About our generous philanthropic contributors

Clarkson Regional Health Services
Clarkson Regional Health Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to establish and maintain, directly or indirectly, institutions that provide for the economical and efficient delivery of health care and related services, including those that provide research, educational and training programs. Its assets and funds are invested and utilized for various charitable, health care and educational endeavors.

Robert B. Daugherty Foundation
The Robert B. Daugherty Foundation is a private foundation established in 1991 to provide charitable grants to tax-exempt organizations that conduct charitable, scientific, cultural, religious or education activities, particularly those that use and apply the funding in Nebraska.

In April 2010, the foundation committed an instrumental leadership gift to the University of Nebraska to found the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, an institute committed to research, education and policy analysis relating to the use of water for agriculture. The institute enables the university and its partners to develop solutions to the global challenges of hunger and poverty through improved agricultural productivity and water management.

Robert B. Daugherty (1922-2010) founded Valmont Industries and successfully led the efforts to design and manufacture center pivot irrigation systems which have dramatically improved water application efficiency and revolutionized agriculture internationally. Today Valmont is recognized as a global leader in industries for agriculture and infrastructure. Mr. Daugherty earned a reputation as a pioneer, entrepreneur, visionary, leader, educator and philanthropist.

Dorothy B. Davis Foundation
The Dorothy B. Davis Foundation was created by the descendants of Dr. Edwin and Dorothy Balbach Davis. The primary focus of the foundation is to support children, health care, education, research, senior citizens and military families. The foundation was created in 2015 and primarily provides funding within the Omaha area.

Edwin was a physician and educator who served as chairman of the urology department at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine from 1920 to 1953. He was involved in the use of early technology to assist him in instructing. For example, he used a box that worked similarly to a View-Master that allows users to see pictures that appear to be three dimensional. His device was created specifically for him by a family member and assisted him during his instructional lectures around the country on innovative urology treatments. He was also instrumental in development leading to mercurochrome-220 as a new germicide.

Howard and Rhonda Hawks

Howard Hawks established the Hawks Foundation, and Rhonda Hawks serves as its president. The private Nebraska foundation enables them to focus their philanthropic efforts on social issues such as homelessness, mental health and substance use; education, including need-based scholarships; Christian ministry, and the arts.

A University of Nebraska alumnus, Howard is a business graduate of UNL and received an MBA from UNO. He is founder and chairman of Tenaska, an independent energy company that is consistently rated as a top-40 privately-held company in the United States.

Howard has provided years of service to the University of Nebraska system through leadership on the Board of Regents, including serving as its chair in 2005 and 2014.

The Hawks family has been generous to the University of Nebraska for many years. Among the many initiatives and programs they have supported include the Howard and Rhonda Hawks Championship Center, an indoor athletic training center at UNL; UNO’s Baxter Arena; Hawks Field at Haymarket Park in Lincoln that is home to Husker baseball; the UNL Memorial Stadium east expansion project and more. They have provided generous support for the UNL College of Business Administration, including establishing the Howard Hawks Chair in Business Ethics and Leadership as an endowed fund for permanent faculty member support; a major gift toward construction of the new College of Business Administration building in Lincoln; and many other universitywide programs and initiatives.

Hawks Sisters Foundation

The Hawkins Sisters Foundation of Omaha was formed by Kathryn Hawkins Anderson, Patricia Hawkins Stillmock, Marianne Hawkins and Fred Hawks Jr. for the purpose of helping men and women through education, health and opportunities to improve their lives.

Peter Kiewit Foundation

The Peter Kiewit Foundation was established by Peter Kiewit, a successful businessman, generous philanthropist and community leader. He attributed his success to the hardworking people of Nebraska and was determined to return his wealth and good fortune to their communities. Upon Mr. Kiewit’s death in 1979, the foundation was created and began supporting charitable and public purpose projects in Nebraska, Western Iowa, and other limited geographic areas.

Inspired by Mr. Kiewit’s values, the foundation’s mission is to create opportunities that enable people to live in and build strong and vibrant communities, achieve economic success and enjoy a high quality of life. It pursues its mission by investing in proven and promising programs, systemic solutions, capital projects, capacity building and policy development in these three impact areas: Youth Pathways to Success, Economic Growth and Opportunity, and Strong and Vibrant Communities. Since inception, the foundation has honored Mr. Kiewit’s legacy by awarding over $540 million in grants and over $40 million in scholarships.

The Peter Kiewit Foundation has generously supported the University of Nebraska over the years with grants supporting these and many other projects and programs: UNO Code Crush summer IT program for middle and high school girls, the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, UNL College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska Peter Kiewit Institute in Omaha, the UNMC Research Center of Excellence, UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications building renovation, and student scholarship programs.

Ruth and Bill Scott

Ruth and Bill Scott are deeply rooted and invested in the Omaha community where they have lived for more than 60 years. The Scotts have contributed greatly to the city’s progress, health and vitality in a quiet but exceptional way.

The Scotts’ generosity has benefited key University of Nebraska Medical Center priorities in education, research and patient care. They have previously supported building projects with major gifts to the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education; the Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public
Health; the College of Nursing Center for Nursing Science; the UNMC Drug Discovery Center; the UNMC College of Nursing facility in Lincoln; the Ruth and Bill Scott Student Plaza; the UNMC Student Life Center redevelopment and expansion; the UNMC Lauritzen Outpatient Center; and the Health Science Education Complex in Kearney. They were also among the principal benefactors supporting UNMC’s Durham Research Centers I and II.

In addition, the Scotts provided major gifts to support, among other initiatives, the creation of the James O. Armitage Lymphoma-Leukemia Precision Medicine Program at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center; the Ruth and Bill Scott Presidential Chair of Internal Medicine; the Frederick F. Paustian Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center; the UNMC Distinguished Chair of Internal Medicine; and the Harold M. Maurer, M.D., Distinguished Chair in Public Health. These endowed funds provide support to renowned researchers and health care providers.

Ruth Scott, a native of Ashland, earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1951. She went on to teach school and later founded the Omaha Bridge Studio where she teaches the game she says everyone should learn to play.

Bill Scott is a 1953 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration. Also a native of Ashland, he joined Buffett Partnership in 1959 and Berkshire Hathaway in 1970, where he remained until the early 1990s.

**Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation**

The Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation was established in 1995 by Walter Scott, Jr. and his late wife, Suzanne. The Scotts have long been recognized as philanthropic leaders in Omaha and to the University of Nebraska.

The Scott family’s generosity to the university began more than three decades ago with the Walter Scott Engineering Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and is named in honor of Walter’s father, who was a surveying instructor there in the early 1920s.

Their philanthropy has been especially transformative at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. After providing a leadership gift to the campaign for the Peter Kiewit Institute building, they established the Scott Scholar program, which each year awards a full-tuition scholarship to between 100 and 150 students in the College of Engineering or College of Information Science and Technology. Their support led to development of the Scott Hall, Scott Court and Scott Village housing facilities, and Scott Crossing, which will open the fall semester of 2017. In addition, the Scott Technology Center leverages university research by serving as an incubator for emerging technology businesses.

In honor of the Scotts’ generosity and service, the University named and dedicated Scott Campus at UNO on Oct. 5, 2016. The area, formerly known as Pacific Campus, includes the area of UNO between Pacific and Shirley Streets from 64th Street to the Keystone Trail.

The Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation’s gift to the Davis Global Center is the latest in a series of significant gifts to the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus. The foundation was a benefactor to the Durham Research Center I and II projects and to the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, where the Suzanne & Walter Scott Cancer Research Tower component will be dedicated in May 2017.

Suzanne is an alumna of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Education and Human Sciences. She died on September 9, 2013, at age 83. She enjoyed serving and providing volunteer leadership to many organizations, including the Omaha Zoological Society, Joslyn Art Museum, The Salvation Army, United Way of the Midlands and many other organizations.

Walter is the former Chairman and CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons’, Inc., one of the largest contractors in the world and has provided volunteer leadership to numerous organizations as well. He currently serves as board chair for the Peter Kiewit Institute Board of Policy Advisors, the Omaha Zoological Society and Heritage Services. On the national level, he is a director and former board chair for the Horatio Alger Society.
**Martha and David Slosburg**

Martha and David Slosburg of Omaha are enthusiastic supporters of their community through their volunteer leadership and philanthropic investments.

David is a principle of Slosburg Company, an Omaha based real estate development and management firm which specializes in building and acquiring significant real estate assets for long-term ownership with holdings in eight states. The company was founded in 1918 by Jacob Slosburg Jr.

David’s community leadership has included board of directors service with the Omaha Symphony Association, Heritage Services, Omaha Performing Arts Society, Conference for Inclusive Communities and Nebraska Cultural Endowment. He is a member of the University of Pennsylvania Athletics Board of Overseers.

Martha’s leadership involvement has included board of directors service for the Learning Community Council, Westside Community Schools and Omaha Performing Arts Society Presenters. She has also served with the Child Saving Institute, Joslyn Art Museum Association, JCC Child Development Center and Children’s Hospital & Medical Center Child Life Center. She is a director of the Alumni Admissions Council of Northwestern University.

**Dorothy and Stanley M. Truhlsen, M.D.**

Dorothy and Stanley M. Truhlsen, M.D., enjoy being part of the education facility expansion at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and admire the university’s contributions to the state.

The Truhlsen’s provided generous support for the new Stanley M. Truhlsen Eye Institute at UNMC, a state-of-the-art facility designed to transform ophthalmology in Nebraska for generations to come. Their gifts also have established the Truhlsen Eye Research Laboratories in the Durham Research Center and the Dr. Stanley M. and Dorothy Truhlsen Campus Events Center in the Sorrell Center, both located on the UNMC campus.

Stanley is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the UNMC College of Medicine. He is emeritus professor and former chairman of UNMC’s department of ophthalmology and is nationally recognized in ophthalmology. A private practice physician, he joined UNMC’s ophthalmology department in 1951. He served on the UNMC faculty until 1990 and was interim chairman of the department of ophthalmology in 1989-90.