



**BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE
STEP AT A TIME!**

November Newsletter

Local Artist Gives Back



When local artist Deborah Hanes-Nelson created two of her masterpieces, she had the local community foundation in mind. At 315 Annex Studio & Gallery, a percentage of her art sales are given to charity.

What a beautiful way to give back!

Thank you Deborah for the donation and for making Nemaha County a great place to live and work!

Year-End Contribution

Please join STEP with your year-end contribution which will make a difference right here in Nemaha County. Nemaha County STEP Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that believes it takes a community working together to make a difference. You play a significant role in that because together we can do so much more than we could ever do alone. By giving to STEP, you are “Empowering Your Passions” by taking an active role in the projects or organizations that matter to your heart and soul.

The idea of creating the Nemaha County STEP Foundation began in 1993, when generous donors, hardworking volunteers, and visionary grantees all contributed to its success. Because of the generosity of donors like you, comprehensive grant-making is made possible. 100% of the unrestricted donations are given in grants to local nonprofits.

This past two years, thanks to the generous support of donors, STEP made over \$179,231 in grants to local nonprofits throughout Nemaha County. Each year, there are an increasing number of grant requests, and the grant requests received exceed the grant budget. For example, 33 nonprofit organizations submitted grant requests totaling over \$467,000 in 2018 and 2019! With increasing financial pressures at state and federal levels, the STEP Foundation anticipates the need will be even greater next year.

Please join the STEP Foundation to ensure that we have the necessary resources to fund future grant cycles to provide the critical support needed by our local nonprofits. Your gift of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, or more can make all the difference in ensuring that Nemaha County is a great place to live now and in the future. A monthly gift would be an amazing way to continually support the local community foundation. You can make a secure tax deductible donation online by visiting www.nemahastep.org or by mail to Nemaha County STEP Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Seneca, KS 66538. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Tory Jost, Executive Director

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In addition to giving to STEP's General Endowment Fund, which is the largest and most versatile fund,

STEP also has the following funds:

- *B&B Legacy Scholarship Fund
- *August Bergman, M.D. Scholarship Fund
- *Burger Scholarship Funds
- *Catastrophic Medical Fund
- *Centralia Community Fund
- *Corning Community Fund
- *Dementia Fund
- *Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund
- *Kathy L. Schmelzle Scholarship Fund
- *Leonard and Thelma Schmelzle Fund (NCTC)
- *Leslie and Lola Droge Scholarship
- *Meals on Wheels
- *St. Mary's Parish Cemetery & Building Upkeep Trust Fund



