



COLERIDGE AREA FUND

GROWING ROOTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

What is the Coleridge Area Fund?

The Coleridge Area Fund found its roots following a Village of Coleridge Strategic Planning meeting in August 2017. The Coleridge Area Fund (CAF) was formed as an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation. CAF is a community-led effort to using philanthropy to build and better Coleridge and the surrounding area. We are working to increase charitable giving among those who love this community and to make grants that promote prosperity among our neighbors. CAF encourages people from all walks of life to give back by providing a full range of charitable giving opportunities.

What is the CAF Vision?

Coleridge is committed to preserving our heritage, enriching the quality of life for present and future generations, and nurturing our sense of community.

What is the CAF Mission?

Connecting people with opportunities to share their time, talents and financial resources to promote economic growth and enhance the lives of our neighbors.

What are the CAF Values?

These principles define and guide the Coleridge Area Fund Advisory Committee's priorities and practices:

- We are a trustworthy organization committed to betterment of the Coleridge area.
- We welcome support and participation from all who care about our community.
- We believe collaboration with the community is key to achieving local impact.
- We are dedicated stewards of time, talents and gifts entrusted to the Coleridge Area Fund.
- We are guided by our strong sense of community pride and the mutual ownership of the Coleridge Area Fund and our goals.

Why is this important?

Like many hometowns in Nebraska, Coleridge faces a loss of local resources that helped to build our community from the start: capital investments, businesses, jobs, young people who are tomorrow's leaders, and intergenerational wealth. Many of our senior residents no longer have heirs who live in the area. When this generation passes on, the wealth they have built right here in the Coleridge area often leaves too, whether it be in farmland income, retirement funds or other assets.

What is CAF doing to achieve its goals?

CAF is working to build a robust endowment, whose assets are invested to generate an ongoing source of income year after year for the Coleridge area. Investment earnings from the endowment are granted to support community improvements and programs. The principal, and your gift, remains intact to continue to build funds that increase over time. Building a permanent endowment will put philanthropy to work in our hometown, providing a steady stream of resources for community improvements today and investments for tomorrow.

What is CAF planning to do with its investment earnings?

Using ideas generated at a Town Hall meeting in September 2018 and results from the 2016 Community Survey, CAF has established a list of priority projects. We began our work with a couple of "quick victories" including painting the inside of the Community Building and starting a community garden in the spring. Future projects being discussed include purchasing new picnic tables for the park and working with the city to remove dilapidated houses in town. Other suggested projects range from a new community center to an expanded business district. We would love to hear your dreams and ideas for the future of our hometown.

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Each member of the Fund Advisory Committee has demonstrated philanthropy with both dollars and time and has pledged a personally meaningful contribution to this campaign.

Options for making a charitable donation:

There are also many other ways to invest in our future:

Gifts of cash or property

Retirement plans

Bequests in your will

Gifts of grain or livestock

Memory/honor gifts

Gifts of life insurance

No matter the size, your contribution or pledge will have a lasting impact on our community.

Donations:

_____ I would like to make a single gift of (please circle):

\$100,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,500

\$2,000 \$1,000 \$600 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25

In Memory or Honor of: _____

_____ I would like my contribution to remain Anonymous

_____ Other: \$ _____ (any gift is appreciated)

_____ I would like to make a pledge donation of:

_____ \$100/month _____ \$50/month

_____ \$25/month _____ \$10/month

_____ please contact me to set automatic payment



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:

Coleridge Area Fund

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