



BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE STEP AT A TIME!

September 2021 Newsletter

**First STEP Up Match Day
was a huge success!**



Pictured above: Maggie Grier with her daughters Gwyneth and Greta complete a Match Day donation form.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation held its first STEP Up Nemaha Match Day on Friday, August 27, 2021. Donors gave in person at the Seneca Free Library between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Online donations were collected at www.stepnemaha.com.

Executive Director Tory Jost shared “Thanks to our generous donors, Match Day was a huge success with over \$105,500 raised.” Sixteen funds were eligible for a dollar for dollar match up to \$3,000. The General Endowment Fund brought in the most overall donations with \$23,300 followed closely behind by the Catastrophic Medical Fund with \$21,025. The Centralia Community Fund raised over \$13,375 at Match Day with the new Community National Bank/CNB Custody/Invisor “Underprivileged Children’s Fund” raising \$10,550. For a complete list of funds and balances, check out the leaderboard at www.stepupnemaha.com.

Jost emphasized “This is a terrific start and I am excited to see what next year brings.” To set up a fund with the STEP Foundation, please contact Tory Jost at info@nemahastep.org.

Matthew Baumgartner Awarded
Droge Agricultural Scholarship



Matthew Baumgartner, son of Jay and Heidi Baumgartner, has spent the past two years in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. After graduating from Nemaha Central High School, Matthew attended Kansas State University in Manhattan. “I am an Agriculture student living at the Farmhouse Fraternity,” Baumgartner shared in his scholarship application. “Farmhouse has a great relationship with the college of Agriculture and provides many opportunities for me to serve.” Baumgartner is majoring in Agricultural Economics.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is proud to award Baumgartner the \$500 scholarship established in 2008 by Lola Droge and her family which is called the Leslie Albert and Lola Fern Droge Scholarship for Agricultural Studies.

The scholarship honors Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Droge who lived and farmed most of their married life in Nemaha County. Leslie and Lola purchased and moved to the Droge family farm after Leslie returned from serving his country in World War II.

The couple was progressive and looked for new and modern ways of farming. They became leaders in terracing and other land conservation methods. Managing a cow and calf herd along with grasslands, wheat, and row crops, they provided a living for their family while producing plants and animals to help feed the world.

Not only did they work hard in agriculture, but they also served in other areas as well. Lola was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was actively involved in her political party. Leslie served in the State Senate and was chairperson of the Senate Agricultural committee. Leslie and Lola, as well as their five children, all attended Kansas State University.

The Leslie Albert and Lola Fern Droge Scholarship for Agricultural Studies is awarded to a Nemaha County high school graduate who is a junior or above and enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University.

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