



# ELWOOD

## Area Foundation

## 2020 Summer 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 **December 1, 2019 and May 20, 2020.**

**In Memory of Rich Einspahr**  
See Below

**In Memory of Martin Masar**

Don and Rose Mary Debban  
Deb and Brian Hambidge & Families  
Barb Miller and Dwayne Hosbey & Families  
Ron and Tammy Sinner & Families  
Joe and Jill Debban & Family

**In Memory of Shirly Scoville:**

Elmer and Irene Anderson  
Julie Dornhoff  
Phil and Marty Kleppinger  
Terry and Susie Lerdall  
Steve and Arlene Lofquist  
Steve and Nancy Schutz  
Dan and Shaunna Sjomeling  
Chuck & Charlene Tilson  
Jeff and Melissa Vinzant

**In Memory of Phyllis Ringenberg**

Chuck and Charlene Tilson

**In Memory of Randy Vinzant**

Dave and Sheri Giesbrecht

**In Memory of Dorothy Lerdall**

Steve and Kim Scoville  
Chuck and Charlene Tilson  
Jeff and Melissa Vinzant

## Einspahr Family Establishes Scholarship

The family of Richard Einspahr, who dedicated many years of service to Elwood Public Schools, established a scholarship in his memory to assist students entering the teaching profession. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the generous folks who contributed to this scholarship fund, many of whom are acknowledged below.

ADK  
Lindsay Albrecht  
Ed and Deb Arends  
Elwood Education Association  
Elwood School Board, Administration, and Staff  
Robert Bearley  
David Bendler  
Jeanne Billings  
Rodney Billings  
Bill and LeahAnn Brell  
Jon Davis  
Lexington School District 1  
Kevin and Mary Fiene  
Coleen Gale  
Jerry and Lori Hagan

Shane and Myndee Hagan  
Carolyn Haresnape  
Stephen and Joan Heide  
Janet Hoverson  
Bryant and Lori Knoerzer  
Steve and Arlene Lofquist  
Kevin and Brenda Mahlberg  
Philip Miller  
Gaylean Millsap  
Ed and Debbie Murdoch  
Stacy and Nicole Nickell  
Dustin and Amber O'Hanlon  
Annalee Ratliff  
Roger and Lana Ratliff  
Jerry and Diane Remmenga  
Leonard Robinson

Steve and Kim Scoville  
Chris Showalter  
Ryan and Lori Shutts  
Anita Smith  
Alan and Christel Smith  
Scott and Gwen Stoll  
Harold Terpening  
Chuck and Charlene Tilson  
Darron Veh  
Deann Wade  
Don Wiens  
Sydney Williams  
Judy Wixon  
Jan Wymore

## Other ways to leave a lasting impact while benefiting your community:

An Elwood resident recently donated securities to EAF, designating the Elwood Methodist Church as the beneficiary.

By transferring shares of stock from the donor's name over to EAF, this transaction was simple and easy to accomplish, while also providing a tax benefit to the donor! And in this instance, the donor has requested that the value of the stock shares be paid out to the Elwood Methodist Church on a monthly basis, ensuring a steady source of income to the Church for many months.

Transferring securities (for instance, stocks or bonds) is just one example of ways in which a person can make a charitable contribution to the Elwood Area Foundation.

A few other examples of ways to give include cash donations; naming EAF as the beneficiary for your required annual distribution from your IRA; and naming EAF as a beneficiary in your will or living trust.

Please call the Foundation Office to discuss the opportunities for charitable giving that would provide a benefit to you and your community!

## EAF Scholarships Total \$29,550 to Elwood Students

**Merlyn Schutz Memorial  
Valedictorian Scholarship**

Hadley Martin

**Robert Birt Memorial  
Scholarship**

Carina Atterberry  
Cauy Bennett  
Makenzie Clouse  
Zacob Evans  
Kiera Fulmer  
Megan Houser  
Hadley Martin  
Hunter Rios  
Timothy Smith

**Velma Schroeder  
Memorial Scholarship**

Carina Atterberry

**Chadd Hambidge  
Memorial Scholarship**

Hunter Rios

**Centennial Committee Scholarship**

Carina Atterberry

**Ray & Sherron Hagan Scholarship**

Hunter Rios

**Robert & Barb Wade 4 Year College**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Zacob Evans

**Robert & Barb Wade Comm. College**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Hadley Martin

**Leonard & Darlene M. Schutz**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Makenzie Clouse

**Elwood Swim Team Scholarship**

Hadley Martin

**James J. Leggott**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Cauy Bennett

**Robert C. Salisbury**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Megan Houser

Cauy Bennett

Timothy Smith

**Dean Houlden**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Kiera Fulmer

**Richard Einspahr Memorial Scholarship**

Timothy Smith

**Wesley & Evelyn Fox  
Memorial Scholarship**

Megan Houser

**Elwood Lions Club/ Gosper County  
Carnival Association Scholarship**

Makenzie Clouse  
Megan Houser  
Zacob Evans  
Timothy Smith  
Hunter Rios  
Hadley Martin

**South Central Nebraska Corn Growers  
Association Scholarship**

Megan Houser

**Tilson Family Scholarship**

Zacob Evans

**Bonnie V. Clark  
Memorial Scholarship**

Kiera Fulmer

**The Home Agency Scholarship**

Cauy Bennett  
Megan Houser  
Hadley Martin  
Hunter Rios

*Congratulations to the Class of 2020,  
and good luck on your future endeavors!*

Thank you to all those who contribute to the scholarship program.

You are helping students achieve their dreams!

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## One-time Donation Provides Far-Reaching Impact

The Elwood Area Foundation extends a warm “Thank You” to the generous Elwood Resident who recently made a donation to EAF for the benefit of the Elwood Methodist Church. It is thanks to kind and giving donors like this, who make the Elwood Area such a wonderful place!

See inside for more details on this thoughtful donation, and learn how simple it is to make a charitable contribution to the Elwood Area Foundation, while receiving a tax benefit and making a positive impact in your community!

EAF accepts donations of all sizes, types, and designations. No donation is too small to make a difference; when we all work together, we can do great things!



## COVID-19 UPDATES

The Gosper County Fair and Rodeo is scheduled to take place this summer from July 23-25. There will be no carnival this year. At the time of this publication, the Rodeo and other Fair entertainment WILL take place.

The 2020 Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala is still postponed with no decision made yet on a future date. We thank you for your patience as we wait to see how the early summer months unfold during this pandemic.