Jordan Abboud, Vice President of Asset Management, MHEG
Jordan Abboud is Vice President of Asset Management for Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. As VP of Asset Management, she is responsible for leading the asset management and compliance teams to monitor, analyze, and if necessary, improve the financial, operational and physical health of the underlying properties and ensure delivery of the federal LIHTCs to MHEG’s investors. Jordan received a B.S. in Business Economics from South Dakota State, and her Master’s in Business Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Prior to working at MHEG, Jordan worked at Farmers Insurance as a Marketing Assistant. Jordan has been with MHEG since 2007.

Arun Agarwal, CEO, White Lotus Group
Arun is a graduate from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and was awarded the Wharton Award for Academic Achievement. In 2002, Arun founded White Lotus Group - a vertically integrated real estate development firm based in Omaha that has self-funded over $150MM in industrial, retail, mixed-use, hospitality, office and health care projects. He serves on Metro Community College’s Foundation Board as well as the Library Foundation board, and he chairs the Greater Omaha YMCA board.

Robin Ambroz, Deputy Director of Programs, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Robin Ambroz is the Deputy Director of Programs at NIFA. Prior to this position, she managed the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program at NIFA for over 8 years. Before joining NIFA, the St. Paul, Nebraska native was the Development Director for the Omaha Housing Authority. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master’s degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Lindsey Anderson, Network and Prevention Manager, DHHS Division of Behavioral Health
Lindsey Anderson oversees a portion of the SAMHSA Federal Block Grant funding for Prevention along with other SAMHSA discretionary grants, including the SAMHSA Opioid STR and SOR funding for Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Lindsey’s educational background includes a Bachelor’s of Science in Education and Human Science and a Masters of Science in Nutrition and Health with a Certificate in Public Health.

Cindy Andrew, Foundation Chair, Home Buyer’s Assistance Foundation
Cindy Andrew sells real estate in Omaha and is a top agent with more than 15 years’ experience. As a former appraiser and team leader of the Cindy Andrew Group, she is able to provide valuable insight and a precise market analysis for Omaha home sellers and buyers. Cindy's group goes above and beyond to help those who live in Omaha get top dollar for their home. They tackle projects other agents wouldn't dream of doing! Team members specialize in move up buyers, acreages, investments, and properties that others have had problems selling. This website gives you the tools to estimate the market value of your Omaha area home, search for your dream property, and be notified the instant a home meeting your criteria hits the market. Omaha sellers and buyers have real time information directly from the source agents use, the multiple listing service (MLS). Cindy spends her free time volunteering on local and state boards to protect property rights for all home and property owners. She also promotes a grant program for first time home buyers and watches the actions of politicians making sure they operate in the best interest of homeowners. Cindy volunteers with Heartland German Shepherd Rescue, which saves dogs and places them in safe, loving homes.

Scott Argo, Vice President, Horizon Bank
Scott Argo is a Vice President in the Equity Department at Horizon Bank in Waverly, Nebraska. Horizon Bank has been serving the banking needs of Nebraskans for 112 years and has been actively providing financing for the construction of affordable housing in the State, using Low Income Housing Tax Credits, for over 25 years.
Pastor Tom Barber, CEO, People's City Mission
Pastor Tom Barber is the CEO of People's City Mission, which provided food, shelter, clothing, and medical care to over 30,000 unique individuals last year. In addition the Mission operates the third largest free medical clinic in the U.S. Pastor Tom has an MBA and BA from Pepperdine University, and has taught numerous sales and marketing classes at UNL.

Willie Barney, President/Facilitator, Empowerment Network
Willie Barney is the President/Facilitator of the Empowerment Network, a united group of leaders, community members and organizations working to facilitate positive change in the Omaha community. These groups are working collectively to improve conditions for African-Americans, North Omaha and the Greater Omaha area. Mr. Barney is also the President of WDB Resultants, LLC – a consulting firm and the President/Publisher of SMB Enterprises, LLC – a local media company. Willie received his B.A. in Economics/Business Administration from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA. He has 20 years of newspaper, media, communications and marketing experience with Lee Enterprises, Inc., and the Omaha World Herald.

Ryan Barry, CSO, ATS Secured
Ryan Barry is the Chief Strategy Officer and co-founder of ATS Secured, LLC, a financial services software company headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. ATS Secured’s Smart Network is helping the banking, healthcare, mortgage, and insurance industries secure and grow their business networks, while cutting costs and enabling a one-stop-shop for enterprise software platforms.

Barbara M. Bartle, President, Lincoln Community Foundation
Barbara serves as president of the Lincoln Community Foundation. She has 46 years of experience in fundraising, program development, public engagement and teaching. Barbara most recently served as the President of the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools for 18 years. She serves on the Chancellor’s Board of Counselors for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and is a member of the Charitable Gift Planners of Nebraska and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Barbara is past president of Rotary Club 14 and has served on numerous nonprofit boards in Lincoln as well as an ambassador for programs to China and India. She is past president of the National School Foundation Association and recipient of the Spirit of United Way award, Lincoln Independent Business Association’s Lincoln Community Impact award and the Lincoln Journal Star Woman of the Year Inspire Award. Her favorite time is spent with husband, Bob, and their three children and families—just ask her about her six grandchildren.

Jamie Berglund, Executive Director, Spark
Jamie has nearly two decades of experience leading transformative community development initiatives. She currently leads Spark, acting as a catalyst for change in disinvested neighborhoods. Her recent volunteer service includes commissioner for the Omaha Housing Authority, board member and chair of the Omaha Municipal Land Bank, and board member and president of the Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless.

Susanne Blue, CMSW, Executive Director, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach
Susanne Blue is the Executive Director of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, a community kitchen and outreach center serving the working poor and homeless in Lincoln, NE. She has a Masters in Social Work with an emphasis on Macro issues, such as planning, evaluation, grant writing, supervision and community organizing. She has led the organization for 20 years and has implemented many new programs to assist those experiencing homelessness overcome barriers to housing, basic needs and addiction.

Amanda Brewer, CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Amanda Brewer serves as CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. Habitat Omaha builds or fully renovates 40-50 houses annually as well as 65 critical home repairs. Habitat’s efforts are on focus area revitalization utilizing all housing products and partnerships to increase investment in the community. Habitat Omaha builds in East Omaha, Blair, and Waterloo, and has just expanded its service area to include Burt County. Amanda is originally from Norfolk, Nebraska.

Terryl Bronson, Talent Acquisition Professional, Spreetail
Terryl Bronson is a talent acquisition professional that has worked in recruiting since 2006. He started his career in the restaurant industry at Sonic Drive-In and then went to Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill and Bar as an operator for 7 years and then went to their corporate office as became a recruiter. He has recruited for other large brands such as Whole Foods Market and Ashley Furniture Homestores. This past October he relocated from Austin TX to the blissful winters of Lincoln NE to work for Spreetail where he is the recruiting manager for the Nebraska team.

Ann M. Burge, Chief Operating Officer, Midwest Housing Equity Group
Ann Burge is the Chief Operating Officer for Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. Her primary role as Chief Operating Officer is to oversee the day to day management and operation of the corporation, also while overseeing the portfolio of the affordable housing developments that are invested in by the various investment funds. Prior to working for MHEG, Ann was the Executive Director for Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation, a 501© 3 organization who offered regional housing and economic development programs. She has served several positions on the Nebraska Housing Developer Association’s Board of Directors and the NAHB Multifamily HCCP Board of Governors. Ann received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and also holds her Nebraska Real Estate Salesperson License.
Brooke Carlson, Founder/Executive Director, Disrupting Traffick

Brooke Carlson is a public speaker, advocate, and entrepreneur. She successfully launched and managed two counter trafficking programs. The first providing services in Thailand, Cambodia, Africa, Los Angeles, Native American Reservations and at motorcycle rallies. The second provided service in Lincoln and Omaha where her small team of two provided crisis response to 50 trafficked individuals and preformed outreach efforts to over 1,000 individuals working as escorts. After working in the counter trafficking movement for six years, she founded an organization called Disrupting Traffick. Since its launch in 2017, the Disrupting Traffick team has provided training for over 100 different community members and reached out to 643 women working in Nebraska’s sex industry. Resource stickers for trafficked individuals have been placed in 130 businesses across the state and 146 community resources have been leveraged for Disrupting Traffick’s clients. In 2018, the team organized and provided prevention of human trafficking training for strip club owners, bar tenders, and bouncers. Through the building of relationships with the club owners and staff members, two of the clubs now refer women who may be involved in trafficking situations to Disrupting Traffick. This referral system is the first of its kind in the Midwest and allows Disrupting Traffick’s team to connect victims with needed resources. Brooke is responsible for creating a network of counter trafficking service providers spanning 20 states and 3 countries.

Mary Byrnes, Vice President – Mortgage Loan Officer, Lincoln Federal Savings Bank

Mary Byrnes is a Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer at Lincoln Federal Savings Bank of Nebraska located in the Omaha branch, serving homebuyer's and home owners in Omaha and the surrounding area and across Nebraska with over thirty nine years of mortgage lending experience. She enjoys working with home owners and buyers, focusing on first-time homebuyer's and serving their needs in offering a vast array of mortgage loan products for purchases or refinances in many loan programs. Included in her menu of knowledge is new construction and home remodeling financing. Mary is an active member of the Omaha Area Board of Realtors. She instructs Realtors and consumers in mortgage finance and currently serves on the Education and Affiliate Committees.

Matthew Cavanaugh, Executive Director, Nebraska Housing Developers Association

Matthew Cavanaugh is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, a statewide membership organization with a mission to champion affordable housing in Nebraska. In addition to overseeing networks of home buyer and renter education providers, NHDA provides awareness and policy support for issues impacting the affordability of housing in Nebraska and down payment assistance to low- and moderate-income home buyers. Matthew has significant experience in public policy and intergovernmental affairs. Prior to leading NHDA, Matthew worked as the legislative director for a member of the Illinois State Senate and a policy fellow in the office of the Mayor of the City of Chicago. Matthew has a master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He currently lives in Omaha and is an active board member for several local non-profit organizations.

Jeff Chambers, Program Director, University of Nebraska - Lincoln - Center on Children, Families, and the Law

Jeff is the Director of the Community Services Division at UNL-Center on Children, Families, and the Law. Jeff is a rural sociologist with 27 years of experience working in Nebraska on issues in community development and organization, homelessness and basic and emergency needs service system development, planning, evaluation, and research. Jeff directs UNL-CCFL’s efforts for the Nebraska Balance of State and Lincoln CoC’s Homeless Management Information System lead, the Homeless Coordinated Entry System lead, and the Collaborative Applicant and planning entity.

Garry Clark, Executive Director, Greater Fremont Development Council

Garry is currently the Executive Director of the Greater Fremont Development Council (GFDC) in Fremont, Nebraska. Prior to his GFDC role, he worked as the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority's (NIFA) Opportunity Fund Manager in Omaha. Before that, Garry served as Cuming County's Economic Development Director for five years in Northeast Nebraska. In November 2018, Garry received the 40 Under 40 Award from the Midland Business Journal, primarily for his work in raising nearly $2 million to fund a Rural Workforce Housing Program in Dodge County, Nebraska. Garry is the 2nd Vice President of the National Rural Economic Developers Association and serves as a board member on the Nebraska Economic Development Association's Board of Directors. Garry received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, and his Master of Science in Urban Studies/Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Although his Alma mater (Dana College) is no more, Garry was inducted into the Dana College Hall of Fame for Track and Field in 2010. He holds 11 records (most ever in the school's history) and was the first male National Champion for Dana College. Garry still holds a Cross Country record at Montgomery Blair High School, after 20 years away from his old high school. Prior to his work in Nebraska, Clark's early career included serving as a City Planner / Main Street Manager and Economic Development Specialist in Florida, Maryland, and in Washington, D.C.
Nicky Clark, Assistant Vice President, Heartland Family Services
Nicky Clark is the Assistant Vice President at Heartland Family Service and holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She currently oversees many of the Child and Family Well-being programs which span from prenatal to the senior population. She has been working within the refugee community for nearly a decade and is seen as an expert in the community on cultural intelligence.

Rob Conway, Housing Outreach Specialist, Region V Systems Lincoln
Rob Conway has spent 15 years working with people struggling with mental illness, substance use, and homelessness. He’s been employed by Region V Systems and CenterPointe with an additional 5 years on CenterPointe’s Board of Directors. Additionally, Rob was a Realtor for 8 years. Rob is currently employed by Region V Systems. Rob’s duties consist of identifying the most vulnerable homeless within Nebraska's Continuum of Care and relocating them to Southeast Nebraska cities that have available housing. He has a B.A. in Sociology with minors in Psychology and Political Science. Rob also coordinated a workshop focusing on the pros and cons of prescribing animals to people for emotional and physical support.

Chyanne Cusick, YAB Member, YHDP
Chyanne Cusick is a foster care alumnus and has recently experienced homelessness. She needed to explore the world after the system involvement and didn't utilize resources at first. As she grew she began her new journey and she is currently leading the Fremont Youth Council among other roles.

Eric Degenhardt, HCD Analyst II, FHLBank Topeka
Eric has worked at FHLBank for the past 5 years administering both the competitive AHP and the HSP. Eric holds a Housing Development Finance Professional certification from the National Development Council, and an MBA from the University of Kansas.

Autumn Dillon, Pinnacle Bank
Autumn Dillon joined US Bank in 2008 starting as a teller and worked her way through the ranks over the next 3 and a half years. She went from universal banker, to personal banker, to assistant manager, and finally to branch manager before heading to mortgage banking. Autumn received US Bank's top honors in every position finishing with her branch manager career in 2013 as a "Pinnacle Award Winner" and Cincinnati Metros Region One "Branch Manager of the Year." Autumn left Cincinnati for Omaha and is passionate about serving her customers. Her favorite part of the job is offering solutions that can change lives. She has been active in the United Way and believes that every person can make an impact in their community.

Jill Dolberg, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, History Nebraska
Jill Dolberg is the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the State of Nebraska. Her office and staff operate under the auspices of History Nebraska, which was formerly known as the Nebraska State Historical Society. During her 19 year tenure with the State Historic Preservation Office, she has coordinated the Nebraska Historic Resource Survey and Inventory, planning the survey of seventeen counties, and has nominated over fifty properties to the National Register of Historic Places. For the last eleven years, Jill has coordinated the Section 106 reviews of projects that may have impacts on standing structures. She studied History at Nebraska Wesleyan University, graduating in 1995, and received her Master’s in Public History from Colorado State University in 1999.

Ryan Durant, President, RMD Real Estate Group, LLC
In his current role as President of RMD Real Estate Group, Ryan works with various communities across the Midwest to identify housing needs. Ryan’s diverse background includes Property Management, Development, Construction, and Consulting of market-rate and affordable housing. During his fifteen year career, he has been involved with approximately $90 million of housing development, including both new construction and rehabilitation projects. Ryan works diligently to collaborate with stakeholders to ensure successful funding and oversees construction until property operations have successfully taken over the project. Ryan’s passion for increasing affordable housing and the prevention and ending of homelessness are evident through his role as Chairman for Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. In addition to his NCHH service, Ryan is also Board Director for Notre Dame Housing.

Kelly Edmiston, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Kelly D. Edmiston is a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. He conducts research on issues involving community and economic development, housing, consumer finance, public finance, and poverty. Prior to joining the Federal Reserve, he was Assistant Professor of Economics at Georgia State University and worked extensively for the World Bank and USAID. He holds a PhD from the University of Tennessee.

Vance Edwards, CMB, Marketing Program Director, MGIC
Vance Edwards joined MGIC in 1999 and currently serves as a Marketing Program Director. Among Vance’s responsibilities is heading up MGIC’s marketing promotions and sales training efforts. In addition, Vance leads MGIC initiatives with real estate professionals and consumers, especially first-time homebuyers. He has spoken numerous times to real estate agents and loan originator audiences on topics including: first-time homebuyers, credit scores, economic overview, mortgage industry and sales skills. Vance holds a Bachelor’s degree in Communication with an emphasis in Adverti sing and Public Relations from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. He is also a certified FICO professional and received his Certified Mortgage Banker (CMB) designation from the MBA. Winner of 2 national playwriting contests, Vance lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin with his wife Carrie and
children, Hailey and Trevan. In his spare time, he can be seen performing original sketch comedy and improv as a member of McMann & Tate Productions, the resident theater company of the Cedarburg Cultural Center. MGIC is the pioneer of an industry that has helped millions of families achieve the dream of homeownership and remains dedicated to trailblazing new ways of making mortgage lending simpler, quicker and more accessible. As the premier provider of today’s private mortgage insurance, MGIC marries innovative programs with unrivaled customer support, empowering our customers to help their borrowers achieve homeownership sooner with affordable, safe, low-down-payment mortgages.

**Kourtney Emanuel, Digital Account Leader, BCom Solutions**
Kourtney Emanuel graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Advertising and Public Relations in 2017. She is currently a Digital Account Leader at BCom Solutions, a digital marketing company in Lincoln that partners with companies, causes, and campaigns to support their digital objectives. Kourtney serves as the primary point of contact for all company and cause-based clients of BCom.

**Kim Etherton, Director, Community Corrections**
Kim Etherton is a Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Professional Counselor in the State of Nebraska and the Director of the Lancaster County Department of Community Corrections. This Lancaster County department administers numerous programs that offer diversion from the criminal justice system and alternatives to incarceration. Kim is a member of the NRI Mental Health/Criminal Justice Advisory Council, Council of State Governments Young Adult Learning Community, The Lincoln-Lancaster County Justice Council and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

**Jason Feldhaus, Vice President, Connected Youth Initiative**
Jason brings a rich history of youth service to his position. Jason is currently helping build Connected Youth Communities and collaborations across rural Nebraska to help young people with experience in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, struggling with homelessness, or who are disconnected from a family structure. His previous work experience includes various positions at Uta Halee Girls Village & Cooper Village and time as a Social Services Worker for the Department of Health and Human Services. Jason graduated from Creighton University with degrees in Organizational Communication and History.

**Keli Forney, Family Outreach Director, Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership**
Keli has her Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, Psychology & Sociology. She is a former Police Officer where she first started working with people in need. For the last 19 years she has worked for CNCAP, 15 years as a case manager assisting those in need and the last 4 years serving as the Director overseeing the HUD CoC and VA funded grants.

**Clover Frederick, Fundraiser and Marketer on a Mission**
Clover Frederick is a fundraising and marketing consultant specializing in nonprofits. Working alongside an organization’s leaders, Clover provides advice on how to use marketing tools to engage cause ambassadors, turning them into valued donors. Clover also serves as Vice President for Marketing at Lincoln Community Foundation where she leads the marketing efforts for Give to Lincoln Day and Prosper Lincoln.

**Mike Gawley, Executive Director, Holy Name Housing Corporation**
Mike is a dedicated professional with more than 40 years of construction and real estate experience. Mike has successfully managed multiple divisions in geographically dispersed locations for various industry segments across the United States. He is responsible for communication with the Board of Directors, City of Omaha, lenders, foundations/other funders, Nebraska Investment Financing Authority, Department of Economic Development and syndicators regarding progress on housing developments. Mike is continually seeking housing projects that fit the mission of HNHC to improve the community. Mike serves on the board of the Nebraska Housing Developers Association and the Common Fund of the Heartland. He is active in the 2018 Omaha Community Foundation Capacity Building Program and is Quadel Certified in LIHTC.

**Tim Gottgetreu, Manager of Economic Research, Western Economic Services, LLC**
Mr. Gottgetreu performs economic, demographic and housing analysis, overseas various market research functions, as well as being the lead researcher and programmer. He has been with WES for nine years working to improve WES products and striving to build excellent relationships with clients around the country. Mr. Gottgetreu holds a Master’s Degree in Economics from the University of Maine.

**Christian Gray, Executive Director, inCOMMON Community Development**
Christian Gray has been a practitioner in the field of community development for 14 years. He serves as the Executive Director at inCOMMON Community Development, a Board Member at Neighbors United, and a Board of Trustees Member at the Business Ethics Alliance. He holds Masters Degrees in Urban Studies and Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Candace Gregory, President/CEO, Open Door Mission
Candace is the President/CEO at Open Door Mission and has served on the team in many capacities over the last 24 years. Born and raised in New Brunswick, Canada, she is a devoted wife to her husband Steve, and mother to their four children. Candace has earned a Bachelors, Masters and Honorary Doctorate. She has become a noted national advocate for the homeless and is sought out for her experience in implementing community prevention programs that help end the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

Don Gross, Community & Economic Development Manager, Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Donald Gross is the Manager of Community and Economic Development with the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) having joined the agency in January 2017 after 31 years with the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Donald held several positions in the City’s Community Development Department and served as Director of the department for 26 years. Prior to working for the City of Council Bluffs, Donald was employed by the Southwest Regional Development Commission and the City of Little Falls, Minnesota. Donald received a Bachelor’s degree in Geography from Bemidji State University, a Master’s degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Donald is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and American Planning Association. Donald also serves on the boards of NeighborWorks Home Solutions and Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless.

Ryan Harris, Acquisitions Manager, Midwest Housing Equity Group
Ryan Harris is an Acquisitions Manager for Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. He is responsible for underwriting investments in affordable housing developments financed with tax credits. He works with MHEG management, developers, lenders, state Housing Finance Agencies and other government agencies to close investments into operating partnerships. He was previously the Deputy Director of Asset Stabilization, and has been with MHEG since 2007.

Donavon Heimes, Manager, Columbus Community Foundation, d/b/a Columbus Family Resource Center
Don Heimes is the Manager of the facility known as the Columbus Family Resource Center. The facility itself is owned by the Columbus Community Foundation of which Don also serves on the Board of Directors. Don's previous professional career includes having served as the CFO, Secretary and Treasurer of a publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust.

John Henges, Director of Veteran Support Services, Veterans Community Project
Josh Henges has worked in the nonprofit world for about the last 14 years, 12 of them in Kansas City. Josh has been connected to the homeless services world for much of that time, specifically around housing the homeless. Josh has learned in his experience that there are many ways to house the homeless. While some interventions are more effective than others, Josh loves to talk about them all. Josh is currently the Clinical Director at Veterans Community Project. Their goal is to end Veteran homelessness by utilizing tiny houses and preparing the Veterans they serve for permanent housing.

Stacey J. Hoffman, Senior Research Specialist, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Stacey J. Hoffman focuses on community program evaluation, program management, risk and crisis communication, public health monitoring system evaluation, and disaster behavioral health response planning in her work at the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and her B.A. from Cornell College.

Kaylie Hogan-Schnittker, Chief of Staff, BCom Solutions
Kaylie Hogan-Schnittker, Chief of Staff at BCom Solutions, serves as the campaign and key accounts leader and the CEO’s right hand. She assists the team in understanding and fulfilling the ultimate vision of the company.

Jody Holston, Rehousing Director, Heartland Family Services
Jody Holston has been with Heartland Family Service since 2008. In her position as Program Director, she oversees 7 programs providing rapid rehousing and transitional housing. These programs combined serve over 335 households at a time. During her time at Heartland Family Service, she has been able to develop and implement several programs including: Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Coordinated Access, Homeless Prevention and PATH, as well as staff onboarding and training processes for the department. Jody holds a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from North Carolina State University. She has a total of 16 years’ experience in social work. Her experience prior to joining Heartland Family Service includes work with youth with mental health disorders, families in child protective services, and runaway and homeless youth. Jody currently serves as a Board Commissioner for Municipal Housing Agency. She also participates in several task forces for the Metro Area Continuum of Care.

Teresa Hunter, Executive Director/CEO, Family Housing Advisory Services Inc. & Omaha 100 Incorporated
Teresa Hunter, MPA, JD, joined Family Housing Advisory Services (FHAS) and Omaha 100 Incorporated in 1994 and serves as Executive Director & CEO. FHAS improves quality of life and eliminates poverty through a broad menu of services that help people achieve housing stability and financial success. Omaha 100 provides housing-related services and capital to facilitate revitalization of neighborhoods to low- and moderate-income populations. To further assist community members in reaching their professional communication and leadership goals, FHAS founded the Speak Now Toastmasters Club that is open to the community. An Omaha native, Teresa has a passion for her work to serve and better her community.
Lori Johnson, Vice President/Secretary, Great Plains Appraisals, Inc.

Lori L. Johnson, MAI, is a shareholder and senior staff appraiser with Great Plains Appraisal, Inc. Ms. Johnson is a Certified General Real Property Appraiser in the states of Nebraska and Iowa and currently holds the MAI designation with the Appraisal Institute, a professional designation held by over 1,000 professional appraisers world-wide, but less than 25 located in the State of Nebraska. Lori holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Doane Collage where she graduated with Magna Cum Laude distinction. Ms. Johnson joined the firm in 2003 and has been active in the appraisal of commercial, industrial, special-purpose, multi-family, and affordable housing properties in Lincoln and the southeast Nebraska area, as well as skilled nursing, memory care, assisted living and independent living facilities throughout the states of both Nebraska and Iowa. Ms. Johnson assists the Lancaster County Board of Equalization in the capacity of Assistant Referee Coordinator and also serves as a Referee through this process. Ms. Johnson served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Chapter of the Appraisal Institute from 2009-2012, and also served as Treasurer for this organization in 2016. Ms. Johnson was also the Vice President and Region II Representative for Nebraska in 2017. Ms. Johnson currently serves as the President for the Nebraska Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. She also currently serves as the Appraiser from the private sector on the Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee for the State of Nebraska. Ms. Johnson became a shareholder with Great Plains Appraisal Inc. in 2015 and currently serves as Secretary for the firm.

Rosetta Judd, YAB Member, YHDP

Rosetta Judd grew up in the foster care system from birth until the age of 19. She aged out mostly successful but fell into the pattern of chronic homelessness due to a lack of knowledge of resources and a shortage of resources. Through her experiences, she gained a circle of support networks, knowledge, and skills to advocate for youth who are impacted by the foster care system. Rosetta is a statewide and national level advocate for youth both in and out of foster care. Her passion lies in helping youth in the future through public speaking and networking.

Tim Keelan, Co-Owner and Principal Partner, Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C.

Tim Keelan is a professional Community and Regional Planner, and co-owner/principal partner of Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., with Becky Hanna. Tim has a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Community & Regional Planning degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Tim was the 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, from the College of Architecture, University of Nebraska. Hanna:Keelan has completed 150+ Community and County Comprehensive Plans, 400+ Housing Market Studies, 160+ Community Redevelopment Planning Programs and numerous Downtown Revitalization, Neighborhood and Human Services Plans and served as Housing Consultant for and completed 200+ Affordable Housing Developments, totaling 7,000+ units, for families, elderly and special populations, at a cost of $490 million. The Firm has received several awards for its accomplishments, including the Outstanding Professional Service Award, by the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association, Distinguished Planning Award, from the American Planning Association, Housing Our Community Award, from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission, Nebraska Housing Hall of Fame, presented by the Nebraska Investment and Finance Authority and the Founders Award, by the Nebraska Housing Developers Association.

Tim Kenny, Executive Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Tim Kenny has served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) since 1994. Beginning his professional career as a tax and audit CPA in both public accounting and the private sector, Kenny worked extensively in the real estate development, finance and homebuilding industries.

In addition to Nebraska, Kenny has also served as the director of program development for the Utah Housing Finance Agency (1991-1993) and the executive director of the Texas Housing Finance Agency (1987-1989). A native of San Antonio, Texas, Kenny worked in the wholesale building materials industry and the family homebuilding business while he attended the University of Texas at Austin.

NIFA, headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska is an internally funded, multi-purpose authority that operates programs to finance affordable single and multi-family housing (both ownership and rental), New Markets Tax Credit projects, medical facilities, community infrastructure, industrial development projects and first-time farmers/ranchers.

Recently, Kenny is or has served as a member of:

National Council of State Housing Agencies:
- Board of Directors
- Sustainable Housing Focus Group
- Strategic Planning Task Force
- Mortgage Lending Task Force

National Association of Homebuilders:
- Board of Directors, Home Builders Association of Lincoln
- Member, Columbus Home Builders Association
- NAHB Federal Government Affairs Committee
- NAHB Multifamily Board of Trustees
NAHB Housing Tax Credit Steering Committee
NAHB Housing Finance Committee
NAHB Nation Housing Roundtable

Blueprint Nebraska- Housing Working Group
Board of Trustees and Treasurer, Nebraska Nature Conservancy
Lincoln South Downtown Study Advisory Committee
Lincoln Public Schools Community Learning Centers Advisory Board
Nebraska Subprime Advisory Task Force
10th Dist. Federal Reserve Bank Community Advisory Committee
Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Board of Directors

Teena Kissler, Benefit and Wellness Manager, Nelnet
Teena Kissler is the Benefit and Wellness Manager for Nelnet. She oversees the benefit plans and plan design, wellness programs, vendor management and compliance. She started with Nelnet in 2007. Teena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with and emphasis in Human Resource Management from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and she earned her Certified Employee Benefits Specialist certification (CEBS) in 2017.

Timothy Knutson, Team Leader – Training Team, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Tim has been with the Department of Veterans Affairs for 15 years. He started with the VA as an intern in 2003. After his internship, Tim spent the first half of his career in Loan Administration. Most recently, Tim has worked as the Training Team Leader in Loan Production. His team leads trainings on the VA home loan to lenders and trade groups across a nine-state jurisdiction. Tim graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a degree in Business Administration.

Tera Kucera, Chief Executive Officer, LifeHouse
Under Tera Kucera's leadership, Care Corps, Inc., dba LifeHouse has grown to serving 35% more clients each year through the Emergency Shelter and after care programs. Through innovation, her team has increased program outcomes from 37% to 92% of individuals and families in emergency shelter leaving the program to permanent housing. As well as saw an increase from 32% to 79% of program participants leaving with maintained or increased income. Tera Kucera serves as the Co-Chair for Fremont Family Coalition's Visionary Team and is the Co-Chair for the Continuum of Care for the Balance of the State. Tera Kucera creates efficiency and drive amongst staff and programs. She ensures that each program meets its goals and that the lives of the homeless and near homeless in our community are transformed so they can be independent and self-sufficient.

Kit Kuehl, Housing Search Team Coordinator, Heartland Family Services
Kit Kuehl is the housing search team coordinator at heartland family service working in homeless services. He oversees four housing advocates and one landlord liaison position that work with case managers in their five housing programs along with their partnering landlords and leasing agents. Kit has a BS in Behavioral Science from Bellevue University. He worked as a housing advocate during the Yale Park apartment displacement and was responsible for finding suitable affordable housing for those affected by that displacement.

Michaela Mallery, Accounting Manager, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Michaela has been in the role of Accounting Manager at Nebraska Investment Finance Authority since March 2018. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Additionally, she attended Concordia University for Accounting. Prior to her experience at NIFA, Michaela has served in public accounting, manufacturing, and non-profit roles.

Rhonda Mattingly, Executive Director, Bridges to Hope
Rhonda Mattingly has over 8 years’ experience working for non-profit agencies, over 15 years’ experience in grant writing and has held upper-management positions for over 30 years. A Norfolk, NE native, Rhonda graduated Wayne State College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. She put that degree to use first as a Child Protection and Safety worker and later was selected as Executive Director for a non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault agency in Norfolk. While in Norfolk she belonged to Leadership Norfolk, Women’s Chamber, was a United Way volunteer and served two years on the board for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition. Rhonda currently is the executive director for Bridges to Hope in Lincoln, NE, a non-profit prison ministry. She has memberships to the Human Services Federation, Homeless Coalition, and the Reentry Alliance of Nebraska.

Othello Meadows, President and CEO, Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp.
Othello H. Meadows III is a native of Omaha, Nebraska and currently serves as President and CEO of Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp., a community revitalization and development organization. Prior to this position, Mr. Meadows was Executive Director of the Omaha Workforce Collaborative, a non-profit housed at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, designed to restructure the workforce development efforts of the Omaha metropolitan area. Meadows returned home after nearly 15 years in order to run a non-partisan voter registration drive that registered over 10,000 new voters in eastern Omaha prior to the 2008 presidential election. Before...
returning to Omaha, Meadows operated his own law firm, Othello H. Meadows, P.C. in Atlanta, Georgia where his practice focused on criminal defense, family law, and general civil litigation. Mr. Meadows attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina on a basketball scholarship where he earned his BA in Psychology. He later received his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Meadows serves as the Chairperson of the Housing Industry Council for Blueprint Nebraska. In 2005, the Mesners were recognized by the Nebraska Housing Developers Association for Promoting and Investing in Housing Development. In 2006, the Mesners were inducted into NIFA’s Housing Hall of Fame. The Mesners have also received the Ad Astra Award on multiple occasions for housing excellence in Kansas.

Krista K. Mettscher, Single Family Housing Specialist, USDA Rural Development
Krista K. Mettscher, Single Family Housing Specialist, USDA Rural Development. In 2006, the Mesners were inducted into NIFA’s Housing Hall of Fame. She is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Staff as the Senior Housing Specialist, in the downtown Lincoln Federal Building in September 2008 and will celebrate a 25-year anniversary this summer. Krista works extensively with regulation, delivery, oversight, approval, and outreach of the Single Family Housing Programs including the 502 Direct & 502 Guaranteed home purchase and 504 repair programs.

Dan Metz, Senior Vice President / Regional Equity Manager, Wells Fargo Bank
Dan is a Senior Vice President in the Community Lending and Investment Group responsible for originating and structuring tax credit development transactions in the Midwest. Dan has originated/closed over $1.3B of LITHC investments. Previously Dan was the Senior Risk Officer for the Tax Credit Investment Group responsible for the underwriting and closing of equity and debt transactions. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Dan worked for eight years as a Vice President of Development for a Midwest LIHTC developer. Dan holds a B.A. and B.S. in Finance and a minor in Economics from Truman State University in Missouri.

Drew Miller, Director of Immigration, Catholic Social Services
Drew Miller is the Director of Immigration as well as a refugee resettlement case worker at Catholic Social Services (CSS). Their refugee and immigration departments focus on eliminating barriers that would otherwise prevent new Nebraskans from living the good life. CSS legally files for and represents clients on matters of immigration, a key to helping individuals maintain status so they can continue to thrive. CSS also fosters mutually beneficial relationships with landlords and employers, so they can confidently continue Nebraska's reputation of being a welcoming state.

Wes Miller, CEO, ATS Secured
Wes Miller co-founded ATS Secured, LLC, a financial services software company headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. ATS Secured believes data should be owned and controlled by users. The company’s Smart Network functionality brings this concept to life, allowing trusted parties to own and control their information inside a secure environment, and safely exchange data, documents and dollars. This functionality is made possible through ATS Secured’s Trust Chain – similar to block chain, but with persistent verified identities inside a federated node network.

Kasey Moyer, Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Nebraska
Kasey Moyer is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Nebraska. Kasey assisted in the development and implementation of the first state funded peer-run programs in Nebraska: The H.O.P.E. Program (a nationally accredited peer-to-peer supported-employment program following evidenced-based practices and fidelity protocols) The Keya House, (peer-to-peer crisis aversion support services) a Law Enforcement referral program and most recently Kasey has worked with the Nebraska State Department of Corrections, Nebraska Parole Administration and Nebraska State Probation to develop and implement peer operated re-entry services and transitional housing. Kasey is also an appointed member of the Restricted Housing Workgroup focusing on people living with behavioral health issues who are incarcerated. Kasey also serves on the National Association of Case Management (NACM) Board.

Todd Murphy, Universal Information Services
At the age of 13 Todd developed the broadcast monitoring services for Universal Information Services, a family business. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991, Todd joined Universal to develop innovative services that deliver media monitoring and measurement tools. Since 1991 Universal has enjoyed continued growth in revenue and client base, becoming the only company in the United States to comprehensively monitor and evaluate all media types within the company. Universal focuses on integrating news monitoring, media contacts and distribution, and the customized measurement of media results. Their PR measurement services represent the best-in-class for competitive insight and business intelligence, showing the impact from messaging and the return on effort. Universal has expanded their digital information services to include the digitization and restoration
of historical documents and assets. Serving libraries, universities, historical societies, corporations, and other institutions, Universal now assists institutions in preserving their history while making historical assets relevant again. Todd Murphy completed the full acquisition of Universal Information Services in 2015, after integrating other media monitoring services he had acquired over the prior 10 years. Universal continues to focus on innovation by most recently adding artificial intelligence to their news monitoring and launching the Alpha Clips service. Todd also serves or chairs several boards of directors for industry associations and non-profit organizations.

Roger Nadrchal, Executive Director, NeighborWorks Northeast
Roger Nadrchal is the founding CEO of NeighborWorks® Northeast Nebraska based in Norfolk, Nebraska. NWNEN originated in 1994 and currently serves seven counties providing Housing and Education programs. Under Roger’s direction, NWNEN has developed over 640 single-family homes valuing in excess of 55 million dollars in northeast Nebraska. NWNEN maintains an “Exemplary” status within the NeighborWorks® America network.

Danushka Nanayakkara-Skillington, Assistant Vice President for Forecasting and Analysis, NAHB
Danushka Nanayakkara-Skillington is NAHB Assistant Vice President for Forecasting and Analysis. She oversees the activities of the Forecasting & Analysis section of the Economics group which includes developing and maintaining national, regional, long-term, and remodeling expenditures forecasts. Before being promoted to Assistant Vice President, she worked at NAHB as a Senior Economist. Prior to joining NAHB, Danushka worked at J.D. Power as a Senior Economic Analyst in the automotive industry. She holds a M.A. degree in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University.

Michael Neal, Director of Economics, Fannie Mae
Michael Neal is Director of Economics at Fannie Mae. He is responsible for executing the Economic and Strategic Research Group’s macroeconomic and housing forecast. Mr. Neal is a frequent speaker at banking and housing industry events. Prior to working at Fannie Mae, Mr. Neal was Assistant Vice President at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). His portfolio included developing the macroeconomic and housing forecast as well as assessing key trends and issues in housing finance. Mr. Neal has nearly two decades of experience in economics and finance. In addition to the NAHB, Mr. Neal also worked at the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, the Federal Reserve, and Goldman Sachs. Mr. Neal earned his Master’s in Public Administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in economics from Morehouse College. His undergraduate experience was complemented by study at the University of Oxford. Mr. Neal resides in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife and two children.

Marni Newell, Program Manager, Greater Nebraska Refugee Services, Lutheran Family Services
Marni is the program manager for refugee resettlement and support services to new Americans in Lincoln, Grand Island, and surrounding communities. Marni has worked in refugee resettlement for nearly five years in the Omaha and Lincoln area. Her previous advocacy includes serving as the co-chair of the Omaha Refugee Task Force (ORTF) and the chair of the ORTF housing committee.

Scott Nixon, Director of Acquisitions, Sugar Creek Capital
Scott's 16 year career in real estate development and affordable housing has included time as a developer, property manager, and now in tax credit syndication for Sugar Creek Capital. Scott has been at Sugar Creek for 7 years, and there he is responsible for the acquisition and underwriting of new state tax credit investments across the Midwest.

Hollie Olk, VP Real Estate Lending, Pinnacle Bank
A native of Columbus, Nebraska, Hollie Olk started in banking in 1979 working for Commerce Savings. Hired as a teller and bank accountant she was promoted several times, her duties covered all aspects of banking, lending and management. She pioneered the Commerce Savings Columbus, Inc. into secondary market mortgage financing. In 1992 she opened a secondary market mortgage department for First National Bank Columbus. In 2006 she joined Pinnacle Bank and developed the Columbus Mortgage Center that finances mortgages across rural Nebraska.

Jim Ostrander, Chief Financial Officer, Excel Development
Jim joined Excel Development Group in 2001 as CFO. He manages Financial Operations of the Company and their portfolio of LIHTC properties. Excel Development Group has developed and manage over 50 properties in 4 states including Nebraska. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a BBA in Accounting, and received his CPA credential in 1987. He moved into the private industry after 5 years in Public Accounting. Jim’s wife Dawn and he have 4 kids (all Huskers) and have lived in Lincoln since 1989.

Denise Packard, Coordinated Entry Manager, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center on Children Family and the Law
Denise has a BS from UNL and Master of Arts in Counseling from Doane. She is the Coordinated Entry Manager, employed at UNL Center on Children Family and the Law. CE is designed to identify and move people to appropriate housing as efficiently as possible. Denise also chairs the Lincoln Homeless Coalition.
Doug Peterson, Attorney General

Doug Peterson was elected as Nebraska’s 32nd Attorney General in November 2014. As Attorney General, he oversees the Nebraska Department of Justice. Peterson was born in Columbus, Nebraska and grew up primarily in Lincoln. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a business degree in 1981, and from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1985. Following law school, Mr. Peterson spent two years in North Platte, Nebraska, prosecuting both criminal and civil cases for the Lincoln County Attorney. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Assistant Attorney General to the Nebraska Attorney General’s office, representing the State in civil litigation matters. In 1990, Peterson entered private practice, where he had the opportunity to advise and advocate for both individuals and businesses. In his role as Attorney General, Peterson works closely with law enforcement agencies across the State to ensure that Nebraska communities are safe. Peterson’s office has supported strengthened legislation and enforcement in the areas of human trafficking, prosecution of child sexual assault and abuse, and consumer protection laws to safeguard all Nebraskans, and in strengthening effort to prevent prescription drug abuse.

Kelley Peterson, PCM, Vice President: Nonprofit Creative Director, KidGlov
Kelley has played a hand in nonprofit marketing for nearly half her lifetime – it’s truly in her blood. Using her marketing know-how and creative flair, Kelley helps nonprofits advance their brands for good. Local, regional and national conference attendees find Kelley’s soapboxes to be fun, engaging conversations with tangible takeaways. Kelley is Past President of American Marketing Association National Professional Chapters Council and has been recognized as Lincoln AMA’s Marketer of the Year, inducted into the Lincoln Marketing Hall of Fame and Lincoln Business Journal’s 40 under 40. As Vice President/creative Director at KidGlov, Kelley’s been fortunate to be part of advancing these great nonprofit brands: CenterPointe, Dreamweaver Foundation, Food Bank of Lincoln, HopeSpoke, Lincoln Community Foundation, Matt Talbot, PromiseShip, Prosper Lincoln and St. Monica’s.

Justin Pinkerton, Mortgage Loan Officer, Arbor Bank
Justin worked within the mortgage industry since 2004. His experience during this time includes both management and consulting positions at both bank and broker levels. He specializes in traditional mortgage financing as well as renovation mortgage products and prides himself on treating his clients’ financial needs and goals as his top priorities. Justin enjoys helping people attain their dreams of homeownership and takes pleasure in knowing that he provides his customers with the highest level of service throughout the entire mortgage process. He has worked for Arbor Bank as a Mortgage Loan Officer for the last 4 years. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Nebraska Mortgage Association and served as President of the association in 2018. He was the recipient of the Nebraska Mortgage Association’s Lender of the Year Award in 2017 and has qualified for the association’s Champion Circle every year since becoming a member. Justin was born and raised in a small town in Southwest Nebraska and that’s where he learned the work ethics and core values that he still carries with him today. He attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree within the College of Business. He currently lives in Gretna and enjoys golf and spending time with family and friends in his spare time. Justin’s number one priority in life is his wonderful family, which includes his amazing wife and four children.

Rachel Pointer
Rachel Pointer is an inspirational speaker, resilience coach, and anti-trafficking consultant. She specializes in working with individuals who have experienced complex trauma, and service providers who work with individuals who have experienced complex trauma. Her work centers on empowering survivor leadership, developing trauma ready response to human trafficking, and burnout recovery. Rachel has a Bachelor of Science in Youth Education with emphasis on Psychology, and a Master of Arts in Adult Education with emphasis on Counseling and Curriculum Development. She is survivor of childhood sex trafficking and has spent 20 years working with children and families, many of whom have been involved in the juvenile justice system and child protective services. Ms. Pointer started a volunteer-run organization to combat trafficking in the state of Nebraska and was recently selected as a recipient of the Midlands Business Journal’s 17th annual 40 Under 40 Awards.

Tim Quigley, CPA, CCIM, Development Director, Cohen-Esrey
Tim Quigley is a Development Director for Cohen-Esrey Development Group. He joined the Cohen-Esrey team in 1998 as an office leasing agent. He gained expertise for handling property dispositions in the Kansas City Metropolitan area for several national companies. Leveraging his brokerage experience, Quigley then entered the public-private partnership arena of affordable housing. He now specializes in the development of housing in small towns and rural communities primarily in Kansas utilizing Section 42 Low Income Housing Tax Credits. His responsibilities include identifying development opportunities for affordable housing and managing the development process from the acquisition of historic buildings for renovation, to construction and conversion to housing, and finally to the stabilized occupancy. He also assembles the financial structure of developments including the application of housing and historic tax credits as equity sources. Quigley is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) through the CCIM Institute.

Felicia Quintana-Zinn, Drug Overdose Epidemiologist, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health
Ms. Quintana-Zinn is the Drug Overdose Epidemiologist for the Division of Public Health at Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Felicia works on projects including the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, naloxone awareness and access, and the Nebraska Pain Management Guidance document efforts in addition to providing drug overdose surveillance. She has worked for the department for 3 years.
Amy Reynolds, Executive Vice President, Nebraska Medical Association
Amy Reynolds is the Executive Vice President of the Nebraska Medical Association. Ms. Reynolds oversees the management of the organization including advocacy, membership, education, and industry collaboration. Ms. Reynolds’s previous role was as prescription drug overdose prevention coordinator for Nebraska DHHS Division of Public Health. In this position, she was responsible for providing leadership and oversight for the implementation of the CDC grant specifically directed towards opioid prevention efforts in the state of Nebraska.

Kelly Schultze, LIHTC Compliance Manager, NIFA
Kelly is the LIHTC Compliance Manager for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. She started at NIFA in May of 2004 as a Tax Credit Compliance Officer. She was promoted to LIHTC Compliance Manager in February 2017. Ms. Schultze holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Management from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In her free time she loves watching her kids play sports, taking day/weekend trips with her family and running.

Katie Schumacher, Support Services Manager, Holy Name Housing Corporation
Katie started with Holy Name Housing Corporation in December 2017. She came to Holy Name Housing with 8 years of experience in the case management and support services field. She serves tenants by using her experience in supportive services and resource knowledge to help them become self-sufficient and prepared to become home owners.

Bryan Seck, Developer, Prosper Lincoln
Bryan Seck earned a BA from the University of Kansas and a Master’s in Public Administration from New York University. He previously led College Possible Omaha and Homeless Outreach for Lincoln Public Schools. Currently, Bryan works as Director of the Prosper Lincoln Skills for Jobs Initiative. He sits on the Lincoln Suicide Prevention Coalition, and Homeless Coalition. He leads WaltherSeck Associates consulting firm to help organizations utilize program evaluation to understand outcomes and share findings.

Francisco Serrano, Senior Mortgage Loan Officer Assistant Vice President, Charter West Bank
A South Omaha native, Francisco Serrano has been helping members of the community achieve their dreams of homeownership for over 18 years. A small business owner himself in a past life, he knows how hard work and dedication can pay off and he uses that drive today to work hard for his clients. When he's not cheering on the Huskers or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, he can be found surrounded by his large blended family of 8 kids, playing a mad game of table tennis or taking in a movie.

Lynda Shafer, Leader Leader, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Lynda Shafer was named Leader Leader for the Greater Omaha Chamber in 2017, with responsibility for the Chamber’s leadership development programs. Lynda has served on numerous boards, including the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands and the La Vista Citizen Advisory Review Committee. She is VP of the inCOMMON board as well as secretary of the Agape Mission Trust board for Faith Church in La Vista

Royce Sheibal, Outreach Program Coordinator, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Royce has been working as the Outreach Program Coordinator at the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority since 2015 after serving as an intern for one year with the organization. Royce has a Master’s of Science in Urban Studies from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a Bachelor’s of Science in Meteorology and Climatology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Julie Shrader, Founder and President, Rejuvenating Women
Julie Shrader is the Founder and President of Rejuvenating Women and the Restored Wings Home Program. Rejuvenating Women is a local Omaha non-profit that provides hope and restoration to victims and survivors of human trafficking from all over the United States. Julie's vision has always been to provide a home that is safe with a compassionate trauma informed staff and where survivors who have suffered complex trauma can begin to heal. Her passion is to help every woman find healing, peace and love by going through the Restored Wings Program. Julie helps to raise awareness of human trafficking in Nebraska and desires to stop the "Johns" who are purchasing them as well as the "traffickers" selling them. If there is no demand, there will be no victims.

Darin Smith, Founder, Arch Icon Development
In 2010, Darin Smith and Dustin & Mindy Crook established Arch Icon Development and Construction to develop affordable and market rate housing along with commercial space. Having development and construction under one roof enables Arch Icon to control projects seamlessly from conception through completion. Arch Icon enjoys creating a sense of place through neighborhood and community revitalization with an eye to historic preservation. In addition to the development of its own properties, Arch Icon offers turnkey development and construction opportunities for other housing related organizations. To date, Arch Icon has completed over $50 million in housing and community redevelopment in Iowa and Nebraska.

Kris and Julie Sonderup, Co-Owners, TJK Investments, Cycle Works & Moose’s Tooth
Kris and Julie Sonderup own and operate 2 retail stores in Lincoln. Cycle Works Bicycle Store and The Moose's Tooth Outdoor Company as well as TJK Investments, a commercial development. Operating 2 retail businesses on North 27th Street in Lincoln exposed us to the idea of revitalizing a blighted neighborhood. TJK has worked with Urban Development on 2 projects on N 27th
St...Sterling Village and Hartley Flats. After operating apartments near the campus of UNL and on N 27th St, it became clear to us that “affordable housing” can mean different things to different people. TJK strives to provide affordable housing to young professionals. Our desire is to encourage young graduates to consider staying in Lincoln or coming to Lincoln after they graduate from other places. We found that this group prefers nicer, quality interiors, neighborhood amenities in walking distance, a strong parks and trails system and close proximity to city center. They generally prefer to be near the action, but cannot always afford city center living. Container housing became an interest a number of years back, when Kris and Julie began reading about tiny homes. This progressed into researching using shipping containers as housing.

**Julie Stavneak, Co-Owner, J Development**

Julie Stavneak is co-owner of J. Development Company and has over 24 years’ of experience in real estate development and construction. J. Development Company, a development and construction company, is striving to create higher quality living and working environments throughout their projects which include affordable housing, historic preservation, and new construction mixed use projects. Her understanding of development, management, and compliance are a great benefit to clients and allow for strong partnerships throughout Nebraska and Iowa. Julie believes in collaboration and seeks opportunities for education about community development as she sees projects as ways to create strong communities and neighborhoods. Julie graduated with a bachelor degree from Creighton University, 2010 Midland Business Journal 40 Under 40 award, and graduate of Leadership Omaha.

**Diana Stevens, Underwriter, Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Diana Stevens is currently an Underwriter working for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development out of the Denver Homeownership Center. Diana has worked for HUD for nine years. Prior to her coming on board with HUD, Diana spent eight years as the Underwriting Manager for a large lender in Colorado. Altogether, Diana has a total of 27 years in the mortgage Industry.

**W. Cecil Steward, Dean Emeritus and Emeritus Professor of Architecture, UNL College of Architecture**

W. Cecil Steward, FAIA, is dean emeritus and emeritus professor of architecture at the University of Nebraska College of Architecture in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. His academic programs in teaching and research include architecture, interior design, community and regional planning, urban design, and sustainable community development, as well as the initiation of faculty/student exchanges and research projects in France, Ireland, Germany, China, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Canada, Hungary and Denmark. In 1990 he was elected to be the national President of the American Institute of Architects, the first career educator to hold this position. In 1996 he founded, and is President/CEO of the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1997 his peers in the AIA Nebraska awarded him the Gold Medal for Architecture. In 1999 he was awarded the national Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education, jointly, by the American Institute of Architects and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. He is a Senior Fellow of the national Design Futures Council.

**Danielle Swerczek, Account Manager, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation**

Danielle Swerczek of Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC) is an Account Manager serving customers in Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. She has been with MGIC since 2015 and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in marketing management from Bellevue University. She is the 2019 Nebraska Mortgage Association President and enjoys advocating for the mortgage profession. Recently she won the Managing Directors award for the West Central Region at her National Sales conference. She enjoys her two teenage sons, photography, traveling and dogs!

**Bridget Thompson, MA, Housing Coordinator, Region V Systems**

Bridget completed her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. She later graduated with her Masters of Arts in Counseling from Doane College. Bridget currently works at Region V Systems as a Housing Coordinator, managing programs that specialize in housing individuals that experience chronic homelessness, chronic mental health issues and substance abuse issues.

**Eric Thompson, Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska - Lincoln**

Dr. Eric C. Thompson is the Karl H. Nelson Professor of Economics and the Director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Thompson’s research on the national and Midwest economy examines competitive factors affecting state and local economic growth. Thompson holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

**Matt Thomas, President, Dana Point Development Corp.**

Over the last 12 years Mr. Thomas has developed over 400 Low Income Housing Tax Credit units and 75 market rate units in the state of Nebraska. Mr. Thomas has been in real estate for over 20 years being involved in lending, investment, development and construction. He is a member of the Nebraska Housing Developers Association and was awarded the 2012 Entrepreneur of the year award by the Aurora Area Chamber and Development Corporation in Aurora, NE.

**Sara Tichota, LIHTC Allocation Manager, NIFA**

Sara Tichota serves as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Allocation Manager for Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA). In this role, Sara manages and oversees the LIHTC Allocation Process for NIFA. Prior to joining NIFA, Sara Tichota served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Housing Developers Association (NHDA), a non-profit organization that champions...
affordable housing throughout Nebraska. Sara has worked in the affordable housing industry for over 20 years holding positions such as Housing Coordinator with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Director of Compliance with Perry Reid Properties. Sara is a graduate of Doane University.

Jessica Timm, Director of Housing & Case Management Services, LifeHouse
Jessica Timm is the Director of Housing & Case Management Services for LifeHouse in Fremont, NE. The programs she manages include the emergency shelter case management services, and 4 supportive housing programs, Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing and a prevention program. Jessica has a Bachelor's Degree in business management and has been working in social work for 10+ years. Jessica has been successful in increasing and maintaining positive landlord participation in LifeHouse programs, and advocating for change in community through education. Jessica teaches Nebraska RentWise quarterly in the Fremont community and is very passionate about relationship focused case management.

Stephanie Vanous, Director of Consulting, Zelle HR Solutions
Steph is the Director of Consulting for Zelle HR Solutions. She spends the majority of her time working with clients on developing initiatives to improve culture and engagement. Steph has helped clients implement new human resources processes to improve innovation, engagement, profit and loss and process improvement. Steph is a graduate from Gonzaga University where she earned her Master’s degree in Organizational Leadership.

Jason Varga, Executive Director, Cause Collective
Jason Varga is currently the Executive Director for Cause Collective in Lincoln, Nebraska, a local membership agency with over one hundred nonprofit members working together to support each other and better serve the community. Previously, Jason has spent twenty years working for other nonprofits such as the Lincoln Literacy, the Asian Community Center and F.I.R.S.T. Project. His varied leadership roles included serving as a program director, project coordinator, grant writer and trainer. He has also volunteered on local nonprofit boards. He has a special interest in agency compliance and creative fundraising. Jason earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a professional percussionist and teaches private percussion lessons in his home studio and in the past has also served as a martial arts instructor for Lincoln Karate Clinic.

Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, Director Emerita, Peter Kiewit Foundation, and Director, New North Makerhood
Lyn is a native, (fifth-generation), Omahan. She is a graduate of the University Of Kansas School Of Journalism where she was the Campus Editor of the University Daily Kansan and local government reporter, and graduated from Creighton Law School where she was on the editorial staff of the Law Review. She also attended the University of London. In the early years of her career, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Nebraska and practiced privately. Lyn is a member of the Nebraska and District of Columbia Bar Associations. She joined the Peter Kiewit Foundation in 1983 as the assistant director and became executive director in 1986. She assumed Emerita status in 2013. During the course of her decades of service there, the Foundation disbursed more than $500 million in grants throughout Nebraska and western Iowa. Lyn is now coordinating the New North Makerhood/Future Forward project to re-invigorate the area north of Cuming Street from Izard to Seward, 10th to 14th Streets. It is a project she conceived and the Foundation initiated in 2009 with collaboration from a dozen other local investors. The goal is to re-activate an area of Omaha that was a vibrant business and railroad hub until the early Sixties into a creative district, a ‘makerhood’, to provide affordable space for working artists and skilled craftsmen. The companion goal of the initiative is to re-connect North Omaha with the downtown business center to foster community connectivity. Lyn has a long record of volunteer involvement locally and nationally. That list includes the U.S. Council on Foundations board, the Federal Reserve Bank (Omaha branch), a GHW Bush White House Commission on Hispanic Education, the Higher Education Commission, and several gubernatorial appointments. Her current community commitments include the advisory boards of Film Streams, Habitat for Humanity, Completely Kids, One World Health Center, and the Heider School of Business at Creighton. Her current board service includes the Omaha Sports Commission, College of Saint Mary, and Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Creighton Prep, Museum of Nebraska Art, and two corporate boards of directors. Her earlier board service included Fontenelle Forest, Landmarks, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Nebraska Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee. Honors Lyn has received include the Omaha Business Hall of Fame, Westside Schools Hall of Fame, Habitat for Humanity Woman of the Year, Outstanding Woman in the 40-Under-40, Friend to Children Award at Completely Kids, YWCA Woman of Distinction, and Distinguished Nebraskan at UNK. Lyn also provides philanthropy consulting services for several local non-profits, private family foundations, and one regional company. Lyn is the proud mother of a son, Charlie, (now 24). She enjoys playing the piano, gardening, designing needlepoint, history of all kinds, and aspires to revive her love of journalism with some serious writing.

Christie Weston, Deputy Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Christie Weston has been a member of NIFA’s finance team for sixteen years. She spent over six years in public accounting with the firm PricewaterhouseCoopers prior to joining NIFA. Christie holds a Business degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and obtained her CPA license in 1997.

John Wiechmann, President/CEO, Midwest Housing Equity Group
John Wiechmann is the President and CEO of Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. (MHEG) a non-profit organization that raises private capital for the production, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing in the Midwest. He also serves on Midwest
Housing Development Fund’s Board of Directors. He is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka’s Affordable Housing Advisory Council and a Trustee of the Multifamily Council for the National Association of Homebuilders. Prior to joining MHEG, John was a partner at the law firm of Kutak Rock LLP. His practice at Kutak Rock focused on tax advantaged investments, with an emphasis on affordable housing transactions. He represented primarily investors and syndicators. John received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and a Juris Doctor from the University Of Illinois College Of Law.

Chad J. Willett, Keynote Speaker
Chad J. Willett jolts organizations and individuals, assisting them with their creativity which allows for a competitive advantage over one’s competition. A member of the prestigious Screen Actors Guild, successful entrepreneur, speaker and coach, Chad bridges the gap between the arts, and business, to help audiences maximize their creative potential. His book “Smash the Box” SMASHES the way books are written: pages are out of order, no table of contents, no page numbers etc. After graduating with a theatre degree, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of becoming a professional actor. Chad spent 7 years in Los Angeles as a professional actor (SAG/AFTRA Member) where he was featured in the hit films “She’s All That” with Freddy Prince Jr., “Halloween H2O,” with Jamie Lee Curtis and “Can’t Hardly Wait” with Jennifer Love Hewitt. On the corporate side he has worked for three fortune 500 companies: Manpower, ITT Technical Institute and the Washington Post. As an entrepreneur he is the owner/operator of Broadway2LA Acting Studio (www.broadway2LA.com). Currently, he resides in Columbus, Ohio where he teaches classes at his acting studio.

Jeri Winkelmann, Chief Financial Officer, Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties
Jeri Winkelmann is the Chief Financial Officer of Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, where she is responsible for sharing with 40 funders, leadership and others where the money is and what it is doing at all times. Jeri has too many years of financial and leadership experience in various non-profits to disclose ranging from credit unions to churches to health care. Her passion is communicating highly complex financial scenarios to diverse audiences without putting them to sleep. Jeri is a dog person, baseball fan, and a lifelong Nebraskan.

Amanda Wusk, Homeownership Relationship Manager, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Amanda is the Homeownership Relationship Manager at NIFA and has been in the position for over a year and a half. She is responsible for maintaining and creating relationships with existing and new participating lenders, real estate agents, and homebuyers. She also coordinates the annual lender training event and assists in educating lenders that use NIFA products. The main thing she is passionate about at NIFA is finding ways to increase brand awareness by using effective social media outlets and marketing campaigns. She has found a place in her heart for helping first time homebuyers and can’t wait to see what the future has in store!

John Wright, Community Lending, Fannie Mae
25+ years of mortgage industry experience starting as loan processor in 1993 and working to senior management. Joined Fannie Mae in 2011 for the development of a new customer engagement model and sales strategy for mortgage servicers, and recently joined the Community Lending Team for outreach efforts to increase awareness and usage of Affordable Lending products and strategies.

Jacki Young, Chief Homeownership Officer, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Jacki Young has been employed at NIFA for the past 36 years. Her current position is Chief Homeownership Officer. Her main responsibilities include the administration of NIFA’s first-time homebuyer programs, leading a team that provides support for approved participating lenders and real estate professionals, manages master servicer and other external relationships, and works closely with NIFA’s outreach team on marketing and community development activities. She is a member of the REACH homebuyer education council and Nebraska Mortgage Association.

Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept.
Zimmer joined the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept. in 1985, after more than a decade as a freelance preservation consultant in Boston. He earned a Ph.D. in architectural history from Boston University in 1984. In Lincoln he has extensive experience in redevelopment projects, urban design, and preservation activities throughout the city. He emphasizes community outreach with tours, TV programs, and publications.

Monica Zinke, Executive Director, Fresh Start
Ms. Zinke has worked in social services for 20 years. She has experience with a wide variety of programs, including: disaster services, domestic violence/sexual assault, mental health, foster care, and homelessness. She has a Master’s degree and is a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner. Ms. Zinke has been the Executive Director of Fresh Start, a transitional shelter and goals program for women, since 2008.