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## **October 2020 Newsletter**



The Nemaha County STEP Foundation Board of Directors has announced recipients for the second-round of 2020 grants. The grants are awarded for charitable purposes to enhance and improve the quality of life for the residents of Nemaha County, Kansas. Requests totaled close to \$20,000 for this round of grants, with the STEP Foundation awarding \$10,311.75.

The Centralia Ball Association will be receiving an award of \$1,555.75 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund to replace picnic tables in the ballpark. Janel Hunninghake, ball association secretary, shared in the grant application that "the current picnic tables at the Centralia Ball fields would be replaced with new recycled tire heavy duty picnic tables for everyone who comes to the games to enjoy. The old ones have warped boards and need repainted and repaired each year. With an upgrade in tables, the organization will not need to spend money on paint and time on replacing boards each year before ball season."

The Nemaha County Museum Consortium will be receiving \$2,000 for the fall grant cycle. \$1,000 will come from the STEP General Endowment Fund and \$1,000 from the Catastrophic Medical Fund (COVID). Fifteen hand sanitizer stations along with a gallon container of sanitizer for each will be distributed to museums and libraries throughout Nemaha County. Kylee Luckeroth, grant writer, explained in the grant application that "three additional stations would be purchased for replacements or special events throughout the county. These stations would be especially helpful in the time of COVID-19 when good hand hygiene is on the top of everyone's mind. However, these stations would also prove useful during cold and flu seasons for years to come to keep both our museum and library volunteers and employees, as well as their guests safe."

Comfort for patients during testing will be a wonderful improvement at the Sabetha Community Hospital thanks to the \$4,256 being awarded from the STEP General Endowment Fund. "We need to update and replace some items to make patients more comfortable and safer during testing. We would like to replace our ECHO table, 10 wheelchairs, and a blanket warmer," stated Jenna McClain, Director of Nursing.

The final grant award will go to St. Patrick's Church in Corning. \$2,500 will be awarded from the Glen J. Meyer Fund to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Josh Tanking, president of the St. Patrick's Parish Council, explained in the grant application "AEDs are far more effective on survival rate of cardiac arrest patients than CPR. Defibrillation is most effective immediately following a cardiac arrest episode."

Congratulations to these grant recipients. Thank you for making Nemaha County a great place to live and work.

Grants are awarded twice a year through the STEP Foundation, with the next deadline being January 15, 2021. Apply online at [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org). Executive Director Tory

Jost is happy to assist with any questions at 785-294-0312. For the latest updates, like and follow the Nemaha County STEP Foundation on Facebook.

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## **Honors and Memorials**

### **Honors**

**Ron & Mavis Johnson**

**Amber Luckeroth, Josiah Luckeroth & Liam Rider**

### **Memorials**

**Shirley Heideman**

**David Lauer**

**Don Schurman**

**Ralph Steinlage (Corning Community Fund)**

**Mary Wells (Centralia Community Fund)**

Thank you to the generous donors who have given to the Nemaha County STEP Foundation in 2020! We truly appreciate your support! Together, we are making Nemaha County a great place to live and work!!

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