

Merrick Foundation, Inc.

# ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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Leave your lasting legacy in Merrick  
County, call us today 308-946-3707.



**Chuck Griffith,  
Executive Director**

Chuck 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 serves as treasurer of the Heartland Council of Foundations and on the board of the Nebraska Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. 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

### 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.

### Thank you to our retiring Board Members



**Shannon Hannappel:** Shannon served two years on the Scholarship Committee and three years on the Investment/Farm Committee during her term on the board. She served as Board President in 2017.

**David Lee:** David served four years on the Grant Committee and one year on the Scholarship Committee during his term on the board.

**Kevin Waring:** Kevin served on the Scholarship Committee during his term on the board.

#### Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

At our annual meeting in November, Deb Beck, Diane Schoch and Tom Wagner assumed their duties as board members. We extend a warm welcome to them.

Merrick Foundation is proud to continue the support of the non-profits that serve in all parts of our county. We provide support and services to many segments of the population, regardless of age and interests. Our fifteen board members represent each of the communities that we serve, and they strive to meet the needs of all county residents. Without our capable staff, much of what we achieve would not be possible. Kudos to Chuck Griffith-Executive Director, Courtney Retzlaff-Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Green- Communications/Publications and Anita Kucera-Education and Public Outreach.

We have achieved considerable growth in total assets. As of January 31st, 2018 we attained a new high of slightly above \$18 million. Donations in 2017 totaled \$407,577. Our total growth does come with a caveat, as bull markets of the past year(s) have helped achieve this total and this trend may not continue. However, taking advantage of this growth, we have been able to fund large grants to Merrick County Child Development Center (\$150,000), Merrick Medical Center (\$150,000) and established long term support of \$100,000 for the new proposed museum.

Additionally, and just as importantly, our scholarship committee has completed this year's scholarship awards. This committee spends many hours poring through the applications we receive. 105 college scholarships totaling \$81,000 and 88 high school scholarships totaling \$69,000 were awarded this year. Congratulations to all the recipients, and special thanks to the committee members and our staff for their time and effort.

We continue to support the Merrick County Youth Council. The modular building purchased last year has been approved for occupancy. A 30' x 30' deck has been added and work is now progressing on the metal building adjacent to this site. We promote the Dark Island Trail, support many community activities and organizations and continue to look toward new opportunities where we may be of assistance.

My challenge to each of you is to support our efforts with your donations of time and financial resources. Every donation counts, regardless of size. Consider setting up an Acorn Fund and contributing to it annually. Visit with your financial consultant, attorney or accountant about a bequest or living legacy to the Foundation. It takes everyone's commitment to the communities we serve in order for the Merrick Foundation to continue to meet its mission.



**Barry Marsh,  
Board President**

Barry attended UNL, Colorado State University, and the Graduate School of Banking-University of Colorado and earned his Graduate School Certificate. Barry retired in 2010 after 41 years in banking. Barry is married to Alta and has two daughters. Anita of Lincoln, and Andrea (who is deceased). Barry is a member of the Methodist Church. Barry enjoys woodworking, and landscaping/gardening.

### Grant Application Procedures

1. The Community Grant deadline has been moved from the first of the month to the 10th of each month (following Monday if the 10th is on a weekend). Merrick Foundation meets on the 4th Monday of each month. No meeting is held in December. April's meeting is on the 4th Sunday in April (Scholarship Tea).
2. Grants are approved on the condition that grantees attend the Annual Meeting on the 4th Monday of November AND present a poster board (provided) display describing their grant.
3. Grant applications over \$10,000 may require representatives to attend a board meeting. They will be notified by the Grant Committee.
4. Grant requests over \$15,000 will be reviewed in January, June and October. Applicants shall be required to attend a board meeting.
5. Only one grant application form needs to be mailed to Merrick Foundation.
6. A separate (shorter) form is now available for student educational trips. It is listed separately on the Merrick Foundation web site. Schools are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for student trip funding. Grants for school trips are not to exceed the average class size in one year or twice the average class size in two years.

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.



**Merrick Foundation, Inc.**

*Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter.*

Merrick Foundation Board of Directors had the privilege this past year to approve **\$518,300** in Grants to Merrick County projects.

### Merrick Foundation Grantees – Fiscal Year 2017

American Legion Baseball.....	Program Support	Merrick Medical Foundation .....	Loan Repayment/Education
Archer Memorial Park .....	Repair & Beautification	Merrick Medical Center .....	New Hospital
Central City Blood Mobile.....	Program Support	Merrymakers Association .....	Entertainment for Seniors
Central City Boy/Cub Scouts.....	Program Support	Midland Area Agency on Aging .....	Lifeline Support
Central City High School - FFA.....	Dark Island Trail Maintenance	Nebraska Christian School.....	Festival of Lessons & Carols
Central City High School - DECA.....	National DECA Conference	Nebraska Council on Economic Education.....	Support for Literacy Concert
Central City High School - Science .....	Jr Academy of Science	Overland Trails Council.....	National Scout Jamboree
Central City Middle School.....	Student Trip to DC	Palmer American Legion.....	Building Improvements
Central City Senior Center.....	Merrick Co. Home Delivered Meals - Clarks	Palmer Ball Association.....	New Helmets & Safety Equipment
Central City Stampede Softball.....	Program Support	Palmer Commercial Club.....	Banners for Main St
Central City Trails .....	Bike Rental Program	Palmer Boy & Cub Scouts .....	Program Support
Central City Volunteer Fire Department .....	Fireworks	Palmer Commercial Club.....	Annual Support
Central City Youth Baseball.....	Program Support	Palmer High School - FFA.....	National Convention
Chapman Schools - 8th Grade.....	Student Trip to DC	Palmer High School - National Honor Society.....	Shade Tree Project at the Ball Complex
Chapman Township Cemetery.....	Replacement Mower	Palmer Public School.....	Community Weight Room Project
Clarks Public Library .....	Summer Reading Program	Palmer Senior Center .....	Senior Meals & Services
Clarks Summer Sports Program .....	Program Support	Palmer Volunteer Fire Department.....	Fireworks Display & 4 New Radios
Covenant Cedars Bible Camp.....	Funds for Electrical Work	Platte Peer Group .....	Annual Support
Fellowship of Christian Athletes .....	Leadership Camp in MO	Prairie Plains Resource Institute.....	Soar & Youth Naturalist Program
Heartland United Way.....	Go Big Give Sponsorship	Rose Hill Cemetery .....	Annual Support
High Plains Community Schools - Close-Up .....	Student Trip to DC & NYC	Silver Creek Ball Association.....	Program Support
High Plains Community Schools .....	Student Trip to Spain	Silver Creek Cemetery Association .....	Matching Funds
High Plains Community Schools .....	Missoula Children's Theatre	Special Olympics Nebraska.....	NE State Equestrian Competition , Support & Move to CC
Lone Tree Literary Society .....	Annual Support	State Theater Foundation, Inc. ....	ADA Accessible Project
Merrick Arts Council.....	Program Support	Storm Youth Sports .....	New Equipment & Uniforms for Youth
Merrick County Child Development Center.....	Capital Campaign & Matching Funds	Twin River Public Schools - FBLA .....	National Competition
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Merrick County Historical Museum.....	Annual Support	Twin River - FFA .....	National Convention
Merrick County Youth Council.....	Dark Island Trail Maintenance	Twin River Jr/Sr Legion Baseball .....	Program Support
Merrick County Youth Council.....	After School Academy		

### Staff



**Courtney Retzlaff,  
Chief Financial  
Officer**

Courtney is a graduate of Palmer High School. She received a bachelor's degree in accounting

in 2012 and a master's degree in accounting in 2013, both from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Courtney and her husband, Clay, live northeast of Palmer where they farm and ranch. They have one daughter, Blair. Courtney attends Palmer United Methodist Church. Courtney enjoys spending time with her family and friends.



**Andrea Green,  
Communications/  
Publications**

Andrea grew up in Central City and graduated from Central City High School. She received

her Associate Degree in Business/Accounting from Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln, NE. Andrea is also an EMT. Andrea is a member of the First Christian Church. Andrea has two children, Jesse and Jordan. Andrea enjoys outdoor activities and many sports, reading, making crafts and spending time with family and friends.



**Anita Kucera,  
Community Relations  
& Education**

Anita (Nita) grew up in Lexington, NE and received her bachelor and master degrees from the University of Nebraska Kearney. She and her husband Dave retired in 2012 after being in education for many

years. They have enjoyed living in Central City and being close to their only son, John, daughter-in-law, Tara and granddaughter Shaylin. Working at the Merrick Foundation has been an amazing experience. Nita enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing video games, and being involved with many projects. Currently, Nita is a member of the Merrick Medical Center Thrift Shop, serves on the Merrick Medical Center Foundation, and works with the Tri Community Foundation.

# Board Members

## New Board Members

### Deb Beck

is a graduate from Central City High School and Kearney State College. Deb has been employed with Pinnacle Bank since graduating college. She is currently a Mortgage, Consumer, Ag and



Commercial Loan Officer. Deb is married to Dean Beck and resides in Clarks, NE. They have one son, Ryan. Ryan and his wife, Nicole have 2 children, Blake and Callaway and they live in Lincoln, NE. Deb enjoys family and friend time, gardening, landscaping, flowers, traveling, reading and as much time golfing as she can get in.

### Diane Schoch

is a graduate from Fullerton High School and attended Methodist School of Nursing in Omaha, NE graduating in 1985. In 2009 she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration.



Diane has been employed with Merrick Medical Center (formally Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital) since 1989 as Chief Nursing Officer. She is married to Roger and they have three grown children. Abby, 3rd grade teacher at Central City Elementary and engaged to Tanner Kuhn of Clarks, NE; Amy, Central City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Brad, who attends UNK studying pre-Med. Diane is also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Diane enjoys spending time with family especially during the summer months along the Loup River.

### Tom Wagner

is a graduate of Central City High School and received a B.A. in Education from Wayne State College. Tom and his wife Nancy farm in Merrick County



and are members of the Episcopal Church in Central City. They have 2 grown sons, Sean and Trent. Tom is a member of the Platte Peer Group/Bader Park. Tom enjoys working for early childhood education, volunteering and following his grandkids' activities.

### Leah Brown

graduated from Central City High School and the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She and her husband, Darrin, farm near



Archer and attend Fairview United Methodist Church. Leah has four children: Aaron (23), Ashton (21), Gwyneth (12) and Gretchen (11). Before making the decision to be a stay-at-home mom and farm wife 13 years ago, Leah owned Woody's Cafe & Lounge and later served as the director of the Merrick County Child Development Center. She has volunteered extensively in her community, church and school, primarily focusing on children and youth activities. Leah substitute teaches at Palmer during her spare time.

### Nicole Greving

and her husband Shane live in Chapman. Nicole is a graduate from Central City



High School and attended Northeast Community College. She is a stay at home mom of two kids, a daughter Bailey (12) and a son Braiden (9). Nicole is currently the President of Central City Elementary PTO. Nicole has finished a partial term on the foundation board and has now decided to join us for a five year, full term position. She currently is serving on the board as Secretary. Nicole enjoys spending time with family and friends.

### Lisa Kershaw

is a graduate of Silver Creek Public High School and received her Associate of Applied Science Degree in Ag Business from SCC in Beatrice. Lisa is engaged to marry fiancé



Travis Vanek. They have 2 sons, Ty and Gavin Vanek. Lisa is employed with RCIS and Whitetail. Lisa is a member of the Methodist Church. Lisa enjoys camping, fishing and spending time with family.

### Rodney Lee

and his wife Sara live in Central City and have two children, Jessica and Andrew. Rodney



is a graduate of Holdrege High School and University of NE at Kearney earning his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education. Rodney is employed at the Central City Mall. Rodney is a member of the Heartland Evangelical Free Church. Rodney enjoys spending time with family, golfing, Husker football and traveling.

### Lori Parachini

is a graduate of Zion Lutheran School in Worms, NE and Central City High School. Lori is employed with Hornady Mfg. Co. in Grand Island, NE. Lori was married to the late Joseph



Parachini and is the daughter of the late Otto and Georgena Frauen. Lori is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Worms and is Clerk of Prairie Creek Township. She enjoys gardening, air boating, spending time with family and friends.

### Monica Simonson

grew up and continues to make her home in Palmer. She is a graduate of



the University of NE Kearney earning her Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Doane College. Monica and husband Randy have two children, Logan (25) and Bailey (21). Monica is employed with the Grand Island Public Schools, where she has taught for 33 years. She is a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church and a variety of educational organizations. Monica enjoys reading, Husker volleyball, traveling and air-boating.

### Michael Thede

is a graduate of St Paul Public Schools and University of Nebraska Lincoln. He and his wife Jean have four children, Clair,



Anna, Christian and Joseph. Michael and his family reside in Palmer. Michael attends St Peter & Paul Church in St. Paul.

### Tara Urkoski

is a graduate of Monroe High School and Central Community College and has a degree in Nursing. Tara is employed with the Genoa Medical Facilities as Twin River Public School Nurse. Tara and



her husband Jason have three children, Jamison, Korbe and Tate. Tara is a member of the St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Krakow and is on the Alter Society at Krakow. Tara is a member of the Twin River PTO and Booster Club. Tara enjoys camping, watching her children play sports and family time.

### Doug Van Pelt

is a 1979 graduate of Central City High School and has a B.S. in Agriculture Economics from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, a B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska - Kearney and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from



Doane College. Doug is employed with the Central City Public School district as a Secondary Social Studies teacher. Doug and his wife, Donnette have 7 children, Josh (wife Stacey), Jake (wife Jenna) Van Pelt, Logan, Micah and Noah Carlson, along with Kaden and Karsyn Van Pelt. He is also a proud grandparent of Ryan and Madison Van Pelt. Doug is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. Doug enjoys traveling, landscaping, coaching, and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball.

### Jared Wetovick

is a native of Fullerton and graduated from Fullerton High School. He received his BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Ag-Business from Wayne State College. Jared



works for Citizens Bank & Trust Co. and has been in banking for 11 years. His family moved to Central City 5 years ago. Jared and his wife Sheila have two sons, Dayle (13) and Gus (3). Jared likes to spend time with family and enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf.

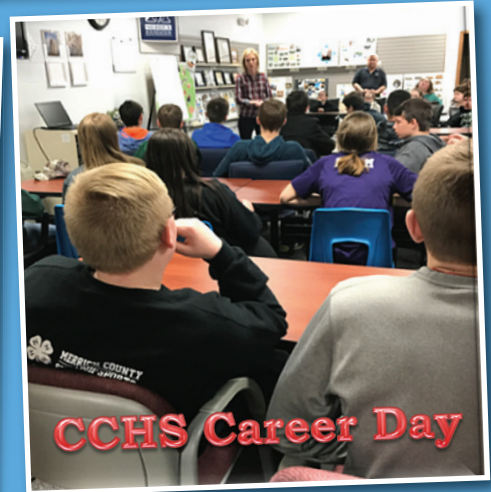
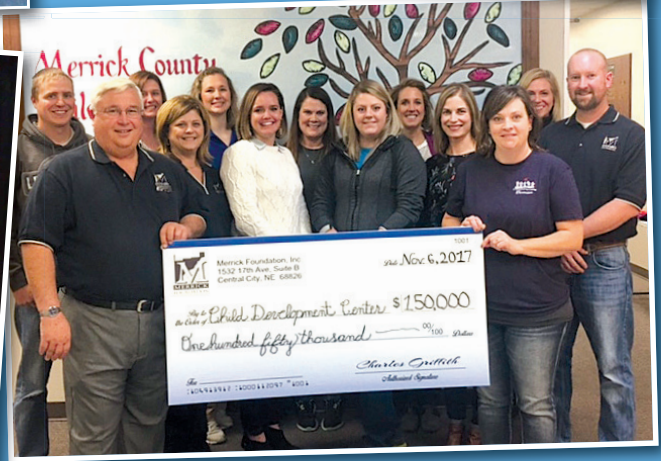
### Sheri Wruble

is a graduate from Ravenna High School and received her Associate Degree in Accounting from Central Community College-Hastings. She and her husband Jerry farm



in Clarks and have three children, Brendan, Kenzie and Evan. Sheri is employed with Myers Insurance Inc. in Clarks, NE as a part-time licensed insurance agent. Sheri is a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Clarks, NE, and is Treasurer for Altar Society, CCD Coordinator and Teacher. Sheri enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys watching her kids' sports activities.

# Merrick Foundation Staff & Board of Directors enjoy supporting our community



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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



**Noah Anderson**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Caitlyn Anderson**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



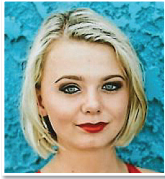
**Christina Bailey**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Shanna Bailey**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Gracie Baker**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Shelby Bamesburger**  
Virgil & Nora  
Lindner



**Kiley Bamesburger**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Katelyn Becker**  
Raymond, Leonard &  
Lois Steger Memorial



**Alyssa Belitz**  
Ernest & Peggy  
Nabity Memorial;  
Donald Nouzovsky  
Memorial



**Katherine Benner**  
Leonard & Doris Aerni  
Memorial



**Kristen Benner**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Tristan Bennett**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



**Corrina Beyard**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Jaeden Beyer**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Stacy Bohlken**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Sierra Boroviak**  
Robert & Lillian Krug  
Memorial



**Alexandria Borowiak**  
Emil & Dorothy  
Czarnick



**Madison Brandenburg**  
Karen & Danielle  
Bannister Memorial;  
Donald R. & Jackie  
Sampson



**Kaley Brandenburg**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Douglas "D.J." Brown**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford; Dylan Van  
Pelt Memorial



**Danae Burdett**  
Donald Nouzovsky  
Memorial



**Brook Bushhousen**  
William L. & Velma R.  
McLean



**Hannah Campbell**  
Albert & Dorothy  
Emgarten Memorial



**Noah Carlson**  
Barney Bockerman



**Mitchell Carlson**  
Lindner-Van Pelt  
Heritage



**Micah Carlson**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Megan Catlett**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Heewon Chon**  
Albert & Dorothy  
Emgarten Memorial



**Ryllie Christenson**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Cala Clouse**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Logan Cuba**  
Hohnroth Family



**Katherine Cumpston**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Sara Czarnick**  
Raymond, Leonard &  
Lois Steger Memorial



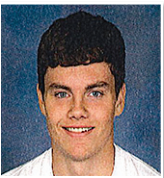
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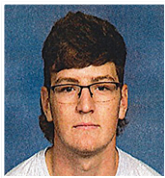
**Elena Dahlke**  
Ralph Stanley & Ella  
Halstead Severance  
Memorial



**Ethan DeBoer**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford; Derek  
Aspedon Memorial



**Dominic Donahey**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Connor Donscheski**  
Central City Scale



**Clair Dush**  
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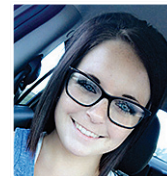
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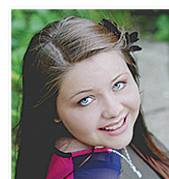
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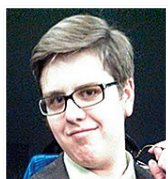
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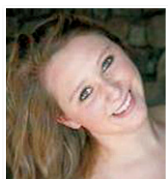
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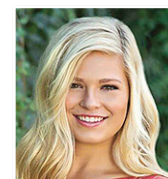
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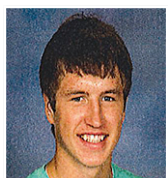
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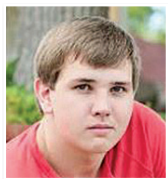
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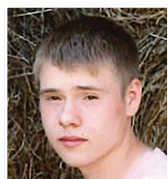
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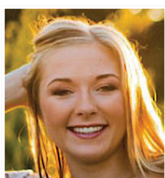
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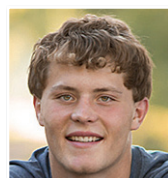
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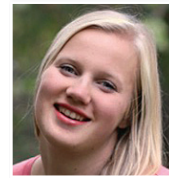
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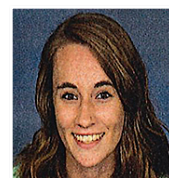
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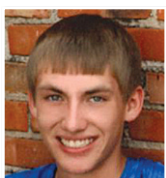
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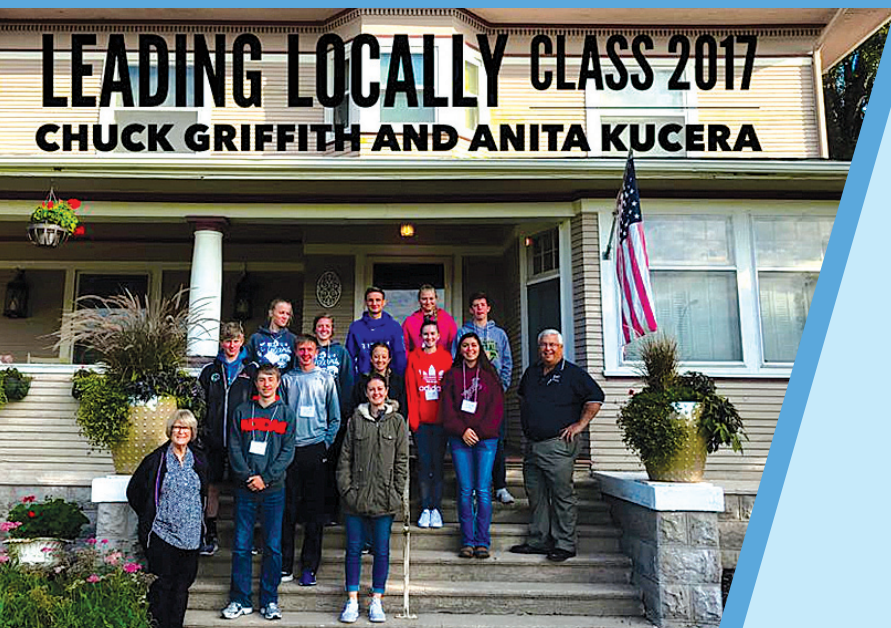
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Merrick Foundation's annual audit and IRS form 990 is available for review at the foundation office. Notice of this availability shall be included in the Annual Report. If a form 990T is submitted by the Foundation, it shall also be made available to the public and notice shall be included in the Annual Report.

Names of investment managers, fees charged and the names of our Investment Committee (investment oversight) members are available in the Foundation office at 1532 17th Avenue, Suite B, in Central City, Nebraska. Merrick Foundation is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization. Your tax deductible donation will be used to improve the quality of life in Merrick County. The Merrick Foundation Federal Tax Identification Number is 47-6024770.

# Leading Locally 2017-2018



Merrick Foundation's Leading Locally 2017-2018 class matched fourteen civic-minded students with a curriculum that builds leadership skills for future community leaders. The tenth annual class met monthly from September through March. Coursework included skill-building activities including:

- True Colors personality assessments
- Matching peoples strengths with project needs
- Conducting effective meetings
- Working with difficult people
- Traits of successful communities
- Knowing the demographics of Merrick County
- Moving from talk to action



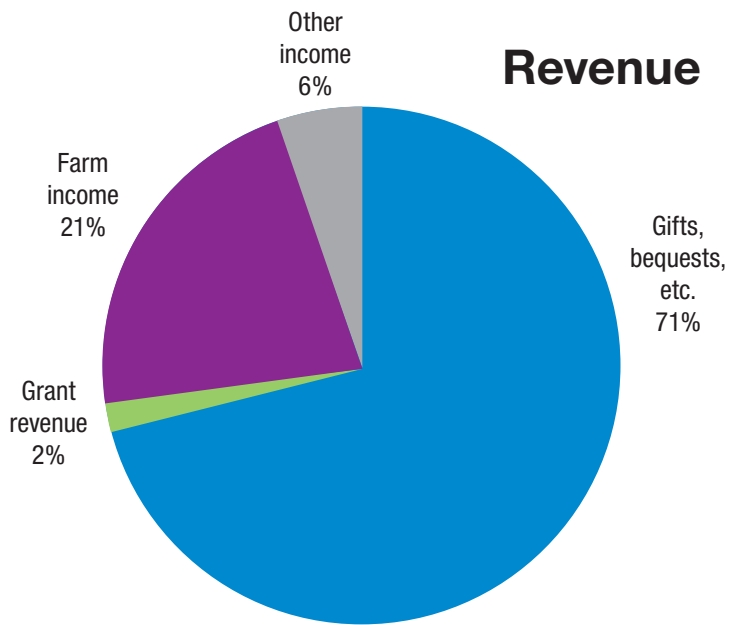
Participants included: Lana Hebda, Caitlyn Van Winkle, Morgan Twiss, Shayla Jo Bennett, Marie Ortiz, McKenna Morris, Garrett Sharman, Sara Schwartz, Hannah Tonniges, Jamison Urkoski, Austin Wells, Shane Stahn, Brendan Wruble and Jake Mack.

The group took monthly tours of local businesses and guest speakers shared their experiences and roles in the community. A highlight each year is the annual trip to Lincoln to tour the capitol and visit the legislature in action. Leading Locally's goal is to give the students a better understanding of how to make their community better by solving problems and organizing people to make effective change.



**Leading Locally is provided at no cost, thanks to the generosity of Cornerstone Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Archer Credit Union, CC Dairy Queen, Taco Johns and Central City Mall.**

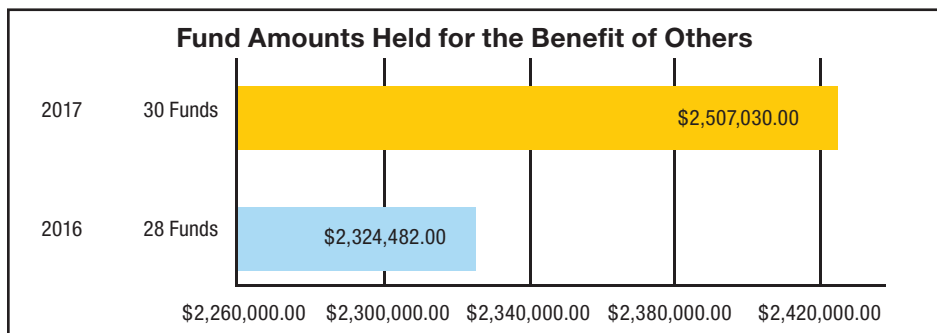
## Statement of Activities



## Expenses

<b>Program</b>	<b>\$1,148,680</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Management &amp; General</b>	<b>\$341,729</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$10,013</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500,422</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Schedule of Amounts Held for the Benefit of Others



## ESI Camp



L to R: Bryce Sutton, Dylan Rieken, Gwyneth Brown, Clara Kunze, Ashley Van Housen, Austin Van Housen & Instructor, Doris Lux. Not pictured: Korbe Urkoski, Aiden Cuba, Megan Blomstedt.

Merrick Foundation sponsors an ESI Camp for Merrick County middle school students. The annual week-long summer camp teaches the campers skills necessary to start and run a successful business. The camp concludes with students selling their products at the Lone Tree Days Sidewalk Sale. Students may also choose to sell their products at the county or state fair.

Students take daily trips to visit a variety of businesses and hear how they began and what is entailed in running a business. Guest speakers also talk with the students about business topics such as marketing, business legal status, social networking, assessing risks, business loans, grants and other topics. Part of the ESI curriculum teaches the students how to decide on the product they will market and sell.







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# Merrick County Activity Center



Merrick Foundation has been diligently transforming the new Merrick County Activity Center to provide space for the Merrick County Youth Council and other activities. It will house a small and large meeting room, a warming kitchen and a large recreation room. It will be available for public use in addition to serving as a place for youth to hold after school activities, dances and educational and recreational activities. The multi-purpose building will serve as a trailhead for the Dark Island Trail and will continue to rent out bikes for trail use. Funding for the project is provided through donations and grants. Donations for this project may be sent to the Merrick Foundation office or may be made online at our web site [www.merrick-foundation.org](http://www.merrick-foundation.org). Volunteer labor is a key component of this project. Contact our office if you would like to help with this community project (308) 946-3707.



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