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Kate & Sandy Dodge, 2025
Cindy & Mogens Bay, 2024
Ann & Ken Stinson, 2023
CL Werner, 2021
Jack Campbell, 2019
Alice Dittman, 2018
Michael and Gail Yanney, 2017
Richard "Dick" Holland, 2015
Suzanne and Walter Scott, 2014
Paul J. Strawhecker, MPA, CFRE, 2008
Thomas C. "Chip" Woods, III, 2000
Dr. Gerald E. Hazelrigg (Posthumous), 1996
Ethel S. Abbott (Posthumous), 1995
J. Robert Sandberg, 1994
D.B. "Woody" Varner, 1986

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST

Jim Helget, 2025
Howard Kooper & Tom Fellman, 2024
Deb Fenton, 2023
Rita & Senator John Stinner, 2021
Scott & Cindy Heider, 2019
Mary & Doug Campbell, 2018
Bruce Hendrickson, 2017
Carl Mammel, 2016
Charles Lakin, 2014
Dr. Stanley M. and Dorothy Truhlsen, 2013
George F. Haddix, Ph.D., 2012
Jim and Mary Abel, 2011
Frank and Shirley Sibert, 2011
J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh, 2010
Mike and Lin Simmonds, 2009
James and Rhonda Seacrest, 2008
Carol Gendler, 2007
Tom and Kim Dinsdale, 2006
Rev. Dr. Reuben T. and Darlene M. Swanson, 2005
Kenneth Morrison, 2004
Jim and Elaine Wolf, 2003
John A. and Harriet K. Wiebe, 2002
Ron and Carol Cope, 2001
Richard and Mary Holland, 2000
Thomas Creigh, Jr., 1999
Ruth M. Amen, 1998
S.N. "Bud" Wolbach, 1998
Alice Abel, 1997
Marval S. Hornady, 1996
Cliff Hillegass, 1995
Milton R. Abrahams, 1994
Christian M. Hixson-Lied Foundation Trust, 1993
John and Carmen Gottschalk, 1992
Robert H. Storz, 1991
Michael and Gail Yanney, 1990
Edward and Dee Owen, 1989
Charles W. and Margre H. Durham, 1988
Walter Scott, Jr., 1987
Harold W. Anderson, Omaha World-Herald and World-Herald Foundation, 1986

OUTSTANDING CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY

Woodhouse Auto Family, 2025
West Gate Bank, 2024
TMCO, Inc., 2023

Signature Performance, 2021
Omaha Steaks, 2019
Union Bank & Trust, 2018
Principal, 2017
Kiewit, 2016
Cargill, 2015
Union Pacific, 2014
Mutual of Omaha, 2013
Consolidated Companies, Inc., 2012
ConAgra Foods, 2011
American National Bank and Peoples National Bank, 2010
Valmont Industries, 2009
Ameritas, 2008
Bluebird Nursery, 2007
HyVee, 2006
Union Bank & Trust Company, 2005
Pfizer, 2004

OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY, OR FAMILY

Harper Family Foundation, 2024
Acklie Charitable Foundation, 2023
Omaha Community Foundation, 2023
Immanuel Community & Vision Foundation, 2021
Kim & Karen Hawkins and family, 2019
Community Health Endowment of Lincoln, 2016
Lincoln Community Foundation, 2015
Nebraska Community Foundation, 2014
Claire M. Hubbard Foundation, 2012
Dr. C.C. and Mabel Criss Memorial Foundation, 2011
Kitty M. Perkins Foundation, 2010
Shoemaker Family Foundation, 2010
Weitz Family Foundation, 2009
Adah & Leon Millard Foundation, 2008
Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation, 2007
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., 2006
William & Ruth Scott Family Foundation, 2005
Peter Kiewit Foundation, 2004

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

Rick Velasco, 2025
Meaghan Walls & Lauren Citro, 2024
Angela Cutler, 2023
Melanie & David Hecker, 2021
Nick Cusick, 2019
Carey & Brian Hamilton, 2018
Jennifer Benson, 2017
Marg Lincoln Donlan, 2016
Ellen Wright, 2015
Thomas C. and Lisa M. Smith, 2014
Patty Pansing Brooks, 2013
Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 2012
Richard Walter, 2011
Betiana and Todd Simon, 2010
Annette and Paul Smith, 2010
William Fitzgerald, 2009
Gerald Dimon, 2008
Sandy Parker, 2007

Roger Larson, 2006
Roy A. Smith, 2005
Willa and Hod Kosman, 2004
Carol Russell, 2003
James F. Nissen, 2002
David and Peggy Sokol, 2001
Gloria Wolbach, 2000
Charles W. and Margre H. Durham, 1999
Janice Shrader (Mossman) Falk, 1998
D.B. "Woody" Varner, 1997
Marian B. Andersen, 1996
Barbara Call, 1995
Rev. Dr. Reuben T. Swanson, 1994
Robert Stowell, 1993
John and Carmen Gottschalk, 1992
Helen Cherniak, 1991
Dr. Gordon Adams, 1989
Mary L. McKinney, 1988
Thomas R. Burke, 1987
William E. Ramsey, 1986
Jack Childs, 1985

OUTSTANDING EMERGING PHILANTHROPIST

Jenna Vitosh, 2025
Kayla & Jack Abel, 2024
Ande Hawkins Johnson, 2023
Colby Jensen, 2021
David Spence, 2019

OUTSTANDING RESPONSIVE PHILANTHROPIST

Zhanna & Russ Semm, M.D., 2025
WoodmanLife, 2024
Malena Rousseau/Iowa West Foundation, 2021

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OR STUDENT GROUP IN PHILANTHROPY

Alpha Phi Sorority, Nu Chapter, UNL, 2025
Flynn Rash, 2024
Nebraska Association of Student Councils, 2023
Ruxin & Saban McBride, 2021
Simon Brockmeier, 2018
Anna Kotula, 2017
Scott Middle School Team 6A, 2016
Chloe Higgins, 2015
Jaden Moore, 2014
Project Everlast Youth Councils, 2013
Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska, 2012
Brianna Brass, 2010
Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, 2009
Emily Sallach and Bergan Carr, O'Neill's Home-Town Competitiveness Council, 2008
Youth Inspire, 2007