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YEAR-END GIVING

Getting ready for your year-end giving? Here are some things to keep in mind when making your charitable plans:

- Have any mailed gifts postmarked by December 31, 2024.
- You can donate to a nonprofit directly from your Individual Retirement Account! Ask your financial advisor to find out how to make the biggest impact and possibly save on taxes.
- Making a stock contribution can be beneficial, especially if you've held the stock for more than a year and its value has increased by the time you donate it. You can deduct the stock's full market value without worrying about capital gains.
- Our annual giving day is a great opportunity to make year-end donations and support giving in our community. On December 5, donate during Give Where You Live! Or call Judi at (308) 237-3114 for ideas of unmet community needs.



“connecting people who care with causes that matter”

Peace, Love, Community Give Where You Live 2024

We're getting closer to the end of the year, which means it's almost time for Give Where You Live (GWYL)! Our 12th annual 24-hour giving day is Thursday, December 5. Since 2013, together we have raised more than \$11.5 million for local nonprofits.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) is excited to announce that this year's theme is "Peace, Love, Community". Sometimes, it's easy to only see the negative things happening in the world. We want to encourage everyone to focus on all of the love and positivity in our community. There are so many amazing nonprofits in our area that work to help others, and we want to highlight that during Give Where You Live this year. By supporting those nonprofits, you can encourage more great things in our community.



Thanks to our generous donors, KACF will offer a \$100,000 match pool and \$35,000 in prizes will be awarded during GWYL. Check out the website to see all the prize opportunities!

With GWYL being only 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, plus a brief description of each nonprofit's mission.

You can fill out the form and bring it, along with your check, by our office on December 5, or mail it to us. Remember, KACF moved to a new building! Our new location/address is:

**2908 W. 39th St. Suite A
Kearney, NE 68845**

Note: All mailed checks must be received by KACF on or before December 5 to be included in the GWYL totals and be eligible for prizes, so please plan accordingly.

For more information or to donate online, go to the website givewhereyoulive.net. Can't donate on December 5? Early giving opens online on November 7! Donations made between November 7 and December 4 will be charged immediately to your credit or debit card. Early gifts are also eligible for the match pool and prizes.

Making a gift from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great way to support GWYL. A Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA goes directly to charity and is excluded from your taxable income. It provides an excellent opportunity to help local nonprofits and lowers your taxable income. It's a win-win for both you and your community. Since gifts like an IRA, donor advised fund, appreciated stock or gift of grain can take some time, please call Angie at (308) 237-3114 to plan in advance.

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An Exciting New Feature

A New Option to Help Local Organizations

Local Nonprofits Have a New Option for Expanding Their Impact

As you may remember reading in our summer newsletter, the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) has moved to a new building! What has us the most excited about this new location is our Community Collaboration Space that allows us to be more transformational with our work.

The Community Collaboration Space is an area in the center of our building that will have a variety of uses, but will primarily function as a meeting space. It has tables and seating for up to 30 people, and will be equipped with technology for presentations and video calls.

KACF will be using this space to hold trainings for nonprofits, donors and our community. We're holding two trainings this fall to teach nonprofits how to be successful during this year's Give Where You Live. These fall trainings provide tips like best practices when it comes to encouraging donations during the 24-hour giving day on December 5.



The Community Collaboration Space won't just be used for KACF purposes, it will also be available by reservation for local nonprofits to hold meetings. We want to provide a safe, reliable place for area organizations to meet and make plans to expand their impact in our community.



In addition to the large Community Collaboration Space, KACF's new building also has a small conference room that will be available for nonprofits to use for smaller, more private meetings. The conference room has a door that can be shut for more privacy, and the building has a built-in white noise system that will make it more soundproof. The conference room is also set up with technology for video calls and presentations, and has seating for up to ten people.

KACF is still putting some finishing touches on our new space, so the Community Collaboration Space and conference room aren't available for outside reservations yet, but keep an eye out for more information in the near future! We're excited for this new space that will help us and local nonprofits make an impact in our community!

You can check out our new space for yourself on December 7 during our Give Where You Live celebration! We'll be having an open house to let everyone see the new space and cheer on nonprofits as they receive donations during Give Where You Live!

Season of Change

There's another change happening at the Kearney Area Community Foundation. After 14 great years with the Foundation, our program manager, Laurel McKellips, is leaving to pursue an exciting new opportunity. We want to thank Laurel for the amazing impact she's had on KACF and our community. She'll be with us through the end of the year, so please stop by to wish her well! We are in the process of hiring/training a new program manager, so you may see a new face the next time you stop by our office!

**Thank you Laurel for giving us so much of your time and talent!
Good luck in your next adventure! We wish you the best!**



Building for Tomorrow

bi-annual grants

2024 Grantees

Kearney Area Community Foundation's "Building for Tomorrow" fund awarded \$16,500 in grants to eight local nonprofits in 2024.

- **Choice Family Healthcare** received \$1,000 to help update the clinic's paint and flooring to make it more welcoming to those needing healthcare.
- **The Friends Program of Kearney** received \$2,500 to help fund a mental health initiative that will provide mental health-centered material, information and resources to the program's mentors, mentees and their families.



- **Helpcare Clinic** received \$1,000 to help them purchase a security/alarm system for their clinic to make their employees and volunteers feel safe at work.
- **Kearney Noon Rotary** received \$2,500 to aid them in providing books to over 600 children in the Kearney area through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to promote literacy in the community.
- **LyonHeart Equine Assisted Learning Nonprofit** received \$2,000 to support their Stable Connections program, which equips youth with positive character traits and leadership skills.
- **Robert M. Merryman Performing Arts Center** received \$1,000 to help bring in nationally touring jazz musician Jazzy Ash to provide a free community outreach class for people to engage with ukuleles.



- **Silver Threads 49915** received \$1,500 to help in their mission to create quilts for area veterans to show appreciation and love for their sacrifices.
- **UNK-Loper Launch Enrichment Camp** received \$5,000 to help cover costs of their academic summer camp for area youth that offers high-quality, engaging workshops.

Harvesting Kindness

Growing a Stronger Community

The Impact of Agriculture and Local Charity

Agriculture has long been the foundation of rural communities, providing important economic stability and a deep connection to the land. However, the influence of agriculture extends beyond the fields. It can play a big role in strengthening local charitable efforts that support and uplift our neighbors.

Farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses contribute to the heart of community giving, ensuring that essential programs and services reach those in need.



Brian Bosshamer
KACF Board Member
Amherst Rancher

When agriculture and local charity come together, the benefits ripple throughout the entire area. Contributions from our agricultural community help fund scholarships for students, support food banks, provide for local shelters and sustain youth programs like 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA). These donations not only help those in need but also invest in our community's future by ensuring that the next generation has the resources to thrive. Additionally, partnerships between farmers and local charities help create programs that educate residents on sustainability, food security, and the importance of supporting local farms.



The Kearney Area Community Foundation is a great resource to those who work in agriculture and are looking for ways to give back to their community. Through KACF, you can make donations in many ways, such as gifts of grain or farm auctions. KACF is then able to distribute those donations to local causes you care about. For more information on how to make these types of donations, contact judi@kearneyfoundation.org or call (308) 237-3114.

By nurturing this strong bond between agriculture and local philanthropy, we are cultivating a future where everyone in the area benefits. The generous contributions of our agricultural community members help build a more resilient, vibrant and inclusive region. Together, we can continue to grow hope, opportunity and prosperity for our communities.