

*2021 Annual Report*  
**Merrick Foundation, Inc.**



*Patricia "Pat" Campbell*  
*Leaves Historic Gift*

*A Message from the Board President:*



**Kristen Hermansen-Ryan, DDS**  
Board President

Oh man! This past year really ZOOMed by! While 2020 threw challenges at us that we haven't seen in our lifetime, the staff and board stayed committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. We witnessed non-profits across Merrick County working harder than ever to continue providing services and activities while trying to remain a sense of normalcy in an environment that was anything but normal. We were excited to partner with 28 of those organizations and look forward to continuing that relationship in 2021.

This year brought many things to be thankful for and to celebrate! The Merrick Foundation teamed up with the

Central City Public Library to accept the single largest gift in the history of the Merrick Foundation left by Patricia Campbell. Campbell's estate gift totaled \$1,776,532.32. "Miss Pat", as her friends called her, has cemented her legacy in the Central City community and we are excited to see how our Library will continue to grow because of her generosity.

Our scholarship program continues to build and grow each year, and in 2021, we will be able to award \$142,300 in scholarships to 83 high school and 77 college students. We are also thrilled to bring back the Scholarship Awards after having to "go virtual" last year.

During the last 12 months, we also created 15 new funds – by working with people just like you - who are looking to leave their mark on the community. If you are looking for a way to give back, but you're not sure how, I would

encourage you to contact Shauna to learn more about the numerous options that the Foundation offers. The possibilities really are endless.

I would like to personally commend Shauna Graham & Courtney Retzlaff who, together, do immeasurable amounts of work to make sure that the Merrick Foundation continues to fulfill the vision set forth by Donald F. Sampson, dating back to 1960.

I would also like to thank our fantastic board of directors. There are 15 of us – from every area of the county – who are dedicated to ensuring that we are good stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We have a unique blend of talents and personalities that only lends strength to the organization. It's been an honor to be elected and serve as the President and I'm looking forward to all that we have planned in 2021.

# Merrick Foundation Grantees Fiscal Year 2020

## Arts & Culture

Central City Children's Theater  
Merrymakers Association  
Nebraska Christian Schools

## Community & Civic

Archer Community Room  
Central City Bloodmobile  
Central City Public Library  
Heartland United Way  
Palmer Rescue Squad  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Silver Creek Cemetery Association  
Silver Creek Rescue  
Silver Creek Township Library  
State Theater Foundation, Inc.

## Education

Nebraska Christian Schools

## Human Services

Merrick County Home Delivered Meals Project  
Midland Area Agency on Aging  
Palmer Senior Center

## Recreation

American Legion Baseball  
Central City Stampede Softball  
Central City Youth Baseball  
Special Olympics Nebraska  
Twin River Legion Baseball Program

## Student Trips

Nebraska Christian Schools  
Palmer Public School

## Youth Development

Bison After School Program  
Central City Boy Scouts Troop 102  
Central City Cub Scouts Pack 102  
Heartland United Way  
Merrick County Child Development Center  
Palmer Community Foundation, Inc. -  
Palmer Child Care  
Prairie Plains Resource Institute

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**  
Scholarship Tea

**Monday & Tuesday, August 2 & 3, 2021**  
Dunk Tank at the Merrick County Fair

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**  
Go Big Give

**August 2021**  
Estate Planning Workshop

**Saturday, July 3, 2021**  
Butterfly Release

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
Celebration Event

## Staff



**Shauna Graham**  
Executive Director



**Courtney Retzlaff**  
Chief Financial Officer

### Presidents • February 1960 - December 2020

Donald F. Sampson	William H. Kuhn	Ed Detweiler	Ed Dexter
Ivan Martson	Philip Greenwood	Dean Hartwig	Randy Rinkol
Harold Parker	John McHargue	Kurt Kuhn	Shannon Hannappel
Warren Marsh	Michael J. Cave	Steve Twiss	Barry Marsh
John Hummel	Kathryn L. Mesner	Sean Wagner	Doug Van Pelt
Bruce Cowgill	Jerry Lentfer	Brian Buhlke	Kristen Hermansen-Ryan
Kirk Riley	Joel Ferris	Dave Beck	

### Executive Directors • February 1960 - December 2020

Donald F. Sampson	Shirley Higgins	Chuck Griffith
Yvonne Ferris	Marla Ortegren	Shauna Graham

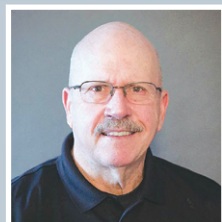
## Board Members



**Crissy Bader**  
Palmer



**Deb Beck**  
Clarks



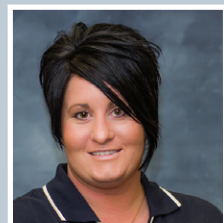
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Chapman



**Leah Brown**  
Archer Area



**Marvin Fishler**  
Central City



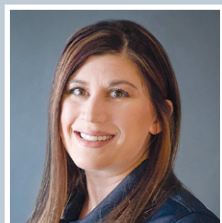
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Chapman



**Denise Hebda**  
Silver Creek



**Kristen Hermansen-Ryan DDS**  
Central City



**Morgan Clarke-Hogan**  
Central City



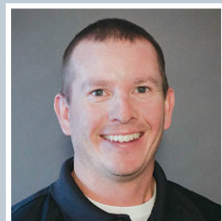
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Silver Creek



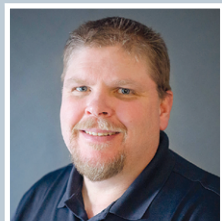
**Diane Schoch**  
Central City



**Monica Simonson**  
Palmer



**DJ Talbott**  
Central City



**Kevin Urkoski**  
Clarks



**Tom Wagner**  
Central City

# Patricia Campbell: A Historical Gift



Patricia Campbell

While 2020 was definitely a challenging year for many non-profits, the Central City Public Library received some pretty spectacular news. It began in January of 2020, with a phone call from Bernie Glaser.

Bernie had called both the Central City Public Library and the Merrick Foundation to talk about a bequest from his client, Patricia Campbell. “I received a call from Bernie in January. He let me know that Pat had recently passed away and had planned to leave a gift to the Library. He inquired about the Library’s fund, its use, when it was set up and more specifics about how the Merrick Foundation was involved,” states Shauna Graham, Executive Director at the Merrick Foundation.

It was mid-summer when they would hear from Bernie again, and the Central City Library would realize just how large this gift was going to be. They were told to

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~ Sara Lee, Library Director

expect a gift of approximately \$1.5 million dollars.

“When we received the final distribution for the Library, the gifts totaled \$1,676,532.32,” states Graham. “This is in addition to the \$100,000 that was given to the Merrick Foundation last summer in honor of her parents, Ina & Don Campbell. Pat’s gift was the single largest gift in the history of the Merrick Foundation. She also left a gift equal in size to the Lincoln Public Schools Foundation. The intent of that donation is to help fund programs for high school aged students with disabilities.”

“Miss Pat”, as she was referred to by her friends, was born in Central City. Her parents, Don & Ina, owned farmland in both Merrick & Kimball counties. Though they lived in town, she had a horse named Queenie. She also loved watching movies in the theater her father managed.

She initially attended a private women’s college in Illinois, but would graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She taught at Central City Public Schools in her early teaching career before teaching in the Lincoln Public Schools system for 25 years. She retired in 1987.

One of her greatest loves was ballroom dancing, which she taught at the Arthur Murray studio as a young woman. For years she took joy in dancing and teaching the foxtrot, rumba, waltz and cha-cha. She even won a trip to New York to meet Arthur and Katherine Murray. In her later years, she would frequently visit the Playmore Ballroom just west of Lincoln and dance the hours away.

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Miss Pat also had a very close relationship with her niece, Madeline, who had Eisenmenger syndrome.

their close relationship until Madeline’s death at the age of 41. According to Miss Pat’s friends, she considered Madeline “her princess”.

“We are very thankful to Pat Campbell for giving such a generous gift to our endowment fund,” states Sara Lee, Library Director. “This gift serves not only as an everlasting legacy to Pat, it will also create an enduring impact on our community, for many generations to come.”

Board President Jeanne Grosshans is equally elated, “Words seem inadequate to express what an incredible gift the Central City Library has received from Pat Campbell. The money will strengthen the Library’s ability to complete special projects that will enhance our mission, as well as enable our beautiful library to continue to offer outstanding services to the community.”

“We feel honored and humbled to assist the Library with this fund, as well as being a part of carrying out Miss Pat’s final wishes,” states Graham. “This is truly a life changing gift for not only the Library, but our community.”

## CAMPBELL

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Miss Pat also had a very close relationship with her niece Madeline, who had Eisenmenger syndrome.

When Madeline’s mother (Pat’s sister) passed away when she was only four years old, she went to live with her grandparents. Miss Pat and Madeline continued

## Financials • Fiscal Year 2020

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of October 31, 2020

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$15,322,136	Funds held for others	\$2,095,389
Prepaid expenses	2,908	Grants and scholarships payable	200,205
Property and equipment	899,698	Payables	80,778
Receivables	18,064	Unearned rent	1,375
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,242,806</b>	<b>Net assets</b>	<b>13,865,059</b>
		<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$16,242,806</b>

This Consolidated Statement of Financial Position was taken from our audited financial statement, which is prepared by AMGL CPAs and Advisors. Copies of our annual audit are available in our office. Copies of our IRS form 990 are available in our office or on our website at [www.merrick-foundation.org](http://www.merrick-foundation.org).

# Ed & Laurie Dexter: *Building for the Future*

# The Power Of Creating An Endowed Fund

“Our Foundation is amazing and we are just fortunate to have it in Merrick County. This is the best place to go where you can give local and it stays local.”

*~Laurie Dexter*



Ed and Laurie Dexter

“The community has done so much for us in various ways over the years, and we are just glad that we can help out,” states Ed Dexter, prior board member and lifelong resident of Merrick County. Ed and his wife Laurie are referencing the “Acorn Fund” they started at the Merrick Foundation during Ed’s time on the board of directors. Ed served on the board for 5 years, beginning in 2010. “Laurie & I have always made regular, monthly contributions to our Acorn Fund. It’s easier to just have it taken directly out of our account, and have it go right where it needs to.”

“Acorn Funds are a great way for individuals and families to start building a legacy at their hometown foundation,” states Shauna Graham, Executive Director. “These types of funds allow donors to contribute over time, eventually building a permanent, endowed fund. Once the Acorn Fund reaches \$5,000, it can be invested and contributions then begin to multiply. The best part of building an endowed fund is that it will literally exist forever. Generation after generation, the causes you care about will receive support from the acorn you plant today.”

Ed & Laurie, who both grew up in Merrick County and will soon celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary, feel that it’s coming full circle. “The Foundation helped me when I was in high school, and our kids both got scholarships as well,” states Dexter. “This has always been a place I want to give back to and we are proud to be able to do that. Starting a fund is one of the best things you can do for your community and for your county. Down the road it can help in so many areas. Just look at all that Merrick County has accomplished and will continue to accomplish.”

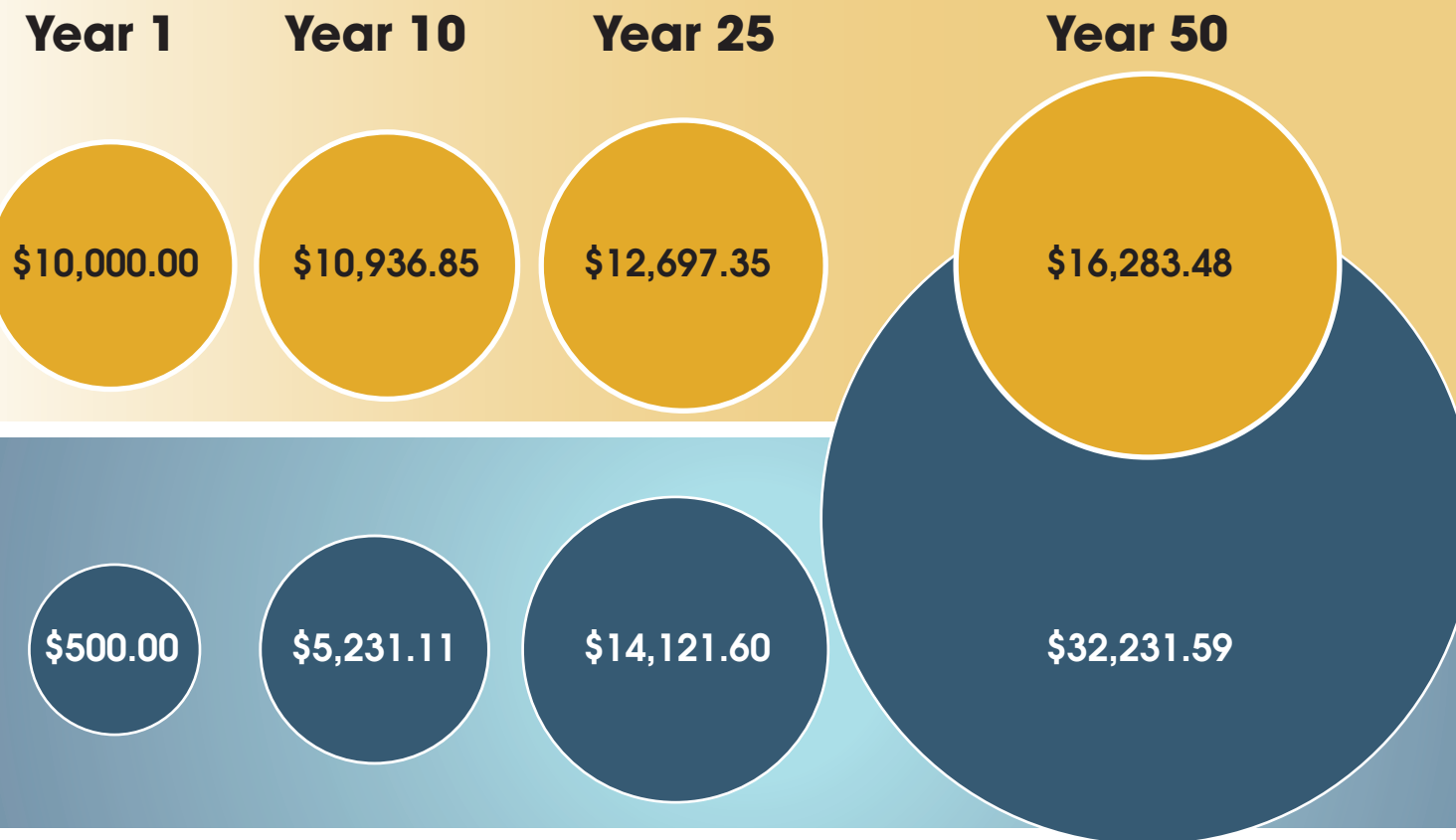
“What started as the Dexter Acorn Fund is now two separate funds,” states Graham. “One is a scholarship

fund for local high school and college students, and one will provide grants for local projects and non-profits. We feel honored to assist the Dexters in the areas they are passionate about. These funds will absolutely continue to benefit Merrick County for decades to come.”

“Our Foundation is amazing and we are just fortunate to have it in Merrick County. This is the best place to go where you can give local and it stays local,” says Laurie. “It’s really creating the legacy you will leave in Merrick County.”

“On the window outside our office, the sign reads, ‘How will you leave your mark on Merrick County?’ That phrase is at the heart of our mission,” states Graham. “Simply, we want to help you craft the legacy you want to leave. Whether it’s scholarships, funding specific community projects, supporting the arts, or setting up annual distributions to a specific non-profit into perpetuity, we can develop and work through an agreement that turns your vision into a reality.”

For information on how you can get started, please reach out to Shauna Graham at (308) 946-3707 or via email at [merrickfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:merrickfoundation@gmail.com).



● Fund Balances

● Grants to the Community

*Assumes a \$10,000 fund balance, a 7.5% return, a 5% annual grant and a 1.5% admin fee. This example is not a guarantee of return on investment.*

## *Supporting Your Community for Generations to Come*

A significant part of our mission is working with individuals and families as they determine the legacy they want to leave in the community they call home. We understand the power of permanence. We believe that it’s the key to ensuring that our future will be even brighter than our past. When you create an endowed fund through the Merrick Foundation, your generosity will continue to benefit the community, organization or program of your choice, forever.

The graphic above demonstrates how your gift can grow over time, all while providing grants and/or scholarships to areas you are passionate about.

# 2021 Scholarship Awards

\$144,450 in Awards to 160 High School & College Students



**Ian Anderson**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Mahaila Archer**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



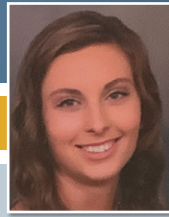
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Raymond W. Starostka Memorial



**Curtis Bailey**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Maynard & Lois Fullington



**Eve Baldwin**  
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn



**Brooke Bannister**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Alyssa Belitz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Tanner Belitz**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Corryn Falk**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Brennah Farley**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Tyler Ferris**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten Memorial



**Julieanne Gallion**  
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn



**Mia Gaston**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Preston Gembica**  
Larry Meyer Memorial



**Madison Glause**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Michaela Glause**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Shayla Bennett**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



**Shayne Bennett**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



**Trystan Bennett**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Lauryn Bernt**  
Gary Monter Memorial



**Makenna Beyer**  
Elton & Nancy Erickson; Virgil & Nora Lindner



**Faith Blauhorn**  
Clinton M. Wegner; Mary Chochon Memorial



**Grant Blodgett**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Elijah Boersen**  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



**Tabor Glynn**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Weston Graham**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Les Johnson Memorial



**Elijah Green**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



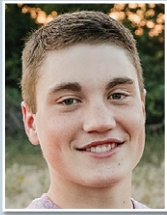
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**Hunter Gress**  
Merrick Foundation Industrious Student



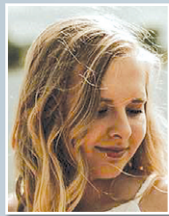
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**Cody Griess**  
Alice Klingenberg Memorial



**Roy Guzman**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



**Kennedy Bogatz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Warren & Virginia Marsh Memorial



**Marie Bohlken**  
Wayne & Mildred Hilder



**Marshall Boroviak**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten Memorial



**Sierra Boroviak**  
Hohnroth Family



**Kenzie Bram**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Josie Brandenburg**  
Willis C. Lenz Memorial



**Koby Brandenburg**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Jared Brown**  
Barry & Alta Marsh; Merrick County Corn Growers Association



**Kortney Hamer**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Grant Hanke**  
Merrick County Corn Growers Association



**Lana Hebda**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten Memorial



**Ross Hebda**  
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**Katie Heins**  
Ralph Stanley & Ella Halstead Severance Memorial



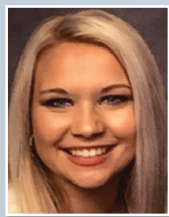
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William & Emma Steffen



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Clinton M. Wegner



**Cayden Homolka**  
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**Brooke Bruland**  
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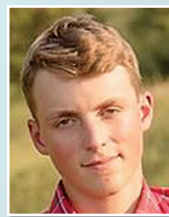
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**Ethan Burdett**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Faith Carroll**  
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**Kade Caspersen**  
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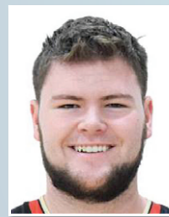
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Emil & Dorothy Czarnick



**Sophia Cline**  
Warren & Virginia Marsh Memorial



**Gabriella Homolka**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Jack & Dorothy Burger



**Seth Hower**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Benjamin Janssen**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Olivia Janssen**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Lincoln Kelley**  
Elwin & Lucile Ferris; Merrick County Pork Producers



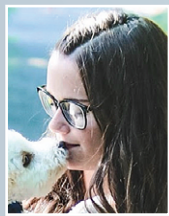
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Silver Creek Alumni



**Anslei Krance**  
American Legion Post #6 40 & 8



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**Abigail Curfman**  
Edna I. Widman Memorial; Edward Mitchell



**Kaydee Diefenbaugh**  
Gary Monter Memorial



**Kyle Dittmer**  
William L. & Velma R. McLean



**Reilly Donscheski**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Betsy Eckstrom**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Jade Erickson**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Matthew Fishburn; Willa Freeland, Women in Business



**Nicholas Euse**  
Silver Creek Alumni



**Adrienne Falk**  
William & Emma Steffen



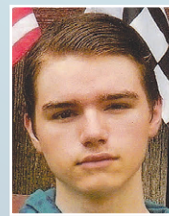
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**Dyson Kunz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Merrick Foundation Founders



**Allie Kunze**  
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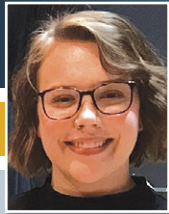
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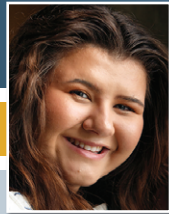
**Eric Lenz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Matthew Fishburn

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**Bailey Manhart**  
Edward Mitchell



**Akela Matthiessen**  
Donald R. & Jackie Sampson



**Amanda McClure**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Charles Jackson McGinnis**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford;  
William L. & Velma R. McLean



**Emiline McGinnis**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Rogene Ecker Memorial



**Graci McGinnis**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Donald R. & Jackie Sampson



**Landon McMaster**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Cora Menke**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Pattara Rujirayong**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Logan Russell**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Michael Rutherford**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Tanner Schneiderheinz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Tucker Schneiderheinz**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Micah Schnell**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Rebecca Schrock**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Andrew Schuller**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Samuel Moore**  
Benjamin Thomas Lindner Memorial



**Gabrielle Moser**  
Charles & Ann Kuhlman Memorial;  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



**Mackynzi Muller**  
Gary Bader Memorial;  
Gary Monter Memorial;  
William & Emma Steffen



**Jamie Myers**  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



**Aydon Nelson**  
Central City Scale-Hawthorne;  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Hoa Nguyen**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Minh Nguyen**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Emily Niemeier**  
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**Sara Schwartz**  
Clinton M. Wegner;  
Griffith Family



**McKenzie Schweitzer**  
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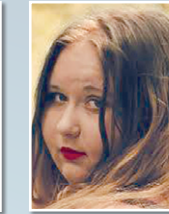
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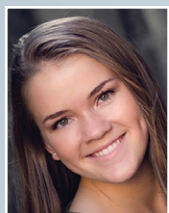
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**Shane Stahn**  
Michael V. Bittinger Memorial



**Charlie Stokes**  
James & Marilyn Heins



**Jessica Ohlman**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Josiah Ohlman**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Carsyn Ostrand**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Claire Ostrand**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Kolbe Owens**  
Dylan Van Pelt Memorial;  
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial



**Katie Paczosa**  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



**Talia Parlane**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Tanner Parsons**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Joshua Strong**  
Robert & Lillian Krug Memorial



**Grant Stuhmer**  
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**Shelby Swanson**  
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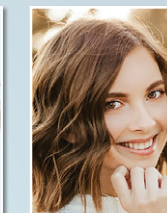
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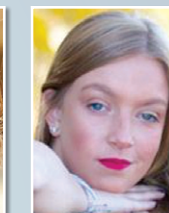
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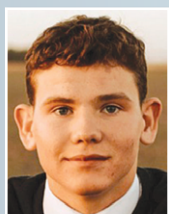
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Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Morgan Twiss**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Jenna Umstead**  
Russ Russell



**Aidan Pipher**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Kate Pipher**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Morgann Pospisil**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Passapong Pungpoka**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Clay Purkerson**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Aubree Quast**  
Glen D. & Doris E. Neel Memorial;  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



**Shad Quintanilla**  
Leanne Zmek Memorial;  
Vernie L. Lock



**Fayth Redmond**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Jamison Urkoski**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Kara Valasek**  
Carole A. Joseph Memorial



**Kane VonBonn**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke;  
Rogene Ecker Memorial



**Taryn Wagner**  
Bonnie Kohl Memorial;  
William & Emma Steffen



**Taylor Wagner**  
Ray & Mildred Miller Memorial



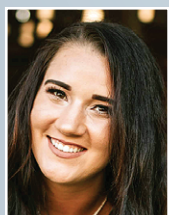
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# Book of Memory

# Donors by Fund

Donations received in memory of a loved one are recorded in the Book of Memory, which is always on display at our office. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one to a specific fund or our General Endowment. Any donations made to our General Endowment are used to fund various community projects throughout Merrick County. The time frame captured below is from November 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020.

Donors are recognized for their giving to the Merrick Foundation in the fiscal year November 1st, 2019 - October 31st, 2020. During that time frame, we were able to process \$1,516,402.53 in donations.

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Gary Bader	1942 - 2020	Meta Grosshans	1904 - 1971	Thomas Newman	1959 - 2020
Carol Bailey	1932 - 2020	Paul Grosshans	1933 - 2009	Millard Nouzovsky	1926 - 2020
Arline Baird	1926 - 2020	Victor Grosshans	1903 - 1976	Joe Parachini	1947 - 2010
Neil Bankson	1935 - 2020	Norma Lee Gillan Haith	1922 - 1997	Harold Parker	1904 - 1977
Donal Bard	1930 - 2020	Frank Harlow	1932 - 2020	Lois Parker	1923 - 2009
LaRhue Beck	1930 - 2020	Clinton Harry	1953 - 2018	Ortha V. Perry	1926 - 2020
Mildred Beck	1931 - 2020	Hunter Philip Hawthorne	1999 - 2020	Alva Sims Randall	1913 - 1963
Charles Benner	1929 - 1997	Jeanette Hawthorne	1937 - 2020	Don Randall	1909 - 1978
Jacob Benner	1882 - 1969	Ron Hawthorne	1935 - 2020	Portia Reeves	1905 - 2007
Jennie Benner	1882 - 1948	Wayne Hedges	1931 - 2020	Ted Reeves	1905 - 1988
Beverly (Krug) Bergum	1943 - 2019	James Heins	1949 - 2002	Greg Rinkol	1965 - 2014
Debra Blodgett	1956 - 2020	Robert Herman	1921 - 2003	Rodney Scherer	1936 - 2019
Robert E. Bruns	1939 - 2020	Thelma Herman	1927 - 2018	Larry Schreiber	1954 - 2020
Jack D. Burger	1918 - 2011	David W. Hilder	1951 - 2020	Wayne Schuller	1937 - 2020
Lavern H. Burkhardt	1942 - 2015	Roger Hohnroth	1938 - 2001	Helen Schutz	1906 - 1998
Patricia D. Campbell	1929 - 2020	Lee Holmes	**** - ****	Wesley Schutz	1902 - 1989
Bill Clemans	1943 - 2020	Margaret Holmes	**** - ****	Ella Halstead Severance	1882 - 1981
Eileen Weber Cooper	1924 - 2015	Don Holmstedt	1932 - 2020	Maxine Severance	1916 - 2008
Scott Cotner	1971 - 2005	Hans Holtorf	1914 - 2003	Phil H. Severance	1917 - 1987
Gertrude Creutzberg	1924 - 2020	Myrtle Holtorf	1915 - 1993	Ralph S. Severance	1881 - 1953
Larry Dearking	1946 - 2019	T. B. Hord	1850 - 1910	Lyle Shively	1942 - 2013
Jayne Ann Decker	1949 - 2020	Norma Husmann	1933 - 2020	Ina Anderson Shull	1891 - 1983
Harold Dexter	1932 - 2020	John Jefferson	1931 - 2020	Summer (Paulsen) Simon	1983 - 2020
Lorraine Dexter	1932 - 2017	Gerald Jindra	1935 - 2019	Ruthelma J. Speicher	1930 - 2019
Rogene Ecker	1937 - 2006	Eric Johnson	1975 - 2020	Delores Anne Stadler	1931 - 2020
Donald W. Elliott	1934 - 2020	Gary Jones	1940 - 2020	Emil Steinke	1928 - 2002
Eldon Elsberry	1941 - 2020	Dave Kohl	1967 - 2010	Donna Steinke	1932 - 2012
Fritz Engel	1932 - 2004	Thomas D. Kuhn	1941 - 2004	Mary Belle Svitak	1938 - 2020
Janet Engel	1933 - 2009	William H. Kuhn	1928 - 2019	Idona Swedenburg	1923 - 2020
Pat Engel	1967 - 1984	Marion Kyes	1915 - 1989	Effie Torpin	1914 - 2010
Donna Ferris	1915 - 2003	Pat Kyes	1916 - 1997	Stan Torpin	1916 - 2003
Elwin Ferris	1917 - 2006	Willis C. Lenz	1934 - 2019	Lucile Tyler	1922 - 2000
Eva H. Ferris	1890 - 1984	Calvin Lepp	1927 - 2019	Wayne Tyler	1921 - 1998
George Ferris	1927 - 2011	Benjamin Thomas Lindner	2012 - 2012	"Buss" Van Winkle	1917 - 1997
Lucile Ferris	1919 - 2007	Janet Lippincott	1951 - 2020	Zelda Zee Van Winkle	1921 - 2004
Mary Ferris	1921 - 1921	Dr. F. P. McAleer	1905 - 1975	Floyd Wait	1942 - 2020
Rexford Ferris	1913 - 1998	Mrs. F. P. McAleer	1913 - 1990	Chas. Anderson Well	**** - ****
Dr. Frederick Fouts	1877 - 1962	Tom McHargue	1930 - 2020	Shirley Willhoft	1936 - 2019
Wilma Fouts	1901 - 1988	Velma R. McLean	1909 - 2006	Booth family	**** - ****
Bob Freelend	1929 - 2020	Harriett Meyer	1931 - 2020	Hannappel family	**** - ****
Willa Freelend	1934 - 2019	Lawrence (Larry) Meyer	1938 - 2019	Rice family	**** - ****
Gerald M. Gleason	1930 - 1956	George F. Miller	1907 - 1955		

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