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Letter from the Executive Director

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has had a very successful year, **success that is largely attributable to your loyal support**. In 2022, we celebrated 80 years of preserving and protecting Nebraska's history for future generations. Thank you for your partnership in our mission. A short year-in-review of all we accomplished together follows below.

First, a look ahead to 2023: Next year, we hope to award \$50,000 in support to local historical societies, museums, and nonprofits through our [Statewide Grants Program](#). This program provides grants of up to \$2,500 for a wide range of projects, providing Nebraska communities with resources to preserve and share their unique histories.

Please help us jump-start 2023's Statewide Grants with your [donation](#) today. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 before we ring in the new year! We appreciate all gifts, regardless of size.

In 2022, we continued to support History Nebraska, a state agency, in accordance with the intent of our donors. We manage 27 endowed funds for History Nebraska's benefit. These funds provided History Nebraska with more than \$225,000 to support:

- Maintenance, painting conservation, and staff salaries at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center.
- Salary for a graduate student to provide research for History Nebraska Editor David Bristow.
- Repair and replacement of two historical markers in Chadron and Dundy Counties, and funding for the new historical marker west of Stapleton.

In 2022, we carried out and supported independent projects. Here are just a few examples:

- Thanks to your support, we raised more than \$1.3 million for the [Walk to the Rock](#) project. This project preserves 360 acres of native prairie around Chimney Rock and adds a walking trail that will take visitors closer to the iconic landmark and National Historic Site. We plan to host a dedication in the summer of 2023.
- We provided dozens of [grants](#) to independent agencies and nonprofits, including the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, the [Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center](#) in Walthill, and local historical organizations from Brownville to Kimball.
- We partnered with a group of passionate volunteers to raise \$858,000 to preserve Lincoln's [Pershing Mural](#), a historically significant and unique piece of public art that was headed for demolition.
- [WanderNebraska](#) entered it's first year with 27 locations, those locations being recipients of the 2021 SGP. WanderNebraska encouraged many museum enthusiasts to visit places all over Nebraska. Although the prize period has ended, visitors at these locations continue to pick up books as travel museum guides.

We are set up for stewardship. This Foundation has an 80-year track record of stewarding gifts from our generous donors. We manage 37 endowed funds, a total of \$18 million in invested assets and the foundation owns more than 1,200 acres of historic property. In 2022, we processed more than 1,100 unique donations totaling \$2.6 million – all with a staff of three.

On behalf of our board of directors, we wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season and all the best in the new year. Thank you for your loyal support of our mission.

Leslie Fattig
Executive Director

Check out these upcoming events at historical organizations:

Dec. 21st: First Day of Winter
Dec. 25th: Christmas Day
Dec. 26th: Kwanzaa Begins
Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve
Jan. 1st: Happy New Year!

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If you are a history-focused organization, please send your events to the Foundation at lfattig@nshsf.org for promotion on our calendar.

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