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“CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER”

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## Give Where You Live...Yes You Did! Together we raised \$638,198! THANK YOU KEARNEY AREA!

On December 3, the Kearney Area generously showed their support for Give Where You Live by donating more than \$638,198 (52% more than the previous year)! Your generosity significantly helped 146 nonprofits to continue their important work to make our communities stronger.

More than 1,800 unique donors (a 44% increase from 2014) made more than 4,156 donations (up 41%) to a variety of causes that improve the quality of life for all of us in Kearney and the surrounding area including Amherst, Axtell, Elm Creek, Gibbon, Pleasanton, Ravenna and Shelton.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation invested \$100,000 in *Challenge Match Funds*, plus \$9,500 in bonuses and prizes in order to motivate donors to make the most of their gifts! (Not including costs for promotion or the online platform fee!)

December 3rd was busy throughout the day with events at giving destinations all over the Kearney area including Pleasanton, Ravenna and Shelton.

Your overwhelming response of support helped us to reach our goals for the 2015 Give Where You Live campaign. We set out to raise awareness of our community's current philanthropic needs, cultivate new funding streams and inspire donors to increase their financial support to their favorite local causes as well as finding new ones!

**Thank you for your support of local nonprofits!**

### Would you like to help improve next year's event?

Please take a moment to provide your feedback by following the link below.

DONORS: [http://givewhereyoulive.razoo.com/p/donor\\_survey](http://givewhereyoulive.razoo.com/p/donor_survey)

NONPROFITS: [http://givewhereyoulive.razoo.com/p/nonprofit\\_survey](http://givewhereyoulive.razoo.com/p/nonprofit_survey)



### 2015 GWYL Fast Facts

#### \$492,773.81 Raised:

(not including match & prizes)



#### 4156 Unique Gifts Given:



#### Most Dollars Raised:

(Not including match and prizes!)

1. Kearney Area Animal Shelter \$29,723
2. Buffalo County Historical Society -\$28,985
3. Yanney Heritage Park Foundation - \$18,780

## 2015 Celebration of Giving: An Evening to Honor Outstanding Giving



### Philanthropist Award: David and Lorma Wiebe

David and Lorma Wiebe were honored at our Celebration of Giving event in November with the Philanthropist Award. The Wiebes have demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable stewardship in and around the Kearney area for most their lives. Their generosity and compassion for others is inspiring for all of us. David and Lorma's charitable spirit motivates others to contribute and their enthusiasm for life is contagious!



### Volunteer Award: Charlie and Bev Pickens

Charlie and Bev Pickens have been active volunteers and fundraisers for many charitable causes in the Kearney area since moving here in the 1960's to teach at Kearney State College. The Pickens continue to contribute their individual and collective time and energy to successful fundraising efforts, through exceptional leadership in coordinating and motivating other volunteers to raise funds.



### Corporate Award: Schrock Chiropractic

Schrock Chiropractic was selected to receive the Corporate Award for providing financial support to local nonprofits. Their business strategy includes community outreach to advance the spirit of philanthropy and encourages others to contribute through volunteerism and financial support. Sam Schrock leads his staff and family by example, weaving community engagement and philanthropy in their daily lives.

## Thank You to Our Stakeholders (Gifts made January 1– December 31, 2015)

Stakeholders invest in the Foundation to make our daily work possible, which allows us to continue to grow and impact the community. Your generous support provides continued growth for the Kearney Area Community Foundation and a strong future for the Kearney area. Thank you Stakeholders for your outstanding support!

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### About us

The Kearney Area Community Foundation began in 1995 to provide a platform for people to give back to their community. Today, the foundation partners with numerous organizations and individuals to support more than 200 funds providing scholarships, enhancing parks, promoting education encouraging community leadership, and helping those in need.

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[kacf@kearneyfoundation.org](mailto:kacf@kearneyfoundation.org)

## Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship



BD Construction and the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) created the Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship in memory of Mark Benjamin. The scholarship was established to help young people learn the construction trade and more importantly, gain the skills to build and improve their own lives.

Mark Benjamin was the owner of BD Construction and the Chair of the KACC Board of Directors when he passed away on April 14, 2015. Mark's impact on this community will always remain. His life was a testament to making this community better by helping people change their lives for the better. His passion will live on by greatly improving many students' lives with this scholarship.

### Interested in establishing a scholarship and making a difference in the lives of others?

For more information, contact Judi Sickler, Executive Director at 308-237-3114 or email at [judi@kearneyfoundation.org](mailto:judi@kearneyfoundation.org).

Learn more about the current scholarships offered by the Kearney Area Community Foundation at [www.kearneyfoundation.org/receive/scholarships](http://www.kearneyfoundation.org/receive/scholarships)

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