



## Nonprofit Community Letter to Nebraska Congressional Delegation

April 20, 2020

Dear Senators Fischer and Sasse, and Representatives Bacon, Fortenberry, and Smith:

Like most other parts of our economy, Nebraska's nonprofit sector – which provides about 10% of private sector jobs in our state – continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act includes significant relief for charitable organizations by including nonprofits in the emergency loan programs, extending unemployment benefits to many nonprofit employees, and providing a small tax incentive for charitable giving. Nonprofits are appreciative of this relief and 203 nonprofit organizations join us in making this request.

Last week, a unified group of major national organizations has put together a set of recommendations (attached) for modifications to the CARES Act that will help preserve nonprofits' ability to provide essential services at this time of greatest need. We fully support these recommendations, and we seek your assistance in ensuring that they are included in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill that Congress passes. Specifically, nonprofits need the following four modifications to the CARES Act:

1. **Expand access to credit.** Expanding nonprofits' access to credit to provide for immediate financial relief by expanding nonprofit eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and by establishing a dedicated funding stream for PPP loans to nonprofit organizations.
2. **Bolster charitable giving incentives.** Strengthening temporary above-the-line charitable deduction from the CARES Act by allowing taxpayers to use it on the 2019 taxes, significantly increasing the \$300 cap, and extending it beyond 2020.
3. **Protect self-insured nonprofits.** Holding harmless self-insured nonprofits by providing funding to cover 100% of the costs of these organizations' unemployment claims. Without this change, many nonprofits that provide health care, food assistance, affordable housing, childcare, and other critical services will have to end or curtail services later this year.
4. **Support nonprofits providing essential services during the crisis.** Increase emergency funding so that nonprofits can work with state and local governments to provide essential services to vulnerable families and frontline responders to the COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. The CARES Act was an important first step in helping nonprofits recover from the COVID-19 crisis. We hope you and your colleagues in Congress can make these important modifications to help nonprofits continue to provide essential services in our communities.

Please feel free to reach out to Hannah Young at Nonprofits Association of the Midlands ([hannah@nonprofitam.org](mailto:hannah@nonprofitam.org)) for additional information on any of these requests.

Sincerely,

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3Sisters	Serving Eastern Nebraska and	Omaha Conservatory of Music
Alliance for the Future of	Southwest Iowa	Omaha Equestrian Foundation
Agriculture in Nebraska	Grand Island Chamber of	Omaha Girls Rock
ALS in the Heartland	Commerce	Omaha Sports Commission
American Cancer Society Cancer	Great Plains Black History	Omaha Zoo Foundation
Action Network (ACS CAN)	Museum	Open Door Mission
American Heart Association	Greater Grand Island	Our Light Inc
American Lung Association in	Community Foundation	OutNebraska
Nebraska	Greater Omaha Attendance &	Partnership 4 Kids
Angels on Wheels dba Cross	Learning Services	Passion First Wrestling, Inc.
Training Center	Grief's Journey	Planned Parenthood North
Asian Community & Cultural	GROW Nebraska Foundation	Central States – Nebraska
Center	Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln	Prairie STEM
Autism Center of Nebraska, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	PROJECT HOPE INC
Banisters Leadership Academy	Head Start CFDP Inc	Provider's Network, Inc.
BBBS of the Midlands	HEART HEROES INC	Rabble Mill
Bennington Public Schools	Heartland Bike Share	ReConnect, Inc.
Foundation	Heartland Counseling Services,	Release Inc
Benson Area Refugee TaskForce	Inc.	Released and Restored
Benson Plant Rescue /	Heartland Equine Therapeutic	Resonance, Inc.
Community Produce Rescue	Riding Academy	RESPECT
BFF OMAHA	Heartland Family Service	RISE
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lincoln	Heartland United Way	Santa Monica, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of	Heartland Workers Center	SAVE Program Inc.
Central Nebraska	Hogan's Junior Golf Heroes DBA	Saving Grace Perishable Food
Bike Walk Nebraska	The First Tee of Omaha	Rescue
Black Votes Matter	Houses of Hope of Nebraska,	Senior Services Inc
Blue River Pet Rescue	Inc.	Siena Francis House
Blue Valley Community Action	Houston Alexander Foundation	Smart Girl Society
Boys & Girls Clubs of the	Immigrant Legal Center	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Midlands	Inclusive Communities	Southside Redevelopment
Boys Town	Inquisitive Arts Initiative	Corporation
Brain Injury Alliance of	International American Relief	SPARKPositivity
Nebraska	Society IARS	Stand For Schools
Bridges to Hope	Jewish Federation of Omaha	Star Legacy Foundation -
Bright Horizons Resources for	KANEKO	Nebraska Chapter
Survivors of Domestic Violence	Kearney Area Children's	Stay in School Stop the Violence
and Sexual Assault, Inc.	Museum	Susan G. Komen Great Plains
Business Ethics Alliance	Kearney Area Community	Sweet Future Project Inc
Camp High Hopes	Foundation	The Big Garden
Camp Summergold	Kearney Works	The Bridge Behavioral Health
Carnegie Arts Center INC	Keep Fremont Beautiful	The Chadron State Foundation
CASA For Douglas County	Kids Can Community Center	
CASA for Lancaster County	KIOS Omaha Public Radio	

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Cedars Youth Services	Nebraska, Inc.	Abuse/Sexual Assault DbA The
Centro Hispano	Leadership Lincoln, Inc.	Bridge
Centro Latino of Iowa	Leadership Tomorrow	The DOVES Program
Children's Scholarship Fund of	Lift Up Sarpy County	The Kannico Agency
Omaha	Lincoln Calling	THE OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS
City Sprouts	Lincoln Children's Museum	The Rose Theater
Civic Nebraska	Lincoln Community Playhouse	The Salvation Army Western
Clarkson College	Lincoln Indian Center	Division
Columbus Area United Way	Lutheran Service Corps	The Simple Foundation
Common Fund of the Heartland	LUX Center for the Arts	The Union for Contemporary
Community Action of Nebraska	Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach	Art
Community Players	Memories for Kids	The Valley Child Development
Community Services Fund of	MENTOR Nebraska	Center
Nebraska	Metro Area Youth Foundation	Together
Compass	MICAH House	Tri-City Food Pantry
Completely KIDS	Montessori Co-op School	Tri-Faith Initiative
Cooper Foundation	Mourning Hope Grief Center	Uniquely Yours Stability Support
CRCC (Children's Respite Care	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	United Way of the Midlands
Center)	National Able	Uplifting Paws
CUES Fund	Nebraska AIDS Project	Vesper Concerts
Daily House, Inc.	Nebraska Appleseed	Vision Maker Media
Down Syndrome Alliance of the	Nebraska CASA Association	Voice Advocacy Center
Midlands	Nebraska Children's Home	WhyArts Inc
Energize Nonprofit Consulting	Society	Women's Empowering Life Line
Film Streams	Nebraska Civic Engagement	Women's Fund of Omaha
Financial Hope Collaborative at	Table	Woods Charitable Fund
Creighton	Nebraska Coalition for	YFC, Inc. d/b/a Maha
Florence Home for the Aged	Lifesaving Cures	YMCA of Hastings, Nebraska
Food Bank of Lincoln	Nebraska Communities	Young Entrepreneurs of The
Fremont Area Community	Playhouse	Future
Foundation	Nebraska Cultural Endowment	Youth Emergency Services
Fremont Area Habitat for	Nebraska Humane Society	YouTurn
Humanity	Nebraska State Bar Association	YWCA of Grand Island
Friends of the Midwest Theater	Nebraska Writers Collective	
Friendship Home of Lincoln	Nebraskans for the Arts	
Generation Diamond	NeighborWorks Lincoln	
Gesu Housing, Inc.	Nelson Mandela Elem.	
Girls Inc. of Omaha	No More Empty Pots	
Go Beyond Nebraska	Norfolk Arts Center	
Goodwill Industries of Greater	North Omaha Area Health	
Nebraska, Inc.	(NOAH)	
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