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FRIENDS,

While this year started as any other year, everything changed in March. The COVID-19 pandemic was just becoming a reality and 2020 was everything except business as usual. From day one of the crisis, HCF has remained open for business, adopting new methods and protocols to get essential funding to area organizations and to those who found themselves needing help during this difficult time.

We heard repeatedly that 2020 was an unprecedented year, but the continued generosity of Hamilton County residents was not unprecedented. Despite this challenge, our community adapted quickly and came together in a big way to support one another. Twenty-twenty showed us once again what a caring and compassionate community we live in. We are grateful to the volunteers, organizations and donors who generously gifted their time, talent and treasure.

Social impact organizations in Hamilton County, while greatly impacted by the pandemic, used their operational efficiency to maximize the programs, services and supplies in a way that met the needs of our family, friends and neighbors during the pandemic.

Over the past few years, there has been a shift in our sector to move away from the word "nonprofit". Although "nonprofit" does signal that an organization has been approved for federal tax exemption (rarely state tax exemption), it fails to convey the expertise and achievements of the nature of the sector. In such areas as health care, higher education, social services, and the arts, "nonprofits" are major service providers. The mission and daily work of our sector is about impact. History continues to demonstrate that social impact organizations are impactful everyday, but particularly when communities are experiencing challenges. The shift to social impact sector more accurately reflects the work of our community organizations.

We would like to thank our Board of Directors, community partners and individual donors who faithfully stepped up to address the challenges of the last year. There is much truth in the quote, "It takes a village."

Best wishes,



Tom Darbro, Board President



Tammy Morris, Executive Director



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Tom Darbro,
Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS



Front Row (left to right): Amy Miller, Barb Bonifas, Chad Svoboda, Julie Stevenson; Program Coordinator, Tom Darbro; Board President, Myra Higgins, Lori Jacobsen, Tammy Morris: Executive Director.

Back Row (left to right): Brock Wyatt, Bob Cool, Rob Anderson, Deryl Hilligas, Marlin Seeman, James Parsley, Laura Schuster, Scott Grafton, Barb Olsufka, Asia Haack, Zach Hunnicutt

Not pictured: Emily Jasnowski, Jerry Robertshaw, Megan Vetter, Blair Shearer: Office Coordinator

2020 IMPACT

- \$19.2 million in assets
- \$2.5 million in contributions
- \$875k in grants and scholarships distributed
- 146 donor named legacy funds
- 60% of funds are permanently endowed
- 32 people were added to the Book of Memory
- 13 new donor funds established
- 5 new members of the Legacy Society (54 total)
- 1 new benefactor

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position		
<u>Year End December 31</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assets	\$19,558,024	\$16,853,918
Liabilities	\$325,395	\$196,338
Fund Balance (Equity)	<u>\$19,232,629</u>	<u>\$16,657,579</u>
	\$19,558,024	\$16,853,918
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities		
<u>Year End December 31</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue & Support	\$3,896,725	\$2,535,149
Expenses & Grants	<u>\$1,321,675</u>	<u>\$1,073,214</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$2,575,050	\$1,461,214
Audit by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		



FRIENDS & BENEFACTORS

Friends

Donors who contributed \$10,000 or more in 2020 to charitable efforts in Hamilton County.

Benefactors

Donors who contribute an unrestricted gift of \$25,000 or more to address emerging needs in the community. These donors are permanently honored on an engraved plaque at the Foundation office.

-2020 FRIENDS-

Donald L. Schaffert Estate

Hamilton Telecommunications

B. Keith & Norma F. Heuermann Foundation

Robert & Bethel Kolar Charitable Trust

Jim & Virginia Koepke

Jim & LaVonne Clarke

Robert E. Nielsen Estate

Aurora Cooperative

Central Valley Ag.

Arthur L. & Edith L. Scott Estate

-2020 BENEFACTORS-

Elmer Barrick

Ruth Barrick

Ellen J. Benson

LeRoy A. Benson

Eva J. Bute

Florence C. Bute

George C. Bute

James R. & LaVonne Clarke Fund

Lewis L. & Evelyn E. Driewer

Frank M. & Alice M. Farr Trust

John & Marlene Ferguson

Alma A. Hansen

F. Walter Hansen

L.H. Hansen

Richard A. Hansen

Eva E. Haworth

John E. Haworth

B. Keith & Norma F. Heuermann Foundation

Ruby Hilligas

Jean L. Jemison

Robert & Bethel Kolar Charitable Trust

Catherine Newman

John W. Newman

Emma Jane Peterson Bowers

Anne Peterson – Tappan

Pinnacle Bank & Trust

David Rau III

Harald "Hap" Stark

Sarah Strickler – Bute

Eunice Troester

Charles L. Whitney

Syd & Patty Widga

* Donald L. Schaffert

*Denotes new Benefactor

BOOK OF MEMORY

The Book of Memory provides a thoughtful way for donors to establish a tribute to the memory of a departed relative or friend through a legacy contribution. Names are recorded permanently in the Book of Memory on display at the Foundation office. The following loved ones were added to the the Book of Memory in 2020.

Boyd "Doc" Burhoop	1938-2019	Beverly Smith	1966-2020
Arthur Lee Scott	1927-2020	Walter Wendt	1951-2020
Joey Mecham	1944-2020	Norman Luthy	1930-2020
Bill Holland	1928-2020	Lloyd "Lavern" Miller	1946-2020
Delane "Del" Carrolle Sinner	1934-2020	Ronald Florea	1934-2020
Velma Hackman	1933-2020	Frank Vetter	1953-2020
Kenneth F. Pfiefer	1946-2020	Betty Farmer	1950-2020
Cletus Kothe	1944-2020	Kathy Akerlund	1943-2020
Larry G. Shafer	1934-2020	Elaine Penner	1932-2020
Paul Buller	1952-2020	Joan Heinzman	1926-2020
Marilyn Wortman	1927-2020	Dean Morgan	1926-2020
Emma (Auch) Bedinger	1931-2020	Donald Burling	1934-2020
Timothy Otto	1948-2020	Leona Weed	1931-2020
Donna Rasmussen	1936-2020	Norma Kreutz	1924-2020
Calvin Berthelsen	1928-2020	Patricia Oswald	1939-2020
Deryl Danielson	1933-2020	Bernadine "Deanie" Wanek	1930-2020
Charles Keasling	1955-2020	Edgar Tucker	1943-2020
Delpha Miller	1931-2020	Patricia Grudzinski	1947-2020
Mary Dikeou	1944-2020	Shirley Weedin	1930-2020
Barry Handrup	1952-2020	Eugene Griffith	1938-2020
Morris L. Morris	1944-2020	Paul Parks	1951-2020
Joann Ackerman	1940-2020		

LEGACY SOCIETY

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	Victor C. Gustafson	Alta Louise Otto
Nelda Akerson	Richard A. Hansen	Harlan and Emma Jane Peterson
Ward Andrews	Eva E. Haworth	Theodore "Ted" Regier
Elmer Barrick	John E. Haworth Trust	*Dr. Jeffrey D. & Melissa K. Ross
Egdie J. Bengtson	Madge Haymart	*Murray & Dianne (Waldron) Ross
Ellen J. Benson	Henry J. Herbst	*Valta Ross
Eric Berggren	Ruby Hilligas	*Linda Ross-Happy
Donald & Ingeborg Beyer	Wesley C. Huenefelt	Wayne and Ethel Maree Shaneyfelt
Evelyn Bish	Jean L. Jemison	*Karla Smith
William Bobst	Marie Johnson	Harold "Hap" Stark
Bertha Bremer	*Jim & Virginia Koepke	Anne Peterson Tappan
Eva J. Bute	Lois Kreutz	Eunice Troester
Florence C. Bute	Norma J. Kreutz	Beatrice L. Gorham Wolcott
Carl Y. Chader	Mabel Matson	
LouAnn DeBoer	*Jim & Tammy Morris	*Denotes gifts that have not been realized
Alice Eberhard	Myrtle Myers	
Julie Eriksen	Alfred P. Nelson	
Frank M. and Alice M. Farr	Therese Nelson	
Esther W. Freeman	Zoe C. Nielsen	
Robert K. Gerloff	Clifford and Gladys Olson	

NAMED LEGACY FUNDS

Designated Funds

AHS Class of 1965 Band Instrument Fund
 Albert Ackerman Memorial Fund
 Sayre Borden Anderson Fund
 Art Walk Aurora Fund
 Aurora 4-R Athletics Fund
 Aurora School District 4R Drug Testing Fund
 Eric Berggren Tree Fund
 Floyd Kerr and William M. Bobst Memorial Fund
 George & Sarah Strickler Bute Memorial Fund
 COVID-19 Response Fund*
 Carl Chader Memorial Fund
 Alice G. Eberhard Memorial Fund
 Thelma Clara Elkjer Memorial Fund
 William and Delight Eloie Memorial Fund
 First Evangelical Cemetery Association Memorial Fund
 Eileen Forsman Memorial Fund
 George Western Cemetery Maintenance Fund
 Hamilton Co. 4-H Fund
 Hamilton Co. Agronomy Academy Fund
 Hamilton Co. Ambulance Fund
 Ed & Lena Hilligas and Ruby Hilligas Memorial Fund
 Koepke Family Fund*
 Norma Kreutz Memorial Fund*
 Lions Club of Aurora Charitable Fund
 Clarence and Nellie Luthy Charitable Fund
 Lillian May Charitable Fund
 Francis & Patricia McDonald Fund* (Re-opened in 2020)
 Mt. Zion Cemetery Maintenance Fund
 Jana Moore-Morin Memorial Fund
 Alfred P. Nelson Memorial Fund
 Robert E. Nielsen Memorial Fund*
 Harlan & Emma Jane Peterson Fund
 Phillips Cemetery Association Fund
 Phillips Community Charitable Fund
 Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Fund*
 Arthur L. & Edith L. Scott Memorial Fund*
 Ralph Springer Memorial Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Aurora Cooperative Charitable Fund
 James R. & LaVonne Clarke Charitable Fund

Carl P. & Doris J. Djernes Trust
 Nadine Dunbar Memorial Fund
 Frank & Alice Farr Trust Charitable Fund
 Ronald L. & Nancy Furse Charitable Fund
 B. Keith & Norma F. Heuermann Foundation Fund
 Heuermann Family Charitable Trust Fund
 Clayton & Myra Higgins Charitable Fund
 Robert & Bethel Kolar Charitable Fund
 Dr. James & Mabel Woodard Charitable Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Elmer and Ruth Barrick Memorial Fund*
 LeRoy and Ellen Benson Charitable Fund
 Donald and Ingeborg Beyer Charitable Fund
 Book of Memory Fund
 Hamilton County Charitable Fund
 Richard A. Hansen Memorial Fund
 Glenn R. & Eva E. Haworth Memorial Fund
 John E. Haworth Fund
 Jean L. Jemison Memorial Fund
 Edith M. Luthy Memorial Fund
 Therese C. Nelson Memorial Fund
 Anne Peterson-Tappan Memorial Fund
 Harlan & Emma Jane Peterson Fund
 Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Fund*
 Simeon Louis Stark and Eva M. Stark Charitable Fund
 Eunice Troester Memorial Fund

Scholarship Funds

Lauren Akerson Memorial Scholarship
 Shirley A. Andersen Memorial Teaching Scholarship
 Arthur H. Anderson Memorial Scholarship
 Jerry & Bertina Anderson Memorial Scholarship
 Ward B. Andrews Memorial Scholarship for Business
 Aurora Bahai Community Scholarship
 Aurora Education Association Scholarship
 Aurora High School Alumni Association Scholarship
 Herbert and Doris Bankson Memorial Scholarship
 Gilbert "Gip" Barnell Memorial Scholarship
 Ivan M. & Agdie I. Bengtson Scholarship
 Boyd Burhoop Memorial Scholarship Fund*
 Eva J. Bute Memorial Scholarship

Florance C. Bute Memorial Scholarship
 Dean and Pat Carriker Memorial Scholarship
 Carl Chader Memorial Scholarship
 Megan K. Christenson Memorial Scholarship
 Edward & Alma Daniel Memorial Scholarship
 Alice G. Eberhard Memorial Scholarship
 Myrl S. & Bessie Evans Mather Foundation Scholarship
 Thelma Clara Elkjer Memorial Scholarship
 Fred & Helen Emken Memorial Scholarship
 Bob and Carol Ernst Memorial Scholarship
 Frank M. Farr Rotary Club of Aurora Scholarship
 John and Imogene Florea Memorial Scholarship
 Eileen Forsman Memorial Scholarship
 Brent Furse Memorial Scholarship
 Lisa D. Garrett Memorial Scholarship
 Joan M. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
 John Green Memorial Scholarship
 Ray A. and Frances Griffin Memorial Scholarship
 Hamilton County Corngrowers Association Scholarship
 Hamilton Co. Jr. Pork Producer's Scholarship
 Glenn R. & Eva E. Haworth Scholarship
 John E. Haworth Scholarship
 B. Keith and Norma F. Heuermann Scholarship
 Howard Holland Memorial Scholarship
 J. Walter and Thelma Hudson Memorial Scholarship
 Melvin & Virgie Hurst Memorial Scholarship
 Veedis "Veda" Jacobs Memorial Scholarship
 Jean L. Jemison Memorial Scholarship
 Michael Jones Memorial Scholarship
 Chuck Keasling Ag Scholarship*
 Floyd Kerr & William M. Bobst Scholarship
 Norma J. Kreutz Memorial Scholarship*
 Glen and Margaret Leymaster Scholarship
 Marquette Alumni Association Scholarship
 Charles "Shorty" McDonald Memorial Scholarship
 Memorial Community Health Scholarship
 Rex and Janet Meyer Memorial Scholarship
 Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc. Scholarship
 Mitchell's Recreation Scholarship
 David and Myrtle Myers Scholarship
 Alfred P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship
 Jeanie Nelson Memorial Scholarship

John W. Newman Memorial Scholarship
 Donald A., Betty Lou & Robert Nielsen Memorial Scholarship
 Kenneth and Lucille Nyblom Teaching Scholarship
 Mae Gunnarson Olson P.E.O. Scholarship
 Alta Louise Otto Memorial Scholarship
 R.M. "Bud" & Mary Ann Pence Scholarship*
 Harlan & Emma Jane Peterson Scholarship
 Phillips Community Scholarship
 John F. & Mary Quinn Scholarship
 Dick Regier Memorial Scholarship
 Ted and Marjorie Regier Fund
 Todd Alan Regier Memorial Scholarship*
 Lucinda (Cindy) Ross Memorial Scholarship
 Blanche M. Ross Memorial Scholarship
 Betty Grosvenor Saunders Scholarship in Education
 J. Michael Saxton Memorial Scholarship
 Donald L. Schaffert Memorial Scholarship*
 Arthur L. Scott Memorial Scholarship*
 Edith L. Scott Memorial Scholarship*
 Ethel Maree Shaneyfelt Nursing Scholarship
 Wayne Shaneyfelt Memorial Scholarship
 John & Edith Pratt Stauffer Memorial Scholarship
 Dr. Edmund A. Steenburg Memorial Scholarship
 Alvin and Rose Marie Stranberg Memorial Scholarship
 Annita Kay Thomas Memorial Scholarship
 John G. Thomas Memorial Scholarship
 Dale Traudt Memorial Scholarship
 Clarence Trumble Memorial Scholarship
 Marie Vetter Memorial Scholarship
 Delmer Wadell Memorial Scholarship
 Wilbur Weedin Memorial Scholarship
 Karen Louise Nielsen Wilcox Memorial Scholarship
 Clifford Williams Memorial Scholarship
 Genevieve and Robert Willis Scholarship
 Dr. James & Mabel Woodard Scholarship
 Clair "Shorty" & Evelyn Zehr Memorial Scholarship

* denotes new fund

Animal Welfare

Aurora Humane Society

Arts, Culture & Humanities

Art Walk Aurora

Hamilton County Historical Society/Plainsman Museum

HCF Fine Arts Committee

Merrymakers Association

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild

Community Enrichment

American Legion – Post 141 Hampton

Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Aurora United Methodist Church *

Bremer Community Center

City of Aurora-Emergency Utility Assistance

Conservation Nebraska

First Evangelical Cemetery Association

Giltner Area Development Corporation

Giltner Alumni & Community Foundation

Giltner United Methodist Church *

Glasgow Cemetery *

Greenwood Cemetery *

Hamilton County Agriculture Society

Mt. Zion Cemetery *

Nonprofit Association of the Midlands *

Phillips Cemetery Association *

Phillips Community Foundation

Phillips United Methodist Church *

Prairie Plains Resource Institute

Richland Cemetery *

Stockham Cemetery *

The Leadership Center

Village of Hordville

Education

AHS Show Choir Boosters

Aurora Library Foundation

Aurora Public Schools Christmas Cheer Fund

Aurora Robotics

Edgerton Education Foundation

Hamilton County Agronomy Academy

Hastings College Foundation

Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation

William & Delight Eloie Award for Inspirational Education

Youth Engaged in Technology & Innovation

Healthcare

Memorial Foundation

Human Services

Aurora Child Care, Inc.

Hamilton County Backpack Program

Hamilton County Food Pantry

Hamilton County Ministerial Association

Hamilton County Senior Center *

Phillips Fire Department

Sozo Family Services

Recreation

Giltner Booster Club

Hamilton Recreation, Inc.

Marquette Booster Club

Youth Development

Aurora Public Schools

Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center

Giltner High School After Prom

Giltner Public Schools

Hamilton County 4-H Council

Hampton Post Prom

Hampton Public Schools – FFA *

Messiah Lutheran Church

TeamMates of Aurora

The Crossing of Lexington

* Denotes bequests designated by donors in their estate

2020 GRANTS

2020 Scholarships

\$197,500 in scholarships granted

94 scholarships awarded

Scholarship amounts: \$400 - \$15,000

2903 scholarships awarded to date

IMPACT

Community Impact Award



The Aurora Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet and awarded HCF the 2020 Civic Business of the Year Award for the Foundation's consistent dedication to community growth and betterment. This included the Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund which supported the needs of the community through grants and a centralized service directory for individuals, families and children impacted by the pandemic.



COVID-19 Response Fund

The COVID-19 Response Fund, created March 31st, was designated to help address immediate needs in our community created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our local communities came together to help each other and the impact of nonprofit organizations was significant even though they were experiencing canceled fundraising events and a decrease in general donations. This COVID-19 Response Fund made it possible for the community to respond to the increase in animal adoptions, food insecurity, housing due to lost income, healthcare, personal protective equipment, assistance for seniors, and so much more.

The following grants were made possible as a result of the generosity of many individual donors and a corporate gift from Hamilton Telecommunications:

- Art Walk Aurora
- Aurora Humane Society
- Aurora Public Schools Christmas Cheer Fund
- Bremer Community Center
- City of Aurora Emergency Utility Assistance
- Edgerton Explorit Center
- Hamilton County Agricultural Society/Hamilton County Fair
- Hamilton County Food Pantry
- Hamilton County Ministerial Association
- Memorial Foundation
- Sozo Family Services
- TeamMates of Aurora
- The Leadership Center
- The Plainsman Museum

WILLIAM & DELIGHT ELOE AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP



Doug Monson, Aurora Elementary School Counselor and Future Problem Solvers Sponsor, received the 2020 Eloe Award for Inspirational Academic Leadership. Doug retired in 2020 after 44 years and would share this quote with the students: "Excellence comes from intentional effort and success is guaranteed when you can say 'no one will outwork us.'"

The family of William and Delight Eloe established this award in 2010 to recognize a teacher or administrator in the Aurora Public School system.

This award is presented to an Aurora Public Schools teacher who demonstrates inspirational academic leadership; exceptional classroom teaching effectiveness; administrative professionalism; professional growth; and/or excellent public relations with students, parents, peers, alumni, and other constituents.

2019 - Shari Krejci

2018 - Laurie Anderson

2017 - Jason Frew

2016 - Amy Wilson

2015 - Jessica Gallagher

2014 - Karrie Wiarda

2013 - Luey Kredl

2012 - Maggie Rasmussen

2011 - Dan Sodomka

William C. "Bill" Eloe was the high school coach and YMCA director in Aurora during the early 1900s. He coached the first AHS team to earn a state championship (Class F basketball) in 1920. William was also 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 an invalid husband, raised five children, and maintained her community and church leadership activities.



How to Create Your Legacy

Add to an Existing Fund

Make an Ourright Gift

- Gifts of cash, stocks, 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

- An initial gift of \$12,500 to establish an endowed fund
- Must accumulate \$5000 in five years

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 Chritable 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 can give all or a portion of a retirement plan account
- Those over the age of 70 1/2 can make completely tax-free gifts transferred from traditional IRA and Roth IRA accounts without paying estate or income taxes

The Foundation specializes in customizing your philanthropic goals. See your professional advisor(s) to choose the options that work best for you and your family. Please notify us if you and/or your advisor would like to visit with a Foundation representative during the planning process.

THANK YOU!



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