



## April 2018 Newsletter

### Campaign Kick-off

Nemaha County Step Foundation is kicking off its 25th Anniversary this year. The Foundation has distributed more than \$630,000 in grants and scholarships to Nemaha County residents, projects and communities. There's more good work to be done! At the 2018 annual meeting the STEP Foundation announced a \$1.25 million dollar capital campaign.

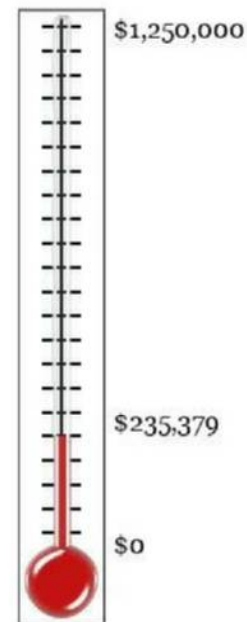
The STEP Foundation grew out of a meeting of 85 Nemaha county residents held at the Nemaha Valley High School in 1993. Their goal was to ensure consistent growth in local communities and organizations. They realized early on that by expanding their reach, they had the ability to make life better for not just the Seneca area but for all of the communities in Nemaha County.

"The needs are out there," said Debbie Tangeman, STEP president. "We have received grant requests totaling over \$230,000 already this year." These grant applications cover the entire scope of the mission of the STEP Foundation. They encompassed items such as buildings, schools, recreation, medical and historical causes throughout Nemaha County. Executive Director, Tory Jost stated, "As government funding is declining, the Nemaha County STEP Foundation offers so many wonderful opportunities to fill the gap and assist in funding community needs."

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is excited to announce the addition of Tammy Epple, of Sabetha, as the Capital Campaign Manager. Committee members Dustin Walters of Centralia, Nancy Gafford and Sally Lauer of Seneca and a diverse Board of Directors from throughout Nemaha County are collaborating to make Nemaha County a great place to live for generations to come!

For more information on how you can help, contact Nemaha County STEP Foundation Executive Director Tory Jost at 785-410-0543 or visit [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org).

### Off to a Great Start!



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## June 2018 Newsletter

### Catastrophic Medical Fund - Making a Difference For Future Generations!

Where does one turn to for assistance with medical bills? Where do they turn when they find out their unborn daughter has a complex heart defect and will need several surgeries in the next three years with the first surgery being soon after she is born?

That is exactly where John and Kim Howard found themselves two months ago. With unbelievable medical bills after the birth of precious Rylee on March 8, 2018 they applied to the Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund for help.

The Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund was created from the generosity and passion of Jim and Patricia Koch. As the first recipients of \$2,000 in medical bill assistance, John Howard expressed his appreciation to the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. "Thank you so much. We are so blessed to live in such a giving community. You have no idea how much this will help our family," he shared.

Visionaries created the Nemaha County STEP Foundation; the sky is the limit to where we can go from here. Our vision is to enrich the quality of life in Nemaha County. Visit [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org) to learn more!



Jim & Patricia Koch



Rylee Howard



**BUILDING LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH OVER \$111,000 IN GRANTS FOR 2018**

- Apostolic Christian Home
- Centralia Community Library
- City of Seneca Fountain Project
- City of Seneca Rec Department
- Nemaha Central Ag Ed/FFA
- Nemaha County Historical Society
- Nemaha County Training Center
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Seneca Community TV
- Sons of American Legion

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**DON'T FORGET!  
GRANT  
APPLICATIONS  
ARE DUE  
JULY 15TH**

## Amanda Stallbaumer Awarded Kathy L. Schmelzle Scholarship

In 2005, Pat and Patty Schmelzle and family established the Kathy L. Schmelzle Scholarship with the Nemaha County STEP Foundation, in memory of their daughter. The Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship for \$500, is awarded to a graduating senior from Nemaha Central High School who plans to enter a degree program with a major in teacher education.

The 2018 recipient of this scholarship is Amanda Stallbaumer, daughter of Roger and Christina Stallbaumer. From assisting in the grade school kinder prep classes to babysitting and leading future kindergarteners to a week of Bible study sessions, Stallbaumer has been around children her entire life. "I love the feeling of being in charge of children and getting the opportunity lead and help them learn," she stated in her application.

Along with working at a daycare, Stallbaumer participated in several extracurricular activities during high school such as KAYS (president), FCCLA (vice-president), NHS (secretary), and Class of 2018 Secretary. As well as being extremely active in her high school, she sings in the church choir, plays the organ, is the lector, and serves in mass. Stallbaumer served as secretary in the Catholic Youth Organization her senior year. She plans on majoring in Elementary Education at Fort Hays State University this fall.



Amanda Stallbaumer



Front Row (left to right): Angela Holthaus, Maxwell Holthaus, Amanda Stallbaumer

Back Row (left to right): Brent Heideman, Zachary Buessing, Bailey Schmitz

## B & B Legacy Scholarships Announced

The B & B Legacy Scholarships awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships through the Nemaha County STEP Foundation this year to graduating seniors who previously attended B & B School. The Legacy Scholarships are a result of a challenge presented to the St. Benedict and Baileyville communities and alumni by Dr. August Bergman during the 2006 graduation ceremony. Thus began the fundraising to match Dr. Bergman's seed money of \$25,000. During the fundraising, another graduate Albert Wietharn offered an additional \$25,000 if the communities would match his gift.

Both challenges were met and the \$100,000 was exceeded. The B & B Legacy Scholarships became a reality due to the dedication and generosity of the alumni and communities of St. Benedict and Baileyville.

### Professional Scholarships:

Zachary Buessing, son of Bruce and Michelle Buessing, plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Animal Sciences and Industry.

Angela Holthaus, daughter of Jeanne Holthaus and the late Nick Holthaus, plans to attend Washburn University and major in Nursing.

Maxwell Holthaus, son of David and Teresa Holthaus, plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Computer Science.

Bailey Schmitz, daughter of Kenny and Diane Schmitz, plans to attend Washburn University and major in Nursing.

Amanda Stallbaumer, daughter of Roger and Christina Stallbaumer, plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in Elementary Education.

### Vocational Scholarships:

Brett Heideman, son of Dennis and Janet Heideman, plans to attend Pittsburg State University and earn an Associate's Degree in Electrical Technology.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is honored to be able to assist in awarding these scholarships to these students. STEP strives to assist in helping caring citizens develop ways to help others and leave a lasting legacy.