



PROJECT HOPE

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OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:

We exist to provide food and clothing to people in need.

VALUES STATEMENT:

In response to God's grace, we minister to people in need with a spirit of hope, love, encouragement, compassion, respect and teamwork.

2019 Annual Report

Executive Director's Report

2019 was a year of growth in many ways at Project Hope. We began using Wisdom Vision Donation and Accounting Software Programs including Payroll to improve usability and streamline our accounting system. This eliminated the problems we were having with our previous programs. We also initiated the use of Pantry Soft, an online client documentation software service which eliminated the need to record social security numbers of our clients and also made it easier to process their registration. Our final change at the beginning of 2019 was the rearrangement of our pantry distribution area which improved the flow of traffic thru the area and made it easier to assist clients to their vehicles with their food and clothing choices.

Project Hope continues to offer our pantry services to our clients every 30 days regardless of if they have received a pantry at another pantry location. We served 4,870 families including 12,284 individuals at our main pantry and the Loaves & Fishes Pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church this year compared to 4,594 families with 10,182 individuals in 2018 at Project Hope and three satellite locations. We were open for pantry hours weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:00 am – 2:45 pm. Volunteers greeted clients, checked clients into our Pantry Soft program, and assisted them through the food selection area. Volunteers also picked up food from the Food Bank for the Heartland, processes food and clothing donations, as well as cleaned and organized the facility. Project Hope volunteers served a total of 2,870.5 hours in 2019 for an average of 239 hours per month. It would have cost us \$25,834.50 in wages if we needed to pay part-time staff minimum wages to do the jobs our volunteers complete. We ended 2019 with 21 regular active volunteers and we thank them for their dedicated service.

We continue our association with the Omaha Food Bank of the Heartland who provides us with low cost and free food items weekly. The Saving Grace organization delivers free food from local grocery and convenience stores three times weekly now. Saving Grace brings us bread and pastry items, eggs, meat, fresh fruits and vegetables, prepared sandwiches and meals, salads and even dessert items. We also have church based groups that deliver food from local grocery stores. The Dean Fricke Food Pantry Grant provided by the Episcopal Churches paid for \$10,000 of the food we ordered from the Food Bank. We received grants from the Buffalove Foundation for \$2,500, Farm Credit Services of America for \$2,000, St. Matthew Endowment Fund for \$1,000, Shepherd of the Hills Endowment Fund for \$1,000, and Thrivent Financial Personal Donation Fund of InFaith Community Foundation provided \$500 through the Thrivent Food Challenge supporting our dairy program with eggs, cheese, and milk for our clients this year. Our Thanksgiving Holiday program was supported by a Walmart Community Grant for \$2,000 and the Kroger Company through Baker's Food Stores with \$2,500 in gift cards. These grants helped covered the cost of turkeys and potatoes for 435 Thanksgiving meals. Lutheran Church of the Master supplied 270 bags of Thanksgiving food and St. Thomas Lutheran Church supplied 135 grocery sacks of Thanksgiving food.

Project Hope was successful in obtaining some very significant grants for our operating budget this year. The Immanuel Vision Foundation awarded us with \$20,000 and will repeat this amount for two additional years. We also received an Omaha Award from the Scott Foundation for \$10,000. The Bill and Leona Kernen Family through the LMJ Foundation, Inc. awarded us a \$1,000 grant. Project Hope received \$9,261 from the Inez Mortensen Trust Fund and \$30,765 from the Alfred J. Simonsen Trust Fund. Individual donors provided us with over \$22,500 of financial support in general fund donations. Churches and other business organizations provided over \$26,250 in monetary gifts. Individuals and churches also provide us with in-kind donations of food, gently used clothing, personal care items, cleaning and paper products. Local churches provide us with fresh produce in the summer and fall from their gardens. Several organizations completed food and clothing

drives donating to Project Hope. We received a major in-kind donation at the end of the year from Amazon with over 50 boxes of food, personal hygiene items, paper products, office supplies, baby diapers and wipes, and winter outer wear items.

We organized and raised funds through five fundraisers during 2019. Our first fundraiser for the year was our Wine Tasting Event in April, this event raised \$460. The Omaha Gives Campaign in May raised over \$4,300. We held a youth putt putt golf tournament in July which raised under \$100 but was a lot of fun. In September we held our first major independent fundraiser event called "Bread for Life" which was held at the Scottish Rite Center with a silent auction, brunch, program and a paddle raise donation. The Bread for Life event raised over \$25,000. We ended the year with an end of the year campaign starting with Giving Tuesday the week following Thanksgiving and raised \$10,858. Some of these funds raised throughout the year are included in the individual contributions below.

Project Hope was invited to participate in a community partnership program this year called Soil to Sustainance which addresses current hunger needs within our local communities and looks at how we can work together to meet these needs. With the support of this partnership and recommendations, Project Hope is now streaming cooking and nutrition videos during pantry hours to educate our clients. The Soil to Sustainance group is applying for grants to produce additional videos with translations in Karen and Spanish to focus on our two growing client populations. We are also working with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church to increase the production of their gardens through other programs in Omaha such as The Big Garden organization and bring on-site cooking and nutritional education programs to Project Hope.

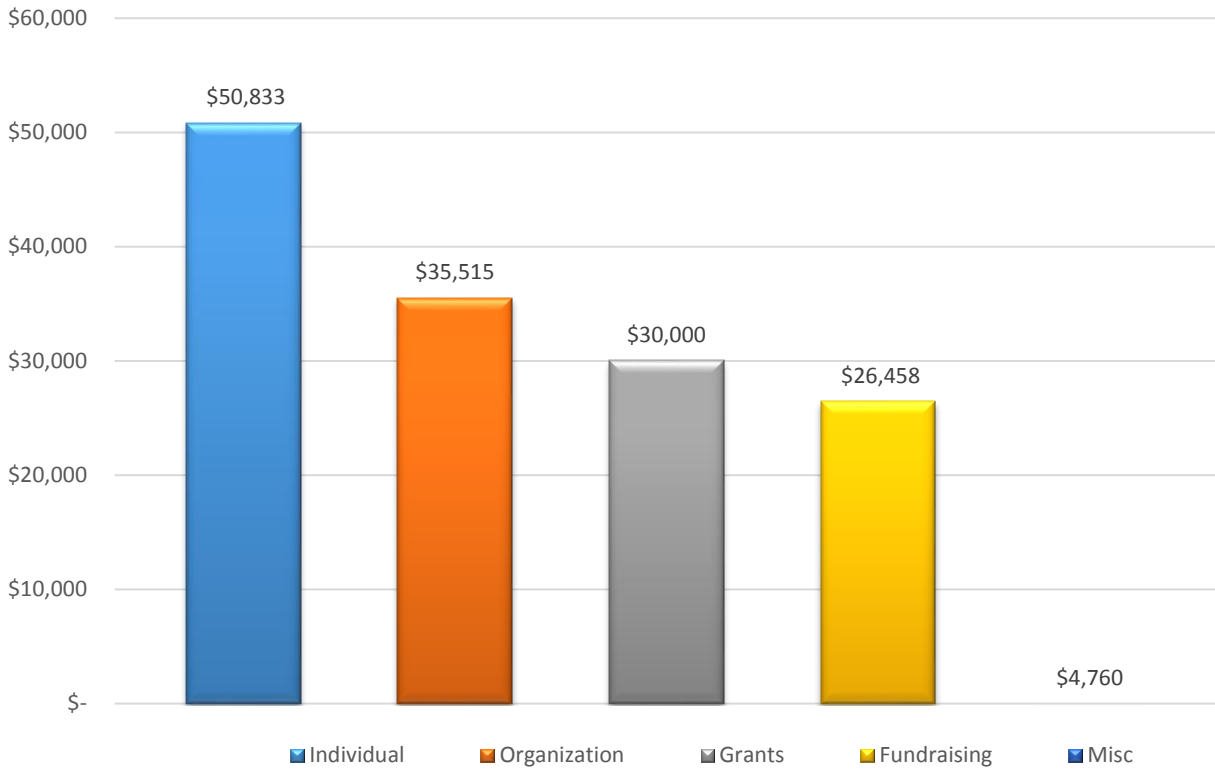
God has blessed our ministry and provided the food and clothing needed to serve our clients. Thank you to everyone who supports Project Hope.

Veda Keebler

Board of Directors Effective December 2019

Brent Thomsen, President
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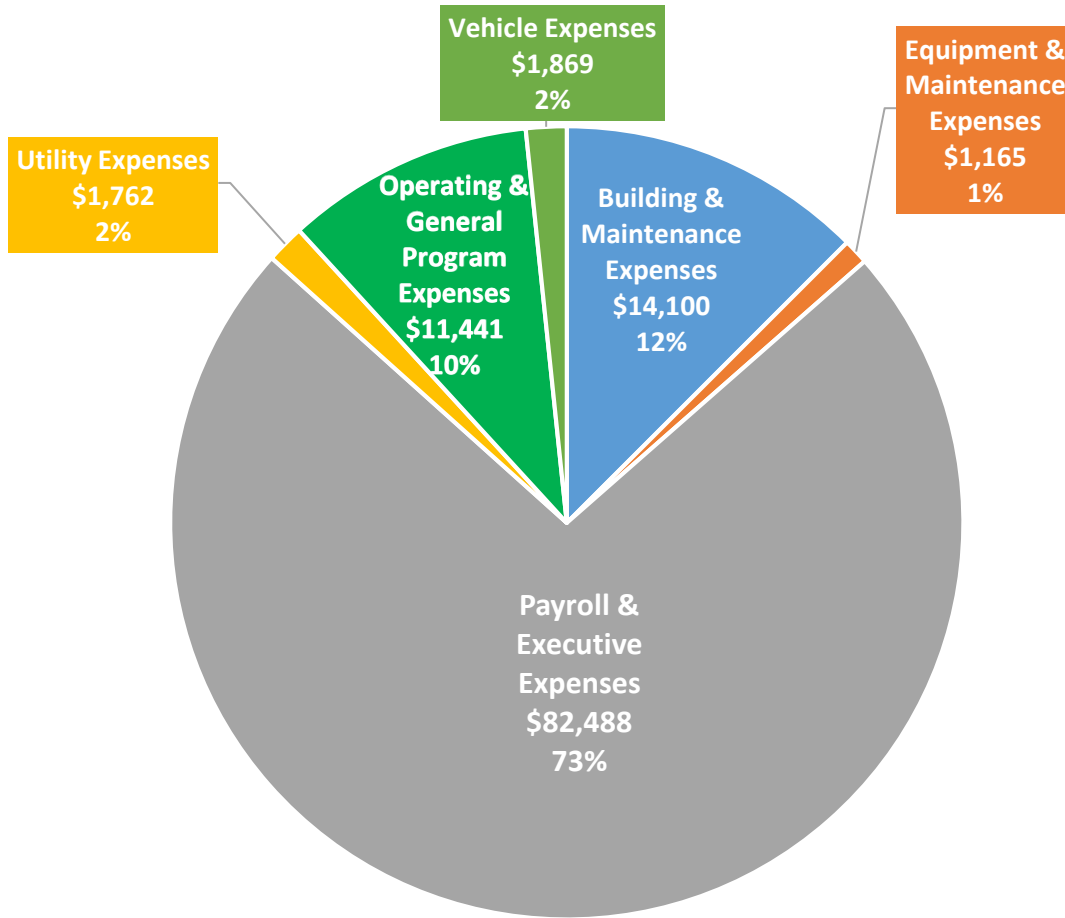
2019 Revenue Sources



2019 Revenue Budget

Individual Contributions	\$50,833
Organizational Contributions	\$35,515
Grants	\$30,000
Fundraising Income	\$26,458
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 4,760
Total Revenue Budget	\$117,502
Actual Total Revenue	\$147,566

2019 Expenses



2019 Expenditures Budget

Building & Maintenance Expenses	\$14,100
Equipment & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 1,165
Operating & General Program Expenses	\$11,441
Payroll & Executive Expenses	\$82,488
Utilities Expenses	\$ 1,762
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 1,869
Total Expenditures Budget	\$117,502
Actual Total Expenses	\$112,825

End of Year Account Balances

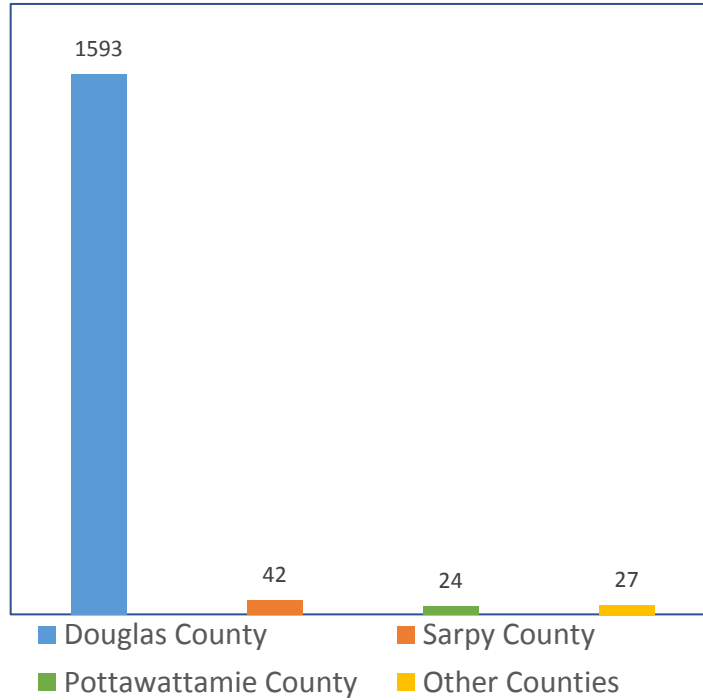
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Business Checking Account	\$69,697.51
Mission Investment Accounts	\$86,375.49
Total Funds	\$156,073.00

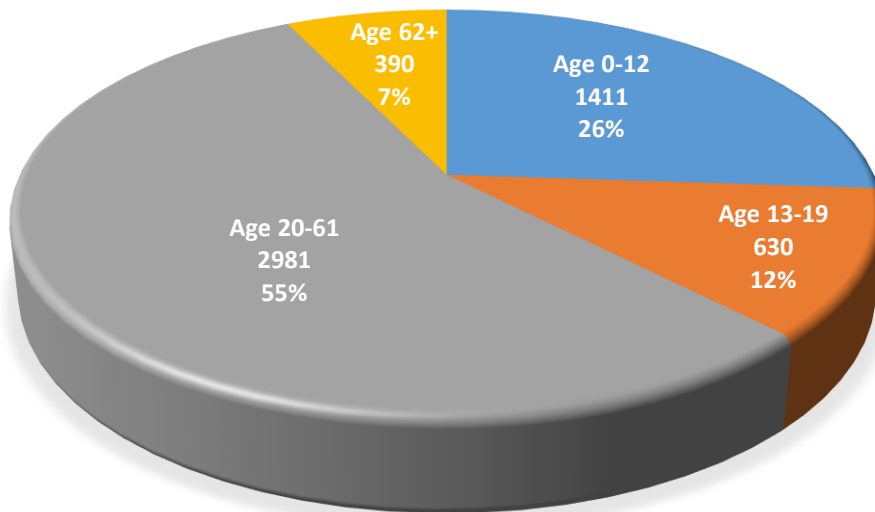
Client Information

The following information was obtained from our Pantry Soft Program.
Data available for 1840 households totaling 4881 individual clients unduplicated.

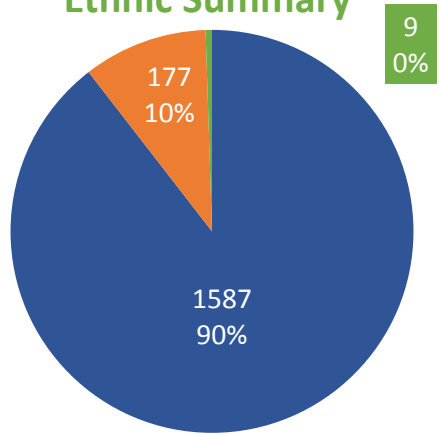
Counties Served



AGE GROUP SUMMARY



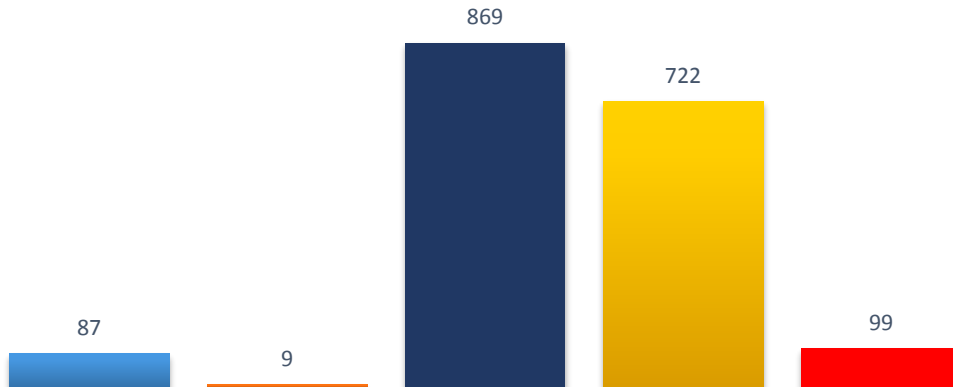
Ethnic Summary



■ Non Hispanic ■ Hispanic ■ Not Provided

Race Summary

■ American Indian/Alaska Native ■ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ■ Black/African American
■ White/Caucasian ■ Asian



Donations of Food, Clothing, Paper Products or Personal Hygiene Items In 2019 from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations

Nebraska Outdoor Ministries, Ashland, NE
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church; Bennington, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE
Siena Frances House; Omaha, NE
St. Paul Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Black Men United; Omaha, NE
Phil's Cash Saver; Omaha, NE
Trinity Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Mark Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
BP Energy Company; Omaha, NE
Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue, Inc.; Omaha, NE
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; LaVista, NE
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
First United Methodist Church; Omaha, NE
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Lord of Love Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Holy Cross Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Calvary Lighthouse Church; Omaha, NE
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Kiewit Business Center; Omaha, NE
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Liberty Church; Omaha, NE
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE
Rejoice! Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Tenaska Corporation; Omaha, NE
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Pathways Employees; Omaha, NE
Omaha Westerners; Omaha, NE
Wheeler Elementary School; Omaha, NE
University of Nebraska Medical Center HOSA; Omaha, NE
Montessori Co-op Summer School Camp Students; Omaha, NE
Black Elk Elementary School; Omaha, NE
St. Columbian Mission; Bellevue, NE
Girl Scout Troop 41341; Omaha, NE
Bodies Race Company
Immanuel Communities; Omaha, NE
Camp Carol Joy Holling; Ashland, NE
Kiwanis Club; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations In 2019

From Individuals, Churches, Businesses, and Organizations

Tim & Karen Adkins; Plattsmouth, NE
Anita Andres; Omaha, NE
Gary & Sally Bernhardt; Omaha, NE
Amelia Bowen; Omaha, NE
Linda Burkey; Omaha, NE
Douglas & Cindy Carlson; Omaha, NE
Debra Carson; Omaha, NE \$150
Jim & Deborah Ciurej; Omaha, NE
Mick & Rita Clark; Omaha, NE
Ladonna Clary; Omaha, NE
Dave & Karen Coker; Ashland, NE \$170
Paul & Kim Coleman; Omaha, NE \$350
Vernon & Dorothy Cornish; Omaha, NE \$400
Pamela Cummings; Omaha, NE
Bill Demke; Omaha, NE \$100
Kay Drain; Omaha, NE \$270
Scott & Kimberly Drvol; Omaha, NE
Sally Dunlap; Omaha, NE
Kenneth & Deanne Fortney; Omaha, NE \$1,200
Rogene Foy; Omaha, NE
Brett & Jenny Fuller; Omaha, NE \$125
Anthony & Lori Gedwillo; Omaha, NE
John & Cindy Gengel; Bellevue, NE \$100
Jason & Leslie Gerdes; Ashland, NE \$275
JoAnn Glasshoff; Gretna, NE
Lynn & Cindy Gray; Omaha, NE \$200
Patrick & Elaine Gregory; Omaha, NE
Weston & Terri Grunke; Omaha, NE
Linda Hammer; Omaha, NE \$225
Deanna Hansen; Omaha, NE
Lois Hanusa; Council Bluffs, IA \$200
Nancy Harms; Elkhorn, NE
Jann Harrington; Omaha, NE \$350
William & Sondra Harrold; Springfield, NE
Norma Harrow; Omaha, NE \$125
Scott Dibble & Scott Hegenbart; Omaha, NE
Erica Heiden; Omaha, NE
Caroline Hill; Omaha, NE \$500
Don & Cindy Hiltgen; Omaha, NE
JV Hodgson, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$100
Robert & Kathryn Ann Hoff; Omaha, NE
John & Susan Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE
Richard & Constance Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$500
Frank & Marla Holmes; Omaha, NE
Tom & Bev Hornig; Omaha, NE
Nathan & Linda Houfek; Omaha, NE
Pamela Humphrey; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations In 2019 Continued

Rebecca Hurt; Omaha, NE
Lanette Insinger; Omaha, NE
Reverend Roland & Suzan Jank, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$350
Janet Johnson; Omaha, NE
Virgil & Ruth Johnson; Omaha, NE \$100
Nancy Johnson; Omaha, NE
Curtis & Nanette Johnson; Omaha, NE
Robert & Mary Ann Johnson; Omaha, NE
James & Darleen Kautz; Omaha, NE
Emily Keebler; Omaha, NE \$165
John & Amber Keebler; Omaha, NE \$500
Terry & Shelley Keebler; Sterling, NE \$200
Christie Klos; Omaha, NE
Debra Knight; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Frank & Connie Kompare; Omaha, NE \$200
Kathryn Koslosky; Omaha, NE \$250
Michael & Sandra Krick; Omaha, NE
Reverend Diana & David Kuhl; Omaha, NE
Milton & Lois Larson; Omaha, NE \$100
Sharon Larson; Omaha, NE
Edna Lewis; Los Altos, CA \$200
Michael & Nancy Lindsey; Omaha, NE \$100
David & Susan Lueders; Omaha, NE
Christine Lund; Omaha, NE
Brian & Debra Lund; Omaha, NE
Patricia Lundahl; Omaha, NE \$150
Linda Madgett; Omaha, NE \$200
Dennis & Margie Magnuson; Omaha, NE
Cheryl Matthews; Omaha, NE \$100
Edward & Julie McCarty; Omaha, NE
Michael & Paula McDonald; Omaha, NE
Ernest & Susan Medina; Omaha, NE \$100
Reverend Rodney & Alice Meske; Bennington, NE \$200
Lenora Meyer; Omaha, NE \$250
Mary Meyer; Omaha, NE \$1,200
Brad & Heidi Meyer; Omaha, NE \$400
Steve & Nancy Meyer; Omaha, NE
Christopher & Nadyne Millar; Omaha, NE \$200
Dan & Kelley Miller; Omaha, NE
Joseph & Linda Miller; Omaha, NE \$2,500
Judy Miller; Omaha, NE \$200
Reverend Bill & Martha Moorhead; Omaha, NE
Russell & Elizabeth Morin; Omaha, NE
Jean Mortensen; Omaha, NE
William Myers; Omaha, NE
Dale & Kathy Nelson; Omaha, NE \$100
Kimberly Nelson; Omaha, NE \$225
Myra Nestler; Omaha, NE \$150

Monetary Donations In 2019 Continued

Nelson & Sharon Newman; Omaha, NE
Sharon Cleo Novotny; Omaha, NE \$100
John & Sherri Obermiller, NE
Mary Oetter; Dunlap, IA
Ty OsBurn; Omaha, NE
Victor & Jody Wells Padron; Omaha, NE \$300
Carl & Mary Peters; Omaha, NE \$1,100
Ruby Petersen; Omaha, NE
Carol Pinkall; Gretna, NE \$100
Kennard & Linda Pohlman; Omaha, NE \$150
Jerry & Elizabeth Powell; Omaha, NE \$100
Michael & Laura Pribyl; Omaha, NE
Thomas & Melissandra Prohaska; Omaha, NE \$300
Jennifer Rabine; Omaha, NE
Glen & Ruth Rademacher; Omaha, NE \$300
Bryan & Jeanne Ralston; Gretna, NE \$100
Tom & Cindy Rice; Omaha, NE
Karen Richardson; Omaha, NE
Linda Roark; Council Bluffs, IA
Laura Davis & Michael Rodgers; Omaha, NE
David & Lori Rogers; Omaha, NE
Kimberly Rogers; West Des Moines, IA \$100
Everett Rokahr; Omaha, NE
Donald Rowen; Omaha, NE
Kathleen Rummel; Omaha, NE
Jolene Scalzo; Omaha, NE
Matthew & Jennifer Schell; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Susan Scherl; Omaha, NE
Ardyce Schoonover; Omaha, NE
Sam & Ellen Schroeder; LaVista, NE
Bonnie Seem; Omaha, NE \$100
Thomas & Roxanne Senne; Omaha, NE \$500
Marla Serflaten; Omaha, NE
Aarron & Robin Shaddy; Papillion, NE \$5,000
Bruce & Suzanne Sharp; Omaha, NE
Kim Simon; Omaha, NE
Delores Snodgrass; Gretna, NE
Nancy Soener; Omaha, NE \$500
Roger & Karen Southward; Pickerington, OH
Jim Spanjers \$100
Shirley Splittgerber; Omaha, NE
Bill & Kelli Stott; Omaha, NE
Janice Swanson; Omaha, NE
Ric Swanson; Council Bluffs, IA
Kumy & Ann Thariani; Omaha, NE \$150
Raymond & Lola Thiel; Omaha, NE \$100
Andrew Rouillard & Brent Thomsen; Omaha, NE \$235
Donald Thomsen; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations In 2019 Continued

Kent & Susan Ties; Elkhorn, NE \$150
Diane Townsend; Omaha, NE
Bradley & Kara Trost; Prairie Village, KS \$100
Gregory & Karen Trost; Omaha, NE \$5,075
Daniel & Kathy Vacek; Omaha, NE
Robert & Vicky Vandervort; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Ann Van Hoff; Omaha, NE
Steven & Paula Waller; Omaha, NE
Debra Wallman; Omaha, NE
Nancy Harms & Gerhart Wehrbein; Elkhorn, NE
Bonnie White; Omaha, NE
Dwight & Carol Williams; Elkhorn, NE
Carol Williams; Omaha, NE \$100
Jean Wilshusen; Omaha, NE \$100
Bette Zdan; Omaha, NE
Diane Zech-Munch; Omaha, NE \$200
Kirby Zicafoose; Omaha, NE

Presbyterian Church; Schaller, IA \$323
Bethany Lutheran Church Women; Elkhorn, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE \$1,442
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$600
Immanuel Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$282
Grace Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$500
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,615
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$855
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$900
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$6,965
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$125
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$400
Kountz Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
First United Methodist Church; Omaha, NE \$999
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$505
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$100
Montessori Co-op Summer School Camp Students; Omaha, NE \$115
Lutheran Women of Omaha; Omaha, NE \$209
Pittman Animal Hospital; Omaha, NE \$200
Miloma Lodge #328; Omaha, NE \$200
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Zion Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$250
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE \$8,032
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$611
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$271
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$403
Le Peep Restaurants of Omaha, NE \$178
Fidelity Brokerage Services; Omaha, NE \$500
Growing Good Foundation \$250
SpartanNash Company; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Network for Good \$100