



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

January Newsletter



Foundation to Serve Centralia Community

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation (STEP) recently announced the establishment of the new Centralia Community Fund. The announcement was made official when Centralia Community Fund Advisory Committee and STEP Board President Debbie Tangeman signed the fund agreement December 26, 2018.

Those serving as founding advisory committee members for the Centralia Community Fund include: Brent Alverson, Kelsey Burdick, Tyler Glatczak, Kelli Holthaus, and Dustin Walters.

Tory Jost, executive director of STEP, expressed optimism about the potential small Kansas communities have for creating lasting endowments that can help preserve

the viability of their towns. Jost stated, "We are excited to partner with the Centralia Advisory Committee, creating an opportunity to educate citizens across Northeast Kansas about the positive impact of philanthropy and charitable giving. By building local endowments, we help strengthen smaller communities like Centralia. This is the second community fund established through the local community foundation, and we are anticipating others. Together we are fulfilling the mission of Nemaha County STEP Foundation, which is to make Nemaha County a great place to live and work."

By creating a fund for the Centralia Community, the Nemaha County STEP Foundation provides office support, including accounting, gift receipting, and online fund management, opportunities for pooled investment opportunities, education and training, and encouragement, particularly important in the early start-up years for new funds. If you would like to contribute to this fund, donations may be made online at www.nemahastep.org or mailed to the STEP Foundation P.O. Box 165 Seneca, KS 66538.

Pictured above: (Left to Right) Kelsey Burdick, Tyler Glatczak, STEP Board President Debbie Tangeman, Kelli Holthaus, Dustin Walters and Brent Alverson

Annual Meeting a Huge Success

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 was the 26th Annual Membership Meeting for the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. The evening was a huge success thanks to Koch and Company (who sponsored the meal catered by Home Cookin') and our guest speaker Ron Wilson. A special thanks to AHRS Construction for sponsoring our speaker.

[Check out the Nemaha County STEP Foundation Facebook page for more photos from the evening.](#)



Pictured: Guest speaker, Ron Wilson, of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development.

Memberships are coming in, thank you for supporting the local community foundation! If you haven't had a chance to renew yours, due it today by mail or online at www.nemahastep.org.