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A NEW WAY TO DONATE

Thanks to your support, big things are happening at The Kearney Area Community Foundation! We are very excited to announce that we are converting to a new software program called Foundant, and it comes with a lot of great new features that will make for a better experience.



There is an important change for both online and cash/check donations. In most cases, your receipt letter will now be emailed to you, instead of mailed. If you ever need a copy of a receipt letter and cannot find it in your email, give us a call at (308) 237-3114, and we can send you a copy.

Another thing that is changing is the way you donate online. By going through the “donate” page on our website, you’ll be taken to our new online donation system.

We’re very excited to take this step forward with our software. Taking advantage of the advances in technology helps us better serve the community.

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“connecting people who care with causes that matter”

Discover Local Giving

Give Where You Live 2022

Give Where You Live (GWYL) is right around the corner! Our annual 24-hour giving day is Thursday, December 1. Since 2013, we have raised more than \$8 million for local nonprofits.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) is excited to announce that this year’s theme is Discover Local Giving. You can discover the benefits of helping others in your community or a new cause to support. You can also discover a new way to give.

We’re also increasing the match pool to \$150,000 in celebration of Kearney’s 150th birthday in 2023! Plus, there will be an additional \$35,000 available in prizes!

With GWYL being a few weeks away, now is a great time to begin deciding which local nonprofit(s) to support. Inside this newsletter is a form that lists this year’s participating nonprofits, as well as a brief description of each nonprofit’s mission.

You can fill out the form and bring it by our office on December 1, or mail it to us at:

412 W. 48th St.
Suite 12
Kearney, NE 68845.

Note: All mailed checks must be received by KACF on or before December 1 to be included in the GWYL totals or be eligible for prizes.

For more information or to donate online, go to the website givewhereyoulive.net.

You can donate today as early giving began November 3!

Making a gift from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great way to support GWYL that you might not have considered. Since GWYL is at the beginning of December, it provides an excellent opportunity to help local nonprofits in your community, as well as helping you when it comes to tax season. It’s a win-win for both you and your community.



More Ways to Play

A New Fund is Helping More Local Kids Participate in Sports

A Gift for Local Children

While playing sports is a staple in many childhoods, it's not necessarily something that all children have access to. A gift from one local man's estate is making sure more local kids get that opportunity.

The estate of Mike Brimlow set up an endowment with the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) to help cover costs for local kids wanting to participate in sports through the Kearney Park and Recreation Department. Brimlow's gift will be used to help cover both registration fees and the cost of equipment.

"He loved sports," says Steve Voigt, Brimlow's friend and attorney. "He wanted kids that had needs to be able to have the same type of new glove, the new baseball cleats that everybody else had. This was his way of trying to make those kids that had a greater need feel better about participating in sports, and maybe be excited about it."

Brimlow's desire to help those in need may have come from his own experiences.

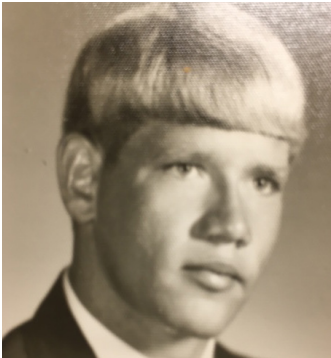
"His parents didn't have a lot," Voigt says. "When he was a kid, he didn't always have new equipment. I think that sparked his interest in kids that have a greater level of need."

After graduating from Lexington High School, Brimlow spent some time in the Army, before coming to Kearney to attend college. He played football at Kearney State College as an offensive lineman from 1973-1976 and lettered all four years. "He was a big guy, as you might expect with an offensive lineman," Voigt laughs, "but he was always happy and smiling; greeted everyone with a smile. He just genuinely liked people, especially kids. He'd always go out of his way to play catch with any kid that was around." After graduating college, Brimlow stayed a Kearney resident, working for Eaton Corporation.

During his time at Eaton, Brimlow saved a lot of his money, allowing him to grow his wealth. "He never spent a whole lot," Voigt says. "Pretty simple means, you know. He had a 10-year-old pickup. So he just saved it all. He spent a lifetime saving."

Brimlow's love of sports was evident throughout his life, and was something Voigt was able to see first-hand both as a friend and a teammate. "We spent a lot of time in softball tournaments. We played a lot of games, probably 60 games over the summer. It wasn't unusual to play 7 or 8 games over a weekend." It wasn't just softball that Brimlow enjoyed. While in the Army, he won a national sharpshooter's award and loved to target shoot throughout his retirement. He also liked hunting and fishing.

While this part of Brimlow's gift will focus on helping children, it stems from his overall love of people. 75% of his estate went to charities serving those in need in the Kearney community. "He'd always find somebody to talk to; make a new friend," Voigt says. "It's just kind of what he was like."



Mike Brimlow
Lexington High School
1969



The Edison Society 2022

The Edison Society is reserved for those donors who would like to help the Foundation at a higher level. Like the inventor Thomas Edison, we are driven to be innovative, provide a higher quality of life for others and shine light on ideas and solutions that can make a difference today and in the future.

Thank you for "Being the Light" in our community!

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A Greater Impact

Leaving the Legacy You Want

Using KACF to Make a Lasting Impact

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not plan to sit." I feel there is a lot of truth in this quote from Nelson Henderson. Planting a tree is leaving a legacy, and that gives purpose. Purpose gives meaning, meaning to life.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) makes leaving a legacy very easy. A charitable gift for as little as \$10,000 can fund an endowment, which can be directed to a charitable cause of your choice in our community. There are many of these in the Kearney area, as you can see by the list in the Give Where You Live campaign. You can also start a program that you believe is in need of support. KACF is very adept at setting up these endowments (your legacy).



Dr. David Wiebe
KACF Board Member,
Retired Orthopedic
Surgeon



Living in a community like Kearney, with its robust growth, provides a great opportunity. When you couple that growth with concern for the finer amenities of life - parks, green spaces, excellent schools, playgrounds, health care facilities and more - it makes it well worth supporting.

It's important that you are able to leave a legacy that you can be proud of, and KACF can be a great resource for you. You are able to decide which causes you can support with your gift, and it can also be arranged anonymously if you so choose. There are many things you can do now to ensure that your legacy will make a difference to the Kearney area for years to come.