



# ELWOOD

## Area Foundation

## 2020 July Newsletter

### What is the Elwood Area Foundation?

The Elwood Area Foundation was established by a group of visionary locals who saw the need for a community giving organization. The sale of the Elwood Boy Scout cabin in 1980 for the amount of \$100,000 gave this group its humble beginnings.

Since that time additional money has been received from generous donors through memorials, bequests, endowments and donations, allowing the Foundation to grow.

The Foundation invests and administers these funds. Thanks to your kind-hearted contributions we are able to give back to the area in many different ways.

**Youth grants** can be used for leadership education, youth projects, or other types of activities that result in youth empowerment. Students are encouraged to call the Foundation Office to discuss their ideas.

Our **scholarship and student loan programs** are available to help students achieve their quest for higher education at all levels, whether that is at a trade school, community college, pursuit of an associate degree, or a four-year college.

**Community grants** are given for betterment projects that ensure our area remains a great place to live for future generations!

We also accept **memorials and**

**donations.** These can be made in honor of loved ones who have passed, to represent someone special to you or the community, or for any other reason you might have! Memorials and donations may be directed to a cause near and dear to your heart, or may be given without designation.

To learn more about these programs, please call 308-785-8113, email [director@elwoodfoundation.org](mailto:director@elwoodfoundation.org), or stop by the office at 314 Smith Avenue.

*“Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present” - Albert Camus*

Thank you to all those who give to our community in the present; your donations of time, treasure, and talent make this a better place to live for future generations.

### Student Loan

#### Application Period Open

Attention students! Loan applications are being accepted through July 25th. Requirements are:

1. Be a graduate of Elwood High School.
2. The student is required to be registered as a full-time student (12 hours or more).
3. Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (C) to renew.
4. A 2% interest charge will be made while attending college and is payable each semester.
5. All loans become due and payable upon completion or discontinuation of college.
6. Loans are to be paid back on a five year monthly payment plan at 7% interest.

Applications are available at the Foundation Office through July 25. Upon approval by the Board of Directors and signature of a school note by the student and co-signers, the loan is allocated each semester. Payment of interest and a copy of the student's grades verifying 2.0 grade point average is also required. Contact the Foundation Office for additional details.

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Elwood Area Foundation is to encourage, enhance and provide opportunities for charitable giving. To manage and distribute the funds in a responsible manner in order to strengthen the Elwood Area Community and benefit the future generations of our community.*

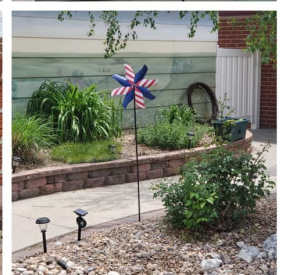
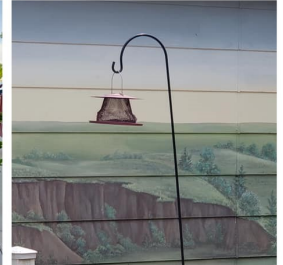
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## Memorials and Honorariums

Memorial gifts and honorariums are a thoughtful way to recognize someone special. Memorials are often directed to the Elwood Area Foundation in lieu of flowers for someone who has passed away, and honorarium donations can be made any time you would like to recognize someone.

The Foundation will send an acknowledgement of your gift to the family or honoree and the information will be included in EAF publications. Below is the list of memorials and donations made between **May 20, 2020 and July 1, 2020.**

In Memory of Rich Einspahr  
Terry & Teresa Vanderplas  
Ellen Halmes & Marshall Goodenberger



## GRANT PROVIDES VISUAL APPEAL FOR ELWOOD CARE CENTER RESIDENTS

During the Spring months, residents of care centers and nursing homes around the nation were isolated in their rooms in order to keep safe those who are deemed at high risk from COVID-19. The staff at the Elwood Care Center got creative in finding ways to entertain our local residents: by hosting socially-distanced dance parties that could be enjoyed in residents doorways, bringing in the Easter Bunny for a hallway visit, and other types of entertainment that could be enjoyed while staying safe. The ECC administration also sought to improve the view outside the residents' windows.

The Elwood Area Foundation partnered with ECC to provide grant funds for purchasing bird feeders, flower pots, and plants to add color, attract birds, and in general brighten up the view all around the building. This will provide year-round appeal to the outside of the Care Center, and the residents are already enjoying the additions. The Elwood Area is incredibly fortunate to have Care Center staff and administration whose passion is so deep, caring for our loved ones. Thank you all for your dedication!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR GIVING DAY!

Elwood is taking part in the annual Give Big Lexington campaign on November 12th, 2020. This is a day focused on generosity and giving to causes that make a difference in our community. Non-profits, community groups, and special projects and programs that provide benefit to those in need are eligible to participate. Contact the Foundation Office to see if your group qualifies to be a part of this exciting campaign.

The Lexington Community Foundation has been hosting Give Big Lexington since 2010, with great success to all those who participate. It is a day to help raise awareness of the great groups that make up our community, and to promote the hard work and dedication that goes into carrying out the mission of those groups.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the passionate programs and projects of the Elwood Area. More details will be available as November approaches.

# Projects and Programs Supported by the Elwood Area Foundation

The Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala was originally started in response to a matching grant challenge issued to our community in 2011. The first Gala was held in 2012, with patrons and donors rising admirably to the challenge and contributing a large portion of the amount needed to meet the challenge in the first two years. Since that time, supporters of this great community have continued to contribute to the success of the Elwood Area Foundation through donations and patronage of the Gala.

Thanks to the generosity of those who believe in our mission, the Elwood Area Foundation has given back to the community in many different ways. The below projects and programs received support from EAF as a direct result of Gala proceeds. It is with heartfelt sincerity that we extend our greatest gratitude and appreciation to all those who support the Elwood Area Foundation. Our success in giving back to the Elwood Area is entirely thanks to the generous hearts of YOU, our supporters.

## Community Support from Gala Proceeds

- Civic Center Renovations
  - Exterior improvements, Mechanical upgrades, Interior Improvement
- Library Building Project
- Gosper County Food Pantry
- Elwood Volunteer Fire Department
- Johnson Lake Trails
- Johnson Lake State Recreation Area Playground (coming soon!)
- Grant to the Summer Ball Program



Recent interior renovations at the Civic Center by Welch Renovation Services.

## Youth Support from Gala Proceeds

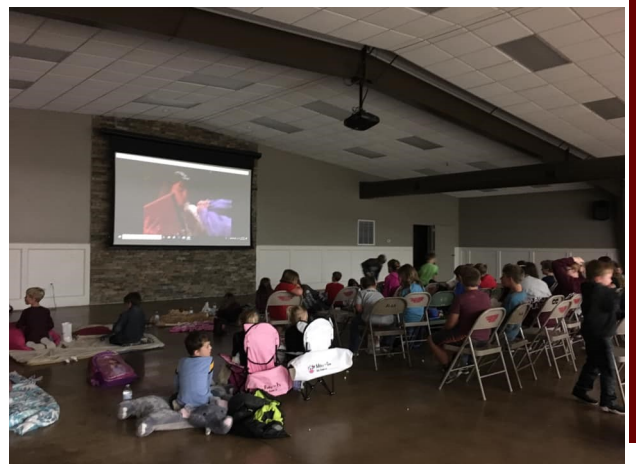
- Teammates Mentoring Program
- 4-H Pollinator Project
- 4-H National Dairy Judging
- 4-H Washington Citizenship Focus Conference
- Veterans Recognition by 4-H
- Youth Internships
- Beef in School Program
- YELP Youth Leadership Program
- Upgrades at the Village Park
- L2 for Kids
- Summer Ball Program
- CASA



Grant to the Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase Jaws of Life



Community Movie Night  
Organized by YELP student  
Carina Atterberry





# Elwood Area Foundation 9th Annual Spring Gala

## Foundation Friends and Gala Donors

Casey's General Store  
Cash-wa  
Coca-cola Bottling Company  
Cunningham's on the Lake  
Dawson Public Power District  
Elevate  
Elwood Area Foundation  
Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market  
Elwood Lion's Club  
Elwood Lion's Club Gosper County Carnival Assoc  
Elwood Public Schools  
Elwood Rodeo Club  
Elwood Veterans Ladies Auxiliary  
Eustis Pool Hall  
Gosper County Commissioners Keno Fund  
Gosper County Senior Center  
Hi Line Golf Course  
Hy Vee  
Kearney Cinema 8 Pollack Cinema  
Lakeside Golf Club  
Lexington Regional Health Center  
Lincoln Zoo  
Little Angels Christian Daycare  
Medo's  
Merryman Performing Arts Center  
Minden Chamber of Commerce  
Minden Opera House  
Nebraska Lottery  
Nebraska State Fair  
Nutrien Ag  
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Orschelns  
Plum Creek Market  
Prairie Museum of Holdrege  
Quality Brands  
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Brant & Courtney Arends  
Lexington Regional Health Center  
Bruce & MJ Hart  
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Carlton & Cheryl Clark  
Double Z's Trailers LLC, Casey & Molly Zimmerman  
Shabby Chic, Cheryl Oelkers  
Chuck & Charlene Tilson  
Chuck & Janet Churchill (Pauline Christensen family)  
Joy's Table, Dale & Shawna Klute  
Elwood Funeral Home, Dallas & Jami Garey  
CHS,  
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Daren & Kate Hatch  
Daron & Hayley Huyser  
Darren & Cheryl Krull  
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Plum Creek Applications, Derek Williams  
Dewey Nelson  
Downey Drilling, Don Maston  
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O'Hanlon Seed Inc., Dustin & Amber O'Hanlon  
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Ellen Halmes  
The 308 Boutique, Erin Sandy  
The Red Barn  
Blue Moose, Frank & Pam Snyder  
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Leroy & Robin Clouse

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### Foundation Friends and Gala Donors Continued

Waterford House B&B,  
 Dusty Canyon, Lisa Williams & Jennifer Lehmann  
 Tiede's Antique, Lois Stone  
 Lori Monter Buchanan  
 Lupe & Vicki Bliven  
 Maria Atterberry  
 Weissert Hardwood Flooring, Mark & Katy Weissert  
 Nelson Furniture, Marty Smith  
 Matt & Melinda Riedel  
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 Matt Thomas  
 Megan Bellamy, Rodan Fields  
 Melinda Riedel, Farm Bureau Financial Services Agent  
 Riddle's Jewelry, Melissa Avery  
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 Byrns Floorcovering, Mike Byrns  
 Mike Goracke  
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 Oasis Garden, Monica Harris  
 Flux Studio LLC, Nate Steinbrink  
 Norman and Cynthia Evans  
 Heartprints Custom Sewing & Embroidery,, Pam Scott  
 Dawson County Children's Museum, Pat Longly  
 Patrick Ropers  
 Service Drug/JM's Gifts, Paul McGinnis  
 Phil & Marty Kleppinger  
 B's Café, Raymond & Sherron Hagan  
 Rick & Anita Leggott  
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 Rob & Amy Czaplewski  
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 Village Pie Maker, Terry Warner  
 Andrews Feed, Theron & Katie Andrews  
 Heartland Chevrolet and Platte Valley Auto, Todd Booth  
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# Elwood Area Foundation 2020 Summer Newsletter

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## Office Hours

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## ELWOOD GALA ONLINE!

The 2020 Elwood Spring Gala is moving online! The public is invited to participate in this annual community fundraiser. The proceeds of the Spring Gala are used to carry out the Elwood Area Foundation's mission of giving back to our community. The auction website, <https://elwoodauction.asimobile.net/#/index>, will be available for view starting July 19th. Bidding begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 26th and closes at 10 p.m. on Friday, July 31st. See inside for the list of 2020 donors.

Past Gala proceeds have been used by EAF to grant out more than \$300,000 to youth groups, programs, and community projects. For a complete list of projects and programs that have received support from Gala proceeds, see page 3. Thank you to all those who have supported the Elwood Spring Gala, to make these grants possible!

The 10th Annual Elwood Spring Gala is set for March 20th, 2021! For those who purchased seats to the 2020 Gala, your spot is already reserved for 2021. If you are unable to attend the 2021 Gala, please contact the Foundation Office at 308-785-8113.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

The Gosper County Fair and Rodeo is scheduled to take place this summer from July 23-25. Fair Flyers will be posted around town. The 4-H Show will be a family-centered event, with details on the flyer.

- There will be no carnival this year.
- The Rodeo will be held on Thursday and Friday, with no bleacher seating available. Bring your own chair, and follow social distancing recommendations.
- The Elwood Area Foundation will not host an Alumni Open House this year.

Elwood Generosity Day has also been impacted by Covid-19. Although the First Annual Generosity Day held in October was a huge success, due to concerns about the spread of corona virus, the event has been cancelled for 2020. Look for details to come in 2021! Donations to the Generosity Day Program are graciously accepted year-round. Thank you to all those who have donated and volunteered their time!