



"CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER"

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions Made Permanent

If you want to give back and make a difference in your community even after retirement, you can. Many people have Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), but don't realize they can use their required minimum distribution (RMD) to donate to their favorite local charities. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) go directly to the charity. Therefore, QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. QCDs allow you to avoid paying ordinary income taxes on your distribution. (Only individuals who've attained age 70½ may make QCDs.)

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 finally made QCDs a permanent option. Because of this, according to an article in WealthManagement.com, Michael Jones says, "Now's a good time to review the rules."

To make a contribution, contact the intended charity to determine the exact payee name for the check. Then, using that name, instruct your IRA trustee or

custodian to make a transfer from the IRA directly to charity. Be sure to obtain a letter of acknowledgment from the charity.

If you have more questions, contact your professional investment or tax adviser. This is a smart way to give back and make a difference in to your community.



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About Us

The Kearney Area Community Foundation began in 1995 to provide a platform for people to give back to their community. Today, the foundation partners with numerous organizations and individuals to support more than 200 funds which provide scholarships, enhance parks, promote education, encourage community leadership and help those in need.

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Celebration of Individuals that took a LEAP to Give



The foundation was honored to celebrate giving in the community by honoring this year's Philanthropist, Galen and Marilyn Hadley; Corporation, K-Town Shakedown and Volunteer, Roxanne Bascom. Executive Director, Judi Sickler, spoke to the audience about Steve Farber's book "Radical LEAP" and how these winners embodied true leadership in the community. Leaders, donors, volunteers and nonprofits must take a radical LEAP to create change and these winners took a LEAP!

L stands for LOVE for Corporate Award Winner, K-Town Shakedown.

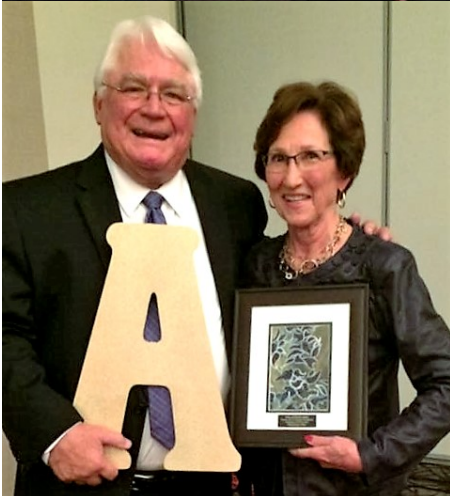
Elaine Mefferd Practices Radical LEAP by Cultivating LOVE in her business and in her community.



Elaine Mefferd is a very community-minded business owner of K-Town Shakedown, a donation based fitness studio in Kearney. Elaine coordinates and encourages clients to volunteer their time to help the community through a campaign called "Hustle Kindness" as well as other fundraisers. Elaine uses her **LOVE WINS** theme to donate her time and resources, and encourages others to do the same.

E stands for ENERGY for Volunteer Award Winner, Roxanne Bascom.

Roxanne Bascom practices Radical LEAP with a "soul on fire" and uses her Energy and passion to make a difference in her community.



Roxanne Bascom is a "soul on fire". When you look up the word ENERGY in a dictionary, you see Roxanne's picture by the definition. Combined with her ENERGY and PASSION (a wonderful combination in a small package) her involvement in the community is far-reaching and includes a never-ending love of giving.

A stands for AUDACITY for Philanthropist Award Winners, the Hadleys.

Galen and Marilyn practice Radical LEAP by inspiring AUDACITY to make a bold difference in our community and state.

They are bold and daring by trying new things to get new results. They are brave and fearless. They may have to think about things for a while, but they continue to dive into new projects and support new causes that help make their community and state better. They truly are the "Dream Team" who have blessed the University, the city of Kearney and the great state of Nebraska with their love, energy and CAN DO spirit.

P stands for PROOF! Our generous community provides the proof.

After hearing about the great things happening in our community, the PROOF is we live in a GENEROUS community. PROOF that we need to celebrate more and tell our story that KEARNEY is one of the best communities because of our RADICAL LEAP. Our award winners – K-Town Shakedown, Roxanne Bascom, Galen and Marilyn Hadley have made a difference because they LEAP!



Building for Tomorrow Grants

The Kearney Area Community Foundation gave \$9,000 in grants to six Kearney area nonprofits for the August grant cycle. The Kearney Building for Tomorrow Endowment allows the Foundation to be responsive to current community needs by giving out grants twice a year. The grant applications are due February 1 and August 1 each year. The Foundation is proud to help nonprofits of all sizes with important needs.

Here is a highlight of how the local nonprofits are doing great things in our community with the help of these mini grants:

HelpCare Clinic

Purchase an electrocardiograph (ECG/EKG) machine and an anoscope to help those in need.

Kearney Concert Association

Host three professional ensembles, two educational workshops and a matinee for area students.

Kearney Public Schools Foundation

Offer the students and staff the experience of collaboration with a composer to write a new song to perform at the Kurtain—Kearney High School's new auditorium.

Merryman Performing Arts Center

Assist with the student matinee season and offering reduced price admission to kids and their families.

Nebraska AIDS Project

Purchase of new appliances to provide more accessible and comprehensive HIV and STI testing and offer basic food supplies to clientele.

United Way of the Kearney Area

Offer "Shoes 4 Kids" event to collect shoes or money to provide shoes for kids in need.



Honor Your Loved One with a Memorial Fund

When a loved one passes away, many families and friends wish to create a lasting legacy in honor of his or her life. Making the decision of which charity or charities should receive donations can be daunting during this time of loss. A memorial fund at the Kearney Area Community Foundation gives you time to consider how best to represent your loved one's passions and interests.

Memorials can be used to set up an endowed scholarship or a fund for your favorite local charity. Memorials can also be given to the Community Foundation to add to our unrestricted grant pool to meet emerging needs in our community.

There are many ways memorials can help your community. Give us a call to explore the possibilities and to honor your loved one's memory.



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Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life in the Kearney Area by promoting the spirit of charitable giving and effectively responding to the community's needs.

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kacf@kearneyfoundation.org

WANT TO GIVE?

ONLINE GIVING

- Visit GiveWhereYouLive.Razoo.com
- Search organizations you wish to support
- Click "DONATE" or "Add to Cart" and follow instructions
- Available to donate online now until December 1.

DONATE IN PERSON

Stop by the KACF Office

- **WHERE:** 412 W. 48th, #12 (Behind Kmart)
- **WHEN:** 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1

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where
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Questions? Contact us at:
(308) 237-3114

HOW IT WORKS!

- If an organization receives 3% of the total funds raised on December 1, they will receive 3% of the \$100,000 match pool
- Donors will be chosen at random from the donations made to have an additional \$200 Golden Ticket given to the organization that received their donation
- **New in 2016:** There will be two "Power Hours" when more Golden Tickets are drawn for online gifts made between 7:00–8:00 a.m. and 7:00–8:00 p.m.
- The Kearney Area Community Foundation will provide bonus grants to the top three (3) nonprofits with the most "unique donors"* as follows:
1st place: \$1,000; 2nd place: \$750; and 3rd place: \$500

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