

# May 2015 Tri-Center Newsletter



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## Superintendent's News and Comments

.... Tony Weers

## Ten fun ways to keep your child learning this summer

By Great Schools Staff

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015!**

#### **COMMENCEMENT . . . May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 A New Beginning**

Graduation is a bittersweet moment for many students as they complete their K-12 education and dream about their first steps into the "real world." For some this may include the work force, post-secondary education, the armed forces, or other venues. For our graduates to be productive citizens they must understand the essence of what it means to serve and produce—both require a good attitude and hard work with no substitutes or excuses. As Tri-Center sends another class of graduates into the "real world," I am confident these fine young men and women will continue to represent our school, community, and their families with respect, values, ethics, and integrity. Congratulations, thank you, and best wishes T-C 2015 graduates!

#### **Keep learning going over the summer...**

As the summer weeks and months are coming quickly, I recently read the following article from [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) on what families can do to encourage their students to learn throughout the summer. Summer is a great time to: rest, recharge, have some fun, and relax. Summer is also a great time to continue your personal learning journey. This article has some great practical things families can do to continue learning...

Summer vacation can be either a learning wasteland or a learning paradise. The temptations are great for children to spend hours watching television or playing video games, but with a little ingenuity and planning, the summer can be transformed into a time to stretch the mind, explore new hobbies, learn about responsibility and build on skills learned during the school year.

Teachers spend an average of four to eight weeks every fall reviewing and reteaching material that students have forgotten during the long summer break. Many students lose the equivalent of one to two months of reading and math skills during the summer and do not score as well on standardized tests as students who continue to learn during the summer. The effect is cumulative: Each summer a student isn't learning adds up and can have a long-term impact on overall performance in school.

That doesn't mean that children should be doing math worksheets and studying vocabulary lists to preserve the skills they have learned during the school year. Summer is the perfect time for children to discover that learning is fun and can happen anywhere. "You don't want your kids to think that learning is only something that happens in places called schools," says Susan K. Perry, author of *Playing Smart: The Family Guide to Enriching Offbeat Learning Activities for Ages 4-14*. "Rather, you want them to grasp that learning is fun and can go on all the time, anytime, anywhere, with handy materials, not only based on the instruction of an actual schoolteacher. The summer is a great unstructured

mass of time to try out new things and explore interests that don't necessarily fit into the school curriculum."

Learning can take place whether you are taking a trip to a far-off place or spending the summer in your own neighborhood. But be careful not to over-plan. "To avoid boredom, a child has to learn to be motivated on his or her own, to a certain extent, and that is an acquired skill," says Perry. "If every time your child says, 'I'm bored,' you step in with a quick solution, they'll never learn to develop their own resources. But do provide some options. Just don't try to instill learning. That's not how it works."

## **10 Fun Summer Learning Activities**

**Here are some activities to get your child started on a summer of learning fun:**

### **1. Grow the biggest zucchini in your neighborhood.**

What better way to learn the basics of science and how things grow than to plant your own garden? You can start with seeds or small plants. Talk about what plants need to be hardy: air, water, sunlight and nutrients. Vegetables are especially fun and educational to plant because your child will learn where food comes from and will also get to eat the end product.

### **2. Clip, paste and write about your family adventures.**

A family vacation is a perfect opportunity to create a trip scrapbook that will be a lasting souvenir of family adventures. Collect postcards, brochures and menus from restaurants and tourist attractions. Encourage your child to write descriptions of the places you visited and tell stories about your family's escapades. Or suggest a scrapbook on your child's favorite sports team or a chronicle of his year in school. The scrapbook might contain photos with captions, newspaper clippings or school mementos.

Many photo-sharing Web sites, such as [Shutterfly](#) or [KodakGallery](#), will help you (for a fee) create professional quality photo books, where you arrange the photos and write captions.

### **3. Get theatrical.**

Young children can make their own puppet theater. Begin by cutting off the finger-ends of old gloves. Draw faces on these fingers with felt tip markers and glue on yarn for hair. Or glue on felt strips to create cat, dog or other animal faces. Then your child can create a story that the finger puppets can act out. For older children, find books containing play scripts for young people (see "Helpful Books" sidebar) and encourage your child and friends to create their own neighborhood theater. They can plan a performance, make a simple stage at the park or on the steps of someone's home, create playbills and sell tickets.

### **4. Make chocolate mousse or build a bird feeder.**

Toy stores and craft shops are full of kits for making things, from bird feeders to model airplanes to mosaic tableaux. These projects teach children to read and follow directions, and offer the added benefit of creating a finished product. Science experiment books encourage children to observe and ask questions while providing hours of hands-on fun using scientific concepts.

What child wouldn't be inspired to bake cookies or make chocolate mousse? A cookbook geared for children is a good place to start. Ethnic cookbooks provide an excellent way to explore the food of other cultures, and open up conversations about how people do things differently in other parts of the world. Children are much more likely to eat something strange if they make it themselves.

### **5. Paint the picket fence, baby-sit or volunteer at a soup kitchen.**

Even young children can learn to be responsible by helping to set the table, take care of a pet, clean out a closet, wash the car or paint the picket fence. Ask your child to be your energy consultant and help find ways to conserve energy in your house. Outside summer jobs and community service help children learn to be punctual, follow directions and serve others.

### **6. Become the family's junior travel agent.**

Half the fun of a trip starts before you get there. Involve your child in the planning by practicing

how to use a map to find cities and tourist attractions, and how to estimate distances. If you are driving, work with your child to figure out how many gallons of gas it will take to get there and estimate the cost. If you are flying or traveling by train, check travel schedules and costs.

Research your destination in books and on the Internet. If you are going to a different state, look up information about the state, such as the state flower, state bird and interesting attractions. Have your child write to the state tourism bureau to ask for information.

### **7. Visit a jelly bean factory or a glassblowing studio.**

Whether you are going on a trip far away or staying close to home, seek out places where children can learn how things are made. In San Francisco, you can visit a teddy bear factory; in Arkansas, a glass blowing studio; and in Hawaii, a macadamia nut factory. To learn about some of these options, see our "Helpful Books" tips on this page.

### **8. Turn a museum trip into a treasure hunt.**

Get your children excited about visiting a museum by exploring the museum's Web site and taking a virtual tour. When you go to a museum, take into account short attention spans and don't try to cover a whole museum in one day. To make them less intimidating, start in the gift shop and let your child pick out some postcards of paintings or objects on display. Turn your museum trip into a treasure hunt by trying to find those paintings or objects in the museum. Look for interactive exhibits and for periods of history that your child has studied in school.

### **9. Get stickers, tattoos and comics for free.**

Composing a letter helps build writing skills and can be especially rewarding when your child gets a reply in the form of a cool free item. The book, *Free Things for Kids*, suggests more than 300 places you can write to get such items as stickers, temporary tattoos, comic books, magazines and sports memorabilia. Some of the items cost a dollar or less, but the majority are free. The author has

been writing about "free stuff" for years and is considered an expert in the field. The book, updated annually, also includes Web sites to check out for free downloadable software, ezines or other items to send for by mail.

You can help your older child build citizenship skills as well as practice his writing by encouraging him to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper or a local government official about an issue he is concerned about, such as building a bike path or renovating a local playground.

### **10. Become an investment guru or a math wizard.**

Summer is the perfect time for older children and teens to learn about the stock market and the value of investing. A good way to get started is to investigate publicly held companies that teens are familiar with, such as Apple Computer, eBay, Nike or Tootsie Roll. The [Motley Fool "Teens and Money" Web site](#) is devoted to helping teens learn about saving and investing. Your older child might also want to join a [Junior Investor program](#) to learn more about the stock market. It is also possible to help your teen get a head start on high school math by doing math puzzles.

## **Recognition and Appreciation of Staff and School Board Members**

The months of April and May contain several days/weeks of recognition and appreciation for various school employees and the board of education. Each of these individuals and collective groups come together to form a major portion of the Tri-Center Community Schools staff and school community. Their dedication and commitment to the task is tremendous—and consistent—for 180+ days every year. Please take the opportunity to extend a word of thanks or show some appreciation for the work they do and the unselfish efforts they make to create a safe and productive learning environment for the youth of our school district.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK . . .**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK . . .**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Conversations with Your School Board**

Our school board members volunteer many hours, early mornings, and evenings of their time for the benefit of our community's children. They know they represent more than just the citizens who elected them to their positions, and they want to hear from those folks about issues (good, bad, and indifferent) that are critical to all students in the district. At the same time, they are very aware that their role is to hire the superintendent, set policy, and adopt goals. The superintendent and other district administrators and supervisors are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the district.

When you are considering taking a concern/request/comment to a school board member, ask yourself if the school board is the proper place for this concern. Here is a quick checklist of questions to help you with that decision:

- If I am concerned about something, have I already talked to those closest to the problem and tried to resolve it there? If it wasn't resolved there, have I followed the chain of command through the bus driver, teacher/coach, principal/A.D., and superintendent? Is it still unresolved?
- Is my concern something that affects all children in the district rather than one child, one bus, one classroom of children, or one building?
- Is my concern an idea, comment, or question about the daily operations of the district? Have I talked with the appropriate administrator?

If your answer to these questions is "yes," but you are still not satisfied that the problem has been solved, you have probably followed the proper "chain of command" and should think about contacting the school board. If you

want to speak to the board at a meeting, our school board has established procedures so it can hear from concerned members of our community.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS . . .**  
**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**  
**PK – May 20 and**  
**K-11 . . . Friday, May 22, (1:30 dismissal)**

**RETIREES 2015**

This school year will be the final year of service for several Tri-Center staff members. Tri-Center is proud to recognize four retirees this year. Nancy Krohn, Dave Velthoff, Roberta Morse, and Darcy Hood will all be retiring at the conclusion of this school year. These four staff members have more than 90 years of combined service to Tri-Center. We are sad to see them leave, but excited for all of them to have new opportunities.

**From the Principal's Desk**  
**Angie Huseman**



Just a few thoughts to end the year and plant a few seeds that I hope you and your student think about during the summer:

1. The 2014-15 school year is NOT YET OVER! Too often, students think it is okay to coast through to the end of the year. They think they have built up enough of a grade that not doing an assignment, or not taking a test seriously will be okay. I believe many would be amazed at the number of times that by taking school too lightly the last couple of weeks has cost the student a credit (and maybe earned them an additional class to take in summer school). Every year, there are seniors that rely on a good final test or paper to get them to a passing grade and thus, allow them to walk across the stage with their class. This is amazing to me.

2. There are many opportunities a summer can bring a student. She can explore a career interest through a summer job. He can start reading some of the novels that might be covered during the next school year. He can start exploring college entrance requirements and see what types of scholarships can be gained. She can do a community service project that will enable her application to a particular college, or for a particular scholarship to rise to the top.
3. Finally, consider the following verse:  
 Watch your thoughts; they lead to attitudes.  
 Watch your attitudes; they lead to words.  
 Watch your words; they lead to actions.  
 Watch your actions; they lead to habits.  
 Watch your habits; they form your character.  
 Watch your character; it determines your destiny.



#### **Driver's Education Classes:**

I have met with the students who have signed up for Driver's Education Class this summer. I have told them that they need to pay their \$275 for the class by May 1st; they will need to have their permit by the first day of class which is June 1st.. If you have questions regarding Driver's Education classes, please call me at 485-2257 or Mr. Schuler, the instructor, during the evening. His number is on the information packet given to your student.

The following is a short excerpt from a Parent's newsletter that I think is especially appropriate if you have a teenage driver:

#### **Driver's Education Doesn't End When Teens Get a License**

Your teen just got her driver's license. You want her to enjoy this new privilege. (And to tell the truth, you'd love it if she would go to the store once in awhile.) But you want to keep your teen safe, too. Here are some things you can do:

- **Keep riding with your teen.** Your teen is still inexperienced. Learning to drive takes a long time.
- **Restrict night driving.** Most fatal car crashes happen between 9:00 p.m. and midnight. Don't let your young driver stay

on the road too late at night. Think about limiting the number of other riders who can be in the car, too. They tend to take the driver's focus off the road.

- **Be a good role model.** If you speed and drive aggressively, odds are your teen will, too.
- **Require safety belts.** Make a rule that everyone in the car wears a safety belt.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. Awards Day—  
 usually goes until 5<sup>th</sup> hour
- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate
- Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Senior Trip to Worlds  
 of Fun
- Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 a.m. Senior/Faculty  
 Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by  
 ASTRA/Student Council 8:30 am;  
 Practice Walking for Graduation
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> : 2:00 Graduation
- Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of PK
- Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1:30 Dismissal  
 Last Day of School for  
 Everyone Else





## From the Elementary Principal

. . . . Diane White

### May Highlights

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip to Atlantic Dairy
- 7<sup>th</sup> – PK to Children’s Museum
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Kdg trip to the Zoo
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Girls Track Meet at Tri-Center
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Student Council Mtg 3:30-5:00
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Senior and Staff Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Graduation 2:00
- 19<sup>st</sup> – Track and Field Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of PK
- 22<sup>rd</sup> –1:30 Out for Last Day of School**
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day

### Yearbook News and Information

. . . . Sarah Elliott

#### 2014-2015 SEMESTER II PUBLICATIONS STAFF: Senior:

Stephanie Nelson; **Juniors:** Hannah Larsen, Meghan Marsh, Editor Whitney Matthews; and **Sophomores:** Allison Eikenberry, Christine Fisher, and Karly Smith.

**2015 YEARBOOK SELLS!!!** Purchase the **2015 Trojan Yearbook (Trojan Survival Guide: Tips and Rules of 2015)** The FULL COLOR books are \$50 and include the FULL COLOR Year-in-Review insert for FREE. Also, we do except a \$25 deposit if you wish to make payments. A yearbook could make **A GREAT GRADUATION GIFT.** The staff is looking to sell 125 books so Mrs. Elliott will have to shave her head bald. Support the yearbook while also supporting the staff in achieving the goal.

#### **2014 & OTHER PAST YEARBOOKS!**

We still have some copies of the **2014 Trojan Yearbook, In Color: The Playlist of Us,** and other past yearbooks. Purchase any year’s book at regular price and get \$5 off the second and on lower priced books. Past books costs are: \$45 for 2014, \$35 for 2013, \$25 for the 2011 and 2010, \$20 for the 2009 and 2008 and just \$15 for the 2003. Sorry, we are completely out of 2012 books. **We need to clean out the closet and fund the printing of the current book; so get your yearbooks today.** Contact Adviser Mrs. Sarah Elliott at the high school at 485-2257, ext. 100 or [selliott@tctrojans.org](mailto:selliott@tctrojans.org)

**VINTAGE YEARBOOKS!** We have some copies of the **1990, 1991, and 1992 Trojan Yearbooks.** Purchase any year’s book for \$25 or Best Offer for no less than \$15. Contact Adviser Mrs. Sarah Elliott at the high school at 485-2257, ext. 100 or [selliott@tctrojans.org](mailto:selliott@tctrojans.org)

**SENIOR PARENTS \* \* \*SENIOR PARENTS \* \* \*SENIOR PARENTS \* \* \*SENIOR PARENTS**

**YEARBOOK SENIOR SPECIAL!** Twenty seniors on a first come, first serve basis, may get the **Senior Special.** We are completely out of the 2012 book, but this year’s 2015 book and the 2014 and 2013 books for just \$100. That is an additional \$20 discounted and just around \$33 a book – **WHAT A DEAL!!!!** Call Adviser Mrs. Sarah Elliott at the high school at 485-2257, ext. 100.

**PARENT AND PERSONAL ADS:** The final deadline for the parent and personal has come and gone in April, but some parents have recently contacted the staff about missing the deadline and we have some room on the spread and have extended the deadline one last time to Thursday, May 14th. Support the yearbook and honor your son/daughter, grandson/daughter, sibling, friend, or others at the same time. Parent and personal full-color

ads are \$35 (\$25 with the purchase of a 2015 yearbook) and include the honored person's name, a small photo or two, and a message limited to approximately 25 words. Parent and personal ads can be purchased from Publications Adviser Sarah Elliott at 485-2257, ext. 100.

**PICTURES ARE ACCEPTED:** The Publications staff is in need of and will accept pictures for possible use in the yearbook. Pictures can be submitted by email (sellott@tctrojans.org) or brought in to be scanned and returned ASAP.

**SPONSORSHIP/AD CAMPAIGN:** We finished our ad campaign a few months ago, but still have a few spreads without sponsors. If you are or know of someone and/or a business owner who may want to sponsor a spread, contact Adviser Sarah Elliott at 485-2257, ext. 100. Sponsors/Advertisers not only help fund a yearbook of which the district and surrounding communities can be proud, but have the opportunity to support an educational program that teaches students valuable skills in writing, design, photography, computer use, and business. We sponsorships/ads are \$50.

### **2015 Trojan Basketball Camp**



**... Chad Harder**

The 2015 Trojan Basketball Camp will be held on the following dates: July 13-17 for boys going into grades 3 – 8. Grades 3 – 6 will meet from 8 am – 12:00 pm; and grades 7 – 8 will meet from 1 pm – 4 pm.

The camp fee is \$60 and includes a free camp t-shirt. Camp brochures will be distributed at school and are also available in the middle and elementary school offices. For more information contact Coach Chad Harder (school 485-2211).

### **Special Olympics**

**... Julie Theulen**

The Special Olympic team would like to thank the community for their support at the fundraiser on April 18 at the Minden Legion building. The team is also celebrating two athletes who qualified to compete at the State track meet in Ames May 22-23. Alanna Haubrich qualified to compete in the turbo jav throw and Reagan Bothwell qualified to compete in the 200 meter race.



Theulen, Osbahr, Handbury, Haubrich, Sibert,  
Bearley – not pictured Pickett-Pauley,  
Bothwell

### **The Tri-Center Special Olympic Team**

**THANKs YOU for  
your support!**

## **Counseling Comments**

### **...Tami Harman**

The students have registered for the 2015-2016 school year and they are all entered in Power School. The next step is to generate the Master Schedule and balance class sizes. If all goes well, we could have them pretty much done by the end of the school year.

The last ACT test date for 2014-2015 is June 13, 2015 with registration due May 8th. The test dates for 2015-2016 are as follows:

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

Tri-Center will provide a John Baylor Test Prep before the October 24th test date, mainly for seniors and another prep before the February or April test date depending on activities on those test dates. If you have any questions about this prep course please call Tami Harman at [712-485-2257](tel:712-485-2257),

National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 in the high school cafeteria. Fifteen new members were inducted into the Tri-Center Chapter. Those inductees are:

Seniors: Hailee Hansen and Brandon Jensen

Juniors: Makenzee Freeberg, Connor Osbahr, Megan Rohatsch and Shelbie Weihs

Sophomores: Mackenzie Attkisson, Alyssa Baatz, Allison Eikenberry, Christine Fisher, Christine Hess, Victoria Masker, Nicole McPhillips, Karly Smith and David Wohlers

The members will be selling ads for the 2015-2016 calendar in the fall when we return to school. We hope those patrons who have advertised in the past will continue to support the National Honor Society.



## High School Art .... Susan Wedemeyer

The Iowa Western Conference Art Fair was Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> through Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tri-Center Middle School gym. Ten schools in the conference competed in 25 categories for the top five outstanding works per category, with many honorable mentions.

The Tri-Center High School art students came away with 54 awards & 3 Teacher's Choice Awards! Way to go art students! Tri-Center's art students earned 26 outstanding works and 28 honorable mentions. The following is the results for each category, the award, and the student that won the award. **Congratulations to all!!!!!!** What an **AWESOME** job!

OW is outstanding work and HM is honorable mention.

### **Handbuilt Ceramics**

HM Shelbie Weihs

HM Hailee Hansen

### **Wheel Thrown Ceramics**

OW Savana Huseman

OW Hailee Hansen

OW Kate Jarrett

HM Courtney Chapman

### **Tempera**

OW Allison Eikenberry

HM Anita Kline

HM Faith Bruck

### **Fiber Arts**

OW Hailee Hansen

OW Zach Denning

OW Karly Smith

OW Kate Jarrett

HM Kristin Davis

HM Allison Eikenberry

HM Sydney McKee

HM Sammy Andersen

### **Printmaking**

OW Olivia Russo

OW Shelbie Weihs

HM Zach Denning

HM Kate Jarrett

HM Whitney Matthews

### **Advanced Pencil Drawing**

HM Allison Eikenberry

### **Oil/Acrylic Non Representational**

OW Faith Bruck

OW Jill Manhart

HM Kate Jarrett

### **2-D Design**

HM Zach Sindt

### **Altered Digital/Scanned Computer**

OW J.D. Lilley

### **Paper Arts**

OW Whitney Matthews

OW Zach Denning

HM Olivia Russo

### **Colored Pencil**

OW Olivia Russo

### **Charcoal**

OW Anita Kline

OW Karly Smith

HM Faith Bruck

HM Hannah Pettit

HM Allison Eikenberry

### **Ink Drawing**

OW Kate Jarrett

OW Allison Eikenberry

OW Samantha Andersen

HM Hannah Pettit

HM Karly Smith

HM Olivia Russo

HM Shelbie Weihs

### **Computer Drawing**

OW Zach Sindt

OW Shelbie Weihs

### **Beginning Pencil Drawing**

OW Jill Manhart

HM Brandon Ryan

HM Tobi Brich

### **Sculpture**

OW Shelbie Weihs

OW Karly Smith

OW Jackie Saathoff

HM Courtney Chapman

HM Allison Eikenberry

### **Teacher's Choice Award**

Faith Bruck – Handbuilt Ceramics

Jackie Saathoff – Scratchboard

Zach Denning – Ink Drawing

## Tri-Center Area Summer Book Mobile

Mark your calendars for the Tri-Center Area Summer Book Mobile. We have books from toddler age up thru adult books. Please join us this summer. We will be offering different challenges each week.

### Time & Place Schedule:

5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Persia:** Across from Fire Department

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Beebeetown:** Ballpark

6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. **Minden:** Park next to bank

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Neola:** Entrance to NACC Pool

Mark your calendar for Summer Book  
Mobile Dates:

### THURSDAY NIGHTS!!!!

**JUNE:** 4,11,18,25

**JULY:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**AUGUST:** 6

## Tri-Center Scholarship Foundation

Tri-Center Scholarship Foundation, Inc., the non-profit organization organized to award scholarships to graduating Tri-Center seniors for post-secondary education, will be participating in the annual Omaha Gives! Online charitable giving fundraiser.

Omaha Gives! is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Omaha Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in the metro area (Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie counties). The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Bonus dollars and prize money will be made available to amplify charitable donations. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations.

The Omaha Community Foundation has set up an online platform at [www.omahagives24.org](http://www.omahagives24.org) with searchable profiles of participating nonprofits and a leaderboard on the day of the event. All donations will be processed through this website. Nonprofits and donors can track progress throughout the day. Anyone can donate to their favorite nonprofits on May 20 from midnight to midnight via [www.omahagives24.org](http://www.omahagives24.org). When you go to this Omaha Gives! Website, just search for Tri-Center Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and you will be directed to their donation page. Omaha Gives! will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from midnight to midnight. All event-related donations must be made at [www.omahagives24.org](http://www.omahagives24.org).