



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

## **April Newsletter**

### **STEP Announces Spring 2019 Grant Recipients**

**The STEP Foundation Board of Directors has announced recipients for the first-round of 2019 grants. The grants are awarded for charitable purposes to enhance and improve the quality of life for the residents of Nemaha County. With over \$65,000 being requested this round, just over \$23,000 is being granted. The breakdown for funding is \$4,000 coming from the general undesignated fund, \$9,000 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund, and approximately \$10,000 from the Nate and Bernardine Rettele Fund, which closes out the Rettele Fund.**

**Three organizations will be receiving a total of \$4,000 from the Nemaha County STEP Foundation General Endowment Fund. The Bern Community Support Foundation will receive \$2,500 to assist in the new roof system for the Bern Café. The Nemaha County 4-H Program will use their \$1,000 grant award to provide programs and activities for youth. The \$500 awarded to the Seneca Free Library will be used for the concrete pad to complete installation of the music garden.**

**An award of \$6,000 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund will be used to purchase equipment, uniforms and supplies for the youth summer ball from the B&B Ball Association. Jennie Rusche, ball association director, said in the application that "the new equipment would benefit approximately 125-150 kids per season for the next 7-10 years."**

**Also receiving funding from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund is the Centralia Community Church. They will purchase a big screen smart television with the \$1,000 award and utilize it in the fellowship hall to offer more opportunities to the community.**

**The Centralia PRIDE Association will receive \$2,000 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund for park improvements such as a chain link fence, basketball area improvements and a flag pole. The Centralia PRIDE Association has been working on their park since 2015. By installing new play equipment and sidewalks, the park is now a popular place for birthday parties, family gatherings and community events.**

**The Spring Creek Golf Course will be receiving approximately \$10,000 from the Nate and Bernardine Rettele Fund, which closes out the fund. The golf course plans to chip and seal the parking lot which will create a clean, professional parking lot, enabling them to create and paint parking stalls.**

**All of these projects will make Nemaha County a great place to live and work! Grants are awarded twice a year through the STEP Foundation, with the next deadline being July 15, 2019. For current applications and more information, visit [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org) or contact Tory Jost at 785-410-0543. For the latest updates, like and follow STEP on Facebook.**

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**Scholarships recipients will be announced in May!**

**Thank you to everyone for submitting applications.**

## **Fund Spotlight: STEP General Endowment Fund**

What is the General Endowment Fund and why is it so important?

The General Endowment Fund is the largest and most versatile fund of the STEP Foundation. Gifts to this

fund are for undesignated purposes. Income earned on the principal is made available for grants each year. That means the more money in this fund, the more opportunity to fund wonderful projects throughout Nemaha County.

**Did you know the STEP Board of Directors are all volunteers?**

**Twelve men and women, representing all communities throughout the county, serve because they want to make Nemaha County a great place to live and work! When you see them at parades, local events, etc. please thank them for all they do.**



Pictured Above: Board members Charlene Boden, Diane Yunghans and Debbie Tangeman at the Nemaha County Health Fair.

**To donate to the STEP General Endowment Fund, mail a check to the STEP Foundation or donate online by clicking this link: [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org). Simply select the Opportunities to Give tab and then the donate button in front of the fund.**