

First Annual Seniors Foundation Keystone Award Event



Seniors Foundation Board President Helen Griffin presents the Keystone Award to Joe Hampton, President, Hampton Enterprises.

Seniors Foundation works to serve as the **S**keystone to all issues of adults aged 60 and older. Therefore, our Keystone Award was developed to honor individuals who have served a similar central service to older adults.

Seniors Foundation is proud to bestow our first Keystone Award to Joe Hampton. Among his many accomplishments is the remodeling of the Downtown Senior Center. He has a reputation as a leader in the development of housing for older adults and has left his imprint all over Lincoln.

Michael Gengler, of Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, is the Partner Award Honoree. He was chosen for his project management work on the Clark Jeary Assisted Living Facility in south Lincoln.

Keynote Speakers Evonne and Bill Williams, founders of the Nebraska Chapter of the Honor Flight Network, inspired and honored guests. The Heartland Honor Flights were organized from the Williams' kitchen table and home office and, with the help of family and volunteers, took 1,500 WW II Veterans to Washington D.C. in 2008-2009 to visit the memorial in their honor.

Seniors Foundation has a long history of honoring citizens for their work in enriching the lives of older adults. Past Community Service Awards recipients include such champions as Helen Boosalis, Lela Shanks, Jerry Joyce and Gil Savery.

This inaugural Keystone Award ushers in an exciting new era for the Seniors Foundation. Stay tuned for details in future issues. We are the only foundation in Lincoln and Lancaster County that focuses exclusively on advocating for and supporting the programs used by older adults. We do that through raising funds for the programs provided by Aging Partners, an Area Agency on Aging.

key-stone (n)
1) a central stone at the summit of an arch, locking the entire arch together.
2) the one of a number of associated parts that supports or holds together the others, the main part or principle.



Helen Griffin presents the Partner Honoree Award to Michael Gengler, Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects.

Evonne and Bill Williams (center) with Honor Flight veterans.



Letter from the President

If you missed the first Seniors Foundation Keystone Award luncheon you will have another opportunity to enjoy this fabulous event. I invite you to save the date, Thursday, May 10, 2012, for the next Keystone Aware luncheon.

I am particularly proud to share that our partnership with Easter Seals Nebraska, to expand our Lincoln Senior Transportation Program, continues to move forward. LSTP is a social transportation program for those aged 60 and older. Easter Seals' vision is to provide this service throughout Nebraska. The program has a long history with Aging Partners and Seniors Foundation. We are pleased to see it "growing up" and becoming everything we had hoped for.

This program is the only one of its kind in this

area. While medical transportation seems to be readily available, affordable rides to the hairdresser, grocery store, church and other social activities are not. Recently, a ride to a favorite fishing hole, long missed because the fisherman no longer could drive, brought much joy.

If you would like to become a driver or donate to this effort, call Deb Hynek at 402-441-6143 or visit seniorsfoundation.org.

I am pleased to be serving as the President of the Seniors Foundation Board of Directors for a second term. We are in exciting times here at the Foundation and I look forward to sharing new projects and highlights in future issues.

– Helen E. Griffin

Seniors Foundation Board President



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Seniors Foundation is on the move!



*Diane Rolfsmeyer,
Executive Director,
Seniors Foundation*

July 1st brings a new board year with some new board members and officers. Seniors Foundation has made a strategic effort to bring particular skill sets to the board. The nomination committee continues to do an outstanding job in that regard.

The staff and board of Seniors Foundation begin a new board year with squared shoulders and pride in what this organization has accomplished and what lies in the future. The Foundation is growing

in nearly every way. Look for our annual report in July for details.

We would appreciate your financial support in our efforts to enrich the lives of older adults in our community. Won't you help? Contact us at 402-441-6179 or visit us online at seniorsfoundation.org. We will be happy to talk about ways that you can help to make a difference.

– Diane Rolfsmeyer
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