



BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE STEP AT A TIME!

February 2023 Newsletter



Celebrating 30 Years!



Above: President Marceil Hasenkamp thanks Treasurer Justin Lueger for his years of service. Justin completed his second full term on the STEP Board of Directors. Tim Rottinghaus will be filling the position of Treasurer.

Nemaha County STEP Foundation **Celebrates 30th Anniversary**

- The local community foundation has been serving Nemaha County since 1993.
- Grants and scholarships make a positive impact.
- STEP continues to make Nemaha County a great place to live, work and give.

2022 grant awards funded several projects in Nemaha County.

- o \$750 – Nemaha County Historical Society for the preservation of historical USD 115 documents
- o \$1,250 – Sabetha Community Hospital for a new audiometer to screen newborn babies hearing
- o \$1,000 – Centralia Ball Association for equipment to maintain the ball field
- o \$3,000 – Corning Recreation Association to replace existing lights with new LED lights and four new electrical poles

Grants from the CNB/CNB Custody/Invisor Underprivileged Children Fund:

- o \$1,170 – Centralia Schools to provide athletic shoes and warm-up shirts to students who are economically disadvantaged
- o \$2,000 – Mary Cotton Public Library to provide wireless internet access to the underprivileged children
- o \$2,500 – Kids Kloset to provide clothes, food, toiletries, gym clothes, and shoes for children in need
- o \$2,000 – USD 115 to provide basic needs to low-income students (some examples include: tennis shoes, backpacks, nap mats, coats, gloves, lice treatment, hair brushes and other basic hygiene needs)

Several new funds have been opened at the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. They are the Nemaha County Historical Society, the Seneca Free Library, the Seneca Impact Fund (for the creation and restoration of murals), the Centralia Community Project Fund, the Corning Impact Fund, the Centralia Community Church Endowment Fund, and the Centralia Community Church Scholarship Fund. All of these funds are improving the quality of life in Nemaha County and are eligible for Match Day donations.

"STEP's second Match Day was a huge success receiving over 278 gifts totaling over \$133,000," reported Justin Lueger. The third Match Day is set for Friday, August 25, 2023 at the Seneca Free Library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In other business, Kevin Feldkamp was elected to the STEP Foundation Board. President Marceil Hasenkamp recognized longtime board member and treasurer, Justin Lueger. "We really appreciate the diligence and financial expertise Justin has provided to STEP," Marceil shared. "What an amazing asset to have in this community," she added.

"STEP's component funds total over \$1.9 million. Over the last five years, the foundation's net assets have increased by 8.8% a year. That's a product of investing STEP's assets prudently and connecting with donors in a way that serves their needs," Treasurer Justin Lueger reported.

A delicious meal served before the meeting was catered by Home Cookin' of Seneca. A special thank you to Koch and Company for sponsoring the meal.



Current STEP Board Members and Executive Director

Back Row (left to right): Dan Heiman, Kevin Feldkamp, Dustin Walters, Leon Haverkamp, Maggie Grier, Tim Rottinghaus, Justin Lueger

Front Row (left to right): Bonnie Meeks, Anissa Bloom, Marceil Hasenkamp, Stacie Korte, and Tory Jost (Ex. Director)

Not Pictured: John Lehman and Elaine Mowder



Past STEP Board Members and Executive Directors

Back Row (left to right): Dave Haverkamp, Jerry Rottinghaus, Jeff Gore, Don Lueger, Gary Sparling, Mark Wessel, and Justin Lueger

Front Row (left to right): Debbie Tangeman, Sonny Gore, Charlene Boden, Julie Strathman, and Nancy Gafford

Ag Partners Donates to Community Funds



Ag Partners Coop made the fourth quarter donation of \$663.26 to the Nemaha County STEP Foundation's Seneca Community Fund. Thank you to everyone for "Fueling Your Community" by purchasing fuel at the Ag Partners Seneca location fuel pumps. Pictured Left to Right: Curtis Stahel, Safety Director; Justin Lueger, STEP Treasurer; Tory Jost, STEP Executive Director; and Eric Osterhaus, VP of Energy.



Ag Partners Coop made the fourth quarter donation of \$256.74 to the Nemaha County STEP Foundation's Corning Community Fund. Thank you to everyone for "Fueling Your Community" by purchasing fuel at the Ag Partners Corning location fuel pumps. Pictured Left to Right: Curtis Stahel, Safety Director; Justin Lueger, STEP Treasurer; Tory Jost, STEP Executive Director; Diane Haverkamp, Corning Community Fund; Kim Durland, Corning Community Fund; Shana Steinlage, Corning Community Fund; and Eric Osterhaus, VP of Energy.

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