-R) Dean Brand, Tom Fagot, Tom Feltes, (Not Pictured) Curt Rickertsen - Chair

Finance & Investment Committee

The primary responsibilities of the investment & finance committee include establishing an overall investment philosophy, the allocation of foundation assets among various classes of investments and the retention and oversight of capable investment managers for each investment class. The committee is also responsible for the accounting operations of the organization including annual budget allocations and audit review.

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Grants Committee

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Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee is responsible for overseeing the selection process and awarding of scholarship funds to qualified applicants. The committee reviews guidelines and procedures on an annual basis, and works directly with school administrators, parents and students.

Scholarship Committee Members:
- (Back L-R) Tempie Roberts, Audrey Downey - Chair, Stephanie Buell, (Front) Dave Stenberg, Curt Rickertsen
YOU GAVE AND THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

SEVENTH ANNUAL GIVE BIG LEXINGTON

We are preparing for the seventh annual Give Big Lexington campaign scheduled for:

Thursday, November 16th

The Give Big Lexington initiative began in 2011 and was the first giving day hosted in Nebraska. Give Big Lexington is part of a larger collective giving strategy to invest in the future of our community. The decision by the Lexington Community Foundation board of directors to continue to offer this initiative and to cover all Regan credit card & processing fees is guided by a profound commitment to support initiatives that help our community to thrive.

Lexington hosted the first giving day in the state in 2011. Since then, other communities have hosted their own day and made a BIG report in Nebraska. In April of 2017 the Give BIG Lexington initiative began in 2011 and was the first giving day hosted in Nebraska, Give Big Lexington is part of a larger collective giving strategy to invest in the future of our community. The decision by the Lexington Community Foundation board of directors to continue to offer this initiative and to cover all Regan credit card & processing fees is guided by a profound commitment to support initiatives that help our community to thrive.

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The next BIG step!

7 STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS IN 2017

1. Visit the GBL ‘17 giving day page and learn about 7 new causes.
2. Enter a giveaway on Facebook or on an email and tell the GBL ‘17 about you.
3. Make a donation for Gus 12 with kids under 7 years of age.
4. Convert cash donations to 7 different causes that benefit those ages 12 and over.
5. Share a Personal email message from different participating GBL ‘17 causes.
6. Attend an event hosted by any of the GBL ‘17 initiatives.
7. Share your 24-hour giving day moments as we celebrate Give Big Lexington.

givebiglexington.razoo.com
Since 1982, Lexington Community Foundation, formerly Lexington Foundation, Inc. and before that, Dawson County Foundation, Inc., has managed a family of funds, both large and small, promoting local philanthropy. These are the individuals that started it all. They had the expertise and foresight to create this organization that would serve the broad-based mission of using philanthropy to improve the lives of all that live in our community. By any measure, the Foundation has been successful.

These leaders navigated this organization toward developing relationships with donors, board members, professional advisors and a regional network of nonprofits. Over the past three and a half decades, the Foundation has grown and expanded, yet the essence of that original mission has been unwavering in its commitment to serving others. We have used all of the resources available to us to accomplish great things.

We look forward to serving future generations and having an even greater impact in this place we call home.

~ Ed Bennett, 13th Annual Foundation Gala

**FOCUS ON FOUNDERS**

*Pay tribute for their activism, determination & vision*

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**You Are Invited**

Each fall, guests are invited to join the **Lexington Community Foundation** for a complimentary Fall Luncheon. For 13 years this event has been a way for us to say **THANK YOU** to our patrons. Guests are treated to a wonderful lunch and a presentation.

LCF has been fortunate to have many wonderful speakers address our guests. Their individual perspective, of the community we cherish, is invaluable to our mission.

You are cordially invited to the complimentary **LCF Fall luncheon**

*Wednesday, November 8, 2017*

11:30 a.m. social
12:00 p.m. lunch served
Kim’s NebraskaLand Banquet Room
3002 Plum Creek Parkway
Lexington, NE 68850

**Reservation Deadline: Friday, November 3, 2017**

Please make reservations by contacting Jenna Kuck at Lexington Community Foundation office: 308.324.6704 or email jwannakuck@lexfoundation.com

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We appreciate the many ways you continue to support the work of the Foundation and its activities. We recognize that your success is not possible without you.

**LCF Sponsorships**

**When a community is strong, success is inevitable.**

Please give to **Lexington Community Foundation** through GiveBIG Lexington on November 16, 2017 at: https://givelbig.lexingtonraozoo.com/LexFound

For more information on how you can become a sponsor please see the enclosed pamphlet.

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**Key Dinner & Auction**

In April of 2017, the Lexington Community Foundation hosted their High Mark event. Because of your generosity, we raised nearly $320,000, bringing the accumulative total of all Key events to $3.5M.

Lexington Community Foundation works to promote projects that help our community through annual events. We use the proceeds from these events to grow our community, expand programs and create initiatives that encourage even more participation from citizens. There is an exponential impact from each gift given, ticket purchased or auction item won. Participation in the Key event at any level, positively impacts the lives of many who call this area home.

**Total Disbursement Impact**

**Save The Date**

The 13th Key will be held **Saturday, April 28, 2018**, with a Preview Night that is open to the public on **Friday, April 27, 2018**. The Foundation will begin taking reservations on **Monday, October 2, 2017**. Seating is limited, early reservations are encouraged.

Reservations must be paid in advance. All seats are $110. Please contact the Foundation office to make arrangements.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or **Key 2018** donor, or if you would like additional information about the event, please contact the Lexington Community Foundation.
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The executive committee operates between board meetings, establishes policy, and acts as necessary when faced with circumstances not covered by existing policy. It also appoints committees and subcommittees of the foundation as the Board deems necessary.

Members:
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- Curt Rickertsen - Chair

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Members:
- Michael Maloley - Chair
- Tom Feltes

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- Amy Biehl-Owens, Rob Anderson, (Front L-R)
- Tod McKeone

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What you should know:
- You can make a legacy gift to the Lexington Community Foundation. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.
- You have money to your family and to the Foundation. Some people think they must choose between leaving a gift to their family or their favorite charity. You can do both, and some charitable gifts may actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance taxes. It’s easy.
- A simple directive in your will can bring welcome support to an organization that will make a difference in many lives.

You can start today:
- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable objectives. Without these documents, you surrender control of your property and assets to the courts.
- Contact your financial advisor (a financial planner, lawyer or accountant) and ask for help in establishing a charitable gift.
- Think beyond cash – you can leave stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal property to charitable organizations.
- Make Lexington Community Foundation a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.

For more information about including a charitable bequest in your will, contact Lexington Community Foundation or a legal or financial advisor.

We all die.
The goal isn’t to live forever, the goal is to create something that will.

We understand that charitable giving is unique to each individual donor. That is why we offer a variety of ways to make a contribution. Giving options include cash, securities, life insurance, retirement accounts, real estate, charitable remainder trusts and bequests. We will work closely with you and your planning professional to develop a plan that meets your needs and interests.

Please contact us for a copy of the Planned Giving brochure, or read it online at lexfoundation.org.
Lexington Community Foundation

The Foundation administers awards available to students at ALL collegiate levels. Scholarship information is updated regularly on the Foundation’s website and through posts on our pages.

Abby Brecks

Pictured: (L-R) Tom Fagot, Steve Heldt, Tod McKeone, Stephanie Buell

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