

'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.'
~ Helen Keller



IMPACT REPORT

2022

THAN A MILLION
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Letter to Stakeholders

Dear Neighbors,

This year our community continued to demonstrate the difference it can make when we work together. We are inspired by our donors, partners and staff who have risen to the challenges and opportunities this past year. You have demonstrated compassion and dedication to the communities we serve.

The extraordinary generosity of our community allowed us to meet the needs of Hamilton County. HCF collaborated with donors, advisors, City and County leaders, charitable organizations, businesses and philanthropic partners to grant funds for the greatest impact.

We are deeply grateful for the impact of each donor, advisor, community leader and charitable organization that work diligently to meet the needs of Hamilton County in a remarkable way.

In 2022, HCF was able to fund food programs, veteran's services, early childhood development, housing development, arts and humanities, animal safety, senior services and many other grants to local charities who provide vital programs and services in our communities.

We invite you to learn more about our commitment to Hamilton County as we continue to increase our stewardship of charitable funds through the stories featured in this year's Impact Report.

Thank you for inspiring us and for joining us in supporting Hamilton County together.

Brock Wyatt
Board President

Tammy Morris, MC
Executive Director



2022 Highlights

- 173 donor named funds
- 16 new funds
- \$925k in contributions
- \$1.4m in grants awarded
- Over \$17.9m in assets
- 60% of assets are endowed (permanent)

Impact

- 138 scholarships totaling \$292,950
- Scholarships range from \$500 - \$15,000
- 3,159 scholarships awarded to date

Financial Activity

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activity

<u>Year End December 31</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Revenue		
Investment Returns/(Losses)	\$(2,847,473)	\$2,284,676
Contributions	\$925,334	\$1,527,884
Total Revenue	\$(1,922,136)	\$3,812,560

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

<u>Year End December 31</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets	\$17,916,169	\$21,621,275
Liabilities	\$402,474	\$277,620
Net Assets	\$17,513,695	\$21,343,656
Total Liabilities	\$17,916,169	\$21,621,275
Expenses		
Program, Grants & Scholarships Awarded	\$1,659,308	\$1,509,560
Administrative Expenses	\$248,517	\$191,974
Total Expenses	\$1,907,825	\$1,701,534
Change in Net Assets	\$(3,829,961)	\$2,111,026

1st Annual Scholarship Breakfast

April 19th, 2022



Scholarship donors, Lorey Wadell of the Delmer Wadell Memorial Scholarship, Dave & Glenda Vetter of the Marie Vetter Memorial Scholarship, and Matt Shaw of the Myrl S. & Bessie Evans Mather Foundation Scholarship



Patricia A. Kreutz Memorial Scholarship recipients and parents.



Scholarship donors, Butch and Nancy Furse, enjoy visiting with recipients of the Brent L. Furse Memorial Scholarship.



Scholarship donors, Richard Schaffert of the Stella Schaffert Memorial Scholarship and Scott Heuermann of the B. Keith and Norma F. Heuermann Scholarship, enjoy breakfast before the program.

**SAVE THE DATE: Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet
Nov. 2nd, 2023 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.**

Women in Philanthropy

Hamilton Community Foundation Women in Philanthropy was created and organized in November 2022. A group of women came together throughout Hamilton County to inspire and promote philanthropy by working collaboratively to cultivate a strong, vibrant community.

Community members who join HCF Women in Philanthropy (WIP) are an important part of a group that brings together and leverages the power of women interested in philanthropy and maximizing impact through collective giving and grant making. Each member is committed to leaving a footprint in Hamilton County that has the power to transform lives and impact the community we live in.

The HCF Women in Philanthropy Program is a group of powerful women that engage in programs that enhance their knowledge of philanthropy and foster participation in the grantmaking process. WIP strives to achieve goals that encourage philanthropy through a program that encompasses:

- Educational presentations that empower women.
- Grantmaking efforts that are responsive to community needs.
- Role modeling and mentoring of high school juniors and seniors through the Three Pillars Initiative philanthropy program.
- Identifying community opportunities for the betterment of Hamilton County.



Front row: Connie Cranston, Barb Bonifas, Virginia Koepke, Myra Higgins, Dawn Shaw, Deb Nelson, Roberta Cool, April Mason

Back row: Laura Reeson, Jaime Kreutz, Tammy Morris, Lori Thiele, Maggie Preissler, Juanita Regier, Angie Coufal, Melanie Klute, Jill DeMers, Tonya Papineau

Not pictured: Bonnie Jones

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Hampton Herd Expansion Project

The Beef Boosters Program was designed to provide locally grown beef to the Hampton Public School lunch program. It then became apparent that the link between students and where their food came from was not as present as one would hope it would be in a small, rural public school.

The Hawk Herd was started in Spring of 2019. This was a truly grassroots campaign, with a majority of the start-up costs with donations from community members and support from the Hampton Beef Boosters. Gates, feed bunks, and the current cattle shelter were built as shop projects by the Hampton Jr. High and High School students. By Fall 2019, there were cattle in the pens.

With the interruption in the Spring of 2020 by COVID, animals were not able to be taken care of at the Hawk Herd facilities, so were moved to local farms. This also set back the fundraising and expansion efforts for that year as well. However, the beef was processed by the Beef Booster Program for the 20-21 school year.

Fall of 2021 brought the birth of the Hawk Herd's first calve, a healthy bull calf. What made it even more wonderful and fulfilling was he was born the first day of school and all of the students were able to see a brand new calf, which many never had seen one that small.





William C. "Bill" Eloe was the highschool basketball coach and YMCA director in Aurora during the early 1900's. He coached the first AHS basketball team to earn a Class F state championship in 1920. William contracted encephalitis and resigned from the district in 1927 due to the progression of his illness. William was a founding member of the Aurora Rotary Club.

Delight M. Eloe started teaching grades 3 and 4 at South Elementary School in Aurora in 1928 and retired as principal of West Elementary School in 1958. During that time she cared for her ill husband, raised five children, and maintained her community and church leadership activities.

William and Delight's son, Howard, created this award because of the support offered to his mother and family during his father's illness.

William C. and Delight M. Eloe Award for Inspirational Academic Leadership



With over 40 years of service with the Aurora Public School district, Randy Maahs is a true testament of a great leader. He started his career at the Aurora Elementary School as head custodian, and it wasn't long before he was a fan favorite. Not only did Randy serve as head custodian, he answered any call that was needed. Whether it be bus driver, snow remover, lawn mower or just simply helping with student activities, Randy was there to help. There has never been a more loyal employee. He really does make everyday a "Great day to be a Husky"!

Each year the Eloe family returns to Aurora to enjoy A-ROR-N Days and meet the award recipient. Pictured below from left to right are Randy Maahs, Howard Eloe (son of William and Delight), Beth Eloe-Reep (granddaughter) and Paul Eloe (grandson).



2022 Donor

Agency Funds

AHS Investment Club Fund
*Hamilton County Backpack Program Fund

Designated Funds

Albert Ackerman Memorial Fund
AHS Agronomy Academy Fund
AHS Class of 1965 Band Instrument Fund
Sayre Borden Anderson Memorial Fund
Eric Berggren Tree Fund
Doyle and Evelyn Bish Charitable Fund
Book of Memory Fund
George C. and Sarah Strickler Bute Memorial Fund
Carl Chader Memorial Fund
Alice G. Eberhard Memorial Fund
Thelma Clara Elkjer Memorial Fund
William C. and Delight M. Eloie Award Fund
First Evangelical Cemetery Association Fund
Wilt and Eileen Forsman Memorial Fund
George Western Cemetery Maintenance Fund
Hamilton Community Foundation
Endowment Fund
Hamilton County 4-H Fund
Hamilton County Charitable Fund
Ed and Lena Hilligas and Ruby Hilligas
Memorial Fund
Floyd Kerr and William M. Bobst Memorial Fund
Koepke Family Fund
Norma J. Kreutz Memorial Fund
Clarence and Nellie Luthy Charitable Fund
Lillian May Charitable Fund
Janna Moore Morin Memorial Fund
Mt. Zion Cemetery Maintenance Fund
Alfred P. Nelson Memorial Fund
Harlan and Emma Jane Peterson Fund
Phillips Community Charitable Fund
Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Fund
Arthur L. and Edith L. Scott Memorial Fund
Ralph Springer Memorial Fund
*Women in Philanthropy Fund
*Youth Golf Fund

Donor Advised Funds

*Aurora Lodge #68 A.F. & A.M. Fund
James R. and LaVonne Clarke Charitable Fund
Carl P. and Doris J. Djernes Trust Fund
Nadine Dunbar Memorial Fund
Frank and Alice Farr Trust Charitable Fund
Ronald L. and Nancy Furse Charitable Fund
Heuermann Family Charitable Trust Fund
Clayton and Myra Higgins Charitable Fund
Robert and Bethel Kolar Charitable Fund
*Robert and Bethel Kolar Charitable Trust-Aurora
Adopt A Pet Fund
Francis and Patricia McDonald Charitable Fund
*Mayor Marlin and Nancy Seeman Charitable Fund
Dr. James and Mabel Woodard Charitable Fund

Field of Interest Funds

*HCF Fine Arts Fund

Fiscal Sponsorship Funds

Art Walk Aurora Fund

Scholarship Funds

Lauren Akerson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wilbur C. Akerson Scholarship Fund
Shirley A. Andersen Memorial Teaching Scholarship Fund
Arthur H. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jerry and Bertina Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ward B. Andrews Memorial Scholarship Fund for Business
Aurora Baha'i Community Scholarship Fund
*Aurora Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund
Aurora Education Association Scholarship Fund
Aurora High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
*Aurora Rotary Club Scholarship Fund
Herbert and Doris Bankson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ivan M. and Agdie I. Bengtson Memorial Scholarship Fund
*Big Iron Realty Scholarship Fund
*Doyle and Evelyn Bish Scholarship Fund
*George C. and Sarah Strickler Bute Memorial Scholarship
Dean and Pat Carriker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Megan K. Christenson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cornerstone Bank Scholarship Fund

Legacy Funds

Scholarship Funds continued...

Edward and Alma Daniel Memorial Fund
Alice G. Eberhard Memorial Scholarship Fund
Fred and Helen Emken Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bob and Carol Ernst Memorial Scholarship Fund
John and Imogene Florea Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wilt and Eileen Forsman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brent L. Furse Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joan M. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Green Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ray A. and Frances M. Griffin Memorial
Scholarship Fund
*Gaylene Grosshans Memorial Scholarship Fund
*Rhonda Grosshans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hamilton Co. Jr. Pork Producers Scholarship Fund
Hamilton County Corngrowers Association
Scholarship Fund
Glenn R. and Eva E. Haworth Scholarship Fund
John E. Haworth Scholarship Fund
Howard Holland Memorial Scholarship Fund
J. Walter and Thelma Hudson Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Melvin and Virgie Hurst Memorial Scholarship Fund
Veedis F. "Veda" Jacobs Memorial Scholarship Fund
Michael Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund
Chuck Keasling Memorial Ag Scholarship Fund
*Diane Keller Healthcare Scholarship Fund
Floyd Kerr and William M. Bobst Scholarship Fund
Norma J. Kreutz Memorial Scholarship Fund
Glen R. and Margaret H. Leymaster Scholarship Fund
Myrl S. and Bessie Evans Mather Foundation
Scholarship Fund
Charles "Shorty" McDonald Memorial Scholarship Fund
Memorial Community Health Scholarship Fund
Rex and Janet Meyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc. Scholarship Fund
David and Myrtle Myers Scholarship Fund
Alfred P. Nelson Scholarship Fund
Jeanie Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
John W. Newman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Donald A. Nielsen, Betty Lou Nielsen and Robert L. Nielsen
Memorial Fund
Kenneth and Lucille Nyblom Teaching Scholarship Fund
Mae Gunnarson Olson P.E.O. Scholarship Fund
Alta Louise Otto Memorial Fund
R.M. "Bud" and Mary Ann Pence Scholarship Fund
Phillips Community Scholarship Fund
John F. and Mary A. Quinn Scholarship Fund

Dick Regier Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ted and Marjorie Regier Fund
Todd Alan Regier Memorial Scholarship Fund
Blanche M. Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cindy Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jim Salmon Memorial Scholarship Fund
J. Michael Saxton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Scholarship Fund
Stella Schaffert Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ethel M. Shaneyfelt Nursing Scholarship Fund
John H. and Edith Pratt Stauffer Memorial Scholarship
Fund
Dr. Edmund A. Steenburg Memorial Fund
Alvin and Rose Marie Stranberg Memorial Scholarship
Fund
Annita Kay Thomas Memorial Fund
John G. Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dale E. Traudt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Marie Vetter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Delmer Wadell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wilbur H. Weedon Scholarship Fund
Karen Louise Nielsen Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund
Clifford Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund
Genevieve and Robert Willis Scholarship Fund
Clair "Shorty" and Evelyn Zehr Memorial Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Elmer and Ruth Barrick Memorial Fund
LeRoy and Ellen Benson Charitable Fund
Donald and Ingeborg Beyer Charitable Fund
*Bob and Roberta Cool Charitable Fund
LouAnn DeBoer Memorial Fund
Richard A. Hansen Memorial Fund
Glenn R. and Eva E. Haworth Memorial Fund
John E. Haworth Fund
Jean L. Jemison Memorial Fund
Patricia A. Kreutz Memorial Fund
Harlan and Emma Jane Peterson Fund
Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Fund
Simeon Louis Stark and Eva M. Stark Charitable Fund
Anne Peterson Tappan Memorial Fund
Eunice Troester Memorial Fund

***Denotes new fund**

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Butch and Nancy Furse



Butch and Nancy have always cared deeply about giving back to the community.

Nancy, a native of Murray, NE, and Butch, born in Republic, KS, were married in 1959. They had their first two sons, Michael and Brent, while in Denison, IA where Butch was the Business/Advertising Manager of two newspapers. Their son B. Jay was born after Butch and Nancy moved to Aurora, NE in 1965.

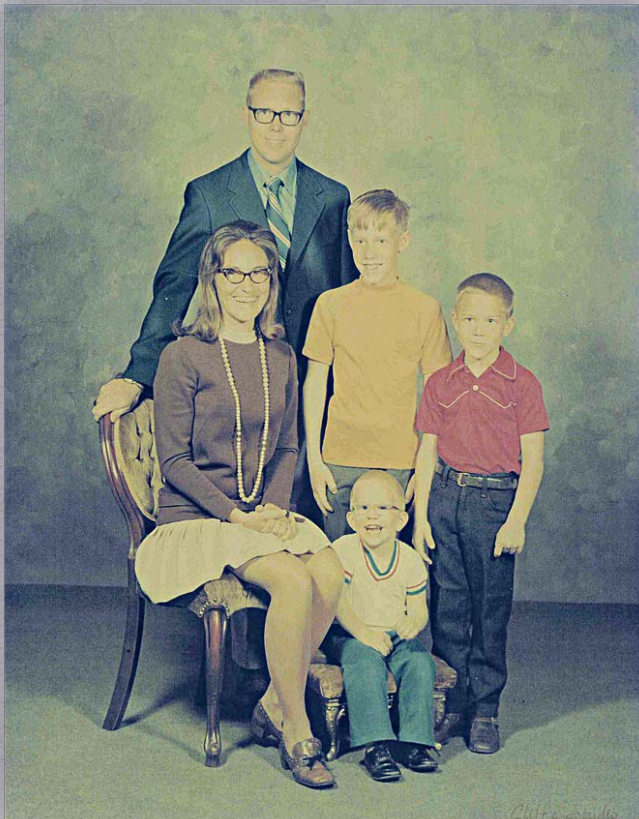
Butch is a third generation newspaper owner and journalist. He and his father purchased the Aurora News Register in 1965 as co-publishers. After the death of his father in 1972, Butch and Nancy continued to operate the Aurora News Register until they retired in 2000. After retirement, Butch's love of journalism and newspapering drove him to continue writing a weekly column for twenty years until the final 'Around the Square' column was published in 2020.

When their son, Brent, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 25 from a seizure, Butch and Nancy knew they wanted to carry on his legacy through a scholarship. The Brent Furse Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded more than 25 scholarships in Brent's name since its inception in 1989.

In their continued dedication to giving back to the community, Butch and Nancy started the Ronald L. and Nancy Furse Charitable Fund at the Foundation in 2007. Their fund has impacted many organizations and programs over the past 16 years.

In 2023, their eldest son, Michael, passed away after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. His name is now beside his brother through the Brent L. and Michael C. Furse Memorial Scholarship Fund. Butch and Nancy have a strong faith and are proud of their middle son, B. Jay, who owns Cowart Door Systems and lives in Austin, Texas with his family.

"When Nancy and I arrived in Aurora, the Hamilton Community Foundation had just been created. My Dad was involved on the board and, over the years, the Foundation has become close to us. We feel it's our responsibly to manage our money, and the tax benefits through the Foundation allow us to have a greater impact on our community. Since we made our living here, we want to give back her." ~ Butch Furse.



Board of Directors and Staff



Top row (left to right): Zach Hunnicutt, Jim Kreutz (Board Vice President), Tammy Morris (Staff: Executive Director), Brock Wyatt (Board President), Marlin Seeman, James Parlsey, Rob Anderson, Asia Haack (Board Treasurer), Julie Stevenson (Staff: Program Coordinator) and Lori Thiele (Staff: Community Outreach Coordinator). Bottom row (left to right): Trevor Thorell, Maggie Preissler, Laura Schuster, Barb Bonifas (Board Secretary), April Mason, Barb Olsufka and Blair Shearer (Staff: Office Coordinator).
Not Pictured: Bob Cool (Grants Chair), Tom Darbro (past President), Phil Fendt, Stephen Knudsen, Jerry Robertshaw, Dane Schafer, Chad Svoboda, and Megan Vetter (Fine Arts Chair).

Book of Memory

The Book of Memory provides a thoughtful way for donors to establish a permanent tribute to the memory of a departed friend or relative through a legacy contribution. Honoree names are recorded as a permanent legacy in the Book of Memory on display at the Foundation office.

Gerald Holtzen	2/13/1936-2/6/2022
Kyle Ediger	5/31/1990-2/8/2022
Mary Eckoff	6/26/1949-2/10/2022
Lynn Tredway	2/11/1926-3/14/2022
Gaylene Grosshans	6/11/1959-3/18/2022
Ron Messman	3/8/1937-4/18/2022
Loretta Leach	7/18/1933-4/27/2022
Rhonda Grosshans	10/5/1957-5/7/2022
Rich Hawthorne	3/30/1954-4/24/2022
Roger Bamesberger	11/7/1944-5/25/2022
Dean Thieszen	4/11/1939-6/1/2022
Barbara Perry	11/29/1951-6/21/2022
Roberta 'Bobbie' Vetter	1/1/1928-5/19/2022
Mary Haase	4/11/1937-6/29/2022
JoAnn Landenberger	11/5/1935-6/28/2022
Randall Smith	9/21/1946-7/23/2022
Donna Lee Moyer	7/16/1929-8/20/2022
Robert Dick	8/31/1947-9/28/2022
Sprout Berthelson	2005-2022
Shirley Obermeier	10/8/1930-7/19/2022
Darrell Purdy	4/3/1936-10/1/2022
Ernest Ochsner	1/28/1944-10/28/2022
Doris Rathje Djernes	12/13/1925-10/29/2022
Tanner Davison	1/2/2002-11/4/2022
Dan Wiltfong	7/25/1959-11/13/2022
Murlene Mickey	11/2/1938-12/27/2022

Friends

Donors who contributed \$10,000 or more in 2022 to charitable efforts in Hamilton County.

LouAnn DeBoer Estate
B. Keith and Norma F. Heuermann Foundation
Dr. James and Mabel Woodard Charitable Fund
Francis McDonald
*Ned Grosshans
Bob and Roberta Cool
Butch and Nancy Furse
Robert and Bethel Kolar Charitable Trust
*Matt and Dawn Shaw

Benefactors

Donors who contributed an unrestricted gift of \$25,000 or more to address emerging needs in the community.

Donald L. Schaffert Estate
Robert and Bethel Kolar Charitable Trust
Frank M. and Alice M. Farr Trust
*Aurora Lodge #68 A.F. & A.M.
*Myra Higgins
B. Keith and Norma F. Heuermann Foundation
*Mrs. Joleen Traudt

• Denotes new Friend or Benefactor



We gratefully recognize the following individuals who have remembered the Hamilton Community Foundation with a bequest from their estate or who have indicated that the Foundation has been named as a future beneficiary of their estate. These visionary donors have enriched Hamilton County through their desire to address the charitable needs of the community.

Albert Ackerman
Nelda Akerson
Ward Andrews
Elmer Barrick
Agdie J. Bengtson
Ellen J. Benson
Eric Berggren
Donald & Ingeborg Beyer
Evelyn Bish
William Bobst
Bertha Bremer
*Thomas Budnick
Eva J. Bute
Florence C. Bute
*Bonnie Campbell
Carl Y. Chader
*Robert and Roberta Cool
LouAnn DeBoer
Alice Eberhard
Julie Eriksen
Frank M. and Alice M. Farr
Esther W. Freeman
*Butch and Nancy Furse
Robert K. Gerloff
Victor C. Gustafson
Richard A. Hansen
Eva E. Haworth
John E. Haworth Trust
Madge Haymart
Henry J. Herbst
Ruby Hilligas

Wesley C. Huenefelt
Jean L. Jemison
Marie Johnson
*Jim & Virginia Koepke
Lois Kreutz
Norma J. Kreutz
Mabel Matson
*Jim & Tammy Morris
Myrtle Myers
Alfred P. Nelson
Therese Nelson
Zoe C. Nielsen
Clifford and Gladys Olson
Alta Louise Otto
Harlan and Emma Jane Peterson
Theodore "Ted" Regier
*Dr. Jeffrey D. & Melissa K. Ross
*Murray & Cindy (Waldron) Ross
*Valta Ross
*Linda Ross-Happy
Wayne and Ethel Marie Shaneyfelt
*Karla Smith
Harold "Hap" Stark
Anne Peterson Tappan
Eunice Troester
Beatrice L. Gorham Wolcott

*Denotes gifts that have not been realized

How to Create your Legacy

Add to an Existing Fund

- Donors may contribute to any of the existing funds at the Foundation

Make an Outright Gift

- Gifts of cash, stock, bonds, real estate, grain or other assets

Create Your Legacy Fund (Fund options below)

- Unrestricted Fund
- Designated Fund to a specific charity(s)
- Donor Advised Fund
- Field of Interest Fund (animal welfare, arts & humanities, community enrichment, education, human services, youth development)

Start an Incubation Fund

- Donors who wish to start a fund incrementally, have five years to contribute \$5,000 to create an active grantmaking fund

Specify a Bequest by Will or Trust

- Designate a gift or portion of your estate
- Become a Legacy Society Member

Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity

- Gift of cash or property
- Immediate tax benefits
- Fixed quarterly or annual income payments

Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust

- Place cash or property in a trust
- Trust will pay annual income to the donor for life or a fixed number of years.

Name a Life Insurance Designation

- Name HCF as the owner and/or designated beneficiary or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- These gifts can reduce estate and income taxes

Direct a Retirement Plan Distribution

- Donors may donate all or a portion of a retirement plan account
- Those over the age of 70 1/2 may transfer funds tax-free from traditional IRA and Roth IRA accounts without paying estate or income taxes

The Foundation specializes in customizing each donors' philanthropic wishes. We work with individuals and families, free of charge, to formalize a plan that may be shared with family members and professional advisors. Please contact our office to learn more.



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