

# Merrick Foundation, Inc.

1960-2009

MERRICK COUNTY VENTURE CENTER  
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MERRICK COUNTY VENTURE CENTER  
**COMMUNITY  
MESSAGE BOARD**

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ART  
& HISTORY

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## A Message from the Board President & Executive Director



### **Kurt Kuhn - Board President**

The Merrick Foundation has gone through a trying year, just as many of you have. We are still supporting projects throughout the county as best we can. It is great to see so many worthwhile projects start in Merrick County. It is a pleasure to work with the great people who make up

the board of directors of the foundation as well as the people of Merrick County.

I would like to thank Executive Director Chuck Griffith and Michelle Carroll for all the work that they do to promote the Merrick Foundation. Merrick County has so much to offer. We just need to get the word out and Chuck does a great job of doing just that.

It is with great pleasure I serve as President of the Merrick Foundation. I hope that this year brings a turn around in the market place to make the foundation even stronger. With commitment and understanding we can get through the not so good times as well as the good times.



### **Chuck Griffith - Executive Director**

It's been a pleasure working with our residents in celebrating 150 years of history in Merrick County. Merrick County is blessed to have hard-working, family oriented, and fun loving people. I am constantly amazed at the creativity and ingenuity of our residents. A growing number of citizens have committed many hours to develop leadership skills and accept

the challenge of becoming active in our community. To date, 26 people have completed Leading Locally and Leadership Plenty programs since 2007. This group includes 10 high school students and people of all ages from across Merrick County. They have learned about the many positive assets and challenges we face in Merrick County. Local and regional speakers have reminded us that Merrick County is ONE COMMUNITY.

We will no doubt face many challenges in our future. One venue that will be a great resource to help us meet these challenges will be the Merrick County Venture Center. This center (former Hallmark store) will provide a central meeting location where residents can meet to expand their knowledge, develop or expand their business skills, promote tourism, hone their technology skills or view artistic and historical presentations.

Merrick Foundation continues to work hard to make your life in Merrick County a rewarding experience.



## Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

At the annual meeting, **Sean Wagner**, **Brian Buhlke, DO** and **D. Jay Wolfe, DVM** were elected as new board members.

We extend a warm welcome to these new board members and look forward to making them a part of our team.



## Thank You to our Retiring Board Members

**Dean Hartwig** and **Mary McHargue** completed their 5 year terms at the end of the 2008 fiscal year. Dean served as president of the board for the last 3 years and also served on the Investment Committee. Mary served on the Scholarship Committee.

We appreciate your dedication, professionalism and assistance in serving the citizens of Merrick County.



**Kurt Kuhn** is a farmer/rancher in the Clarks area. Mr. K Angus is the name of the family's cattle operation. He is a graduate of Clarks High School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He serves on the High Plains School Board as well as the Clark's Endowment Board. Kurt and his wife Kristen have four children, Brett, Travis, Tanner and Emily.



**Chuck Griffith** has served as Executive Director of Merrick Foundation since 2006. Previously, Chuck served as an elementary teacher, principal, curriculum director, school planner and superintendent in Nebraska, Kansas and Louisiana and served as the Director of Academic Affairs at MTTI in Kansas City. He received a bachelors, masters and educational specialist certificate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and obtained a Ph.D. in 1999.

Chuck enjoys fishing, hunting, home renovation and Husker football. His wife Kathleen substitute teaches in Merrick County. They have two grown children, Cliff and Casey, both graduates of the University of Nebraska.



### **Michelle Carroll - Administrative Assistant**

Michelle grew up in Elwood, NE and graduated from Elwood High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2000.

Michelle and her husband, Tony, moved to Central City in July of 2005, when Tony took the position of Plant Manager at Cable Nebraska. Michelle and Tony have four children, Khrystina, Jonathan, Faith and Tyler and one granddaughter, Skyliir. Michelle enjoys spending time with family, reading, and NASCAR racing.

**We'd like your input.....see the Venture Center survey on page 12**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Merrick Foundation is to contribute to the growth of the quality of life in Merrick County by directing charitable funds to achieve the maximum benefits for the residents of Merrick County.

**Vision Statement:** The Merrick Foundation will strive to be a leader in attracting, mobilizing and focusing philanthropic resources to meet Merrick County's needs for generations to come. This will be accomplished by:

- Serving as a leader and resource for philanthropy
- Providing a perpetual tool for receiving and managing charitable gifts and bequests
- Building endowments to help meet future county needs
- Awarding grants to support cultural, educational, social, health, civic, environmental, recreational and developmental needs of the county.



## DICK BARNES

Dick graduated from Albion High School in Albion, NE in 1964. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1968 with a BS in Business Administration. He worked as a national bank examiner for eight years and commercial banking in North Platte, Nebraska from 1968 through 1986. Dick has been a banker in Merrick County since 1986 and is currently Vice President and Director at Central Bank in Central City, NE.

Dick's wife, Penny, works as an administrative assistant for Bosselman's headquarters in Grand Island, NE. His two daughters are Leslie Ann, who is director of student athlete development at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and Tori Lyn, who is in physician's assistant school at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. Penny's son Seth is a contractor and his wife, Tara, is an attorney in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dick served on the board of Valley View golf course for six years, serving as secretary for four years. He and Penny attend the United Methodist Church in Central City.



## TERI BECK

Teri was born in Osceola, NE and graduated from Silver Creek High School. She received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2005.

Teri taught preschool at Fullerton Public in the early '80s and taught in a one room school over by Havens. She taught at Clarks and then High Plains for 15 years. Teri is currently teaching at Central City Public School.

Teri's husband Tom is a farmer and also owns Clarks Ag Supply. They have three sons, TJ, Brian and Nic, all attending college in Lincoln. In her spare time, Teri enjoys gardening and landscaping, reading, traveling, and scuba diving.



## MARCIA BOCKERMAN

Marcia attended Burke High School in Omaha and Chadron State College, receiving a degree in elementary education. She and her husband, Arlo, have been married 32 years. They attend St. John's Lutheran Church in Palmer.

Marcia is a sales representative at the Cabela's phone center in Grand Island. She enjoys camping.



## ROXANNE BRANDES

Roxanne was born and raised in Central City. She is a graduate of Central City High School and subsequently from Bryan School of Nursing in Lincoln. Roxanne and her husband Evan farm on a family farm ten miles north of Central City. They have three children and four grandchildren. Their two daughters and their spouses farm with them, Carly and Jeff Johnson and Courtney and Beau Bearnes. Their son Alex has been accepted to the Peace Corps. Roxanne is an active member at Fairview United Methodist Church and is the church treasurer.



## BRIAN BUHLKE, DO

Brian currently serves as a family medicine physician with Lone Tree Medical Associates P.C. He serves as the Chief of Staff at Litzberg Memorial County Hospital and is the medical director for the Central City, Clarks and Silver Creek ambulances.

Dr. Buhlke volunteers at the United Way Third City Clinic, is the Young Physician State Delegate for the Nebraska Medical Association, and associate professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Des Moines Medical University and was Chief Resident at the University of Iowa Medical Center. Brian serves on the Central City Economic Development Committee. He and his wife Amy have three daughters, Ella, Addie and Amelia. His family attends the Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City.



## KRISTY CLARKE

Kristy grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated from UNL with a Bachelor degree in Music Education. She taught vocal music for several years in Clarks, Marquette and Polk, Nebraska.

Kristy was a training specialist for Job Training of Greater Nebraska for 12 years.

She earned a Master's Degree in school counseling from UNK and has been a K-8 school counselor at Central City for seven years. She is the coordinator of the TeamMates Mentoring Program in Central City. Kristy and her husband Jeff have three children.



## KURT KUHN

Kurt is owner of Mr. K's Angus and serves as the board president of the High Plains School District. He attended Clarks High School and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating in Agricultural Education. He and his wife Kristen have four children, Brett, Travis, Tanner & Emily.



## KEN LLOYD

Ken attended Monroe High School. He received a 2 year degree as an electrician and works for Northwest Electric.

Ken and his wife Mary have three children, Justin, Jedd and Shelley and two grandchildren, Julia and Alexa.

Ken is a member of the Silver Creek Fire Department and attends St. Lawrence Church in Silver Creek. He enjoys fishing and landscaping.



## PAM OGDEN

Pam was born in Lincoln, NE and attended Lincoln Southeast High School. She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a BS in Dental Hygiene. Pam and her husband of 37 years, Richard, have two daughters, two sons-in-law and three granddaughters. Pam is a member of the

First Baptist Church in Chapman, and she is also a member of the Chapman Cemetery Board.



## ROBB SCHNITZLER

Robb graduated from Battle Creek High School and attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln where he received a degree in exercise science.

Robb was a member of the Cornhusker football team and received several Big 8 awards as a receiver and punt returner.

He continued his education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center earning a degree in physical therapy. He is currently the Director of Rehabilitation at Litzberg Hospital in Central City.

Robb and his wife Tina have four children, Joshua, Aaron, Nicole and Shelby.

Robb has served on the board of directors of the Heartland United Way, Valley View Recreation Association and the Merrick County Fitness Center. He is a member of Knights of Columbus and enjoys sports, hunting and fishing. Robb attends St. Michael's Catholic Church.



## RANDY STEWART

Randy was born in Dannebrog, NE and graduated from Centura High School. He has worked in agriculture for the past 30 years and is currently the manager of Frontier COOP in Silver Creek.

Randy and his wife, Louise, have three children, Rodney, Randy and Rhonda Norlund and eight grandchildren.

Randy has served on the Thunderbird Lake Association for 13 years and enjoys landscaping and water sports. He is a member of Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Dannebrog.



## STEVE TWISS

Steve and his wife, Kristi, live in Central city with their children Morgan, age 8, and Jake, age 6. Steve graduated from the University Of Nebraska College Of Law in 1996 and has practiced with the firm now known as Sampson, Curry & Twiss, PC since that time. In addition

to private practice, he has served as the Deputy Merrick County Attorney since 1996. Steve currently serves on the board of the Litzberg Health Care Foundation, is a Central City Boy Scout Troop committee member, and is a volunteer Nebraska Hunter Education instructor. Steve and his family are members at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City.



## SEAN WAGNER

Sean is a native of Central City, graduating from Central City High School and also attended Nebraska Wesleyan University. Sean is a self employed farmer and enjoys hunting and other sports. He and his wife Lisa have two sons, Ross and Will. Lisa serves

on the Central City Public Schools Board of Education. Sean serves as a board member for Archer Credit Union and is a Chamber of Commerce member. Sean is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church.



## DARRELL WIDMAN

Darrell was born in Central City, in the hospital that was on Hwy. 14. He graduated from Central City High School and attended Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1965 and served in Japan where he was deployed to

DaNang, Vietnam to fly electronic reconnaissance missions. He served as the Merrick County Veterans Service Officer for many years. He has farmed and continues to have farmland. He owned and operated the Widman Popcorn Company for 20 years and has served on numerous boards, including the Farm Credit and Fair Boards, and currently serves as Chairman of the Litzberg Hospital Board and the Clerk of the Chapman Township Board. Darrell is a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion and serves as a member of the American Legion Firing Squad helping with military services. Darrell has four daughters and 15 grandchildren.



## D. JAY WOLFE, DVM

Jay is owner of the Palmer Veterinary Clinic. He attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Univer of Nebraska at Lincoln, and the University of Missouri. Jay is a member of the Nebraska and American Veterinary Medical Associations and enjoys rodeo, horses, hunting, and fishing. Jay and his wife Kathy have four children, Molly, Katie, Emilie, and Michael.

## Merrick Foundation's 150 Club



Merrick Foundation Board Members initiated a "150 Club" in observance of Merrick County's Sesquicentennial. They challenged groups or individuals to donate 150 items to the Merrick County Food Pantry. Donors were recognized for their contributions in Merrick County newspapers.

## BOOK OF MEMORY

*Gifts accumulated to \$10 or more, received in memory of the departed, place the name in the BOOK OF MEMORY in the window of the Merrick Foundation office. These gifts are permanently invested and the income used for community purposes throughout the county. Memorial gifts were received this year for the following and any names not previously added to the Book of Memory were added.*

<b>M. Sylvia Anderson. 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Stella Gonsior ..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Don McHargue ..... 1911 - 2007</b>	<b>Vernie Smith ..... 1918 - 2008</b>
<b>Dale Beck..... 1925 - 2008</b>	<b>Raymona Grigsby ... 1930 - 2008</b>	<b>Bridgett Brannan Menza .. 1946 - 2007</b>	<b>Gwendolyn Starkey 1927 - 2008</b>
<b>Margaret Bittinger.. 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Dorothy I. Hahne..... 1913 - 2008</b>	<b>Roma Meyer..... 1938 - 2008</b>	<b>Raymond Starostka 1923 - 2002</b>
<b>Black Lois Black ..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Edna Hanke..... 1918 - 2004</b>	<b>Orville Nicholas..... 1911 - 2006</b>	<b>George Steinke..... 1923 - 2008</b>
<b>Merlin Black ..... 1921 - 2008</b>	<b>Lila Anderson Hannappe 1938 - 2007</b>	<b>Oberle Verena..... 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Lydia Stephenson ... 1911 - 2008</b>
<b>Virginia Stromberg Bratt ..... 1929 - 1999</b>	<b>Janice Hesselgesser 1917 - 2008</b>	<b>Alistair Parlane ..... 1951 - 2007</b>	<b>Wesley C. Traudt..... 1925 - 2008</b>
<b>Michael Broekemeier. 1959 - 2007</b>	<b>Roger Hohnroth ..... 1938 - 2001</b>	<b>Opal Peck..... 1907 - 2008</b>	<b>Evelyn Truesdell ..... 1909 - 2006</b>
<b>Eugene Budde ..... 1930 - 2007</b>	<b>Hundt Edna..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Asa Pollard ..... 1943 - 2007</b>	<b>Fred Truesdell ..... 1910 - 1984</b>
<b>Nadine Budde..... 1932 - 2008</b>	<b>Irene Jensen..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Ruth G. Powell ..... 1920 - 2008</b>	<b>Gen Turner ..... 1914 - 2008</b>
<b>Richard Chochon .... 1940 - 2008</b>	<b>Leroy Knepper..... 1937 - 2008</b>	<b>Col Charles F. Preston 1918 - 2008</b>	<b>Lucile Tyler ..... 1922 - 2000</b>
<b>Charlotte Colber .... 1907 - 2002</b>	<b>Lillie Kohtz ..... 1905 - 2007</b>	<b>Martha Pullen ..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Wayne Tyler..... 1921 - 1998</b>
<b>James Dahlke ..... 1929 - 2007</b>	<b>Max Kunze..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Portia Reeves..... 1905 - 2007</b>	<b>Alma Wagner ..... 1921 - 2008</b>
<b>Addison Grace Djernes ..... 2008</b>	<b>Maxine Brannan Leahy .. 1930 - 2007</b>	<b>Ted Reeves ..... 1905 - 1988</b>	<b>Donald Wandfluh.... 1942 - 2008</b>
<b>Edgar Djernes..... 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Dr Robert Manley ... 1928 - 2008</b>	<b>Helen Sanne..... 1945 - 2008</b>	<b>Dallas Wegner ..... 1922 - 1997</b>
<b>Leo C. Dubas ..... 1924 - 2007</b>	<b>Virginia Marsh ..... 1919 - 2008</b>	<b>Charles M. Scott ..... 1910 - 1999</b>	<b>Twila Widman ..... 1948 - 2008</b>
<b>Larry Funk ..... 1938 - 2008</b>	<b>Delores McClellan... 1925 - 2008</b>	<b>Virginia Sevigne..... 1921 - 2008</b>	<b>Anna Isabel Young.. 1909 - 2004</b>
<b>Thomas Goetsch .... 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Josephine McConnell 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Maxine Shelton ..... 1922 - 2008</b>	<b>Shane Zikmund..... 1955 - 2008</b>

## LEVELS OF GIVING

*Donors are recognized for their giving levels to the Merrick Foundation if their gift stays at the Foundation. Total gifts to the General Fund or another endowment fund qualify a donor to be recognized in the following categories:*

### BENEFACTORS \$5,000 - \$24,999

Alma M. Abbott  
Charles E. Jr. & Meta  
Armstrong  
Dale & Tonya Bannister  
Charles & Doris Benner  
Earl & Alice Brandes  
Evan & Roxanne Brandes  
Pat Campbell  
Ora W. Carroll  
Central City Scale  
Central City Sertoma  
Edward & Francis Chader  
Joe & Cyndi Clarke  
George T. Dinsdale  
Howard A. Dinsdale  
E. Marie (Hummel)  
Friedrichsen  
Kay Georgiana  
Wilma Fouts  
Tom & Beth Gorgen  
Marilyn Heins  
Joe Hesselgesser  
Floy Hohnroth

Nancy Hohnroth  
Harvey & Sonia Holbrook  
Herber & Effie Hord  
Jim Johnson  
Alice Klingenberg  
William H. Kohl, Jr.  
Martin A. Larson  
Virgil & Nora Lindner  
Ira & Zora Mack  
Warren & Virginia Marsh  
Ivan & Naoma Martson  
Dr. George L. & Rebecca  
McLean  
Ray & Mildred Miller  
Ernest & Peggy Nabity  
Glen & Doris Neel  
Pfizer Foundation  
Matching Gifts Program  
Pinnacle Bank  
Frederick Roebeoltmanns  
Edith Severance  
Helen Solt  
Artie R. Stainaker  
Kathleen Starostka  
Rich Torpin

E. Thomas Thurber DVM  
Daniel & Tonya Van Pelt  
William & Jean Wenke  
Edna Widman  
Jack & Marilyn Wilson  
Harold & Fern Zamzow  
Harold & Verna Zmek

### BRONZE BENEFACTORS \$25,000 - \$99,999

Leonard & Doris Aerni  
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn  
Donald Y. Clark  
William U. & Ruth L. Ita  
Donald L. Jacobsen  
Dennis & Carole Joseph  
Lizzie Litzenberg Trust  
Edward R. Mitchell  
Donald F. & Esther R.  
Sampson  
Ralph Owen Severance  
Bernice Simmons Estate  
Paul & Clatilla Slegel  
Agnes I. Stander  
William & Emma Steffen  
R. Stanley & Effie Torpin

### SILVER BENEFACTORS \$100,000 - \$499,999

Vinson & Margaret  
Bittinger  
James F. & Myrtle V. Clarke  
Jack & Gretchen Dinsdale  
Roy & Gloria Dinsdale  
William & Dora Fechtner  
Rexford & Donna Ferris  
Eugene L. Fishburn  
Victoria Shannon Gage  
Alice M. Karner - Kaura  
Vernie L. Lock  
Robert D. Matthes  
Lois A. Millsap  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Clinton M. Wegner

### GOLD BENEFACTORS \$500,000 - \$999,999

ALFRED & ELIZABETH  
BADER  
EDWIN & BERNICE LOCK  
EDWARD SANTIN

**PLATINUM BENEFACTORS  
\$1,000,000 and over**

## SPECIAL MEMORIALS

*Accumulated gifts of \$100 or more creates a Special Memorial in the name of a loved one. The names are also entered in the Book of Memory if they had not previously been added. Special Memorials received for:*

<b>Josephine McConnell</b>	<b>Lucile Tyler Wayne Tyler</b>	<b>Edna Hanke Don McHargue</b>	<b>Roma Meyer Virginia Marsh</b>
<b>Portia Reeves</b>	<b>Martha Pullen</b>	<b>Roger Hohnroth</b>	<b>Twila Widman</b>
<b>Vernie Smith</b>	<b>Lois Black</b>	<b>Anna Isabel Young</b>	<b>Richard Chochon</b>

## GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application forms and grant guidelines are available on our website at [merrick-foundation.org](http://merrick-foundation.org), or you may request one by phone (308) 946-3707.

Grant requests must be received at the Foundation office by the first day of each month (except December) to be considered at the monthly board meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. The Board does not meet in December.

## TOTAL GIFTS BY FUND

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS

American Legion Baseball .....	\$125
Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial Scholarship ...	\$2700
Eugene Fishburn .....	\$416
Founder's Scholarship .....	\$1610
General Endowment .....	\$7406
Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen.....	\$31,700
Hohnroth Family Fund .....	\$1550
William & Ruth Ita .....	\$116
Virgil & Nora Lindner Scholarship .....	\$350
Litzenberg Health Care .....	\$1063
Edwin & Bernice Lock .....	\$20,400
Ivan & Naoma Martson Memorial.....	\$3628
Merrick County Historical Museum .....	\$17,800
Don McHargue Memorial .....	\$7300
William L. & Velma R. McLean Scholarship.....	\$1000
Phoebe A. McCullough - Barbara A. McGuire Memorial.....	\$300
Silver Creek Endowment .....	\$40,575
Central City Sertoma .....	\$5666
Raymond Starostka Memorial .....	\$10
R. Stanley Torpin Memorial .....	\$15,000

### PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Central City Schools.....	\$6315
Clarks Cares.....	\$1335
Clarks School .....	\$1193
Heartland Council of Foundations .....	\$2361
Miscellaneous Designated.....	\$775
Palmer School .....	\$13,640
Silver Creek Cares .....	\$1505
Silver Creek Expendable.....	\$5000
Silver Creek School.....	\$200

### ACORN FUNDS

Derek Aspedon Memorial Scholarship .....	\$100
Tom & Teri Beck .....	\$1300
Earl & Alice Brandes .....	\$2500
Dr. Jeff & Kristy Clarke .....	\$200
Chuck & Kathleen Griffith.....	\$1000
Dean & Teresa Hartwig .....	\$1000
John & Mary McHargue .....	\$120
Kim Szatko.....	\$100
Steve & Kristi Twiss.....	\$1000
Thomas Farms .....	\$200
Darrell Widman .....	\$500
Arnold & Hildur Willhoft.....	\$50

### SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

Merrick County Museum Bldg .....	\$60,070
Performing Arts Center.....	\$124,735
Silver Creek Vine St Playground.....	\$2525
Central City Trails.....	\$5420
Wright Morris Home Restoration .....	\$8325

# 2009 MERRICK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**MATTHEW ANDERSON**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**NATHAN ANDERSON**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**CHRISTOPHER BENNER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**NICHOLAS BENNER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**NOAH BROEKEMIER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
McCullough McGuire  
Matthew Fishburn



**NOLAND BROEKEMIER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**ZACH BUTCHER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**KAYLA CARLSON**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**COURTNEY CAVE**  
Merrick Foundation



**WHITNEY CAVE**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**MARY CHRISTENSEN**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**JORDAN CLINE**  
Bonnie Kohl Memorial  
William & Emma Steffen



**JOSHUA CLINE**  
William & Emma Steffen



**STACIE CORNWELL**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**VICTORIA COTNER**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**JESSICA DEXTER**  
Merrick Foundation



**ELIZABETH DIEBERT**  
William & Emma Steffen



**LEVI DIXON**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**LACEY DONCHESKE**  
Merrick Foundation  
Industrious Student



**SHAINA EARL**  
Clinton M. Wegner

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**ALECHIA ERICKSON**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Vernie L. Lock



**KATE ERICKSON**  
Merrick Foundation  
Industrious Student



**KELSEY FERRIS**  
Ernest & Peggy Naby Memorial  
Warren & Virginia Marsh Memorial



**DANIEL FRIEDRICHSEN**  
Industrious  
Student



**CHERI GARWOOD**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**REBECCA GEIDEL**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Industrious Student



**DUSTIN GRAHAM**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Industrious Student



**TYLER GRAY**  
Merrick Foundation



**ANTHONY GILSON**  
Central City Scale  
Robert & Lillian Krug Memorial  
Joel Holbrook



**ELIZABETH GRIESS**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**KIEL HANSEN**  
Merrick  
Foundation



**SKYE HEJTMANEK**  
Myrtle & Jim  
Clarke



**AARON HUSTON**  
Virgil & Nora Lindner



**JESSICA JENSEN**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Alice Klingenberg Memorial



**PHILLIP JOHNSON**  
Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**BRITNY KAVA**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Industrious Student



**HAILEY KENNEDY**  
Leanne Zmek Memorial



**KAITLANN KING**  
Charles & Ann Kuhlman Memorial  
Warren & Virginia Marsh Memorial



**JOSHUA KNIGHT**  
Michael Bittinger Memorial



**SAMUEL KRUG**  
Eugene Fishburn Memorial

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**EMILY MARESH**

Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn  
Isabel Young Memorial



**CAMERON MESSMER**

Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**KAYLA MEYER**

William & Emma Steffen



**MEGAN MEYER**

Clinton M. Wegner



**ALEXANDRIA McILNAY**

Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**STEPHANIE NELSON**

Robert & Lillian Krug Memorial  
Merrick Foundation



**ANGELA NICHOLAS**

Isabel Young Memorial  
Ernest & Peggy Nability Memorial



**LINDSEY ORONA**

Central City Care Center  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**ELIZABETH PATTON**

Clinton M. Wegner



**SARA PELICAN**

Clinton M. Wegner



**STACY PELICAN**

Raymond W. Staroska  
Memorial



**ALLISON PETERS**

Eugene Fishburn  
Memorial



**BENJAMIN PETERS**

Eugene Fishburn Memorial



**LEAH POLZKILL**

Edna I. Widman Memorial  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**MITCH REED**

Les Johnson Memorial  
Merrick Foundation



**STEPHANIE RITTA**

Merrick Foundation Founders



**CHRISTOPHER SCHULLER**

Merrick Foundation



**KRISTEN SHIVELY**

William & Emma  
Steffen



**SARA SHIVEY**

Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**BRANDI SMITH**

Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn  
Myrtle & Jim Clark

# 2009 MERRICK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**NICOLE SMITHSON**  
Industrious Student



**BRITTANY SOCK**  
Halstead Severance Memorial  
Scholarship



**DYLAN SOCK**  
William & Velma McLean  
Merrick Foundation



**JARAH SPENCER**  
Bonnie Kohl Memorial  
William & Emma Steffen



**KAITLYN STARKEY**  
Vernie L. Lock



**CAITLIN SULLIVAN**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**HALEY STROBEL**  
Halstead Severance  
Memorial Scholarship



**RYAN TWEHOUS**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford  
Edna I. Widman Memorial



**CHELSE WARDYN**  
Clinton M. Wegner  
Scholarship



**LOGAN WILLIAMS**  
Merrick Foundation



**MOLLY WOLFE**  
Merrick Foundation Founder's



**REBECCA WOODS**  
Virgil & Nora Lindner

## 2008 FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**BROOKE HERBIG**  
"Merrick Foundation helps so many students achieve their educational goals so they can have a better quality of life. Thank you for believing in me. I will make you proud that you invested in my future!"



**DANE CHRISTENSEN**  
"Receiving the Founders Scholarship has helped to alleviate some of the financial stresses that come along with the pursuit of higher education".

## Leading Locally members met with Governor Heineman in February:



**Pictured are (front row l to r):** Michelle Carroll, Katlynn Paulsen, Abby Rodriguez, Gov. Dave Heineman, Holly Rodriguez and Shaylynn Kanter  
**Middle Row:** Kathy Wolfe, Michael Happ, Hanna Hawthorne, Laurie Killin  
**Back Row:** Lynn Manhart, Denise Bruland, Therese Scherer, Preston Tibbetts, Chuck Griffith and Tyson Benner

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Koenig  
James & Martha McGahan  
Sack Lumber

# Designated/Agency Funds Distributions/Commitments

## American Legion Baseball

Equipment & Uniforms..... \$1510

## Archer Evangelical Cemetery

Annual Grant.....\$930

## Alfred & Elizabeth Bader

Bethpage Village/Mosaic .....\$12,000

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

\$150 Celebration .....\$7500

Rosehill Cemetery .....\$8056

Platte PEER Group .....\$23,748

Brenda's Floral - grave decorations .....\$180

Countryside Flowers - grave decorations .....\$170

American Red Cross.....\$2500

Chapman Community

Improvement Assoc. ....\$2000

Chapman Cemetery Assoc.....\$7500

Lone Tree Literary Society -

matching funds.....\$10,000

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

matching funds.....\$40,000

Central City Housing Authority .....\$2000

Performing Arts Center.....\$30,000

## Vinson A. & Margaret K. Bittinger

Merrick County Home Delivered Meals .....\$1690

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

\$150 Celebration .....\$2500

Clarks Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$2500

## Burke Cemetery

Annual Grant.....\$775

## Ina & Don Campbell

Brenda's Floral - grave decorations .....\$120

Countryside Flowers - grave decorations .....\$120

## Central City Library

Central City Public Library .....\$413

## Central City Schools

High School Choir Trip.....\$2500

Athletic Expenses .....\$10,333

## Central City Senior Center

Annual Grant.....\$2065

## Clarks Cares

Clarks Cares Mailing .....\$70

Amity Street Park Playground.....\$3600

## Clarks School

Stage Curtains .....\$2677

Alumni Expenses .....\$560

2008 Scholarships .....\$5600

## George & Rena Dinsdale Memorial

Village of Palmer Pool Project .....\$3916

## Jack & Gretchen Dinsdale

Village of Palmer Pool Project .....\$10,000

Palmer Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$500

## Roy & Gloria Dinsdale

Village of Palmer Pool Project .....\$7758

Palmer Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$500

## D.Y. Clark

General Fund - Annual Grant .....\$4055

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

Annual Grant.....\$1350

## Eugene Fishburn

Platte PEER Group .....\$9859

## E. Marie Friedrichsen

Brenda's Floral - grave decorations .....\$160

Countryside Flowers - grave decorations .....\$327

## Anna E. Fuss

Village of Palmer Pool Project .....\$1411

## General Endowment

Platte Valley Rural Fire District .....\$8100

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

\$150 Celebration .....\$10,000

Platte PEER Group .....\$496

The D J Shop - grave decorations .....\$38

Lone Tree Literary Society -

matching funds.....\$10,000

Litzenberg Health Care Found.....\$10,000

Performing Arts Center .....\$10,000

## Dr. H. Edward Glatfelter & Nancy Fouts

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

\$150 Celebration .....\$2500

Nebraska Christian School .....\$6000

Midland Area Agency on Aging.....\$3954

## Clarke Recreation

Palmer Softball/Baseball Assoc .....\$358

Central City Little League .....\$2149

Silver Creek Ball Association.....\$358

## Heartland Council of Foundations

Senator Reception.....\$1000

## Ira & Zora Mack

Archer Memorial Park .....\$2200

Twin River FBLA.....\$216

## Robert D. Matthes

Royal Family Kids Camp II.....\$2500

Covenant Cedars Bible Camp.....\$5000

## Merrick County Child Care

Merrick County Child Development Center

- support.....\$52,812

## Mayme McEndree

Countryside Flowers - grave decorations .....\$150

## North Blue Cemetery

Annual Grant.....\$310

## Ed Santin

Palmer Jr/Sr Washington Trip .....\$7000

Central City Bloodmobile .....\$686

Twin River "Close Up" Trip .....\$250

Merrick Co. Historical Museum -

\$150 Celebration .....\$2500

Palmer Boy Scouts.....\$750

High Plains "Close Up" Trip .....\$1500

Nebraska Christian School

Washington Trip.....\$3000

Chapman Public School.....\$3750

Palmer Volunteer Fire Dept .....\$10,750

Goldenrod Girl Scouts .....\$1625

Palmer Softball/Baseball Assoc .....\$2923

Royal Family Kids Camp II.....\$3000

American Legion Baseball.....\$5000

Clarks Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$1500

Village of Palmer Pool Project.....\$1406

Central City Little League .....\$2411

Central City Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$2500

Village of Clarks.....\$12,000

Palmer Volunteer Fire Dept.....\$1500

TeamMates of Central City .....\$10,910

Twin River FBLA.....\$284

Midland Area Agency on Aging.....\$246

American Red Cross.....\$2500

Chapman Comm. Improv. Assoc .....\$3000

Silver Creek Ball Association.....\$362

Palmer Sons of American Legion .....\$4200

Chapman Cemetery Assoc.....\$8425

Palmer Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout .....\$1082

Central City Bloodmobile .....\$1000

NE Therapeutic Riding Academy .....\$7546

Easter Seals Nebraska .....\$5000

City of Clarks - Amity St. Park .....\$6000

Performing Arts Center .....\$20,000

## James R Santin

Village of Palmer Pool Project.....\$822

## James & Antonia Santin Memorial

Village of Palmer Pool Project.....\$1087

## Silver Creek Vine Street Playground Project

Silver Creek American Legion Club.....\$22,540

## Central City Trails

Nebraska Trail Foundation .....\$20,000

## Wright Morris Home Restoration

Lone Tree Literary Society .....\$6360

## Leanne Zmek

Central City Little League .....\$440

Merrick Foundation's annual audit and IRS form 990 is available for review at the foundation office. Names of our investment managers, fees charged and investment oversight information is also available. Merrick Foundation encourages support from a variety of donors interested in supporting varied causes and fields of interest. Merrick Foundation continues to seek permanent resources to address changing community needs. Foundation grants are intended to support the diversity of Merrick County residents.



**Lone Tree Literary Society Members (l to r):** Nancy Johnson, Marilyn Heins, Roxanne Brandes & Martha McGahan are shown in front of the restored Wright Morris home. In 2008, the group made renovations to the Cahow Barbershop in Chapman and the Wright Morris boyhood home and Patterson Law Office, both in Central City.



**Merrick County Sesquicentennial Committee members (l to r) are:** Tracy Hefner, Bill Bolte, Kay Owens, Nancy Johnson, Ruth Ferris & Larry Coates.

# Merrick Foundation, Inc. Financial Reports

## Statement of Financial Position

October 31	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash .....	\$5,530	\$38,261
Investments .....	\$3,761,346	\$7,543,341
Note receivable .....	\$32,147	\$36,601
Pledges receivable .....	\$2,005	7,000
Interest receivable .....	\$18,583	\$18,997
Investment in real estate .....	\$524,503	\$524,503
Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation) .....	\$17,593	\$18,337
Investments - permanently restricted .....	\$5,189,495	\$4,943,149
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$9,551,472</b>	<b>\$13,130,189</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Assets held for the benefit of others .....	\$895,189	\$1,189,333
Accounts payable .....	\$3,261	\$623
Payroll taxes payable .....	\$2,079	\$1,842
Accrued real estate taxes .....	\$8,300	\$8,700
Grants payable .....	\$606,131	\$401,419
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$1,514,960</b>	<b>\$1,601,917</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Undesignated .....	\$21,764	\$77,161
Designated .....	\$2,696,871	\$3,965,187
Total unrestricted .....	\$2,718,635	\$4,042,348
Temporarily restricted .....	\$128,382	\$2,542,775
Permanently restricted .....	\$5,189,495	\$4,943,149
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$8,036,512</b>	<b>\$11,528,272</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$9,551,472</b>	<b>\$13,130,189</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended October 31, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	TOTAL
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>				
Investment income .....	\$48,166	\$412,936	-	\$461,102
Gifts, bequests, etc. ....	\$8,647	\$36,015	\$246,346	\$291,008
Farm income .....	\$91,841	-	-	\$91,841
Management fees .....	\$63,565	(\$54,728)	-	\$8,837
Other income .....	\$3,033	-	-	\$3,033
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments .....	(\$1,031,523)	(\$2,406,120)	-	(\$3,437,643)
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>(\$816,271)</b>	<b>(\$2,011,897)</b>	<b>\$246,346</b>	<b>(\$2,581,822)</b>
<b>Net assets released from restrictions</b>				
Restrictions released by payments .....	\$402,496	(\$402,496)	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE and SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>(\$413,775)</b>	<b>(\$2,414,393)</b>	<b>\$246,346</b>	<b>(\$2,581,822)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services .....	\$725,745	-	-	\$725,745
Support services .....	\$175,807	-	-	\$175,807
Fund-raising .....	\$8,386	-	-	\$8,386
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$909,938</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$909,938</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS .....</b>				
	(\$1,323,713)	(\$2,414,393)	\$246,346	(\$3,941,760)
<b>Net assets -</b>				
Beginning Of Year .....	\$4,042,348	\$2,542,775	\$4,943,149	\$11,528,272
<b>Net assets -</b>				
End Of Year .....	\$2,718,635	\$128,382	\$5,189,495	\$8,036,512

## Statement of Net Assets

Year Ended October 31, 2008

UD - Unrestricted Designated TR - Temporarily Restricted PR - Permanently Restricted TNA - Total Net Assets

Fund	UD	TD	PR	TNA	Fund	UD	TD	PR	TNA
Unrestricted	\$21,764	-	-	\$21,764	Kohl, Bonnie	-	(\$2,043)	\$14,352	\$12,309
Sampson, D. F. - spendable	\$22,235	-	-	\$22,235	Matthes, Robert & Lillian	-	(\$47)	\$5,005	\$5,008
Sampson, D. F. - Board designated perm.	\$37,055	-	-	\$37,055	Kuhlman, Charles & Ann	-	(\$486)	\$5,000	\$4,514
General Endowment - Board designated perm.	\$800,156	-	-	\$800,156	Lindner, Virgil & Nora	-	(\$1,097)	\$5,561	\$4,464
Bader Fund - spendable	\$46,563	-	-	\$46,563	Lock, Edwin & Bernice	-	\$744,288	-	\$744,028
Bader Fund - Board designated perm.	\$1,657,721	-	-	\$1,657,721	Lock, Vernie	-	(\$16,577)	\$42,953	\$26,376
Fishburn Fund - spendable	\$147,801	-	-	\$147,801	Mack, Ira & zora	-	\$7,856	\$25,397	\$33,253
Aerni, Leonard & Doris	-\$4,451	\$70,200	\$74,651	\$70,200	Marsh, Warren	-	(\$969)	\$12,500	\$11,531
Aspedon, Derek	-	\$374	\$3,110	\$3,484	Martson, Ivan & Naoma	-	(\$3,309)	\$26,628	\$23,319
Bannister, Karen & Dannielle	-	(\$715)	\$5,000	\$4,285	Matthes, Robert	-	(\$31,580)	\$388,365	\$356,785
Beck Acorn	-	\$11	\$1,300	\$1,311	McCullough/McGuire	-	(\$2,861)	\$12,628	\$9,767
Benner, Charles	-	(\$487)	\$5,000	\$4,513	McEnder, Mayme	-	(\$356)	\$3,000	\$2,644
Bittinger, Vincent & Margaret	-	(\$20,153)	\$119,498	\$99,345	McHargue, Don & Lucille	-	(\$233)	\$6,050	\$5,817
Blauhorn, Ervin & Bonnie	-	(\$562)	\$25,130	\$2,542	McHargue Acorn	-	\$2	\$120	\$122
Brandes, Earl & Alice	-	\$42	\$2,500	\$2,542	McHargue Memorial	-	(\$1,769)	\$7,300	\$5,531
Brown, Larry & Phyllis	-	\$14	\$100	\$114	McLean, William & Velma	-	(\$3,760)	\$15,270	\$11,510
Campbell, Ina & Don	-	(\$536)	\$6,000	\$5,464	Merrick Co. Child Care, Inc.	-	(\$134,486)	\$372,950	\$238,464
Clark Acorn	-	\$3	\$200	\$203	Miller, Ray & Mildren	-	(\$114)	\$10,410	\$10,296
Clark, Donald Y.	-	(\$12,438)	\$86,939	\$74,501	Mitchell, Edward	-	(\$2,460)	\$16,000	\$13,540
Clarke, J.F., Recreation	-	\$6,016	\$96,135	\$102,151	Nabity, Ernest	-	(\$1,228)	\$12,195	\$10,967
Clarke, Myrtle & Jim	-	(\$11,817)	\$100,000	\$88,183	Neel, Glen & Doris	-	\$463	\$10,256	\$10,719
Collins, Marshall Suck	-	(\$177)	-	(\$177)	Palmer Community Performing Arts Center	-	(\$1,024)	-	\$1,024
Dinsdale Memorial	-	\$3,250	\$50,000	\$53,250	Prairie Island Bridge Youth Activities-	\$384	(\$22,306)	\$124,734	\$102,428
Dinsdale, Jack	-	(\$79,431)	\$254,222	\$174,791	Prairie Island Bridge Youth Activities-	-	\$2,875	\$3,259	\$5,134
Dinsdale, Roy	-	(\$72,397)	\$252,552	\$180,155	Roach, LoAnn	-	\$15	\$105	\$120
Ferris, Elwin & Lucile	-	\$2,651	\$11,285	\$13,936	Roebeoltmanns, Frederick	-	\$1,686	\$5,000	\$6,686
Fishburn, Matthew	-	(\$1,998)	\$10,973	\$8,975	Santin Memorial	-	\$1,139	\$13,500	\$14,639
Founders Scholarship	-	(\$2,138)	\$4,410	\$2,272	Santin, Alice	-	(\$3,521)	\$25,000	\$21,479
Friedrichsen, E. Marie	-	(\$250)	\$10,000	\$9,750	Santin, Ed	-	(\$117,923)	\$1,683,328	\$1,465,405
Fuss, Anna E.	-	(\$988)	\$20,000	\$19,012	Santin, James R.	-	(\$1,814)	\$12,888	\$11,074
Glatfelter, Edward & Fouts, Nancy	-	(\$30,853)	\$156,693	\$125,840	Scholarship	-	\$9,496	-	\$9,496
Gorgen, Barbara & Floyd	-	(\$45,230)	\$41,962	\$36,732	Scott, Charlie	-	(\$1,038)	\$5,595	\$4,557
Griffith Trust Acorn	-	\$14	\$1,000	\$1,014	Sertoma, Central City	-	(\$1,150)	\$5,666	\$4,516
Hake, John & Bertha	-	\$15	\$100	\$115	Severance, Ralph & Ella	-	(\$5,157)	\$28,000	\$22,843
Hartwig Acorn	-	\$14	\$1,000	\$1,014	Silver Creek Endowment	-	(\$10,009)	\$40,575	\$30,566
Hawthorn Fund	-	(\$939)	\$7,000	\$6,061	Silver Creek Expendable	-	\$3,770	-	\$3,770
Heins CARE Fund	-	(\$1,648)	\$13,100	\$11,452	Silver Creek Vine St. Playground Proj.	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$10
Hohnroth Family Fund	-	(\$1,648)	\$13,100	\$11,452	Steffens, Raymond W.	-	(\$2,601)	\$20,250	\$17,649
Holbrook, Joel	-	(\$606)	\$7,000	\$6,394	Steffens, William & Emma	-	\$15,587	\$71,248	\$86,835
Ita, William & Ruth	-	(\$323)	\$92,797	\$92,474	Szatok Acorn	-	\$1	\$100	\$101
Johnson, Les	-	\$367	\$5,050	\$5,417	Thomas Farms	-	(\$105)	\$850	\$745
Joseph, Carole A.	-	(\$1,181)	\$28,619	\$27,438	Torpin, R. Stanley	-	(\$6,204)	\$42,878	\$36,674
Klingenberg, Alice	-	(\$469)	\$10,782	\$10,313	Twiss Acorn	-	\$14	\$1,000	\$1,014
					Vandeford, Austin & Cleo	-	(\$64,244)	\$501,658	\$437,414
					Van Pelt, Leonard & Vera	-	\$37	\$404	\$441
					Van Pelt, Dylan	-	(\$769)	\$5,020	\$4,251
					Wegner, Clinton	-	\$9,118	\$182,507	\$191,625
					Widman, Darrell & Twila	-	\$63	\$1,500	\$1,563
					Widman, Edna	-	\$843	\$7,777	\$8,620
					Willhoft, Arnold & Hildur	-	\$181	\$1,305	\$1,486
					Wright Morris Home Restoration	-\$2,163	-	\$2,163	-
					Zmek, Leann	-	(\$400)	\$6,375	\$5,975
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,718,635</b>	<b>\$128,382</b>	<b>\$5,189,495</b>	<b>\$8,036,512</b>					

## Schedule of Amounts Held for the Benefit of Others

October 31	2008	2007
American Legion	\$21,292	\$30,665
Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery	\$12,836	\$18,575
Burke Cemetery	\$10,711	\$15,498
Central City Library	\$14,235	\$20,009
Central City Senior Center	\$28,555	\$41,317
Central City Trails	\$39	\$20,310
Clarks Cares	\$1,515	\$4,860
Dinsdale-Palmer Schools	\$55,415	\$87,106
Heartland Council of Foundations	\$1,076	-
Litzenberg Health Care Foundation	\$175,744	\$239,707
Merrick County Historical Museum	\$192,520	\$258,344
Merrick Co. Museum Special Project	\$242,699	\$265,288
North Blue Cemetery	\$4,292	\$6,211
Palmer Schools	\$73,219	\$85,076
Silver Creek Cares	\$1,564	\$556
Silver Creek Schools	\$9,573	\$12,901
Valley View Rec. Assoc.	\$3,805	\$5,215
Misc. Donor Designated	\$746	\$834
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$895,189</b>	<b>\$1,189,333</b>

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