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## Nonprofits Receive Donations During Online Giving Days

Give To Lincoln Day took in 13,193 online donations May 29 for a total of \$2,672,481 in gifts to local nonprofits.

That's an increase of about a half million dollars over the 2013 event. Give to Lincoln Day, sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation, is 24 hours of online giving to benefit local nonprofits.

The League of Human Dignity, one of 305 nonprofits taking part, received \$370 in online donations.

A unique feature of the Lincoln event is in-person giving during the day at the Lincoln Community Foundation office. In-person giving was not immediately included in the Give To Lincoln Day total. Last year, it accounted for about half of all money raised during the event.

The money will benefit the League's EHS transportation program in Lincoln.

A similar giving day for the Omaha Metro Area May 21, Omaha Gives! was sponsored by the Omaha Community Foundation. It raised \$6.3 million in online donations — double its 2013 total. The League received donations totaling \$105 during that 24-hour event, which will benefit the Omaha and Southwest Iowa CILs.

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## Annual Norfolk Golf Benefit



Stacy Moose tees off during the May 3 Norfolk Benefit Golf Event. For a complete report on the event, please turn to pages 4 and 5.

**ON THE LEVEL** is the bi-monthly newsletter of the League of Human Dignity, Inc.

The League of Human Dignity is a consumer-based, non-profit organization, dedicated to promoting independent living for people with disabilities, in their own homes instead of nursing homes. To this end, we will advocate for the rights and needs of people with disabilities, while providing quality services to assist them in becoming and remaining independent citizens.

Established in 1971, the League now offers services in all 93 Nebraska counties and eight Southwest Iowa counties, through our Centers for Independent Living in Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa; our Medicaid Waiver offices in Scottsbluff, Kearney and North Platte, Nebraska; and our Mobility Options shops in Lincoln and Omaha.

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## CEO'S NOTE

The League's Extended Hours Service Transportation Program (EHS) underwent a significant change effective May 19. Transport Plus, with whom the League had contracted to provide the transportation for riders of the EHS Program, went out of business on May 19. You might have read about this situation in the *Lincoln Journal Star*, or heard about it in the community.

We had essentially a month's notice to make arrangements with an alternate provider, and facilitate a transition to a new provider. We were concerned about the immediate future of the EHS Program, and the impact on people with disability who rely on the EHS Program for evening, night, week-end, and holiday transportation.

We were able to make arrangements with Servant Cab to provide the rides for the EHS Program, and are now in the process of making the transition to Servant Cab. We appreciate the fact that Kirby Young of Servant Cab has been very willing to work with us to help facilitate the transition. We anticipate that there will be some "bumps in the road" during this transition. We will do our best to make any adjustments that are needed, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

We encourage any riders who encounter problems utilizing the EHS Program to call Melanie at the Lincoln Center for Independent Living, 402-441-7871.

Adequate funding for the EHS Program remains a serious concern for the League, and Consumers who utilize the program. We remain hopeful that funding becomes available so that the EHS Program can continue beyond September 30 of this year.

We at the League hope that you have an enjoyable and safe summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Schafer".

Mike Schafer, League CEO

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMAN DIGNITY  
PRESENTS THE 2014 NORFOLK**

# **Benefit BIKE RUN**

**Saturday,  
July 12**

**Registration 11  
a.m. to noon**



This is a 145-mile "poker run." Ride for \$15 plus \$5 for each passenger. Buy a second hand for \$5.

### **Best / Worst hands rewarded**

The ride starts at the League of Human Dignity Norfolk Center for Independent Living, 400 Elm Avenue in Norfolk, with stops in Tilden, Petersburg, Monroe, Humphrey and ending up at Barnstormers in Norfolk.

For more details, contact the League at 400 Elm Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701; Phone 402-371-4475; or email [jkloppenborg@leagueof-humanity.com](mailto:jkloppenborg@leagueof-humanity.com)

All Proceeds go to the League of Human Dignity to support Independent Living for People with Disabilities throughout Northeast Nebraska.

# Teams Tee Up for Norfolk Benefit Golf Event



Photos by Mike Schafer, Lori Brand

**Top left photo: Justin Aerni putts as teammates Brad Barbre, Eddie Mueller and Mark Rieken look on. The team finished second at the 2014 Norfolk Benefit Golf Event May 3.**

**Above photo: Sandy Henry tees off at the first hole. She and teammates, Stacy Moose, Tashina Denney and Sherri Derby finished third.**

**Left photo: PJ Johnson hits his ball as, from left, Jon Johnson and Henry Redwing look on and Dave Henry selects a club. The four won the golf event.**

# Thanks to Sponsors, Donors, Participants at Norfolk Golf Event

The League's Norfolk Center for Independent Living held its annual Benefit Golf Event on Saturday, May 3, at Norfolk's Eldorado Hills Golf Course.

The event included an 18-hole golf scramble, silent auction, dinner and awards presentation.

The team of Dave Henry, PJ Johnson, Jon Johnson and Henry Redwing, representing the Santee Sioux Nation, won the golf event.

The team of Justin Aerni, Brad Barbre, Eddie Mueller and Mark Rieken finished second; and the team of Stacy Moose, Sandy Henry, Tashina Denney and Sherri Derby, also from the Santee Nation, finished third.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Norfolk CIL. Sponsors and donors were:

Donating \$500 to \$1,000 — Elkhorn Valley Bank, NUCOR Steel, Waste Connections, and Home Health Medical Equipment, Inc.

Donating \$250 to \$500 — Subway, Santee Sioux Nation, Moody Motor Co. Inc., International—Scott Clausen, Cornhusker Auto, Frontier Bank, and Johnson's Plumbing & Heating Inc.

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The League thanks all who participated in this year's event.

## Omaha/Southwest Iowa Golf Benefit Set for June 6

In our next issue of *On The Level*, look for a report on the League's 2014 Omaha/Southwest Iowa Benefit Golf Event.

That event, including an 18-hole golf scramble, silent auction, dinner and more, is Friday, June 6, at Bent Tree Golf Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Omaha and South-

west Iowa Centers for Independent Living, helping them fulfill their mission to promote independent living for people with disabilities.

The League's Lincoln CIL is planning its annual Benefit Golf Event for the third Thursday in September. See the ad on page 6 for more details.

# Save the Date: League's 2014 Lincoln Benefit Golf Event

The League's 6th Annual Lincoln Benefit Golf Event is set for Thursday, Sept. 18, once again at the beautiful Highlands Golf Course, 5501 NW 12th St., Lincoln.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m., following check-in and lunch. It is organized as an 18-hole, four-player golf scramble. Included are a silent auction in the clubhouse throughout the event, various games and contests and the day concludes with a buffet dinner and awards presentation. See the information at right for more details.

The event is the primary fundraiser for the League's Lincoln Center for Independent Living. Proceeds will help the CIL fulfill its mission, providing services that help people with disabilities in southeast Nebraska live independently.

It is one of three League golf events during the year. Read about the Norfolk event, held early in May, elsewhere in this newsletter. An event to benefit the Omaha and Southwest Iowa Centers for Independent Living is set for Friday, June 6, in Council Bluffs. A report on that event will appear in the next issue of *On The Level*.

## 18-Hole, 4-Player Scramble Thursday, September 18, 2014 Highlands Golf Course

5501 Northwest 12th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Lunch Provided

Register a four-player team for **\$300**.

The following sponsorship options also are available:

**\$1,000 Donation** includes a team, hole sponsorship, and name recognition in event program, at hole, on poster in clubhouse, social media and in League's newsletter

**\$750 Donation** includes hole sponsorship and name recognition in event program, at hole, on poster in clubhouse, social media and in League's newsletter

**\$300 Donation** includes name recognition in event program, on poster in clubhouse, social media and in League's newsletter

**Underwriting Opportunities:** the event's noon meal, evening meal or beverage cart

Proceeds from our **6th Annual Lincoln Benefit Golf Event** will help the League fulfill its mission in the 19-county area served by the Lincoln Center for Independent Living.

The League of Human Dignity is a consumer-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the full integration of people with disabilities into their communities. To that end, we will advocate for their needs and rights, while providing quality services that help them become and remain independent citizens.

**Thank You  
For Your  
Support**

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# League CILs Conduct 'Living Well' Classes

First Lincoln Workshop coming up —  
Program Stresses Healthy Lifestyles;  
Classes Recently Completed  
in Council Bluffs, Starting in Neligh



The Norfolk Center for Independent Living is holding a 'Living Well' workshop in Neligh, starting June 4. It runs through June 23 at the Neligh Senior Citizens Program and is facilitated by Independent Living Coordinator Doris Rohrer.

The workshop in Lincoln starts June 24 and runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday through July 29 at the League headquarters at 17th and P streets. It may already be full but call the League at 402-441-7871 to see if you can still get in. Ask for Mitch Miller, the League's Systems Change Coordinator, who is facilitating the workshop.

The Southwest Iowa CIL in Council Bluffs completed its latest workshop on Friday, May 30.

The Living Well with a Disability Program assists participants who have disabilities in learning to develop personal goals; improve their emotional and physical health; and provides a source of social support from their peers as they work to achieve their personal goals and healthy lifestyles.

The workshops are held periodically throughout the year, sponsored by the league's various Centers for Independent Living.

## Barrier Removal Grants Available from League

Barrier Removal Grants are available to qualified renters or homeowners who have mobility limitation or who have someone in their family who does.

The League offers grants in Omaha, Council Bluffs, and Lincoln and Lancaster County. The program is for people with low to moderate income, based on U.S. Housing and Urban Development guidelines, who need funds to remove barriers in their homes.



Examples of eligible modifications include outside ramps and lifts, grab bars, handrails, widened doorways, accessible tubs and showers, and reachable sinks and counters.

League staff offer a variety of services to assist in making homes more accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or for an application for a Barrier Removal Grant, contact:

### Omaha Center for Independent Living

5513 Center St., Omaha, NE 68106  
Phone 402-595-1256

### Lincoln Center for Independent Living

1701 P St., Lincoln, NE 68508  
Phone 402-441-7871

### SW Iowa Center for Independent Living

1520 Avenue M, Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
Phone 712-323-6863

## LEAGUE DONORS

March 21, 2014, through May 23, 2014

**Builder (\$500 and above):** Norman Hedgecock, Nucor Corporation, Waste Connections, Santee Sioux Nation Youth Development, Aase Inc., dba The Granary, Caretech Inc.

**Supporter (\$250 to \$499):** Moody Motor Inc., Fourteen Foods (Frauenshuh Hospitality), Harwood Services Inc., Home Instead Senior Care, Cornhusker Auto Center, Bierman Contracting Inc., Robert Bahr

**Century (\$100 to \$249):** Monica Balters, Sanne Repair LLC, Roger Kirst, Paula Schufeldt, Brad Husak, Gary McCaugherty, Kathy Miller, Joann Rosenthal, David Wysong, Christopher Connolly, Jodi Voss, Steven Ballard, Joseph Rigoni, Stephanie Butcher, Jodi Selig, Monte Rasmussen, 3-D Auto Body, Canham Home Appliance Center, Elkhorn Paving Construction Co. Inc., Southwest Iowa Labor Council, Gates J. Minnick, Family 1st Dental of Norfolk, Santee Sioux Nation-Featherhill

**Believer (\$50 to \$99):** Steven P. Baenziger, Timothy Brabb, Paul Stanfield, Daniel King, Kathy Benicheck, Matthew Wiechman, Brian Rech, Creekwood Chiropractic Clinic

**Other:** Roseann Christensen, Jim Mannel, Laura Plith, Vernon Williams, Glenda Moore, Gerise Herndon, Scheels All Sports, Madison County Bank

**In Memory of Robert L. Clark:** Verizon Foundation

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### Saying Hello:

**Rebecca Williamson**, Secretary, Kearney

**Lisa Spellman**, Services Coordinator, Kearney

**Anthony Broderick**, Services Coordinator, Omaha

**Douglas Roarke**, Independent Living Advisor / Barrier Removal Advisor, Omaha

### Saying Good-Bye:

**Karen Jorgensen**, Secretary, Kearney

**Ross Pollpeter**, Independent Living Advisor / Barrier Removal Advisor, Omaha



# Medicaid Spending for Home, Community-Based Services Continuing Upward Trend

## Report Finds Institutional Spending Falling Nationally

National Medicaid spending on home and community-based services continues its upward trend as spending on institutional care continues to fall, according to a recent federal report.

Medicaid funding for long-term services and supports (LTSS) remained largely stagnant in 2012, increasing only .4 percent from fiscal year 2010, according to the report "Medicaid Expenditures for LTSS in FFY 2012," released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in late April.

Of the \$140 billion allocated nationally for long-term services and supports in 2012, 49.5 percent went to community-based services, up from 48.7 percent in 2011, according to the report. The shift is due to a 2.4 percent increase for home and community-based services while funding for institutions declined 2.3 percent.

LTSS includes services for people with developmental disabilities, older people or people with physical disabilities and people with serious mental illness or emotional disturbance.

Overall, home and community-based services accounted for 70 percent of LTSS funding for programs serving people with developmental disabilities, the report found. Those services received 39 percent of spending for programs targeting older people or people with physical disabilities, and 35 percent of spending for programs targeting people with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

While the majority of community-based spending continues to be in waiver programs, the report also noted the growth of managed care in 2012. Because of challenges with collecting that data, the report said, managed care conservatively is estimated at 6.6 percent of LTSS spending.

The full report can be found at [www.medicaid.gov](http://www.medicaid.gov).



## WHERE TO FIND US

### LINCOLN Center for Independent Living & Mobility Options

1701 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
Phone 402-441-7871

### OMAHA Center for Independent Living & Mobility Options

5513 Center Street, Omaha, NE 68106  
Phone 402-595-1256

### NORFOLK Center for Independent Living

400 Elm Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701  
Phone 402-371-4475

### SW IOWA Center for Independent Living

1520 Avenue M, Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
Phone 712-323-6863

### PANHANDLE Medicaid Waiver Office

17 E 21 St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
Phone 308-632-0470

### KEARNEY Medicaid Waiver Office

3811 W. 29th Avenue, Ste 2, Kearney NE 68845  
Phone 308-224-3665

### NORTH PLATTE Medicaid Waiver Office

2509 Halligan Dr., North Platte, NE 69101  
Phone 308-532-4911



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## EHS Transportation Program Needs Your Help to Survive

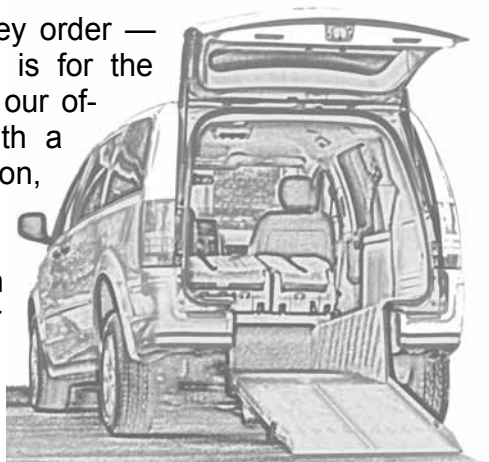
People with disabilities in Lincoln face a real barrier if their common, everyday activities — things most of us take for granted, like getting to work, to the store, to church, to family or community activities and the like — if those things take place during hours that Lincoln's city buses and Handi-Vans don't run.

That's why the League of Human Dignity's **Extended Hours Service Transportation Program (EHS)** is so important. EHS provides affordable, accessible public transportation in Lincoln for people with disabilities who need it, when other options are not available.

***But EHS has lost its federal funding and must now raise all of its funding locally to remain in operation.***

Please donate what you can to help maintain this needed program. Every \$21 you give pays for one one-way ride for one of your neighbors who depends on affordable, accessible transportation.

Send a check or money order — noting that your donation is for the EHS Program — drop by our office at 1701 P Street with a cash or credit card donation, or donate online on our website, [www.leagueofhumandignity.com](http://www.leagueofhumandignity.com) or on our Facebook page. For more information about EHS, call the League at 402-441-7871 or stop by our office.



## Associations & Support Groups

The League maintains a list of associations and support groups in Nebraska, Southwest Iowa, the region and the nation for people with disabilities and their loved ones.

To see the complete list, in pdf format, please visit our website: [www.leagueofhumandignity.com/getinvolved.html](http://www.leagueofhumandignity.com/getinvolved.html) and click on "Support Groups."

## Let's Be Social!

For the most up-to-the-minute information and conversation, join us on social media.



Find us on **Facebook** — just click the logo at left or on our webpage or search for us from your own Facebook page. When you get there, you can "Like" our page, rate it or even donate to the League if you want. But whatever you do, please don't forget to

leave a comment - even if it's just to say hello.

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**FOR SALE:** 1993 Chevy full size van, 98,000 miles. Raised roof, side wheelchair lift, almost new tires. Runs and drives well. Call 402-643-5252 or email ssmith521@gmail.com (Seward).

**FOR SALE:** Triumph electric scooter, \$300 OBO. Call Brenda, 402-261-4124 (Lincoln).

**FOR SALE:** Electric hospital bed with Serta Comfort Genius Memory Foam Mattress, \$1,500 OBO; Shower chair and Hemi walker, \$25 apiece. All items in excellent condition. Call Meg, 402-499-5922 (Lincoln).

**FOR SALE:** Platform lift, 500-pound capacity, 50-inch lift, installed price \$3,000. Call 402-560-1111 (Lincoln)

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## The League of Human Dignity Building Corporation

Is taking applications for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with roll-in showers in Lincoln, Omaha, York, Columbus, Norfolk and Hastings.

These units come with Section 8 certificates and rent is based upon income. Eligible applicants must qualify under income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



Applicants must experience disability to qualify.

To apply or for more info, call **Paula Shufeldt**  
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*Come on out and enjoy a delicious treat - and support the League of Human Dignity!*