

## 2015 Annual Report Presented April 25, 2016

Where neighbors become friends, children achieve success and our community is strengthened.

### Capital Campaign to Fund Building Renovations

During 2015 the Capital Campaign committee worked diligently to continue to raise \$1.8 million for the Willard renovation project. The committee was active conducting personal asks and writing grants.

The renovation project will expand the building, provide better security, improve energy efficiency, add a fire alarm and sprinkler system, replace the roof and add parking.

This renovation will allow Willard to expand child care services, provide better handicap accessibility, offer larger rooms for meeting space, family gatherings and youth activities, and offer additional programs and enhanced community services.

Funding that was secured or pledged in 2015 totaled \$695,972. This funding has been donated by businesses, foundations, and individuals. To date we have raised \$975,000.

Capital Campaign members: Kathy LeBaron—Chair, Katie Haszard, Candy Henning, Kassy Knudson, Natalie Olson, Lisa Smith, Steve Bauer.

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The businesses and individuals listed below have donated or pledged to the Willard Community Center Capital Campaign. We want to recognize these donors and thank them for helping us to envision the future for the Willard Community Center and the many in need of the services we provide.



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Russ and Irene Williams  
Leslie & Judith Wright

## COMMUNITY HELPS SUPPORT WILLARD

### Chase the Sunset Poker Run

Chase the Sunset is what 60 participants did Friday night, August 28, as they headed west in the first annual poker run fund raiser for the Willard Community Center. The poker run was deemed a success with an end of the night total of \$2,250.

A huge thank you to Tab Performance owners and Willard Community Center board members, Justin Pflanz and Casey Pflanz, for sponsoring and organizing this event. Their leadership and expertise made this a unique and fun experience for everyone.

Lincoln Industries also deserves many thanks as they allowed participants to register in their parking lot and tour the facility to see where the parts of their motorcycles are chrome plated and polished.

### Give to Lincoln

On Give to Lincoln Day, May 22, donors generously contributed \$2,085. On-line donations totaled \$1,145. Off-line donations totaled \$940. Thank you to everyone who supported Willard and the Lincoln community! This year Give To Lincoln Day is on May 26, 2016.



### "It Was Fun" for the 11th Year In A Row!

The 11th Annual Kenny Gardner "It Was Fun" Memorial Golf Tournament was another success on Sunday, Oct 4. Kenny's life theme of "It Was Fun" was felt across the Highlands Golf Course all day as 156 golfers enjoyed a day full of sunshine, prizes, food and good spirits. Thanks to our tournament sponsors, Inspro Insurance and Lincoln Auto Auction, along with our hole-in-one sponsors, raffle and silent auction sales and the generosity of the golfers the tournament proceeds were \$18,273. A huge thank you goes to the Gardner Family and the 2015 golf committee, Kim and Aaron Gardner, Pam Gardner, Jill Maxfield, Jeff Wessels, and committee chair, Cole Pomeroy, who worked incredibly hard so that this tournament continues to run as smoothly as a freshly cut green.

### *This is the community we serve:*

Willard Community Center primarily serves the southwest quadrant of Lincoln, Nebraska. The neighborhood has a population of 8,222, with a per capita income of \$24,123, which is 13% less than the city average. Twenty three percent of the population is younger than 14.

### *This is how we make an impact:*

We provide licensed child care for preschool, pre-kindergarten, the Roper Elementary Before and After School program, Lakeview Community Learning Center Before and After School Program and the teen before and after school program at Willard. See the statistics of these programs below.

321 unduplicated children enrolled in all of our licensed child care programs listed above

92 children (29%) were ethnically diverse

59 children (18%) lived with a single parent on a single parent income

117 children (36%) received free and reduced lunches from school

64 children (20%) received Title XX assistance

24 children were on a waiting list all year

75,974 healthy snacks were served

### Staff Equivalent

6 full time staff

42 part time staff with full time equivalent of 22.86

41,180 staff hours needed for all the programs

### Volunteer Equivalent

118 volunteers

2068 hours worked

\$42,642 value of volunteer time in Nebraska at \$20.62 per hour

## Program Highlights from 2014-15 School Year

### Preschool

- \* 18 advanced on to Pre-K or Head Start, 4 who had just turned age 4 returned to complete another year.

### Pre-K

- \* 20 of 21 advanced to kindergarten and one, on the request of parents, stayed to gain maturity.

### Elementary Before and After School Programs

- \* Children at Roper were asked what they liked the most about the before and after school program. They consistently said the staff, snacks, and spending time with friends.
- \* According to the CLC Snapshot, the Lakeview CLC students scored higher on the NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) test than the rest of the school.
- \* 46% or 151 students of Lakeview Elementary participated in the CLC 30+ days. (76 in the daily core program, 75 participated in after school clubs)

### Teen Program

- \* The students maintained a group grade point average of 86.9 or a B+ average.
- \* 848 safe rides to school, field trips and special events throughout the year were provided.
- \* With a guaranteed ride to and from school, the students attend every day and participate in after school sports and clubs.

## Program Information

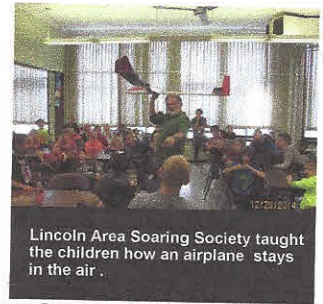


Pre-K paints pumpkins donated by Lester Electrical.

**Preschool for 3-4 year olds** held at the Center focuses on letter and number recognition, shapes, colors, cognitive and fine motor skills, and language skills. Activities include math, science, library, dramatic play, and many educational learning activities. Twenty two children participated.

**Pre-K for 4-5 years olds** held at 1030 West "Q" Street has a curriculum that focuses on developing skills that prepare them for kindergarten. Daily activities and weekly themes encourage multi-cultural awareness and parent involvement. Learning centers include math, science, language, literacy, blocks, and dramatic play. Twenty one children participated.

**Roper Elementary Before and After School Program** held at 2323 S. Coddington Street runs from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumes after school until 6:00 pm. This program offers a healthy snack after school and a wide variety of activities, ranging from daily scheduled events to large group games and homework time. This program includes child care when school is not in session. Unduplicated count for this program was 169 children with 15 children on a waiting list.



Lincoln Area Soaring Society taught the children how an airplane stays in the air.



Lakeview CLC was enlightened at the Illuminate Lincoln display at the Saltdogs Stadium.

**Lakeview Community Learning Center Before and After School Program** held at 300 Capitol Beach Blvd. runs from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumes after school until 6:00 pm. Willard is the lead agency for this CLC and receives additional funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program to support academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement the school's academic program. After school clubs are offered to all students in the school at no charge. Unduplicated number of children in the core before and after school program was 76.

**Teen Before and After School Program for Park Middle School Students** held at the Center provides a structured, supervised and safe environment for middle school youth. Open from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumes after school until 6:00 pm. This program provides transportation to and from Park Middle School. Our neighborhood based program is deeply committed to improving the teens' academic performance while also building key leadership skills through various activities, community improvement projects and positive relationships. This program receives funding support from United Way and the Kenny Gardner "It Was Fun" Memorial Golf Tournament.



The teens become friends and mentors to the preschoolers when they share the playground together every day.



The Summer Program children competing in Minute to Win It games.

**Summer Program** held at the Center is open M-F from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The children are placed in age appropriate groups (Preschool, K-1st, 2nd-3rd and 4th-8th grades) and participate in weekly fun themed and educationally based activities. The children go swimming and on a field trip every week. A total of 147 children, preschool through 8th grade were enrolled for the summer.

**Adult Programs** held at the Center includes low impact aerobics, licensed bingo, monthly pot luck lunches, and a variety of hobby and club groups.



## Groups that make up the Willard Family:

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

Ukrainain School

Lincoln Area Soaring Society

Metal Detectors Group

Nebraska Sword Fighters Guild

Stampin' Up Club

Low Impact Aerobics

Voting Site

Church Groups

Lincoln Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup

Bingo

Bunco

Sudanese Association

Neighborhood Associations

## Highlights of 2015

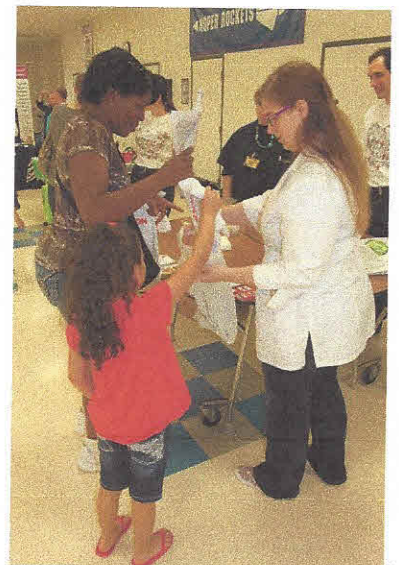
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop 63 member Joseph Mueller, 10 scouts, Cornhusker Billiards' owners and staff all arrived at the Willard Community Center on Jan. 31, to revitalize the worn out equipment in the teen gameroom for Joseph's Eagle Scout Project. They recovered two pool tables, repaired all the pool cues, and repaired the foosball table. Thank you Cornhusker Billiards for your donated time, materials and mentoring.
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop 55 member Jacob Patrick and his troop of 12 scouts along with 10 additional volunteers descended upon Willard in February armed with paint rollers, drop cloths, paint and ladders to help him complete his Eagle Scout Project to paint the basement hallway. They did a very professional job.
- ◆ Girl Scouts Troop #2300 met at Willard on May 13 and helped with yard work as a way to say thank you for letting them use the facility. The troop wanted to give back to their community and felt that an outside clean up project was one way they could give back to Willard. With a smile on her face, one Girl Scout said "Being a part of Girl Scouts is being a part of our community."
- ◆ Lincoln Industries held a Champions breakfast with The Waffleman serving his 400,000th specialty waffle. To celebrate the milestone of this great business The Waffleman and Lincoln Industries each donated \$500 to Willard, their chosen non-profit. Lincoln Industries volunteers came in on May 1 for their annual Willard Clean Up. Volunteers painted a portion of the basement hallway and front doors. They worked hard and got a lot done in two hours.
- ◆ Ray's Lawn and Home Care continues to generously donate labor and materials to keep the front yard beautiful in the summer and the parking lots and sidewalks clear of snow in the winter.
- ◆ Thank you to all the friends and neighbors of Willard who donated money or craft supplies, games, and much more to enhance our programs. It is all very appreciated.
- ◆ Willard was the recipient of several pounds of food from the Back Pack Program at Lincoln Public Schools. Willard was contacted by Barb Jacobson, volunteer from the Back Pack Program, to see if we would be able to distribute the food to needy families because it could not be returned and had to be given away. Volunteers sorted and boxed up the individual items so that families would all get a box of assorted food items. Over 30 families benefited.
- ◆ Lincoln Area Soaring Society enlightened the children with their annual educational lesson about flying airplanes. The children had a great time making, flying, and modifying their paper airplanes.



Children learned about the dangers of high voltage wires from Lincoln Electric System.

## West "A" Neighborhood Health Fair

The West "A" Health Fair, held on June 13th, was a fun, educational, and interactive event for the whole neighborhood. The community was able to visit hands-on booths about health, nutrition, exercise, safety, and many other fun topics. Highlights included a high voltage safety demonstration from Lincoln Electric System, face painting and balloon creations from Clowning Around and a visit from Homer the Saltdog. Participants were impressed with the amount of information gained from the various vendors that came to share their resources and hand out prizes. Thank you to the sponsors and vendors that helped to make this event a success.



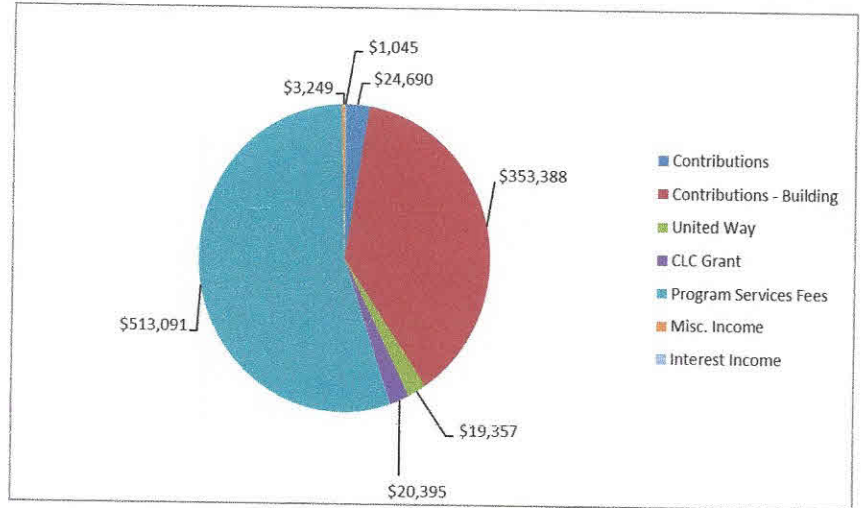
Families learned about the benefits of using Russ's Market Pharmacy.

**WILLARD COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION—2015**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Contributions	\$ 24,690
Contributions - Building	\$ 353,388
United Way	\$ 19,357
CLC Grant	\$ 20,395
Program Services Fees	\$ 513,091
Misc. Income	\$ 3,249
Interest Income	\$ 1,045
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 935,215</b>

## REVENUES

**Total Revenues = \$ 935,215**

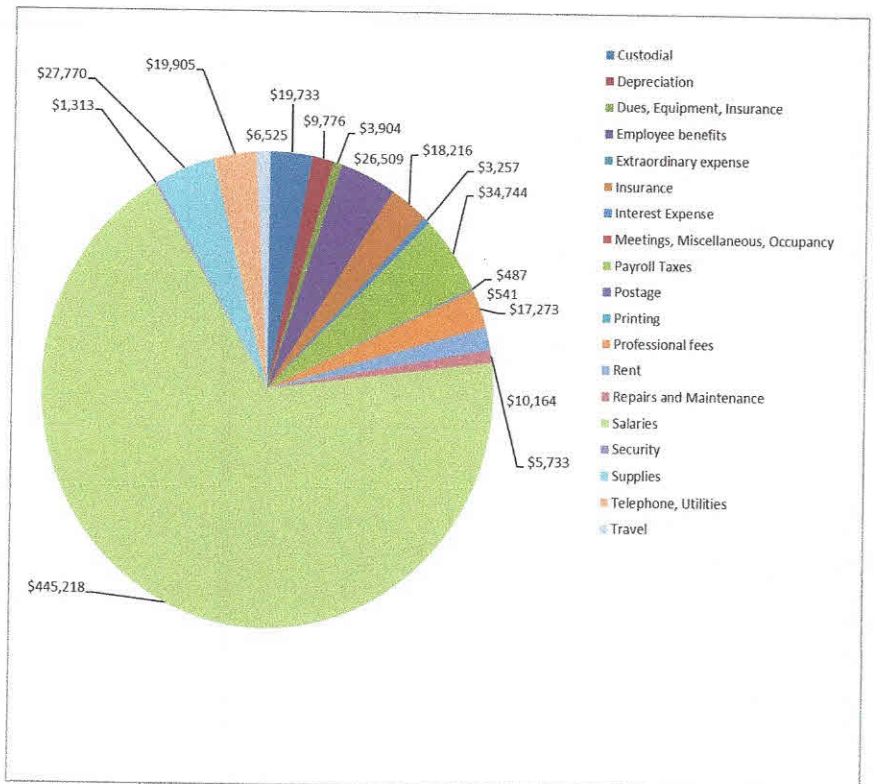


<b>Expenses</b>	
Custodial	\$ 19,733
Depreciation	\$ 9,776
Dues, Equipment, Insurance	\$ 3,904
Employee benefits	\$ 26,509
Extraordinary expense	
Insurance	\$ 18,216
Interest Expense	\$ 3,257
Meetings, Miscellaneous, Occupancy	

## EXPENSES

**Total Expenses = \$ 651,068**

Payroll Taxes	\$ 34,744
Postage	\$ 487
Printing	\$ 541
Professional fees	\$ 17,273
Rent	\$ 10,164
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,733
Salaries	\$ 445,218
Security	\$ 1,313
Supplies	\$ 27,770
Telephone, Utilities	\$ 19,905
Travel	\$ 6,525
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 651,068</b>



<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 284,147</b>
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