

2017 Annual Report Presented April 30, 2018

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

Willard breaks ground on renovation and expansion project

Willard's ground breaking was held on May 17th to expand and renovate the building. It was a wet, dreary day but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Kathy LeBaron, Capital Campaign Committee Chair was the Master of Ceremonies. Kathy thanked the committee for their dedication and hard work on this project, recognized the Willard board and staff and thanked the community for their support. Mayor Beutler spoke on the importance of the Center and what this will mean for the neighborhood. The Chamber of Commerce addressed the crowd and helped with the ground breaking ceremony. The Willard Preschoolers, Campaign Committee, board members and staff cut the ribbon, officially starting the project.

In May we were just shy of our \$1.8 million dollar goal by \$35,000. The money for the renovation has been donated by businesses, foundations, and individuals. Lincoln Industries led the campaign and supported all fund raising efforts. The Capital Campaign Committee continued to work hard researching grant funding. They requested \$100,000 from the City of Lincoln as a match gift from the Sherwood Foundation. This match gift became a reality and the support of all involved was overwhelming.

Our construction partners, BVH Architecture and Cheevers Construction, started the renovation and expansion in June. The project was underway but costs had increased since the original construction bid in 2014. Other improvements were needed and the new goal was \$2.2 million.

The Capital Campaign Committee regrouped and continued to ask additional funders and returned to past funders for additional support. By December of 2017 they had raised \$2,032,925.18. The committee was dedicated to this project and was determined that this neighborhood deserved this improvement of the building and services.

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

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Preschoolers dig in to start
Willard's renovation project.



Please Recognize the 2017 Donors of the Willard Community Center Capital Campaign

The foundations, businesses, and individuals listed below have donated or pledged to the Willard Community Center Capital Campaign during 2017. We want to recognize these donors and thank them for helping us to envision a bright future for the Willard Community Center. We are very grateful to have had over 160 different donors give to this campaign since 2014. Donors that gave before 2017 were recognized in previous annual reports.

Anonymous donors	Carolyn O. Lamphere
Larry & Nancy Bird	Leadership Resources - Boyd & Megan Ober
Loren Blinde	Marc & Kathy LeBaron
Amy Bornemeier	Jennifer Lesoing-Lucs
Tyrone & Gail Brabec	Lincoln Community Foundation
Carson Foundation	Sherri Mumaugh
City of Lincoln	Cynthia Morris
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Dottie & William Jacox	Amber Sterns
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Margie Jensen	Roland & Hiroko Temme (In honor of Dale & JoAnn LeBaron)
Kile W. & Virginia G. Johnson	TMCO, Inc. (In honor of Dale & JoAnn LeBaron)
Kinder Porter Scott Family Foundation, dba WRK Family Foundation	Joseph E. Weitzel
Peggy Knoche	Willard Senior Citizen Bingo Group
Kent & Annie Knudson (In honor of Phil & Kassy Knudson)	
Phil & Kassy Knudson	

Highlights of 2017

Boy Scout, Mitchell Strack, completed his Eagle Scout Project at Willard by leading his Troop 55 in patching, sanding and painting the stairwell.

Give to Lincoln Day donors were generous to Willard by giving \$3,705 to be used for furniture and educational items for the new Preschool rooms.

According to the NESA data assessment tables, the Lakeview CLC 30+ day students scored higher than the rest of the school in 3rd grade English/Language Arts and Math and 5th grade English/Language Arts and Science.

United Way Day of Caring brought 11 volunteers from Pfizer to our Roper Before and After School Program to donate 80 books to the children and to encourage reading during the summer months.

The goal of the Preschool and Pre-K Programs is to prepare children for kindergarten. Parents and teachers report to us that the children who have participated in our programs are socially, emotionally, and educationally ready for school.

D.A. Davidson donated high quality office furniture to be used in our three offices after renovation.

LauRene Foster, long time Willard Employee, passed away. Her family honored her wishes and donated \$1,200 for sleep mats to be used by the preschoolers.

Program Information

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. Thirty children participated.



Preschoolers love learning about Thomas the Train.



Elephant and Piggie teach the children about kindness and sharing.

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. Seventeen children participated.

Roper Elementary Before and After School Program held at 2323 S. Coddington Street ran from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumed after school until 6:00 pm. This program offered 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 included child care when school was not in session. The unduplicated count for this program was 163 children with 13 families on a waiting list.



We love playing together in the after school program.



STEM (science, technology and math) activities are Fun!

Lakeview Community Learning Center Before and After School Program held at 300 Capitol Beach Blvd. ran from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumed after school until 6:00 pm. Willard is the lead agency for this CLC and received additional funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program. This grant supports academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to compliment the school's academic program. After school clubs were offered to all students in the school at no charge. The unduplicated number of children that participated in the CLC was 296. Fifty eight children were enrolled in the core before and after school program and attended 30 + days and 280 participated in the academic/enrichment after school clubs.

Teen Before and After School Program for Park Middle School Students held at the Center provided a structured, supervised and safe environment for middle school youth. Open from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and resumed after school until 6:00 pm. This program provided transportation to and from Park Middle School. Our neighborhood based program was 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 received funding support from United Way and the Kenny Gardner "It Was Fun" Memorial Golf Tournament. Twenty two teens participated in the program during the 2016-17 School Year.



The Boy Scouts share the skill of folding the flag with the Roper kids.



Homer wants the kids to read during the summer!

Summer Program held this year at Roper Elementary School was open M-F from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The children were placed in age appropriate groups (K-1st, 2nd-3rd and 4th-8th grades) and participated in weekly fun themed and educationally based activities. The children went swimming and on a field trip every week. A total of 148 children, kindergarten through 8th grade, were enrolled for the summer.

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



This is who we are:

Willard Community Center is a vibrant hub of activities serving the southwestern quadrant of Lincoln, Nebraska. Anchored in the West "A" neighborhood, Willard has evolved into a valued neighborhood asset for everyone in its diverse, multigenerational community. Willard is a place where families, teens, and seniors feel welcome, comfortable, and encouraged to grow. The thriving neighborhood is home to fine schools and many business all of whom rely on Willard in a multitude of ways.

Willard Community Center's campus includes not only the main offices and varied child, teen and adult programming at 1245 Folsom Street, but also includes child care facilities at Roper Elementary School, a Community Learning Center at Lakeview Elementary School, and an additional licensed preschool house adjacent to Lakeview Elementary School at 1030 W. "Q" St. Therefore, utilizing our multiple licensed sites we are able to offer two locations of preschool, two locations of before and after school care for elementary age children, and one location offering transportation, after school tutoring and care for middle school students.

This is who we serve:

Licensed child care statistics from 2016-17 School Year and Summer 2017.

566 unduplicated children enrolled in all of our licensed child care programs ages 3-14.

246 Males 320 Females

226 children (40%) received free and reduced lunches from school.

219 children (39%) were ethnically diverse.

132 children (23%) lived with a single parent on a single parent income.

77 children (14%) received Title XX assistance.

60 children (11%) were English Language Learners.

49 children (9%) were on a waiting list all year.

28 children (5%) were receiving Special Education Services through LPS.

This is what it takes:

Staff Equivalent

Full Time Staff = 6 Part Time Staff = 38

Total hours worked 40,388.25.

19.42 Full Time Equivalents

This is who meets at Willard:

Boy Scouts	Polling Site
Girl Scouts	Church Groups
Ukrainain School	Lincoln Alcoholics Anonymous Inter-group
Lincoln Area Soaring Society	Bingo
Metal Detectors Group	Bunco
Nebraska Sword Fighters Guild	Neighborhood Associations
Stampin' Up Club	Family Gatherings and Celebrations
Low Impact Aerobics	

This is who supported or donated to our programs or operations:

- Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
- United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County
- Snow Redfern Memorial Foundation
- Cooper Foundation
- Woods Charitable Fund
- Modern Woodmen of America
- LauRene Foster Memorial Fund
- Network for Good donations through Facebook
- Giving Tuesday
- Greenwald Family Gift Trust



Willard Offices and Programs move out of the building in May.

Summer of 2017 was a season of change for Willard and its participants. The building was vacated the end of May; demolition began the first of June. The Willard offices were moved to a house at 1440 SW 9th Street owned by Charles and Rogene Cihal. A huge Thank You goes out to the Cihals for giving us a non-profit rental rate and the ability to stay in the neighborhood. At the house we were able to continue Senior Bingo, pot lucks, board and staff meetings and program registrations.

The Preschool Program and Pre-K Programs were combined at the 1030 West "Q" Street location. License capacity was 20 and we were full with a waiting list.

The Summer Child Care Program was held at Roper Elementary School at 2322 S. Coddington. Space was rented from Lincoln Public Schools for 10 weeks.

In the Fall of 2017, the Roper and Lakeview CLC Before and After School Programs continued as usual. Non-School days were held at Roper.

The Teen Before and After School Program for Park Middle School students was our only program that had to be suspended for a year. We could not find a location that could be licensed and was willing to take on twenty plus middle school students.

The multitude of other groups that normally met in the building had to find alternative meeting spaces. Our wish is that they all come back to utilize our new and improved building.



Lincoln Industries volunteers helped us to move out of the building in May and into three storage pods provided by Cheevers Construction.

Willard Welcomes Dani To Our Staff

Dani Jurgens, Advancement and Assistant Program Director, joined the full time staff in December. She will be writing grants, leading fund raising efforts and assisting with all aspects of the Willard programs. She is going to be a great asset as we move into the future.



13th Annual Kenny Gardner Memorial "It Was Fun" Golf Tournament

For 13 years the Kenny Gardner Golf Tournament has continued to support the child care programs at Willard. Hoy & Associates Construction, Inspro Insurance, Tab Performance and West Gate Bank were champions as tournament sponsors. Raising Canes donated meals and many other businesses donated raffle prizes or monetary donations for the cause. Cole Pomeroy, led the golf committee, board of directors, and volunteers to a successful profit of just over \$9,000. All proceeds go to support the child care programs at Willard by helping to provide scholarships and cover program expenses.

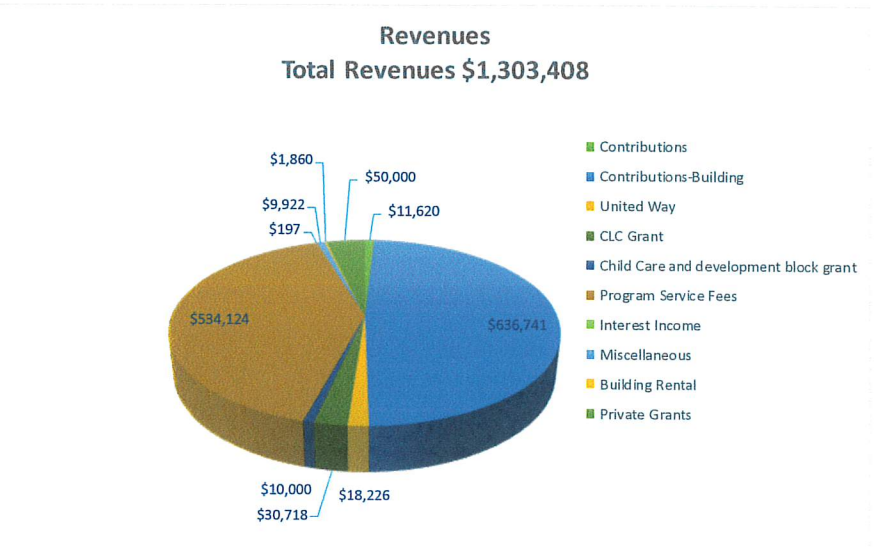
The Gardner Family continues Kenny's life motto of "It Was Fun" as they join friends and family on the golf course year after year to honor Kenny's memory and generous spirit.

WILLARD COMMUNITY CENTER
FINANCIAL INFORMATION—2017

Revenue		
Contributions	\$	11,620
Contributions-Building	\$	636,741
United Way	\$	18,226
CLC Grant	\$	30,718
Child Care and development block grant	\$	10,000
Program Service Fees	\$	534,124
Interest Income	\$	197
Miscellaneous	\$	9,922
Building Rental	\$	1,860
Private Grants	\$	50,000
Total Revenues	\$	<u>1,303,408.00</u>
Expenses		
Salaries	\$	480,120
Employee Benefits	\$	25,276
Payroll Taxes	\$	37,935
Rent	\$	17,672
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	1,476
Equipment	\$	229
Meetings, Conferences and conventions	\$	1,723
Telephone	\$	2,653
Utilities	\$	8,154
Professional Fees	\$	23,924
Supplies	\$	23,117
Postage	\$	894
Dues, Awards, etc.	\$	1,026
Printing	\$	161
Travel	\$	7,988
Security	\$	615
Insurance	\$	28,346
Custodial	\$	7,113
Depreciation	\$	9,522
Interest Expense	\$	2,841
Licenses and Permits	\$	577
Miscellaneous	\$	1,674
Other Program Expenses	\$	59
Advertising and Promotion	\$	3,840
Total Expenses	\$	<u>686,935.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$	<u>616,473.00</u>

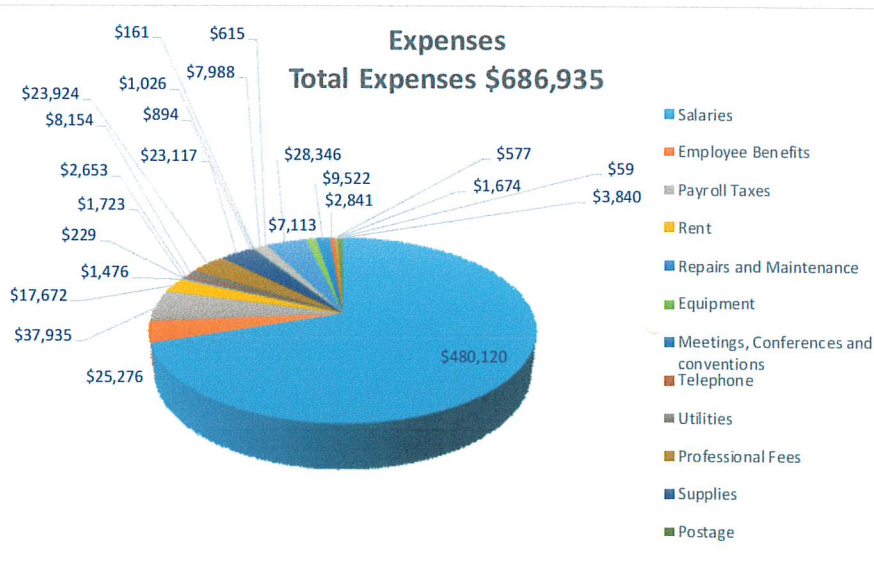
REVENUES

Total Revenues = \$ 1,303,408



EXPENSES

Total Expenses = \$ 686,935.00



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