



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 the Foundation at 308-785-8113, email director@elwoodfoundation.org, or stop by the office at 314 Smith Avenue.

Thank you for supporting our organization!

New Scholarship Opportunity

EAF is pleased to announce a new opportunity for those who wish to establish a scholarship in honor of a loved one.

For scholarship funds with a \$5,000 minimum balance, we can now guarantee an annual scholarship disbursement in perpetuity, based on the minimum balance amount. The details of this opportunity vary depending on the starting balance.

Please contact the EAF Office to learn more:

308-785-8113
314 Smith Avenue
PO Box 303, Elwood NE 68937
director@elwoodfoundation.org

Office hours are:
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., & by appt.

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New Playground at Johnson Lake,
Result of a partnership with many groups including a community grant from EAF

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Memorials and Honorariums

From November 1st, 2020 through March 1st, 2021

Memorial gifts and honorariums are a thoughtful way to honor and 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 important.

The Foundation will send an acknowledgement of your gift to the family or honoree and the information will be included in EAF publications.

In Memory of Leo & Phoebe Bartruff

Shelley Bartruff, to the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living during Give BIG Elwood

In Memory of Sue Brand

Anonymous

In Honor of TeamMate Mentee Taylor Carlberg

Lori Hagan, to TeamMates during Give BIG Elwood

In Honor of Don Debban

Masar Family, to the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living during Give BIG Elwood

In Honor of Judith Geiger

For her birthday, during Give BIG Elwood

In Memory of Julie Houlden

By her Grandchildren, during Give BIG Elwood

In Memory of Melvin & Berdina Houlden

To the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living, during GBE

In Memory of Nell Huerta

Anonymous

In Memory of Bryan Leggott

Anonymous

In Memory of Bud Mahlberg

Bailey Mahlberg
Kevin & Brenda Mahlberg
During Give BIG Elwood

In Memory of Martin Masar

Masar Family, during Give BIG Elwood

In Memory of Brenda Pretzer

Anonymous

In Memory of Rowan Rabe

Anonymous

In Memory of Gary Remmenga

Gary Remmenga Family, to American Legion Post 290 and Chamber Fireworks, during GBE

In Memory of Jan Schmeeckle

Jan Schmeeckle Family

In Memory of Jeff Schutz

Anonymous

In Memory of Sherle Schwenninger

Steve & Arlene Lofquist, to the Summer Ball Program
Chuck & Charlene Tilson, to the Elwood Booster Club
Willie & Marlene Knoerzer

In Memory of Vicky Sentelle

Chuck & Charlene Tilson

In Memory of Rhonda Snider

Steve & Kim Scoville
Jeff & Melissa Vinzant

In Memory of Joe Taft

Anonymous

In Memory of Gailard & Nelia VonLoh

Vicki VonLoh during GBE

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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GIVE BIG ELWOOD EXCEEDS \$47,000!

The First Annual Give BIG Elwood campaign was a huge success! The event closed on November 17th. After all the final receipts were in and the tallying was complete, donations totaling \$42,895 went to 17 organizations and community groups. EAF contributed matching funds of \$5,000 to bring the end total of Give BIG Elwood 2020 up to **\$47,895!**

This is such an incredible accomplishment for our small town. It is amazing to see what happens when we all work together!

A Special Shout-Out to:

Lexington Community Foundation

Pinnacle Bank for sponsoring the Morning Open House,

Rose Mary Debban and Sindy Fiene of House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast & Catering for the delicious morning baked goods;

Security First Bank for sponsoring the Afternoon Open House;

The Home Agency, BHA Real Estate, and the Jim & Sharri Baldonado Family for their generous donations;

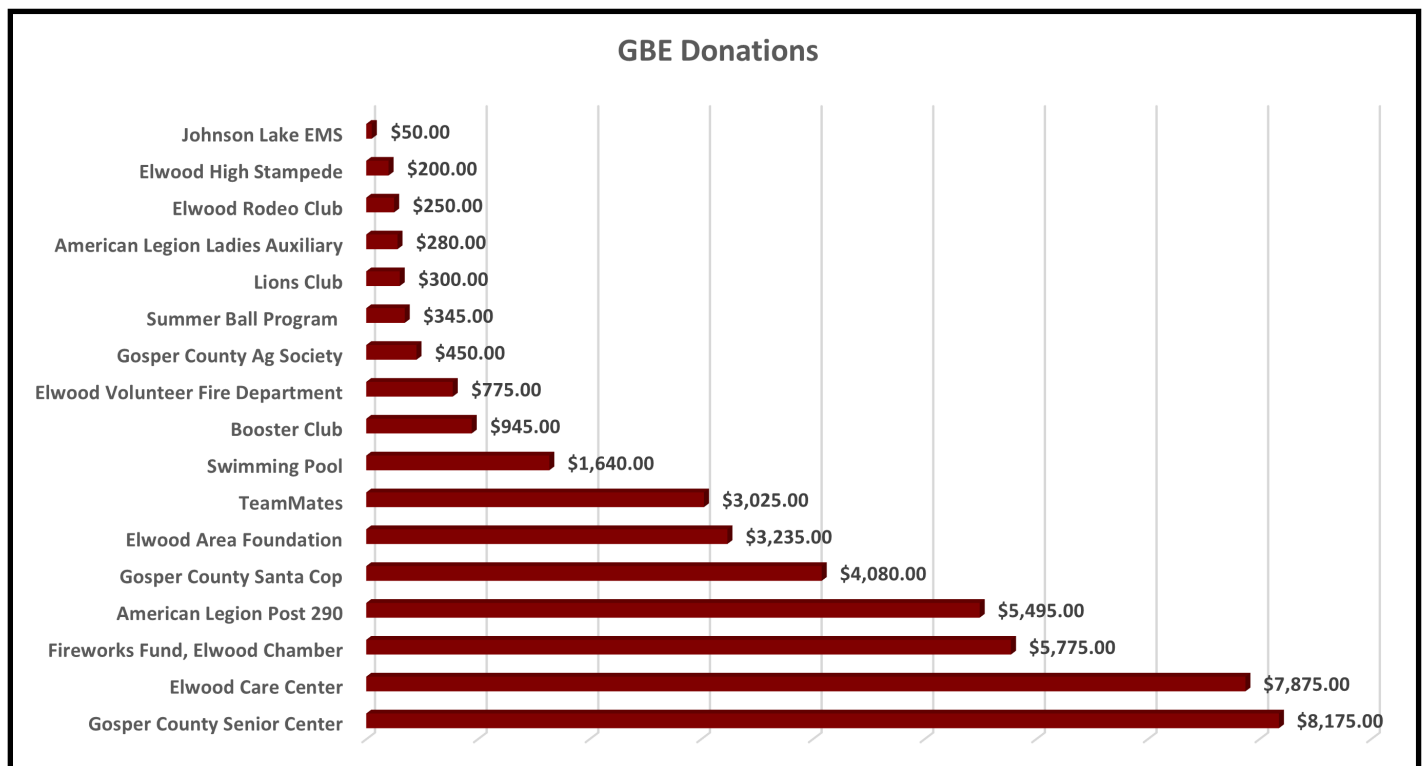
All those who worked a shift at the donation table;

All those who donated to our causes! Each cause was given a list of donor names, unless a donor requested to remain anonymous.

Thank you ALL for supporting the groups and people who make this community a very special place.

The past twelve months have been an incredible challenge, but the results of the Give BIG Elwood Campaign show the strength of our community. The Elwood Area is clearly set to take on 2021 with confidence and pride.

Give BIG Elwood 2021 is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th, 2021. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information. If your organization or community group would like to participate, contact the Foundation Office at 308-785-8113, director@elwoodfoundation.org; or stop by the Office at 314 Smith Avenue.



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Elwood Area Foundation Gala Updates

The 2020 Elwood Area Foundation Gala was modified from the original Spring Dinner format, as so many events have been over the past twelve months. Our ONLINE GALA, held in July, drew in supporters from around the country, and brought in nearly \$25,000.

Thank you to all those who participated! This fundraiser supports all the programs carried out by the Elwood Area Foundation. Our mission of giving back to the community is dependent upon your support of our organization. We appreciate your support!

The 10th Annual EAF Gala has been set for Friday, October 22nd, 2021! We are currently accepting donations of auction items and monetary contributions. Plans for the Fall event are still unfolding, but those who are holding tickets from the 2020 Gala will be contacted by a Gala committee member in the near future. Thank you for your patience as we plan out the safest way to hold an in-person celebration.



**2021 Gala: The EAF Spring Gala set for March 20th has been rescheduled to
Friday, October 22nd, 2021!**

Additional information will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you in October!

The Elwood Area Foundation establishes endowment funds and administers the income for the betterment of the Elwood Area. The Elwood Area Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization under United States tax laws. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent applicable under relevant tax law. Tax I.D # 76-0741866