



2015 Annual Report



NFFC Mission

The mission of Nebraska Friends of Foster Children (NFFC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to provide for unmet needs and enhance opportunities for Nebraska children in foster care.

NFFC aims to improve the lives of foster children by accepting and funding requests for items and experiences normally out of reach for foster care families with limited budgets. Requests often include school supplies, driver's education classes, sport and school activity fees, summer camps, graduation caps and gowns, senior pictures, prom attire and music and dance lessons. Often requests also include more basic items such as supplies for infants, school or work appropriate clothing and winter coats and hats. NFFC considers all requests. During Fiscal Year 2015 NFFC provided funding for 224 Nebraska foster children in need. The average grant was \$416, approximately \$100 higher than the average the previous year.

Background & History

Nebraska Friends of Foster Children was formed in 1992 by foster parents and community volunteers from Omaha and Lincoln who desired to supplement the limited state maintenance payment for foster care which covers only the basics of life, such as limited food, clothing and shelter. The founders recognized that children taken out of their homes and placed in foster homes often do not have access to the same opportunities for childhood experiences as their peers. Therefore, Nebraska Friends of Foster Children provides the needed funding for items and activities that enrich a foster child's life and are typically the norm for other children.

Board Members

- Liz Hruska, President, *Nebraska Legislative Fiscal Office*
- Kristi Martin, Vice President, *Tenaska Marketing Ventures*
- Amanda Hawkins, Treasurer, *Deloitte & Touche LLP*
- Jodie Austin, Application Review Vice-President, *Executive Director, KVC - Nebraska*
- Marylou Hegarty, Application Review Co-Vice President, *Serves on two Foster Care Review Boards*
- Angela Moody, Director, *Community Volunteer*
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- Karen J. Lewis, Director
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- Rachel Scott, Director, *Nebraska Medicine*
- Minnie Sasser, Director, *Retired, Girls Inc.*
- Maddy Wahl, Director, *Members, MD*

2015 Financial Report

FY 2015: July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015



REVENUE		
	FY 2015	FY 2014
Foundations	\$55,750.00	\$45,000.00
Individuals	18,650.00	13,060.00
Corporations	472.09	2,650.00
Organizations	305.63	3,687.20
Events	—	14,392.41
Other	—	0.00
Interest	142.16	129.89
Total Revenue	\$75,319.88	\$78,919.50

EXPENDITURES		
	FY 2015	FY 2014
Camp Grants	\$18,045.00	\$9,419.66
Clothing Grants	1,199.54	3,067.43
Trip Grants	2,665.58	3,186.00
Drivers Ed Grants	2,314.00	4,866.50
Education Grants	6881.00	3,736.87
Music Grants	1010.67	180.00
Recreation Grants	1706.50	929.79
Senior Items Grants	3151.16	7,516.03
Sports Grants	11,476.97	15,725.46
Other Grants	9750.44	8,123.89
Operations & Events	481.75	2,347.90
Website *Please see below	12,300.00	—
Total Expenditures	\$70,982.61	\$59,099.53

NFFC engaged in a project-specific fundraising effort and incurred one-time expenses for a new website. Our website lacked the functionality needed to continue operating efficiently and had been evaluated as being at a high risk of crashing. A separate fundraising campaign was initiated and raised \$16,250 in dedicated funds. The total cost of the website was \$16,400 of which \$12,300 was paid in FY 15. The remaining balance has been paid in FY 16. Excluding the funds raised and spent on the website, contributions in FY 15 nearly equaled expenditures for grants and a small amount for administration. Donations were \$59,070. The total paid for grants was \$58,200; operating costs were \$482. The number of children served was 224 which is down slightly from last year.



How to Give to NFFC

As an all volunteer organization, Nebraska Friends of Foster Children ensures that the money it receives reaches the children it is meant to serve.

To donate to Nebraska Friends of Foster Children, simply send your tax-deductible contribution to:

Nebraska Friends of Foster Children
P.O. Box 541034
Omaha, NE 68154

Or you can donate online at: www.ne-friends.org.