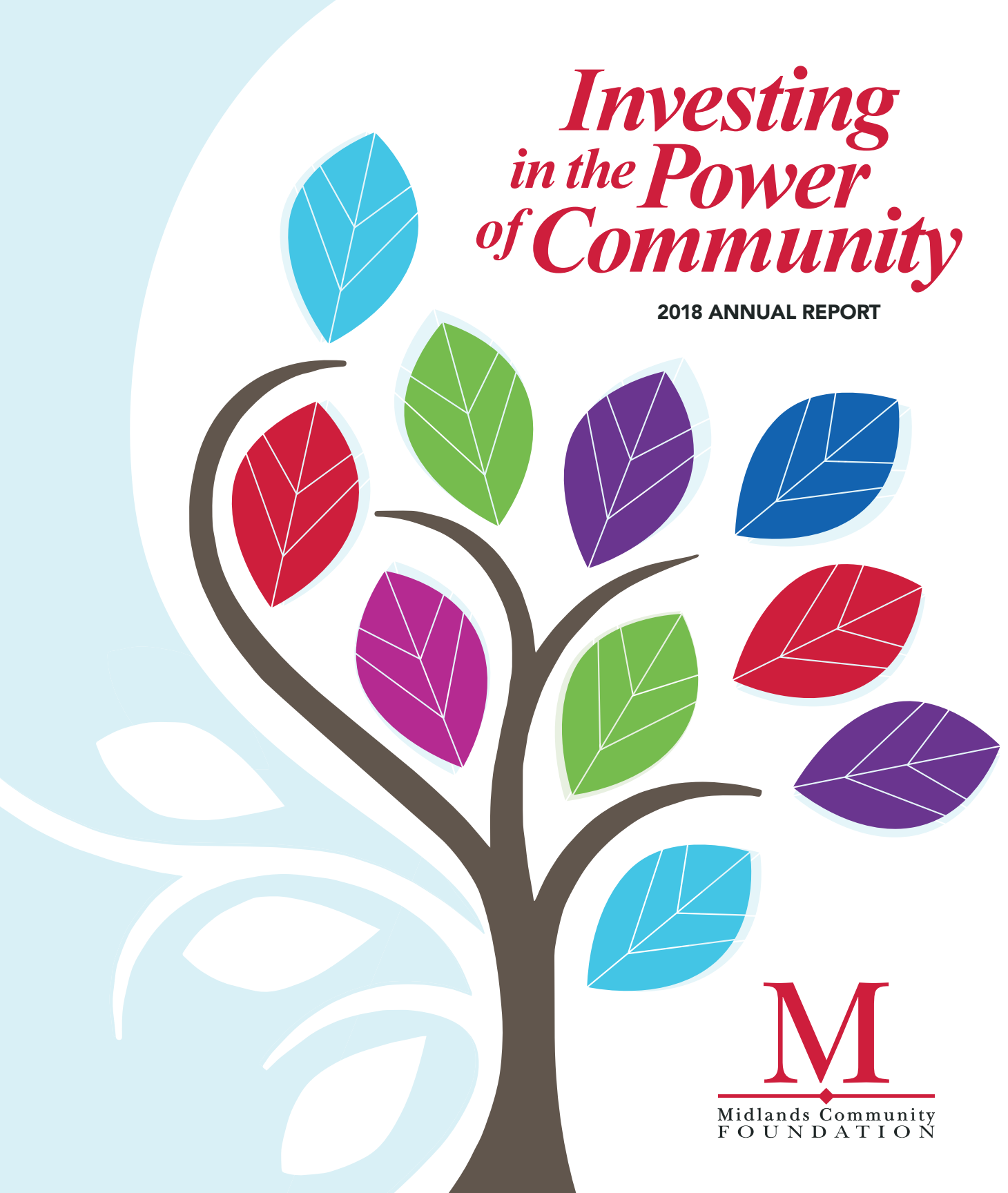


Investing in the Power of Community

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Midlands Community
FOUNDATION

MISSION

The mission of Midlands Community Foundation is to benefit the diverse needs of the Sarpy and Cass county communities by providing financial support, involvement and service.

FOCUS

The focus of Midlands Community Foundation is to assist with community development by improving and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Sarpy and Cass counties.

SERVICE AREA



ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

\$8.1 MILLION



**85 cents of every dollar donated
directly supports programming**

GRETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: *Filling a Void*

"We step in and volunteer our time to provide those emergency services to Sarpy and Cass counties, filling a void that a lot of communities can't afford."

– Rod Buethe, Gretna Volunteer Fire Department

The Gretna Volunteer Fire Department operates from two stations, with six engines and four ambulances.

Provides **fire protection** and **EMS services** to 71 square miles.



MAKING AN IMPACT: "INVESTING IN THE POWER OF COMMUNITY"



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. Sullivan".

Patrick J. Sullivan
Board of Directors President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toney M. Gay".

Toney M. Gay
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2018 yet another remarkable year for Midlands Community Foundation (MCF)! Our dedicated Board, staff and countless volunteers have done an incredible job of "Investing in the Power of Community", and we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your involvement allowed MCF to connect donors to nonprofits that help Sarpy and Cass counties thrive. Including the many causes that MCF donors specifically choose through expendable and endowed charitable funds, we continue to be a locomotive that drives the work of supporting community projects, youth programs and scholarships, while fostering the arts, serving as a resource to other nonprofits, contributing to human services programs, and more.

Looking back, 2018 was a positive and eventful year for us. With the establishment of 14 new funds, MCF now manages more than 115 charitable funds that serve the diverse needs of our community. Between our grants, discretionary gifts and charitable funds, we infused more than \$1.1 million into the community. We want to do more to help fund and educate our community of the needs and successes where we live, work and play. We are continuing to evaluate different ways we can increase philanthropy by taking an active role with nonprofits and donors to help in their endeavors.

We are proud to report that 85% of every dollar donated to MCF is used directly to support programming.

This year, we also are excited to launch a new annual appeal program. We invite you to join us and others in our community to become an **MCF Sustainer**. Through an annual appeal program, we want to sustain our collective commitment to securing the success of our future generations by investing in the most critical needs in our community. Every dollar makes a difference. Please visit the next page in this report for more information.

As we move forward, we are proud of what MCF has accomplished in 2018, and we are excited about the future. We are honored to assist individual donors and groups in fulfilling their charitable desires. Our community is strong and vibrant, and together we will continue to make our visions a reality by continuing to "Invest in the Power of Community."

We invite you to become an **MCF SUSTAINER**

We know it is important to you to have connectivity between your personal values and your means to make an impact in the lives of those who need it most in our community. From partnering with various nonprofit organizations, we are able to meet the diverse needs of our neighbors in Sarpy and Cass counties.

We want to ensure that MCF is sustainable for the future. To support our efforts in continuing to build a strong foundation, we need your help. We invite you to join us in *"Investing in the Power of Community"* by becoming an **MCF Sustainer**.

We are excited to launch our annual appeal program, by encouraging people to become involved and help to sustain the momentum of giving we have experienced over the past years. Your gift will support the ongoing needs and worthwhile causes of organizations committed to making our community better. Donations can be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets.

We recognize and embrace our responsibility to serve as a leader. As our community grows and changes, it is important to work together to make our visions a reality. **NOW is the time to give and collaborate to help make a difference.**

ONEWORLD HEALTH: *On the Move Serving Children with Dental Care*

OneWorld's Mobile Dental Clinic provides care for children who do not have access to dental care.

400 children were reached in Sarpy and Cass counties.

"The Midlands Community Foundation has been a supporter of OneWorld for a long time through a very innovative program that was the first of its kind in the metropolitan area."

- Andrea Skolkin, OneWorld Health

ABOUT US

What began as a private foundation transitioned into a public charity in 2009, giving Midlands Community Foundation (MCF) the ability to create a stronger community. This public charity status was imperative to build partnerships with donors and organizations that aspire to make a positive impact through their charitable giving.

With an emphasis on prevention and education, MCF accomplishes our mission by awarding grants and discretionary gifts to nonprofit organizations within our service area without regard to economic status or race and has a strong commitment toward programs benefiting health, art, culture, community, economic development, education and human services. It is vital that MCF supports these organizations so they may develop and nurture the community as a whole.

By collaborating with individuals, families and businesses to meet their charitable interests, we provide donors the ability to establish Charitable Funds, such as Designated, Donor Advised, Field of Interest and Scholarship Funds. MCF serves as the nonprofit “umbrella” organization for our charitable funds which enables these funds to receive tax-deductible contributions. By MCF handling the financial and administrative details, this allows the funds to grow over time.

MCF raises dollars through two major sources each year – the Annual Golf Tournament and the Annual Reflection Ball. All net proceeds of these events are distributed to the community through MCF’s grants program.

Together, we can *“Invest in the Power of Community.”*

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE: *Children Soothed by Manny*

Canine Companions for Independence and its black lab, Manny, help put crime victims and people going through the criminal justice system at ease, providing them an extra level of support they often need during difficult times.

Manny was involved with 71 criminal cases last year.

123 crime victims (many of them children) were soothed by Manny.

“None of this would have been possible if we wouldn’t have had the funding and support from the Midlands Community Foundation.”

– Jean Brazda, Canine Companions for Independence



GRANT PROGRAM

Midlands Community Foundation provided funding support to 43 local nonprofit organizations including:

Fall 2017 Grants - \$94,166

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| Assistance League of Omaha, Inc.
(Operation School Bell) | Moving Veterans Forward
(rent expenses) |
| Bellevue Little Theatre, Inc.
(upgrade lighting system) | Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
(Life Skills Program) |
| College Possible
(high school programming) | Omaha Area Youth Orchestras
(youth scholarships) |
| ENCAP
(replace refrigerator/freezer) | Omaha Performing Arts
(NE High School Theatre Awards Program) |
| GOALS
(advocate support) | OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc.
(mobile dental clinic) |
| Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County
(two defibrillators) | Papillion-LaVista Schools Foundation
(STEM programming) |
| Keipos
(expand five garden sites) | Share A Fare, Inc.
(cab coupons for visually impaired) |
| Kids Can Community Center
(StemSmart Academy) | Strategic Air & Space Museum
(STEM program tablets) |
| Lift Up Sarpy County
(expenses for elderly) | |
| Merrymakers Association
(musical entertainment) | |

Spring 2018 Grants - \$96,936

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| Arts for All, Inc.
(Five Days, Five Arts Summer Camp) | Joslyn Art Museum
(Kent Bellows Mentoring program) |
| Assure Women's Center
(relationship education speakers) | Lofte Community Theatre
(marketing materials for summer musical) |
| Autism Action Partnership
(Circle of Friends) | Mercy Housing Midwest
(Residential Services food pantry) |
| Bellevue American Legion Post #339
(food pantry) | Mid-America Council Boy Scouts
(Scout Reach program) |
| Bellevue Fire & Rescue Department
(Honor Guard equipment) | Omaha Conservatory of Music
(String Sprouts program) |
| Chasers Charities
(defibrillator for Werner Park) | Omaha Symphony
(Choral Collaborative) |
| Christian Heritage
(foster children activities) | Omaha Zoo Foundation
(Safari Park overlook deck) |
| Common Fund of the Heartland
(energy assistance) | Papillion Area Historical Society
(sidewalk project) |
| The Durham Museum
(Teaching Our Community History Initiative) | Papillion LaVista Community Theatre
(Kids Music program) |
| Fontenelle Forest
(Acorn Acres renovations) | Project Harmony
(screening instruments for trauma program) |
| Food Bank for the Heartland
(Backpack for Kids program) | Tri City Food Pantry
(food assistance) |
| Housing Foundation for Sarpy County
(Back to School program) | Youth Emergency Services, Inc.
(Maternity Home carpeting) |

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

\$191,102



DISCRETIONARY GIFTS AWARDED

\$45,900

GRANTS

Awarded twice annually with February 1 and August 1 deadlines.



76 organizations benefitted from MCF's grants and gifts.

CHARITABLE FUNDS

Establishing a fund with MCF gives funds immediate access to all the privileges of a 501(c)3 charitable corporation. Funds operate under MCF's tax-exempt umbrella, allowing donors to take the maximum allowable tax deduction available.

MCF maintains responsibility for financial and administrative services, including recording and receipting contributions, conducting due diligence on recommended grant recipients, managing donor records, managing cash and investments, obtaining an annual financial audit, preparing and filing the IRS Form 990 and issuing fund financial reports to the organization.

ESTABLISHED CHARITABLE FUNDS

115

PAPILLION SENIOR CENTER: *Focusing on Care*

"The Midlands Community Foundation manages our fund and helps with the background work so that we can focus on the care and upkeep of the senior center."

– Donna Montelegre, Papillion Senior Center



Following are funds available at MCF:

Affiliated Fund

An Affiliated Fund is created by a committee of local community leaders. Local leaders will educate family, friends and businesses about the benefit of supporting such a fund. Midlands Community Foundation will handle the administrative details, which allow you the time to grow your local community fund.

Designated Fund

A Designated Fund supports the good work of a specific program or project. This fund channels your gift to a charitable cause that provides a lasting benefit.

Expendable – allows the fund to be spent to the point of exhaustion and have an immediate impact in the community.

Endowed – principal will not be spent and can grow over time, providing a source of lasting support.

Donor Advised Fund

A Donor Advised Fund allows donors to make irrevocable tax-deductible contributions to the Foundation, which provides maximum flexibility; immediate tax benefits; tax-free growth of funds/ the ability to schedule charitable contributions over time; a record of donations; and freedom from the responsibility and cost of legal and administrative details.

Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund is set up to help a specified group of people pay for education in a particular field. It is an excellent way to help deserving students pay for college.

Field of Interest Fund

A Field Interest Fund is an endowed fund that allows donors to designate and support a particular area of charitable interest.

CHARITABLE FUNDS

Midlands Community Foundation

Midlands Community Foundation Fund

DESIGNATED ENDOWED FUNDS

Sarpy County Fair Fund

Sarpy County Historical Foundation Fund

DESIGNATED EXPENDABLE FUNDS

14th Hour Foundation Fund

Alex Shives Memorial Fund

American Heroes Park Fund*

Auntie Em's Angels Fund

A Monster's Mission Fund

Bellevue Woman's Club Fund*

Benson Plant Rescue Fund

Cass County Arts & Entertainment Fund

Cass County CASA Fund

Daybreak Fund*

ECC Fund*

Gretna Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Fund

HEALing Embrace Fund

Healthy Sarpy and Cass County Fund

Kiwanis Club of Bellevue Fund

The Laurel Hill Cemetery Association Maintenance Fund*

Least of My Brethren Fund*

Lift Up Sarpy County Fund

Lofte Community Theatre Fund

Louisville Ball Parents Association Fund

MCF Education Fund

MCF Military Fund

Miguel Keith Project Fund

Moving Veterans Forward Fund

Ms. Pat's Kids Fund

National Veterans Tribute Network Fund*

Nebraska Fallen Heroes Fund

Nebraska Heat Youth Program Fund

Nebraska Parent & Responder Partnership Fund

Papillion-LaVista Community Theatre Fund

Papillion-LaVista Schools Foundation Fund

Papillion Library Foundation Fund

Papillion Senior Center Fund

Papillion Volunteer Fire Department Fund

Patriotic Productions Fund

Paws for Justice Fund*

Salute Our Military Community Fund

Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce Foundation Fund

Sarpy County Historical Society and Museum Fund

Sarpy County Sports Commission Fund

Splash Pads for Bellevue Fund

Veterans Resource Network Fund

Springfield Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Fund

Titan Defenders Fund*

Veterans Legal Support Network Fund

Weeping Water Community Booster Fund

Youth Frontiers Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

BB Charitable Trust Fund*

CB Charitable Trust Fund*

Robert and Janice Batt Foundation Fund

Bob and Bindy Charitable Fund

Brewer Family Fund

Calek-Polikov Foundation Fund*

Heimes Corp Charitable Fund

Madeline Chase Charitable Foundation Fund*

Jaksich Timmerman Fund

John and Tressa Jungers Charitable Fund

Mother Teresa Fund

Jeff and Esther Smith Charitable Fund

Temoshek Family Fund

Neal and Paula Wachholtz Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

MCF Arts Fund

MCF Children in Crisis Fund

MCF Community Development Fund

MCF Economic Development Fund

MCF Health Care Fund

MCF Human Service Fund

MCF Seniors Fund

Amelia L. Antle Memorial Youth Health & Education Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Alex Shives Memorial Scholarship Fund

Bob and Vicki Andersen Scholarship Fund

Bob Mohr Baseball Scholarship Fund

Chris E. Stauffer Scholarship Fund

GHS Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kaiti Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sarpy County Bar Association Scholarship Fund*

Bellevue Community Foundation

BCF General Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

BCFF Bike Trail Fund

BCFF Olde Towne Development Corporation Fund

BCFF Tennis Courts Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUND

Tom and Mary Hansen Fund

* Newly established funds in FYE June 2018

Gretna Community Foundation Fund

GCF General Fund

DESIGNATED ENDOWED FUNDS

Gretna Neighbors Fund
Gretna Volunteer Fire Department Fund

DESIGNATED EXPENDABLE FUNDS

Bright Future Foundation Fund
City of Gretna Swimming Pool and Aquatics Center Fund
Gretna Area Chamber of Commerce Fund
Gretna Band Parent's Fund
Gretna Children's Choir Music Education Fund
Gretna Downtown Association Fund
Gretna HomeTown Heroes Fund
Gretna Neighbors Food Pantry Fund
Gretna Optimists Fund
Gretna YMCA Fund
Little Giants Foundation Fund
Matt's Music Memorial Fund
Optimists Metro Area Youth Foundation Supporting Families Battling Childhood Cancer Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Gretna Children in Crisis Fund
Gretna Senior Citizen's Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Jeff and Shirley Boyer Family Fund
Jim and Dorothy Dickinson Memorial Fund
Ephesians 2:8-10 Fund
Huber Charitable Fund
Jim and Susan Koesters Charitable Fund
Sump Charitable Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gretna Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund

Springfield Community Foundation

SCF General Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

SCF Kozy Korner Fund
SCF Park Account Fund
SCF Springfield Community Center Fund
SCF Springfield Library Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCF Fleming Groesser Scholarship Fund

CASA (CASS COUNTY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM):

Helping Children Feel Normal



"The Midlands Community Foundation's funds provide for the children to help them feel normal. It means a lot to the children and to our volunteers to have them stand beside us."

– Angie Neumiller, Cass County CASA

MATCH PROGRAM - A Personal Approach to Giving

MCF provides donors a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We meet the challenges of changing times by providing charitable options and give our donors strategic advice about the charitable funds in which they want to invest.

Under MCF's 2018 Matching Charitable Program, matching donations were made on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a limit of \$5,000 per individual donor for NEW contributions made to existing and newly created funds, and subject to a maximum of \$100,000 of matching dollars being available in the aggregate for all funds.

Because more than \$100,000 was contributed on an aggregate basis to all Funds, the matching dollars were pro-rated among such donors based on total contributions made.



FUNDS

\$2 MILLION+



\$386,452

qualified for matching funds

 DONORS

961

 IMPACT

79

charitable funds
were impacted

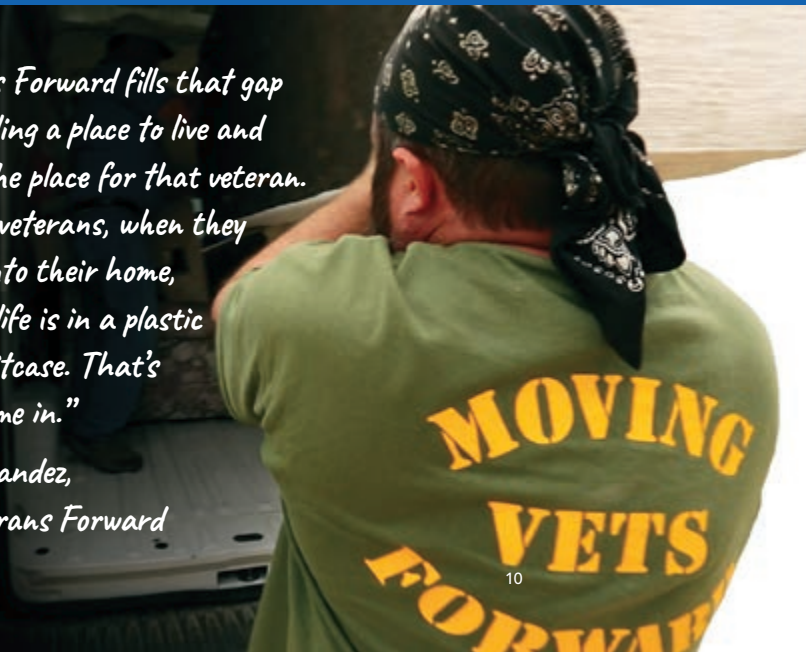


14 NEW FUNDS
ESTABLISHED
IN 2018

MOVING VETERANS FORWARD: *A Fresh Start for Veterans*

"Moving Vets Forward fills that gap between finding a place to live and furnishing the place for that veteran. Most of our veterans, when they go to move into their home, their entire life is in a plastic sack or a suitcase. That's where we come in."

*- Ron Hernandez,
Moving Veterans Forward*



With the Midlands Community Foundation's support, Moving Veterans Forward provides veterans with a fresh start, helping them go from not having a place to live to moving into a home, complete with the necessities they need to become self-sufficient.

Over 1,000 veterans served in 5 years.

Provides veterans with beds, TVs, couches, dishes, pots and pans, and more.

2018 Golf Tournament

FUNDS RAISED **\$42,000+**

148 PARTICIPANTS 



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands
Cass County CASA
Fontenelle Forest

HELP Adult Services
HETRA
Make-A-Wish
Nebraska

Papillion Volunteer Fire Department
Project Harmony
Share A Fare, Inc.

 **SOLD OUT EVENT**

2018 Reflection Ball

FUNDS RAISED **\$130,000+**

475 PARTICIPANTS 



Grants awarded to nonprofit organizations that provide programs and services to children in Sarpy and Cass counties in the areas of art, community, economic development, education, health and human services.



2018 Reflection Award Recipients: Bindy and Bob Frederick
Honorary Chairs: Kris and Steve Zey

LOFTE COMMUNITY THEATRE: *The Arts for Everyone*

With the help of the Midlands Community Foundation, the Lofte Community Theatre is the only performing arts center serving Cass County.

The Lofte offers six core season productions a year.

Approximately
12,000 visitors
enjoy the Lofte annually.

"The Lofte's main goal is to encourage everyone to participate in the creative arts, regardless of age or economic standing. We just want to get people involved."

– Anne Pope, Lofte Community Theatre



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Midlands Community Foundation Board of Directors is made up of individuals from the Sarpy and Cass county areas who bring a high degree of involvement to the Foundation and its mission.

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