

Jeffrey Yost
Executive Vice President
Nebraska Community Foundation

Jeffrey G. Yost currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Nebraska Community Foundation, Inc. In this capacity Yost manages all development, finance and administrative functions of the Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit statewide organization assisting communities, organizations and donors to mobilize charitable giving as a community betterment strategy. The Foundation has affiliated funds in over 150 Nebraska communities and \$14 million in assets under management. Over the past six years, Foundation affiliated funds have reinvested over \$27 million in Nebraska communities and projects. The Foundation also assists its affiliated funds by providing extensive education/training services, implementing public-private partnerships, fundraising and strategic development assistance.

Other leadership positions and responsibilities Yost presently holds include serving as adjunct faculty teaching a graduate class on public-private cooperation for the University of Nebraska Department of Public Administration, serving as a board member for the Nebraska Microenterprise Partnership Fund, serving on the management team for the Nebraska Lied Main Street Program, and providing numerous consulting and training functions for projects related to local government innovation, building public-private partnerships and fundraising. Yost spent the month of April 2000 providing consulting services throughout Australia on building community foundations and public-private partnerships.

Yost also works with numerous organizations helping them plan and evolve their organizational mission and activities. Yost currently serves as a member of the Nebraska State Library Advisory Council, is immediate past board chairman of the Cornerstone Interdenominational Ministry on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus and is a newly appointed board member for the Nebraska Human Resources Institute. In 1997 Yost taught strategic planning, economic development and privatization at a private University in Tajikistan (in the former Soviet Union).

Yost was honored in April 2002 for his professional and volunteer work by being selected by the Lincoln Journal-Star as one of "20 under 40, Lincoln's Emerging Leaders."

Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Yost served as a policy advisor and strategic initiative manager for Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson. In this capacity Yost lead efforts to develop solutions to unfunded mandates, resulting in the creation of the Nebraska Mandates Management Initiative, a multi-agency partnership assisting local governments with environmental issues. Yost also worked extensively on policy issues including devolution/federalism, economic and rural development, and government efficiency.

Yost received bachelor's degrees in both economics and agricultural business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has also completed coursework toward a master's degree in economics.

Yost is a lifelong Nebraska resident growing up on a family farm near Red Cloud (population 1,200). Yost and his wife Cindy Ryman Yost are blessed to have a five-year old daughter, Elizabeth Grace and a two-year old son, Carter Jeffrey.

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