

Finding Purpose Through Philanthropy

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# LINCOLN

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## LINCOLN'S BIG HEART

Give to Lincoln Day  
raises record donations  
for area nonprofits

LINCOLN COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION





Cover photo by Kelly Theye. Emma Jiskra, daughter of Maggie and Justin Jiskra, enjoyed visiting with nonprofits at Tower Square on Give to Lincoln Day. Many families turned out to learn about area organizations. Article on page 4.

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Do not go where the Path may lead  
Go instead where there is no Path  
And leave a Trail.

- Emerson

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## Greetings:

In our summer magazine, you will read more about the magnificent 2018 Give to Lincoln Day where nearly 20,000 donations were received for 404 of our dedicated nonprofits, totaling a record \$4.6 million. Our community started down this path together in 2012. We were the sixth organization in the country to implement a giving day. Since that time, this generous community has donated \$20 million to our local nonprofits. Give to Lincoln Day 2018 was a roaring “tip of the hat” to the hard work of our nonprofits. Thank you, Lincoln, for going down this path with us!

There are few people that have been more passionate about the importance of learning to read than Catherine Angle. She had a burning determination to be sure teachers were trained with the skills needed to teach children with dyslexia. Catherine and her husband, John, loved and served Lincoln. Learn more about their legacy fund at LCF on the next page.

Lincoln Community Foundation is here to assist you with your philanthropy. What mark do you want to leave for Lincoln?

Happy trails to you!

*Barbara*

Barbara M. Bartle  
President

PS – Who will be your beneficiary? Learn more about being a Benefactor or leaving a legacy on page 7 or at [LincolnForever.org](http://LincolnForever.org).



# Passion for Literacy Leads to Legacy Gift

## CATHERINE ANGLE LEAVES LASTING MARK

A pioneer. A force. No nonsense. Strong.

These are the words used to describe Catherine Angle.

The city's first woman elected to the Lincoln Board of Education (1967), Catherine dedicated herself to remediating dyslexia – a language-based learning disorder.

Her volunteer activities focused mostly on children and reading, including serving on the board of Lincoln City Libraries, Head Start, Junior League and Child Guidance Center. She volunteered extensively with Lincoln Public Schools and served on many committees related to learning disabilities. For five years, she sponsored a monthly support group for parents with children experiencing dyslexia. Along with other parents, she started a tutoring program where parents would work with students after school.

"I am thankful that my interest in children's reading problems has given a meaningful focus in my life," she once said.

It only made sense that Catherine would create a Legacy Society gift with the Lincoln Community Foundation that would promote a love of reading. The John & Catherine Angle Lincoln Public Library Fund is an endowed gift with the intent to help build a future library site. A second end-of-life gift, the John & Catherine Angle Special Purpose Fund, reflects the couple's interest in strong local nonprofit organizations and provides funding for governance training for nonprofit boards in Lincoln.

A brilliant mind, Catherine graduated as a 16-year old valedictorian from Lincoln High School and



continued her education, graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College in 1946.

Catherine's husband and high school sweetheart, John, had a long career in the insurance industry, serving in executive positions with Woodmen Accident and Life and then Guardian Life in New York. The couple lived in New York between 1973 and 1989, where Catherine pursued her master's degree in Reading and Educational Psychology at NYU and became involved with the Orton Dyslexia Society (now called the International Dyslexia Association), the country's foremost authority on the subject.

Catherine passed away in 2017, nine years after John. She spent those years involved in many clubs and organizations that touched on her other interests including the arts, gardening and trails.

LCF President, Barbara Bartle, had a personal friendship with Catherine as they shared an interest in providing resources to parents and students with dyslexia. "I have such respect for Catherine," Barbara said. "She was a giant in the field. She influenced hundreds of educators in her commitment to see that every child learns to read."

*What is your passion? Contact to Paula Metcalf, VP for Gift Planning, at 402-474-2345 or paulam@lcf.org to talk about a way to leave a legacy gift for your favorite cause.*



# GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY SMASHES RECORD WITH \$4.6 MILLION

When the community comes together, big things happen. The biggest, really! Lincoln Community Foundation hosted the 7th annual Give to Lincoln Day on May 31st, raising a record \$4,613,411.73. This total was more than \$920,000 over the previous record set last year. The funds were designated to support 404 local nonprofits that serve Lincoln and Lancaster County.

All participating nonprofits received a proportional share of a \$400,000 match fund provided by Lincoln Community Foundation and other sponsors, based upon the organization's percentage of the total dollars raised.

"Our generous community spirit was spectacular," said Barbara Bartle, President of the Lincoln Community

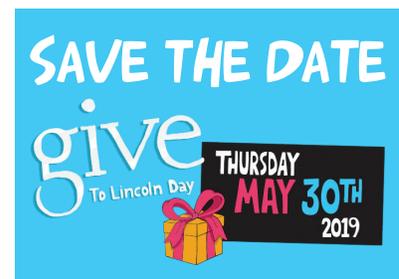
Foundation. "Thanks to thousands of donors, the match fund sponsors and the local media partners, our local charitable organizations have the funding they need to continue their impactful work in our community."

Nearly 20,000 individual donations were received for this year's event, an increase of almost 3,000 from the previous year.

"Since Give to Lincoln Day began in 2012, donors have contributed more than \$20 million to our nonprofits," said Bartle. "We are so grateful to the caring Lincoln citizens who show the meaning of philanthropy on this remarkable day of giving. We passed the hat, and Lincoln opened its giant heart."

For more information and to see gifts received for each nonprofit, visit [www.GiveToLincoln.com](http://www.GiveToLincoln.com).

*Do you want to play a BIG part in 2019's Give to Lincoln Day? Learn how you can "love them all" by being a Match Fund Sponsor. Contact Tracy Edgerton, VP for Strategic Giving, at 402-474-2345 or [tracye@lcf.org](mailto:tracye@lcf.org).*



## Duncans Honored for Contributions to Lincoln Art

Lincoln Community Foundation presented Karen and Robert with the 2018 Charity Award at the annual donor recognition event in May. The award recognized their leadership and philanthropy which have made our community beautiful.

“The Charity Award is a gift to the community,” said LCF President, Barbara Bartle. “This award honors individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the community and whose philanthropy has significantly improved our city.”

Together, Karen and Robert are known for supporting many arts organizations locally and around the globe. Robert shares his expertise serving on boards and committees while Karen contributes her expertise and enthusiasm by working with individuals.

When taking classes to learn Spanish, Karen met Nelida Oliva, a native Cuban. Together, they now teach music to Latino students in Lincoln. Karen supplies a free piano for each student to borrow and purchases all the sheet music, as long as the student keeps practicing and playing. About eight Lincoln children benefit from this Floating Pianos project. One of those students performed with Oliva at the event.

With their children, Todd and Paige, the family established the Duncan



Family Trust. The trust distributes funds to enhance the quality of education, create positive change in the community and increase interest in the aviation industry.

“The Duncans are leaving an enduring imprint on our community,” said Barbara Bartle. “Karen and Robert model what philanthropy can look like when we share our passions with others. We are so pleased to recognize them with this award.”

“We are proud to call Lincoln our home,” said Karen Duncan. “Our wish is for it to be better than it was yesterday.”

### PREVIOUS CHARITY AWARD HONOREES INCLUDE:

Ed and Mary Copple - 2012  
James and HK Stuart - 2013  
James and Rhonda Seacrest - 2014  
Alice Dittman - 2015  
Jim and Mary Abel and the Abel Family - 2016  
Donna Woods - 2017

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- Karen and Robert Duncan

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# Survivors

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## **NEBRASKA STATE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WILL ENDURE THANKS TO DONORS**

Traveling slowly through Wyuka Cemetery's winding roads, visitors will come across a giant triangular sculpture tucked into the northeast corner of the all-faith cemetery. The striking silver monument is dedicated to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and in honor of all the liberators and survivors of the Nazi concentration camps. The Nebraska Holocaust Memorial was created through the support of thoughtful Nebraska citizens with the intent to remember and educate on lessons of history.

Wyuka Cemetery is an ideal location for the memorial because it is the nation's only state cemetery. "Nebraskans of all walks of life are buried at Wyuka," said Gary Hill, volunteer Managing Director of the Nebraska Holocaust Memorial. "Governors, military, slaves, civil war soldiers, unmarked graves," he said could be found here. "Black and white, rich and poor."

Next to the large monument, visitors will find the Wall of Remembrance as well as the Children's Butterfly Garden. A "sea of stones" surrounding the monument represent the millions of men, women and children who were systematically murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. "There are an estimated 11 million stones," Hill said. "While 6 million were Jews, many others - including gypsies, homosexuals and Catholics - were slaughtered in this government-sponsored genocide."

Within the stone garden are bricks with the names of individuals with Nebraska ties who died in the holocaust. Visitors often

# to remember

place stones from the garden on the memorial, following the Jewish tradition of leaving a stone to indicate the loved one was not forgotten.

Lincoln Community Foundation is home to the Sam and Frances Fried Holocaust Memorial Maintenance Fund, which helps to preserve the memorial.

“Our goal is to have enough endowment that money will never be an issue for volunteers in the future,” said Hill. He and a team of volunteers, along with the grounds staff at Wyuka, care for the memorial, ensuring that visitors who stop by from near and far have a personal and valuable experience.

The memorial, dedicated in 2007, receives no state funds. Schools from around the state visit the Memorial annually, and ongoing educational programming is a priority. Organizers are creating a new website that will allow students to trace family histories.

Individuals can support the ongoing educational improvements by donating \$100 toward personalized bricks. Hill also hopes to add a brick to the butterfly garden with the name of every middle and high school in Nebraska.

Gary has become a Legacy Society member at LCF for his end of life gift that will contribute to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Memorial.

His advice to donors who want to leave their mark is, “Find what does good in the community.” Hill encourages others to consider leaving a portion of a family estate to the Lincoln Community Foundation with instructions indicating the causes or organizations you wish to support.

The memorial is considered one of Lincoln’s top 50 attractions by TripAdvisor.com. A visitor from Brooklyn, NY left a review on Trip Advisor, “It was so beautiful, so quiet, so well done that of course my tears just flowed.”

*Tell us what is making a mark in Lincoln that you’d like to support. To find a way to make a lasting gift, contact Chip DeBuse, VP for Development, at 402-474-2345 or chipd@lcf.org.*



## Benefactors & Legacy

Members of our Legacy Society and Lincoln Benefactors are leaders who love our community and inspire others through their investment in its growth.

### Lincoln Benefactors

Lincoln Benefactors are the backbone of Lincoln Community Foundation, providing long-term stability for LCF and significant benefits to our community nonprofit organizations. Lincoln Benefactors are donors who have made a current gift or a commitment for a future gift in one of the following categories:

- Individual gifts of \$50,000 or more to the Lincoln Community Foundation Fund
- Gifts of at least \$500,000 to any type of endowed fund
- Gifts of \$1,000,000 or more to any type of fund

Benefactors are recognized on our beautiful glass wall in LCF’s main lobby and at [www.LCF.org](http://www.LCF.org).

### Legacy Society

Many donors make plans in a will or trust or through a beneficiary designation on a retirement account or life insurance policy, establishing a gift now and funding it at end of life. These legacy gifts are the ultimate gift received from a donor and are highly honored by LCF. Meet our Legacy Society members at [www.LCF.org](http://www.LCF.org).

*To learn more about planning a gift that leaves a lasting mark on Lincoln, contact Paula Metcalf, VP for Gift Planning, at 402-474-2345 or paulam@lcf.org.*

## Training Mixed with Treatment Creates Confidence



“It may not be easy, but it will be worth it.” That’s a guiding principle of The Bridge Behavioral Health. For more than thirty years, the nonprofit agency has provided emergency, long and short-term substance use treatment services for residents of

Lincoln and surrounding counties. The Bridge offers a wide range of services including withdrawal services, treatment, and recovery support in addition to addressing trauma and mental health issues.

The Bridge knows that its mission isn’t just about providing help for a substance use disorder, but helping clients learn life skills. One of those skills, which can also serve as a

vocational skill, is food preparation in a commercial kitchen.

With the help of a grant from LCF, The Bridge is offering a hands-on culinary class for men in their residential treatment program, with the opportunity to test for a food handler’s permit. Jeremy Brown, The Bridge’s Food Service Manager and instructor for the class stated, “The clients that completed this class learned many new things and realized that they can do something they didn’t think they could.”

The culinary classes have provided a space and environment for the men to open up and engage. “It’s always nice seeing the look of satisfaction on their faces.” Brown said, “I often have clients asking ‘How do I get in the cooking class?’”

The Bridge helps clients prepare for life outside treatment by providing them with skills that allow for more employment options, and giving them the confidence needed to cross the bridge from addiction to recovery.

## What mark will you leave on Lincoln?

This city is your home, and it’s filled with opportunities, experiences and energy that have left their mark on you. What mark will you leave?

The Lincoln Community Foundation can help you make an impact forever.

**Make a permanent gift of \$10,000 or more for your favorite nonprofit or house of worship through Dec. 2018 and we will provide a 10% match.**

Visit [LincolnForever.org](http://LincolnForever.org) to leave your mark on the future.

