



PROJECT HOPE

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Helping Neighbors - Improving Lives - Spreading Blessings

VALUE STATEMENTS:

We are called to feed and clothe God's people in need.

We believe nutritious food contributes to good health.

We value people with love, hope, compassion and dignity.

2020 Annual Report

Executive Director's Report

2020 was a challenging year, as you already know. The COVID-19 virus pandemic hit in mid-March. We quickly adjusted our pantry procedures to comply with state and CDC guidelines. Initially, we restricted the number of clients entering the pantry room and required them to wash their hands prior to entry. Clients were not allowed to handle any food items. By the end of the first week of these restrictions, we were required to serve our clients outside with them remaining in their vehicle. Our clothing pantry had to be totally closed. Clients completed pantry registration forms in their vehicle, we prepared the food according to our client's needs, and then we loaded the food items into the trunk or back seat of their vehicle. We are still following this procedure!

Project Hope is open for pantry hours weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:00 am – 2:45 pm. Project Hope provides a complete pantry service to our clients every 30 days. We remained open every week in 2020 and we served 4,406 families including 12,555 individuals at our main pantry and the Loaves & Fishes Pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, in 2019 we served 4,870 families including 12,284 individuals. As you can tell, we actually served fewer families overall but more individuals. This means that we are serving larger families. In fact, the number of families that we served in 2020 decreased 10 out of 12 months. The two months that we had an increase in families was the first month of the pandemic crisis in March when we served 490 families with 214 of those household being new to Project Hope and November when we served 683 families and were providing Thanksgiving meals in addition to commodity pantries also. Between May through September we saw a significant decrease in clients. Those months our clients were receiving increases in unemployment benefits, a higher amount of food assistance, and also benefitted from the national government stimulus checks.

Just when the number of clients increased drastically in March, our food donations took a nose dive as the churches that support us with food were instructed to close their doors. We do not usually have to buy groceries from the stores. We normally serve our monthly clients with food purchased from the Foodbank for the Heartland and the food donations from you. In March, we spent over \$1,225 at the local grocery stores purchasing cereal, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, rice, pasta, sugar, peanut butter, crackers and other food items. These are food items we frequently need for the pantry. In May our church based groups that deliver food from local grocery stores started donating again. During September and October thirteen local churches donated the food we needed for our annual Thanksgiving program. Speaking of Thanksgiving, after having much difficulty in locating turkeys for our clients the Food Bank for the Heartland was able to supply us with 320 turkeys and a local supplier was able to deliver the balance that was needed.

We continue our association with the Omaha Food Bank of the Heartland who provides us with low cost and free food items weekly. The Food Bank received significant grants in 2020 that resulted in all of our food obtained from the Food Bank being free for the last eight months of the year. During 2020 we received 63,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank. The Fricke Memorial Food Grant provided by the Episcopal Churches paid for \$5,000 of the food we ordered from the Food Bank in the first quarter of 2020. The Fricke Memorial Food Grant also provided us with \$4,500 in July which continues to be held as a credit on our account at the Food Bank. 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.

Project Hope received grants from the St. Matthew Endowment Fund for \$5,000, Shepherd of the Hills Endowment Fund for \$1,000, and SpartanNash for \$1,000 to be used with our Dairy program. Our Thanksgiving Holiday program was supported by the Kroger Company, through Baker's Food Stores, with a \$3,500 grant and a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation of the Master. These grants helped cover the cost of turkeys and potatoes for our Thanksgiving meals. We were notified in September that we would receive a \$27,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Health CARES Act to increase and improve our cold food storage capacity. With this grant we purchased two commercial refrigerators and two commercial upright freezers which were installed in December.

Project Hope was successful in obtaining some very significant grants for our operating budget this year. The Immanuel Community Vision Foundation awarded us with \$20,000 and graciously awarded us an extra \$10,000 grant in October in response to the COVID pandemic. We also received an Omaha Award from the Scott Foundation for \$22,500 with \$2,500 identified to be spent on new storage equipment. We therefore purchased heavy duty wire shelving units for food and office storage and a new food prep work table with shelving space. Project Hope received over \$14,000 from a forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loan.

We received monetary donations from over 250 individuals provided us with over \$66,000 of financial support for our general fund, this includes donations made in association with our fundraisers. Churches and other business organizations provided over \$40,000 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 also provide us with fresh produce in the summer and fall from their gardens. Several organizations completed food drives donating to Project Hope.

We organized and raised funds through three fundraisers during 2020. Our Wine Tasting Event and Putt Putt Golf Tournament were cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions. The Omaha Gives Campaign in May raised over \$11,000. We were notified late in 2020 that the Omaha Gives event would no longer be held in association with the Omaha Community Foundation. On September 27th we held our second "Bread for Life" brunch fundraiser which was held on Zoom and included a delivered brunch, speakers and a paddle raise donations. The Bread for Life event raised \$15,000. We ended the year with an end of the year campaign starting with Giving Tuesday the week following Thanksgiving and raised \$12,920. Remember, some of these funds raised throughout the year are included in the individual contributions identified above.

Our volunteers greeted clients, checked clients into our Pantry Soft program, and assisted them through the food selection area during the first three months of the year. Volunteers also picked up food from the Food Bank for the Heartland, processed food and clothing donations, as well as cleaned and organized the facility. After we closed the pantry area to clients, our volunteers made the food selections for our clients according to what the client needed, sacked all the food, and delivered all the items to the vehicles loading them into the backseat or trunk for our clients. Project Hope volunteers served a total of 3,181.75 hours in 2020 for an average of 265 hours per month. This was an increase of 311.25 hours over 2019 and many of our volunteers have not been able to serve since the pandemic restrictions began in March. We hope that they will soon be able to volunteer again. It would have cost us \$28,635.75 in wages if we needed to pay part-time staff minimum wages to do the jobs our volunteers complete.

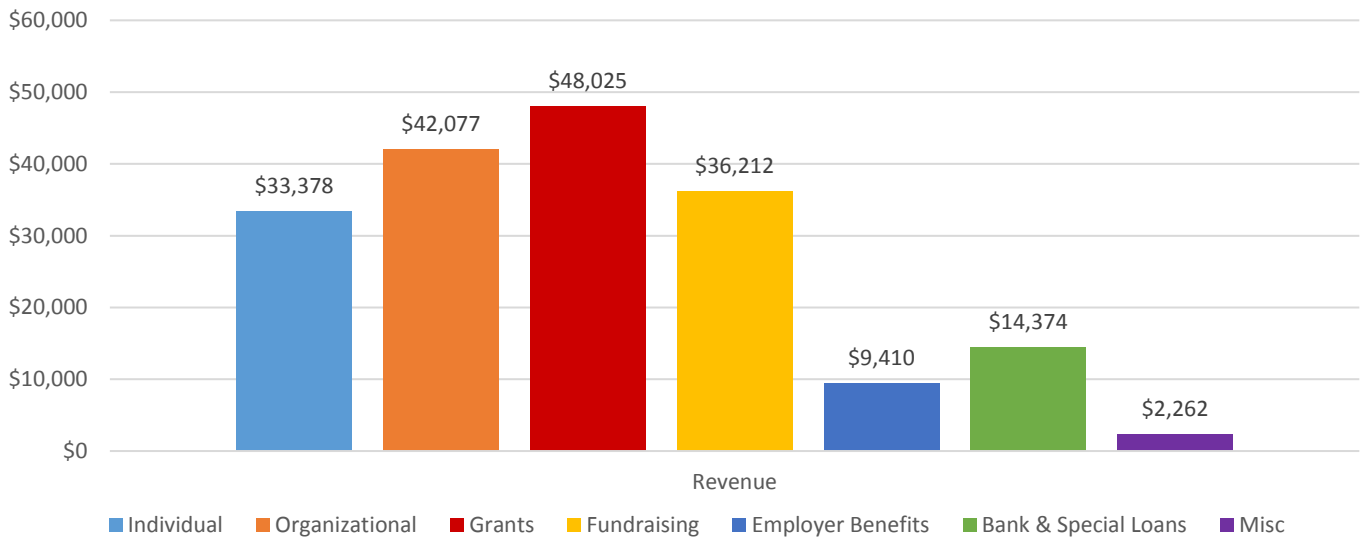
God has blessed our ministry and provided the food needed to serve our clients. Thank you for your support!

Veda Keebler

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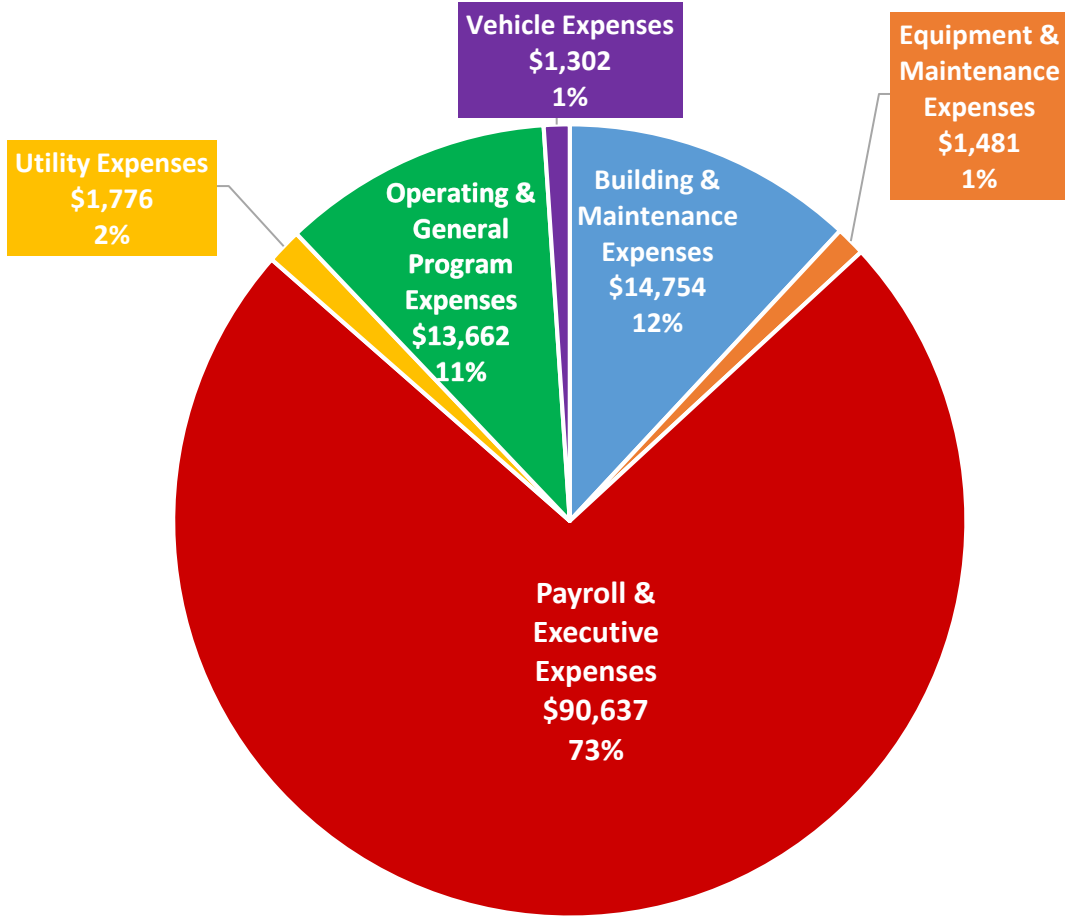
2020 Revenue



2020 Revenue Budget

Individual Contributions	\$33,378
Organizational Contributions	\$42,077
Grants	\$48,025
Fundraising Income	\$36,212
Employer & Benefits Income	\$ 9,410
Bank & Special Loan Income	\$14,374
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 2,262
Total Revenue Budget	\$136,235
Actual Total Revenue	\$185,738

2020 Expenses



2020 Expenditures Budget

Building & Maintenance Expenses	\$14,754
Equipment & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 1,481
Operating & General Program Expenses	\$13,662
Payroll & Executive Expenses	\$90,637
Utilities Expenses	\$ 1,776
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 1,302
Total Expenditures Budget	\$136,235
Actual Total Expenses	\$123,612

End of Year Account Balances

December 31, 2020

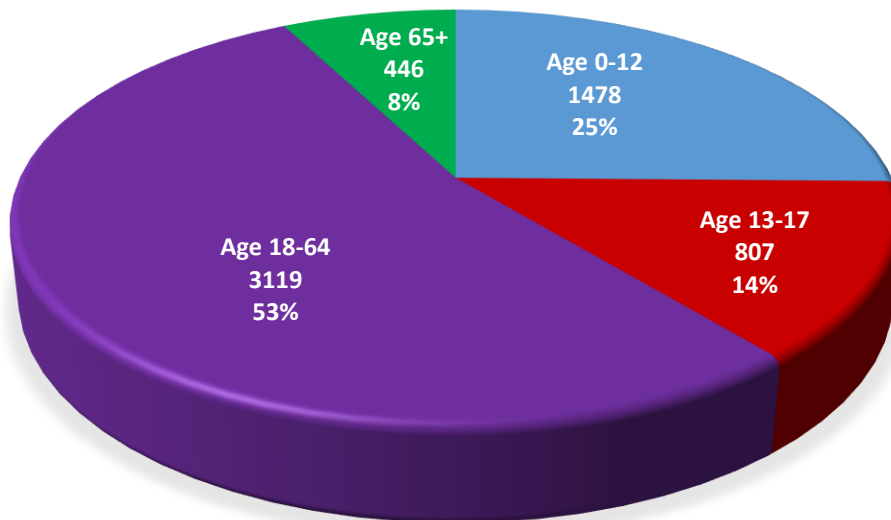
Business Checking Account	\$131,791.45
Mission Investment & DEMAND Accounts	<u>\$ 86,031.57</u>
Total Funds	\$217,823.02

Client Information

The following information was obtained from our Pantry Soft Program.
Data available for 1870 households totaling 5850 individual clients unduplicated.



AGE GROUP SUMMARY



Donations of Food, Clothing, Paper Products or Personal Hygiene Items From Churches, Businesses, and Organizations in 2020

Anytime Fitness, Omaha NE
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; La Vista, NE
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Bethel Deliverance; Omaha, NE
Black Men United; Omaha, NE
Calvary Lighthouse Church; Omaha, NE
First United Methodist Church; Omaha, NE
Girl Scout Troop 41905; La Vista, NE
Heartland Family Services; Omaha, NE
Holy Cross Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Jaynes Street Community Church; Omaha, NE
Liberty Church; Omaha, NE
Lord of Love Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE
Lutheran Campus Ministry; Omaha, NE
Menard's; Ralston, NE
Methodist Hospital Lab Department; Omaha, NE
Montessori School; Omaha, NE
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Ashland, NE
Phil's Cash Saver; Omaha, NE
RD Industries; Omaha, NE
Rejoice! Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE
Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue, Inc.; Omaha, NE
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church; Bennington, NE
St. Mark Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Tenaska Corporation; Omaha, NE
The Big Garden; Omaha, NE
Thrivent Financial; Omaha, NE
Trinity Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2020

Brad & Heather Abbott; Elkhorn, NE \$100
Douglas & Cathy Aden; Omaha, NE \$500
Tim & Karen Adkins; Plattsmouth, NE \$100
Scott & Debbie Albright; Omaha, NE \$450
Winston & Karen Anderson; Bennington, NE
Mary Eileen Andreasen
Anita Andres; Omaha, NE \$325
Douglas & Nicole Ayer; Gretna, NE \$200
Richard & Nancy Ayer; Elkhorn, NE \$200
Michael Baden \$500
Susan Baden \$500
Caroline Bader; Westwood, KS \$100
Paul & Jacqueline Barnett; Omaha, NE \$125
Marilyn Beig; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Ann Benson; Omaha, NE \$100
Gary & Sally Bernhardt; Omaha, NE
Annette Bland; Omaha, NE
Darlene Boehnke; Omaha, NE
Amelia Bowen; Omaha, NE \$155
Elizabeth Boyer; Papillion, NE
Cheryl Brand; Omaha, NE
Jimmy & Helen Brasch; Omaha, NE \$500
Vicky Bronstad
Jordan Burgener \$140
Terry Butkus
Douglas & Cindy Carlson; Omaha, NE
James Carlton; Bellevue, NE \$100
Debra Carson; Omaha, NE \$250
Marian Chipman; Omaha, NE \$100
Jim & Deborah Ciurej; Omaha, NE
Ladonna A Clary Trust; Omaha, NE \$100
Dave & Karen Coker; Ashland, NE \$450
Paul & Kim Coleman; Omaha, NE \$200
Vernon & Dorothy Cornish; Omaha, NE \$500
Bill Demke; Omaha, NE \$100
Deanne Dinslage; Omaha, NE
Mohamad Doghman; Omaha, NE \$100
Laura Dormady; Gretna, NE \$500
Kay Drain; Omaha, NE \$260
Chelsea Driscoll \$100
Scott & Kimberly Drvol; Omaha, NE
Drs. Kim & Valerie Duncan; Omaha, NE \$200
Katherine Duggan
Sally Dunlap; Omaha, NE
Russell Dunn \$100
Mary Dykes; Omaha, NE \$100
Lisa Erickson; Omaha, NE \$300

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2020

Justin Failer \$250
Judith Feit; Gretna, NE \$100
Kenneth & Deanne Fortney; Omaha, NE \$1,100
John & Laura Fraser; Omaha, NE \$100
Amanda Fredricks; Omaha, NE \$525
Brett & Jenny Fuller; Omaha, NE \$500
Angela Galloway; Omaha, NE \$100
John & Cindy Gengel; Bellevue, NE \$100
Jason & Leslie Gerdes; Ashland, NE \$1,000
Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff; Gretna, NE \$100
Rosanne Glock; Omaha, NE \$100
Lynn & Cindy Gray; Omaha, NE \$200
David & Darlene Greer; Plattsmouth, NE \$200
Andy Gregory
Patrick & Elaine Gregory; Omaha, NE \$100
Sally Guthmiller
Linda Hammer; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Deanna Hansen; Omaha, NE \$100
Gene & Janet Hansen; Omaha, NE
Kim Hansen; Omaha, NE \$150
Lois Hanusa; Council Bluffs, IA \$200
Nancy Harms; Elkhorn, NE
Jann Harrington; Omaha, NE \$400
William & Sondra Harrold; Springfield, NE \$900
Norma Harrow; Omaha, NE \$130
Stephen & Cherie Hays; Beatrice, NE \$500
Erica Heiden; Omaha, NE \$390
Barry & Cheri Higgins; Omaha, NE \$300
Caroline Hill; Omaha, NE \$600
Don & Cindy Hiltgen; Omaha, NE
Gail & Sally Hennings Trust; Papillion, NE \$100
Gerald & Patricia Hodges, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$100
JV Hodgson, Jr.; Omaha, NE
Robert & Kathryn Ann Hoff; Omaha, NE
John & Susan Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$100
Richard & Constance Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$330
Ronald & Judith Holling; La Vista, NE \$450
Frank & Marla Holmes; Omaha, NE
Laura Honeycutt; Omaha, NE \$100
Tom & Bev Hornig; Omaha, NE \$550
Theresa Hospodka; Omaha, NE
Kelly Houfek
Paul Houfek \$150
Pamela Humphrey; Omaha, NE \$100
Rebecca Hurt; Omaha, NE
Gertrude Hutton; Blair, NE
Lanette Insinger; Omaha, NE
David & Jacque Jacox; Omaha, NE \$300

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2020

Reverend Roland & Suzan Jank, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$1,200

Marlin Jeffers

Charlotte Jensen; La Vista, NE \$100

Melissa Johannsen; Omaha, NE \$400

Danette Johns

Janet Johnson; Omaha, NE \$160

Virgil & Ruth Johnson; Omaha, NE \$100

Nancy Johnson; Omaha, NE

Curtis & Nanette Johnson; Omaha, NE

Lee & Jean Johnson; Omaha, NE \$200

James & Darleen Kautz; Omaha, NE \$115

Dorothy Keebler; Adams, NE \$265

John & Amber Keebler; Omaha, NE \$1,000

Katrina Keebler; Omaha, NE \$100

Terry & Shelley Keebler; Sterling, NE \$200

Veda Keebler; Omaha, NE \$100

Victoria Keebler; Omaha, NE

Debra Knight; Omaha, NE \$700

Timothy & Shelli Koester \$200

Frank & Connie Kompare; Omaha, NE \$200

Kathryn Koslosky; Omaha, NE \$250

Michael & Sandra Krick; Omaha, NE \$100

June Kroeger; Omaha, NE \$200

Mark & Patrice Kruger; Elkhorn, NE

Reverend Diana & David Kuhl; Omaha, NE

Larry & Kimberly Lahman; Omaha, NE \$100

Milton & Lois Larson; Omaha, NE \$200

Jill Lindberg; Omaha, NE

Kriselle Lindgren \$100

Michael & Nancy Lindsey; Omaha, NE \$200

Timothy Lorang

David & Susan Lueders; Omaha, NE \$200

Patricia Lundahl; Omaha, NE \$225

Lykke Family Revocable Trust; Omaha, NE \$1,000

Zachary Macholan \$500

Daryl Mackender; Omaha, NE

Linda Madgett; Omaha, NE \$450

Gloria Madsen; Omaha, NE \$200

Dennis & Margie Magnuson; Omaha, NE \$500

Barry & Geraldine Martin; Omaha, NE \$200

Cheryl Matthews; Omaha, NE \$200

Nicky & Mary Mayfield; Omaha, NE \$400

Thomas McCord

Thomas & Gloria McDaniel; Omaha, NE \$215

Michael & Paula McDonald; Omaha, NE \$100

James McGuire; Omaha, NE

Reverend Rodney & Alice Meske; Bennington, NE \$300

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2020

Mary Meyer; Omaha, NE \$1,700
Steve & Nancy Meyer; Omaha, NE \$250
Joe Mickeliunas
Christopher & Nadyne Millar; Omaha, NE \$100
Joseph & Linda Miller; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Judy Miller; Omaha, NE \$200
James & Mary Pat Moeller; Charlotte, NC \$175
Daniel & Lindsey Moore; Omaha, NE \$200
Reverend Bill & Martha Moorhead; Omaha, NE \$1,850
Randall Mousel; Omaha, NE \$100
William Myers; Omaha, NE \$200
Dale & Kathy Nelson; Omaha, NE \$400
Kimberly Nelson; Omaha, NE \$150
Myra Nestler; Omaha, NE
Nelson & Sharon Newman; Omaha, NE
Jeanette Osterloh
Carl & Mary Peters; Omaha, NE \$1,050
Noel & Ruby Petersen; Omaha, NE \$342
Terry & Hollye Peterson Foundation; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Carol Pinkall; Gretna, NE \$700
Lorraine Planck; Omaha, NE \$100
Kennard & Linda Pohlman; Omaha, NE \$150
Diane Pokorny; Omaha, NE \$500
Carson Post; Lincoln, NE
Clifford & Norma Pountney; Elkhorn, NE
Michael & Laura Pribyl; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Judy Prenzler; Omaha, NE \$1,300
Christian Prenzler \$100
Thomas & Melissandra Prohaska; Omaha, NE \$300
Glen & Ruth Rademacher; Omaha, NE \$595
Gary, Christopher & David Ramsay; Omaha, NE \$100
Paula Rasmuss; Omaha, NE \$150
Tom & Cindy Rice; Omaha, NE
Robert Richey
Laura Davis & Michael Rodgers; Omaha, NE \$100
Thomas & Marlene Rohrbough; Omaha, NE \$135
Everett Rokahr; Omaha, NE
Corey Ryan; Omaha, NE \$650
Jolene Scalzo; Omaha, NE
Gaye Lynn Schaffart; Omaha, NE
Matthew & Jennifer Schell; Omaha, NE \$400
Nancy Schicker
Sam & Ellen Schroeder; La Vista, NE \$250
Timothy Seeger \$100
Bonnie Seem; Omaha, NE \$100
Thomas & Roxanne Senne; Omaha, NE \$300
Marla Serflaten; Omaha, NE \$350
Bruce & Suzanne Sharp; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2020

Sid Sidner; Omaha, NE
Kim Simon; Omaha, NE \$100
Delores Snodgrass; Gretna, NE \$120
The Soener Foundation; Omaha, NE \$500
Lisa Sorensen
Gloria & Stephen Sorensen; Omaha, NE \$100
Roger & Karen Southward; Pickerington, OH \$200
Jim Spanjers; Papillion, NE \$100
Allan Stamler; Omaha, NE \$250
John & Mary Stanton; Gretna, NE \$100
Rachel Stein
Patricia Stevens; Omaha, NE
Kay Storck; Omaha, NE \$100
Cynthia Strovers; Omaha, NE \$100
Eva Swanson; Omaha, NE
Janice Swanson; Omaha, NE
Ric Swanson; Council Bluffs, IA \$100
Larry & Frances Tepy; Omaha, NE \$450
Kumy & Ann Thariani; Omaha, NE \$250
Carole Thompson; Omaha, NE
Andrew Rouillard & Brent Thomsen; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Donald Thomsen; Omaha, NE
Kent & Susan Ties; Elkhorn, NE \$350
Gregory & Karen Trost; Omaha, NE \$1,650
Daniel & Kathy Vacek; Omaha, NE
Robert & Vicky Vandervort; Omaha, NE \$500
Matt Van Driest
Leslie Van Winkle
Mary Vankat; Omaha, NE \$300
Janet Voelker; Omaha, NE \$300
Steven & Paula Waller; Omaha, NE \$135
Phillip Wandrey; Omaha, NE \$1,050
Bonnie White; Omaha, NE \$4,050
Kathleen White; Omaha, NE
Cathy Williams \$1,500
Chuck Williams; Omaha, NE
Dwight & Carol Williams; Elkhorn, NE \$100
Carol C Williams; Omaha, NE \$300
Jean Wilshusen; Omaha, NE \$100
Sharon Wood \$100
Joseph & Jean Wreschnig; Omaha, NE \$1,100
John & Sara Young; Omaha, NE \$100
Kirby Zicafoose; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations In 2020

Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$2,150
Augustana Lutheran Church Jubilee Witness Fund; Omaha, NE \$400
Aurora Cooperative; Aurora, NE
Bethany Lutheran Church Women; Elkhorn, NE \$300
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$629
Calvary Lighthouse Church Women; Omaha, NE \$125
Conagra Brands Foundation Matching Gifts; Omaha, NE \$100
Florence Chapter AARP; Omaha, NE \$100
Foundation of the Master; Omaha, NE \$5,000
Growing Good Foundation; Omaha, NE \$500
Hope Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$200
Immanuel Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$150
Immanuel Community Vision Foundation; Omaha, NE \$20,000
In Faith Community Foundation by Thrivent; Omaha, NE \$561
Kroger Corporation; Omaha, NE 3,500
LMJ Foundation, Inc.; Omaha, NE \$2,000
Lakeside Village Retirement; Omaha, NE \$300
Lindsay Corporation; Omaha, NE
Lord of Love Lutheran Church Men's Group; Omaha, NE \$139
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,453
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE \$4,395
Morning Star Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$100
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$200
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$11,207
Omaha Community Foundation; Omaha, NE \$11,427
PayPal Giving Fund; Omaha, NE \$500
Presbyterian Church; Schaller, IA \$142
Rebekah Circle; Omaha, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE \$591
SpartanNash Company; Omaha, NE \$1,000
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$4,817
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE \$5,000
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$452
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$200
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$3,025
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$500
TD Ameritrade/YourCause; Omaha, NE \$3,000
United Way of the Midlands; Omaha, NE \$475
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE