

2021 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 degree.

EAF Board of Directors Cynthia Evans

Kate Hatch Carole Kleine Marty Kleppinger Bryan Nelson Jenna Roberts Nancy Schutz Kim Scoville Mark Weissert **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 honorarium donations**. These can be made in honor of loved ones who have passed, to represent someone important 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 Elwood Area Foundation at 308-785-8113, email <u>director@elwoodfoundation.org</u>, or stop by the office at 314 Smith

Avenue in beautiful downtown Elwood.

Thank you for supporting our organization!

Scholarship Opportunity

EAF is pleased to announce an opportunity for those who wish to establish a scholarship in honor of someone special.

For scholarship funds with a minimum \$5,000 starting 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.

There is no minimum amount required to establish a scholarship through EAF. Our staff will work with each individual, family, and organization to tailor your scholarship requirements and disbursement details to follow federal regulations, while keeping in mind the scholarship fund amount and your desires.

Please contact the EAF Office

to learn more: 308-785-8113 314 Smith Avenue PO Box 303, Elwood NE 68937 <u>director@elwoodfoundation.org</u>

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

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

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Memorials and Honorariums March 2021 through June 1st, 2021

Memorial gifts and honorariums are a thoughtful way to honor and recognize someone important. 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 with your name and address to the family or honoree and the information will be included in EAF publications.

In Memory of Nell Huerta Ellen Halmes and Marshall Goodenberger

> In Memory of Dorothy Lerdall Anonymous

> In Memory of Jan Schmeeckle Jan Schmeeckle Family

In Memory of Richard & Doris Trauernicht Myrna Packer In Memory of Dave Wade DeAnn Wade

In Honor of all TeamMates Mentees Shelley K. Bartruff

Thank you for our unrestricted donations: Don & Rosemary Debban Robert & Elaine Lynch Karen Deeter Carl & Kay Norden

2021 Scholarships Administered by EAF

Robert Birt Memorial Scholarship

Kennedy Brell Zayley Christner Kaydee Diefenbaugh Matteya Gutierrez Kyle Hort Trevor Jorges Alivia Knoerzer Iordan Kranz Jada Lerdall Kaden Nickell Evan Niemeier Rhiannon Rhone Shirley Rios Aubrev Steinwart Abbey Whittaker Hanna Wood Kaden Wooters

Bonnie V. Clark Memorial Scholarship Rhiannon Rhone

Velma Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Jada Lerdall Alternate, Trevor Jorges

James J Leggott Memorial Scholarship Jordan Kranz

Robert & Barbara Wade 4 Year School Memorial Scholarship Matteya Gutierrez Robert & Barbara Wade 2 Year School Memorial Scholarship Kaden Nickell

Merlyn Schutz Valedictorian Scholarship Alivia Knoerzer

Chadd Hambidge Memorial Scholarship Kyle Hort

Centennial Committee Scholarship Trevor Jorges

South Central Nebraska Corn Growers Assoc. Scholarship Kaden Wooters

Elwood Swim Team Scholarship Alivia Knoerzer

Wesley & Evelyn Fox Memorial Scholarship Evan Niemeier

Leonard & Darlene Schutz Memorial Scholarship Aubrey Steinwart

Robert Salisbury Memorial Scholarship Cynch Dickman Matteya Gutierrez

Gloria Hartsfield Memorial Scholarship Shirley Rios Gosper County Carnival Assoc Scholarship Kennedy Brell Zayley Christner Kaydee Diefenbaugh Kyle Hort Trevor Jorges Alivia Knoerzer Jada Lerdall Kaden Nickell Evan Niemeier Shirley Rios Conner Schutz Aubrey Steinwart Ben Tiede Abbey Whittaker

The Home Agency Future Leader Scholarship

Kennedy Brell Kaydee Diefenbaugh Trevor Jorges Alivia Knoerzer Jordan Kranz Kaden Nickell

Tilson Family Scholarship Rhiannon Rhone Alternate, Abbey Whittaker

Dean Houlden Memorial Scholarship Shirley Rios

Richard Einspahr Memorial Scholarship Kennedy Brell

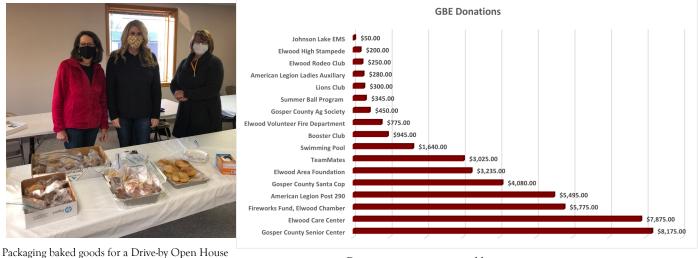
Save the Date for 2021 Events!

Second Annual Give BIG Elwood 2021: Wednesday, November 10th, 2021!

Mark your calendars and watch for more information. The day will include treats and give-aways at the Foundation Office and other fun activities.

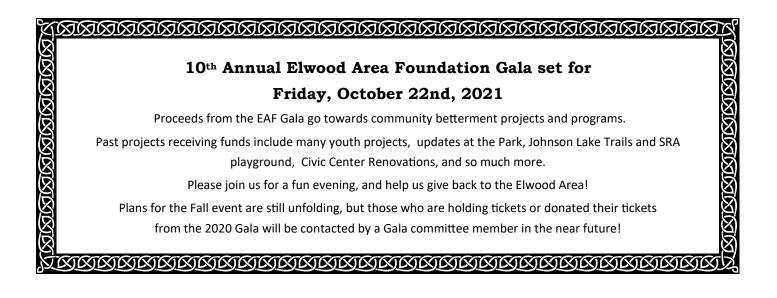
To find out if your organization or community group is eligible to participate, contact the Foundation Office at 308-785-8113, <u>director@elwoodfoundation.org</u>; or stop by at 314 Smith Avenue.

Our 1st Annual Give BIG Elwood campaign was a huge success! The event closed on November 17th, 2020, with donations accepted in-person and online. Seventeen community groups participated, receiving a total of \$42,895 in donations from 80 donors. EAF contributed matching funds of \$5,000 with an end result of **\$47,895** going to community groups! We are looking forward to an even bigger impact in 2021!



Packaging baked goods for a Drive-by Open House during Give BIG 2020. Donors could drive up to the Office and get a fresh-baked pastry or cupcake delivered to their car when they made their donation!

Donation amounts received by community groups participating in Give BIG Elwood 2020.



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Elwood, NE 68937

ELWOOD ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE, JULY 31ST

The Elwood school building will be open for a short time during the World's Fair, for those who wish to see the updates and changes made in recent years. An informal Open House will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31st, 2021. The building will be closed at

3:00 p.m.; the last school tour will be at 2:45. Alumni are invited to meet at the school to tour with classmates and friends. There are no "honored" classes this year; this will be a very casual open house.

Plan ahead for the EAF Alumni Open House in 2022, where we will honor those classes ending in 9, 0, 1, and 2 during the Gosper County Fair. This will be a formal open house, with tables available for honored classes who wish to display memorabilia and space for friends to gather and visit. More information to come in 2022.





2020 Elwood Public Schools construction project. Photo credit: Jim Kleine

Gosper County Fair Events

The Fair Flyer will be coming soon, with a detailed list of events for each day. Here is a brief rundown of just a few popular fair events: Carnival – Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 29th–31st, from 7:00 p.m. to close.

4-H events – ongoing through the week.

Rodeo- Thursday and Friday, July 29th and 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Parade – Saturday, July 31st starting at 11:00 a.m.

Horseshoe Tournament - Saturday, July 31st starting after the parade, around 1:00 p.m.

Alumni Open House at the School – Saturday, July 31st from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (last tour at 2:45)

BBQ and Beer Garden - Saturday, July 31st at 5:00 p.m.

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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