

# 2019 Summer Newsletter

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

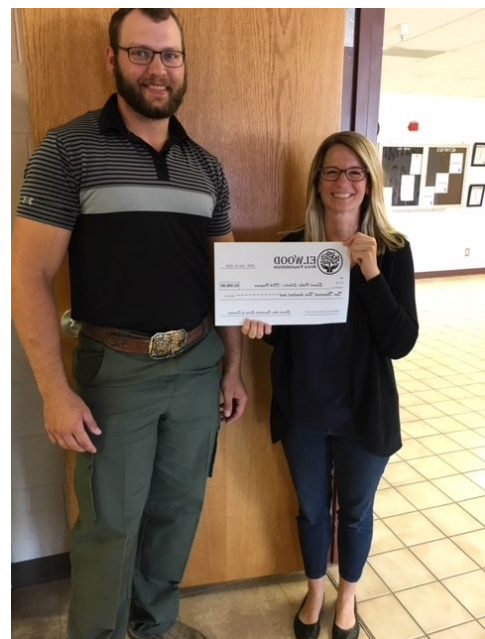


Grant presentation by EAF Board members to Johnson Lake Trails committee member Chuck Olsen; Three youth leadership students attended a State Legislature session in April and met with our State Senator. The trip to Lincoln also included tours of the State Penitentiary and the Nebraska Innovation Campus.



Pride of the Prairie 4-H Club members served the 2019 Gala dinner to 307 patrons. The group received many compliments on their great service and professionalism.

Executive Director Melissa Vinzant presents a grant to Elwood FFA instructor Reed Kraeger. This partnership was made possible thanks to a nomination from Tyler & Lindsay Kugler for the Monsanto "Farmer's Grow Communities" National Program.



Eight Gosper County youth leaders joined students from Phelps County and Harlan County on a trip to Washington DC for a conference on citizenship and leadership; the trip included stops along the way for tours of historical sites and other points of importance.



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### RECENTLY SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Programs and projects receiving assistance from EAF between July 1st, 2018 and June 1st, 2019 :

**2019 Civic Center Renovation;**

Youth Grant for **Citizenship Washington Focus 4-H trip**, 8 Gosper County youth attending;

Community Grant to **Elwood Fire and Rescue** to help with **Jaws of Life** purchase;

Assistance for the **Johnson Lake Trails Program;**

Youth grant to **L2 for Kids**, helping 11 Elwood Area students in need;

Funding from the Bonnie V. Clark bequest to **Maroon Platoon** for a Motivational Speaker working with students, school leaders, and the community;

Grant to the **Elwood FFA Program**, thanks to Monsanto's "Farmer's Grow Communities" Program, nominated by Tyler & Lindsay Kugler;

Youth grant to assist one Elwood student nominated to the **Nebraska Ambassadors of Music;**

Youth grant to assist three Gosper County students attending **National Dairy Judging** in Wisconsin;

**YELP- Youth Engaged In Leading People Leadership Academy.** 6 students enrolled in 2018, 3 students enrolled in 2019.



Elwood Fire and Rescue received a community grant to help with the purchase of new Jaws of Life equipment.



EAF Board members were presented with a plaque from L2 for Kids founders Henry & Pat Potter and area representative Ann Johnson.

### REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

The EAF Board carefully considers each and every funding request, knowing that all projects and programs are important and beneficial to our area. We encourage anyone considering a community or youth improvement project to contact us about a partnership, and we ask that you present your idea to the Board. Please keep in mind, EAF funds are limited to budget constraints of the current fiscal year, and also to the generous donations we receive and the amount of interest earned on our endowed funds.

The number of requests for funding we receive far outweigh the funds we have available to grant out. Therefore, the Board of Directors must consider the Foundation's Mission and the Community Impact of each funding request when granting funds. We sincerely appreciate all your ideas, and see the value in every project and program that is presented. This wonderful community is blessed to have many service organizations and active volunteers who help carry out the work of improving our area for future generations!

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