



## Join the Longhorn Club

Yes, I/we would like to become members of the Longhorn Club. I/we agree to make a **monthly gift** of:  
 \$21     \$50     \$75     \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

A member of our Fund Advisory Committee would be glad to provide an ACH form for automatic contributions.

Yes, I/we would like to become members of the Longhorn Club. I/we agree to make an **annual gift** of:  
 \$21     \$50     \$75     \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please enclose your gift and a reminder will be sent annually each November.

Yes, I would like to make a donation but I do not wish to join the Longhorn Club at this time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you want listed in our donor records: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your company match charitable contributions? Many companies provide gift matching programs that multiply their employees' community impact. If so, please notify your human resources manager about your contribution to the Shickley Community Foundation Fund.



**Please complete and return this form to:**

Shickley Community Foundation Fund | PO Box 372 | Shickley, NE 68436

**Contact us:**

402.627.7885 | shickleycommunityfoundation@gmail.com | Shickley Community Foundation

## Contributions to the Shickley Community Foundation Fund support worthy causes and projects in our community like:



New sign at Westside Park



Shickley Sons of American Legion for the 50 Flags Veterans Memorial



Underground sprinklers at Community Center Park

Shickley Community Foundation is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



## Celebrating 30 Years! 2021 NEWSLETTER

### OUR VISION

Shickley is a community committed to working together to nurture our agricultural roots, educational opportunities, and economic growth in order to support the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of our citizens of all ages.

### OUR MISSION

To fund community development now and for generations to come. We are committed to keeping our community a vital, progressive and healthy place where people can live, raise families and retire. To fulfill our vision of Shickley, we provide a variety of ways for people to invest their time, talent, and treasure in our community.

### OUR VALUES

Trustworthy  
Loyalty  
Leadership/Service  
Caring and Genuine  
Futuristic  
Take initiative

### OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wade Walters, Chair  
Joe Kamler, Vice Chair  
Chris Schlegel, Vice Chair  
Jen Griffith, Secretary  
Loree Hendrickson, Treasurer  
Brett Beavers, Mike Hinrichs, Deb Johnson,  
Dan Miller, Jessica Schlegel, Richard Walter,  
Merissa Zajic



## Gift Exemplifies Shickley's Can-Do Attitude

When a community fosters belonging, anything can happen. In Shickley, a standard case of neighbors helping neighbors resulted in a gift for the Shickley Community Foundation Fund.

David Stolzenburg died in May 2020. He is remembered for his passion for teaching, operating the family farm, coaching, and much more. He taught high school science for more than 40 years. His longtime friend and neighbor, Charles Dondlinger, said he left a lasting impact on students.

"All the kids I've talked to over the years who were his students, they all just loved him," Charles said.

David had at least one last impact to make on the Shickley area. Through the course of his life, he had amassed a collection of aluminum cans in a small shed on his farm. His friends and family saw potential there.

David's wife, Gayle, had recently undergone knee surgery, which made it difficult to keep up with the chores around the farm—including deciding what to do with all those cans. That's when Charles decided to roll up his sleeves and get to work. Over six months, he crushed and bagged 80,000 cans, 60 years' worth by his estimation, then hauled them to City Iron and Metal in Hastings for recycling.

Gayle wanted to donate the money to SCFF. When Charles told the recycling center employees to make the check out for a charitable donation, they increased the payout by 40 cents per pound—for a total of \$700.

She wanted to make that number an even \$1,000, so she wrote a check to cover the difference.

She said David would have been thrilled to know his collection of cans turned into a gift for the community he lived in his whole life. Fund members were thrilled as well as grateful for the surprise donation.

"The Fund now has \$1,000 we didn't have, simply because a kindly neighbor helped clean up a temporarily disabled widow's property," said Treasurer Loree Hendrickson. "Community really is everything."

## Shickley Community Foundation Fund by the Numbers



**\$3,140,000**  
in total assets



**\$2,812,150**  
in unrestricted endowment

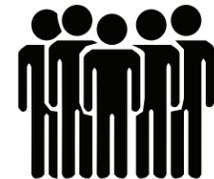


**\$665,916**  
reinvested in our community



**386**  
grants

TOTALING  
**\$665,916**



**50**

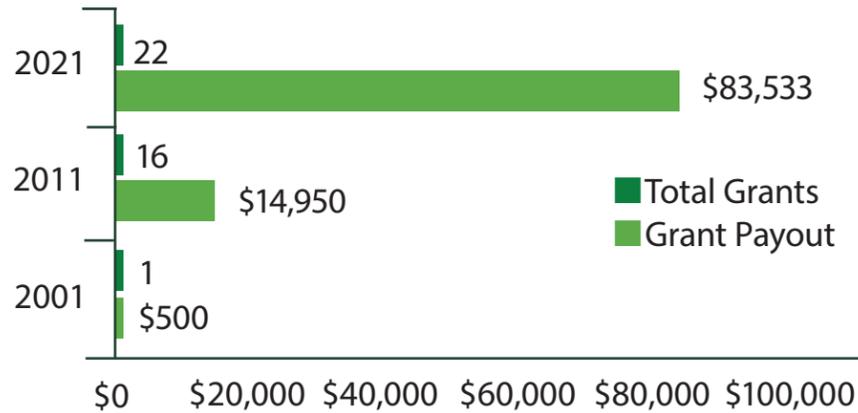
Longhorn Club Members  
pledged annual donations  
TOTALING  
**\$5,892**



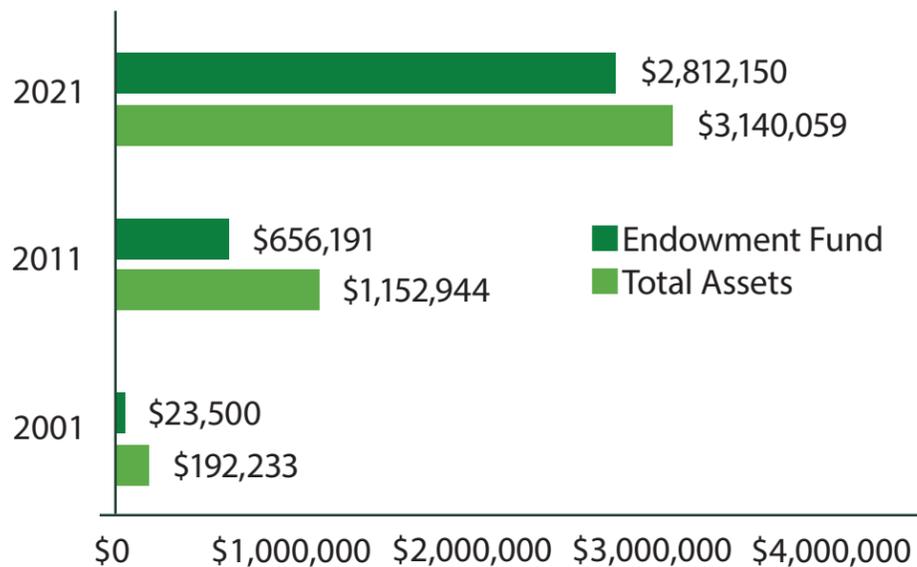
**468**  
donors giving gifts  
TOTALING  
**\$1,540,099**

## 30 YEARS OF GROWTH

### Annual Endowment Grant Payout



### Endowment Fund & Total Assets



## A FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY

## Community Impact Through Grantmaking

2021 GRANTS

**22**  
grants



**\$83,500**  
impact

Shickley Community Foundation Fund makes grants that advance our mission of keeping our community a vital, progressive, and healthy place where people can live, raise families, and retire. Our 2021 grantees include:

- Big Little Town Revitalization Club for underground sprinklers at Community Center
- Fillmore County Ag Society for capital improvements, including a beer garden structure for community events
- Fillmore County Historical Society for capital improvements
- Fillmore County Hospital Auxiliary for healthcare scholarships
- Shickley Public School for continuing education scholarships, special education classroom improvements, Wellness Committee Fun Run, swimming pool chlorinator and repairs, senior class post prom event, yearbook and document cameras, agriculture curriculum, science class safety goggles, and active directory server
- Shickley Fire District for a new ambulance
- Shickley Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 for the 50 Flags Veterans Memorial

### Leave Five for Shickley to Thrive

According to Nebraska Community Foundation's 2021 Transfer of Wealth Study, more than \$100 billion will transfer from older to younger generations in our state in the next decade. Over the next 50 years, the figure swells to \$950 billion. Scenarios are driven by conservative assumptions about the future, census data, increasing agricultural land values, household income, and other key indicators. There is always a transfer as parents pass away and leave their estates to their children, but if the heirs no longer live where they grew up, those critical resources may leave hometowns (like Shickley) as well.

The study's release marks the beginning of NCF's Five to Thrive campaign, which urges generous Nebraskans to consider leaving just five percent of their estate to their hometown. In Fillmore County, \$631 million could transfer in the

next 10 years. If five percent of that were endowed, our community would receive a \$32 million boost.

Local philanthropy is an integral part of our community development work. Shickley now benefits from \$2.75 million of local endowments and 13 donors have confirmed their plans to leave gifts in their estate to benefit Shickley. These planned gifts are estimated to total \$1.9 million. Shickley is using this home-grown philanthropy to benefit its K-12 school district, provide early childhood education, and has built a new multi-purpose community center.

We invite you to consider leaving five to help Shickley thrive! Learn more at [FivetoThriveNE.org](https://FivetoThriveNE.org) and speak with your professional advisor about how charitable planned giving can benefit your unique circumstances.



A grant from the Shickley Community Foundation Fund has transformed Merissa Zajic's special education classroom with versatile new furniture, making it a warm and inviting space for students who are ready to learn.

"Prior to this grant, the special education classroom furniture was a collection of leftover and unused furniture from various classrooms throughout the school. At times we would utilize folding chairs to accommodate our needs," said Zajic. "With the updates, I was able to create an environment that can be used by many students with all abilities."



SCFF has granted money to assist with each phase of the Big Little Town Revitalization Club's Westside Park Project. In phase one, a grant was made for the new sign. In phase two, funds were granted for rubber mulch for the existing equipment, which is to be installed in the spring of 2022. In phase three, SCFF granted funds will help to purchase new playground equipment. We are proud to play a part in creating this important amenity for families in our community!