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Lexington Community Foundation Disburses Over $620,000 in Community Relief Funding Following Tyson Plant Closure

Lexington, Nebraska — May 26, 2026 — In response to the recent Tyson plant closure, the Lexington Community Foundation (LCF) has mobilized private donations directed specifically to address the immediate needs of affected individuals and to distribute critical resources to support the community during this challenging time. To date, the Foundation has disbursed more than $620,000 in private relief funding, directly assisting individuals and families most affected by the closure through trusted local agencies.

These funds have been strategically directed toward the areas of highest need, including food assistance, utility support, and rent assistance. By prioritizing these essential services, the Foundation aimed to stabilize households facing sudden financial hardship and ensure access to necessities.

"Our community is resilient, but moments like this require swift and meaningful support," said Barry McFarland, LCF Public Relations Chair. "We committed to standing alongside those impacted and provided initial resources that helped families remain secure and supported."

The relief funding is part of the Foundation's ongoing effort to address both immediate and long-term community needs. In addition to current donation disbursements, the Foundation is actively securing new private funding sources and partnerships to expand its impact.

Looking ahead, LCF will continue to invest in programs and initiatives that strengthen Lexington's overall well-being. These efforts are designed not only to respond to the current crisis but also to ensure long-term sustainability and recovery beyond the effects of the Tyson plant closure. LCF will continue to focus on support through separately raised annual grant funds to assess community capital projects, challenge gifts, and those programs that seek to build innovative solutions and create lasting community impact. "This is a unique time in our community to reflect on all the gifts we currently bestow, look to what we can expand upon, and rise to new heights for the future."

About the Lexington Community Foundation
The Lexington Community Foundation was established in 1982 to use philanthropy to improve the lives of all who live in the area. For more than 40 years, LCF has gathered respected philanthropists to find solutions to the community's most difficult challenges and to connect with area nonprofits. To learn more about LCF, visit www.lexfoundation.org.