



IMPACT REPORT
2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

What a year! I found myself thinking or uttering this phrase countless times during 2020. Some days saying, "What a year!" alluded to the many unexpected challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic presented and the phrase came with great concern and often exhaustion. Other days saying, "What a year!" was a true exclamation in celebration of all of the accomplishments that took place at OHB over the past year.

While 2020 was definitely a year like none other that brought on numerous unforeseen obstacles, it's also nice to recognize that the pandemic presented us with many opportunities to come together to problem solve, something that strengthened our teamwork and resiliency.

At the onset of the pandemic, we quickly and efficiently implemented a plan to ensure the health and safety of our staff and clients. Because of our diligent efforts to maintain a safe, healthy campus, we kept all of our programs open and continued to serve youth and families throughout the entire pandemic. Thank you for the vital role you played in helping us keep our doors open.

Another thing that really amazed me in a good way the past year was the dedication of our staff. Throughout this entire pandemic I have seen time and time again how selflessly our staff serve our youth, families and community. We would not have been successful throughout all of this without their commitment, flexibility and positive attitudes.

And finally, it's been the generosity shown to us by so many of you that has probably wowed me the most this past year. From a group of three local ladies who delivered goodies to lift the spirits of our staff, to hand sewn masks mailed to us from Virginia, California and Florida, each act of kindness warmed our hearts more than words can express. We are truly grateful.

We went into 2020 filled with great anticipation of our 100-year anniversary. Little did we know that we would soon be forced to pivot from a time of celebration to one of navigating the uncharted territory of a worldwide pandemic. Thank you for standing with us through it all!

As we head into our next century of service, I invite you to join us in making the most of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Jeff DeWispelare
President & CEO



WHO YOU'RE HELPING

OF THE YOUNG ADULTS WHO SEEK THE GUIDANCE OF OHB:



When youth who are unprepared and unsupported transition to adulthood, there are many negative impacts and high costs to the community. Thank you for helping youth at OHB become independent, productive adults who are our future neighbors, coworkers and friends.

“Several of our residents in both our Transitional Living Program and our Supportive Housing Program lost their employment due to the pandemic. Because of this, we waived rent for two months to give our residents time to find employment and get back on their feet.

We also provided grocery cards and helped cover other expenses during that time. All of the residents that lost their jobs are now employed again!”

– Mary Marrero, OHB Transitional Services Manager



Meet Shawnda and other OHB youth at OHB.org/story

PRESSING ON DURING THE PANDEMIC

Despite the many challenges presented by the Coronavirus pandemic, our commitment to our youth, our families and our community did not falter. Together, we pressed on!

100%
of OHB Programs Remained Open

NO Staff or Programs Were Downsized

NO Employees Were Laid Off

NO Staff Hours Were Reduced

NO Positions or Programs Were Eliminated

The health and safety of our staff and clients remained our number one priority throughout the pandemic.

Personal protective equipment distributed to clients and staff:



91 GALLONS
of sanitizer



More than
13,500 MASKS



2,800
sanitizing wipes



8,675 PAIRS
of disposable gloves

A CARES Grant for more than \$53,000 helped meet many critical needs of our youth and families during the pandemic. The grant provided essentials, such as groceries, rent, gas, emergency housing, hygiene items and employment assistance.



LIFE SKILLS

Basic life skills, from grocery shopping, cooking and personal care to time management, goal setting and apartment maintenance, are taught in all of our programs at OHB. Thank you for helping our youth and families learn and practice these basic skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.



6,360 SERVICES

including 1-on-1 meetings, mentoring and support, provided



78 CLIENTS

obtained vital documents, such as driver's licenses and birth certificates, essential to gaining employment and independence



OVER 2,500

family treatment team meetings and service development meetings held



91% OF CLIENTS

agreed they are learning skills that have a positive impact on their life

“OHB helped me accomplish a lot of my goals, things like graduating high school and getting my license. I’m very grateful for all of the things they’ve helped with. Things are going as planned now and it’s been really exciting.”

– Monae, OHB Transitional Living Resident

MENTAL HEALTH

OHB’s Clinical Services Program addresses mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse issues of our clients as well as members of the community. In June 2020, the first teen entered our Crisis Stabilization Program, a new program that provides housing, therapy and support to youth who find themselves in a crisis situation.



OVER 1,250

individual and family therapy sessions provided



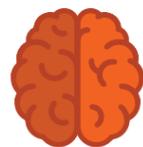
92% OF CLIENTS

were engaged in their therapy sessions



84% OF CLIENTS

scored at “safe” or higher on the outcomes matrix for substance abuse



93% OF CLIENTS

maintained or improved their mental health outcomes

Meet Monae and other OHB youth at [OHB.org/story](https://www.ohb.org/story)



“Before I came to OHB, I didn’t really value my education, but once I came here I was shown how far it could take me and I’ve kind of ran with that, graduating high school and attending college.”

–Kobee, OHB Alum

EMPLOYMENT

Upon entering our OHB programs, many youth have never been employed. Thank you for connecting youth with resume writing classes, interview preparation, job search training and work attire so that they can gain and maintain stable employment.



83%
of OHB young adults were employed while participating in programming



OVER 600
employment services and trainings provided



82
new employment experiences gained



87% OF CLIENTS
maintained or improved their employment outcomes

EDUCATION

Many of the youth and young adults who seek the guidance of OHB are so deficient in school credits that graduating high school seems impossible. Because of you, graduating becomes a reality for many and scholarships are available for those seeking higher education.



203 RECOVERY CREDITS
were earned by students at the OHB School



Students at the OHB School completed courses with an **82% AVERAGE GRADE**



100% OF CLIENTS
demonstrated a higher commitment to learning



95% OF CLIENTS
maintained or improved their education outcomes

Meet Kobee and other OHB youth at [OHB.org/story](https://www.ohb.org/story)

HOUSING

Whether living on our campus or in the community, youth and families in our programs are connected with housing assistance through a number of different services. Thank you for helping our clients achieve safe, stable housing so that they can become independent members of our community.



634 HOUSING SERVICES
and trainings provided



165 YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN
were provided safe, stable housing



OVER 1,000
essential needs, such as home furnishings and cleaning supplies, distributed to young people transitioning to independence



98% OF CLIENTS
maintained or improved their housing outcomes

TRANSPORTATION

One of the most significant and most common obstacles that the young adults at OHB face is access to reliable, affordable transportation. Your support provided transportation solutions that truly allowed youth at OHB the opportunity to take their first steps towards independence.



452
transportation related services and trainings provided



118 CLIENTS
were assisted with accessing public transportation



98% OF CLIENTS
gained access to public transportation or a licensed/insured automobile



98% OF CLIENTS
maintained or improved their transportation outcomes



“Having staff right next door has been really nice because they’ve been a big part of me advancing in my life. Pretty much anything I’ve needed they’ve helped me one way or another.”

Damon, OHB Supportive Housing Resident

**Meet Damon and other OHB youth at
[OHB.org/story](https://www.ohb.org/story)**

IN 2020

YOUR GENEROSITY

TOUCHED

1,126

YOUTH,
YOUNG ADULTS,
CHILDREN
& FAMILIES

Your support guided individuals and families through our programs and services that are integrated to help clients address immediate needs, plan for the future, and ultimately become independent and self-sufficient.

OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE

- Clinical Services
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- Crisis Stabilization
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- Residential Living
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- Transitional Living
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- Independent Living
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- Supportive Housing

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

When 12 men met in 1920 to form a home for neglected and wayward boys, little did they know they were creating an organization that would still be serving the community's most vulnerable youth 100 years later! Your support has allowed us to adapt and grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our community over the past century. You truly are transforming lives and strengthening communities with every gift you so graciously give, and for that we are forever grateful.



1948
Bob Cooper donated his stock farm and a 4-H program was started for the boys. OHB's Valley

View 4H Club is the oldest known club in Nebraska and is still going strong today.

1920

Omaha Home for Boys was founded on October 12, 1920 after the Chamber of Commerce recognized the need for a safe place to send orphaned, neglected and wayward boys.

1994

OHB launched a new Transitional Living Program called Jacobs' Place, the first of our programs to serve females.

1923

The Home was always full to its capacity so the Megeath family generously donated their mansion to OHB allowing us to help more youngsters.



2010

The need for support services for youth and young adults in foster care resulted in the opening of Branching Out, OHB's Independent Living Program.



1945

When youth moved to "Inspiration Hill," our present location on 52nd Street and Ames Avenue, dormitory living gave way to brand new brick cottages where boys lived under the watchful eye of a housemother.



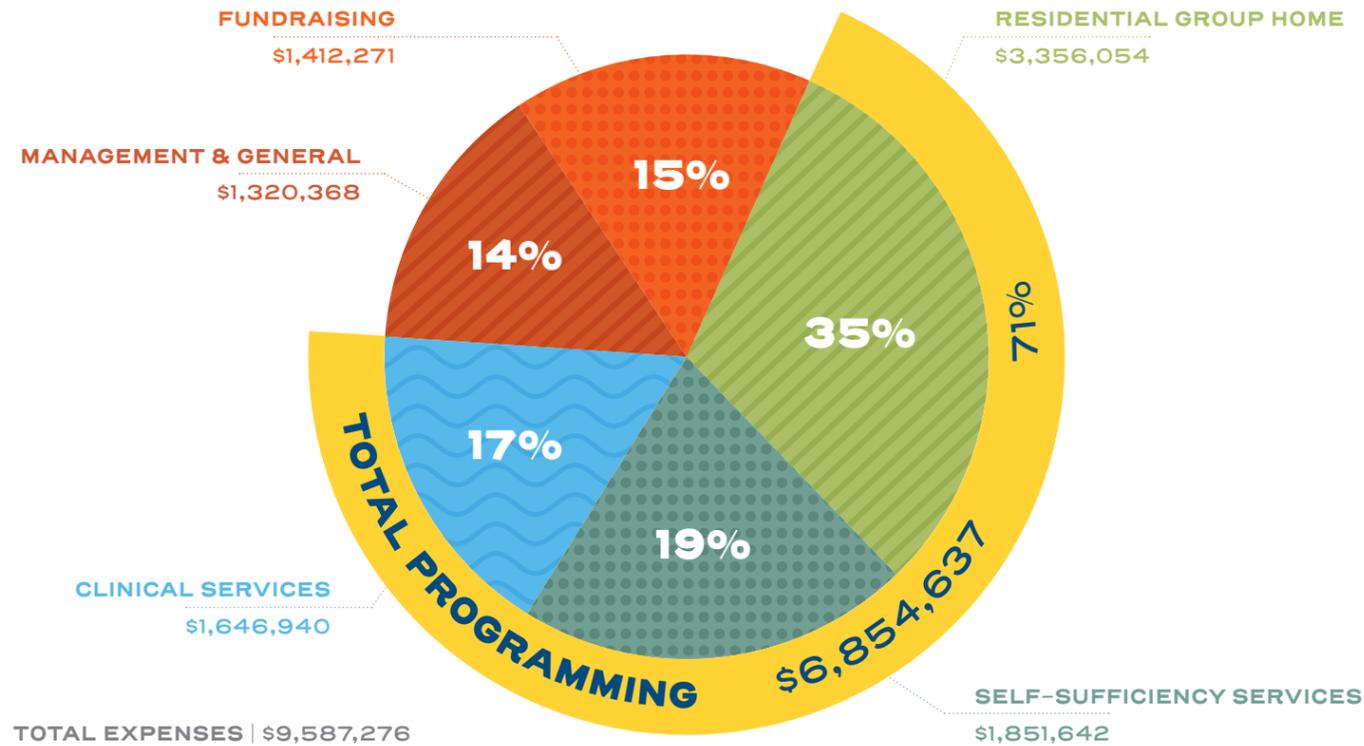
2018

OHB's Clinical Services Program launches, meeting a critical need in the community for mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse services.

2020

OHB reaches its milestone anniversary of 100 years of service!

USE OF FUNDS



In 2020, generous grant awards provided everything from workforce readiness classes, driver's education and therapy to library books, mentors and school supplies. The support of the following foundations and organizations is greatly appreciated.

- Anonymous (3)
- Bank of the West
- Dillon Foundation
- First National Bank of Omaha
- Friends of Extension & 4-H Douglas/Sarpy County Foundation
- Great Western Bank
- The Hawks Foundation
- Todd & Mary Heistand Family Foundation
- Gilbert M. & Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation
- Home Depot Foundation
- Junior League of Omaha
- The Kim Foundation
- Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation
- Kum & Go Foundation
- Charles E. Lakin Foundation Inc.
- Lozier Foundation
- Mathews Children's Foundation
- Mutual of Omaha Foundation
- Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation
- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- Nebraska Medicine
- Omaha Community Foundation
- Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District
- Helen A. Pearson Charitable Trust
- Quik Trip Corporation
- RBC Foundation USA
- William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation
- State of Nebraska CARES Grant
- Union Pacific Foundation
- United Way of the Midlands
- UPS Foundation
- Walden Charitable Foundation
- Walmart Store #1637
- Walmart Store #1671
- Walmart Store #3152
- Walmart Store #5361
- Walmart Store #6181
- Webster Family Foundation
- Wells Fargo

FUNDING SOURCES

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Contributions | \$3,623,487 |
| Program Service Fees | \$1,389,875 |
| Endowment | \$4,336,593 |
| Actuarial Gains/Losses | (\$163,201) |
| Other | \$289,064 |
| TOTAL | \$9,475,818 |

Complete audited and certified financial statements and 990 are available at OHB.org or by emailing info@OHB.org.
\$85,266,253 total net assets as of December 31, 2020



LEADING THE WAY

Executive Committee

- Allen Straub – *Board Chair*
- Randy Behounek – *Vice Chair*
- James E. Kelley – *Treasurer*
- Victor Baez – *Secretary*
- Aileen Warren
- Rebecca Atkins

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- Peter G. Larson
- Paul D. Rutherford
- Anthony Sanchez
- Nizar Wehbi
- Dan Wellendorf

Board of Directors

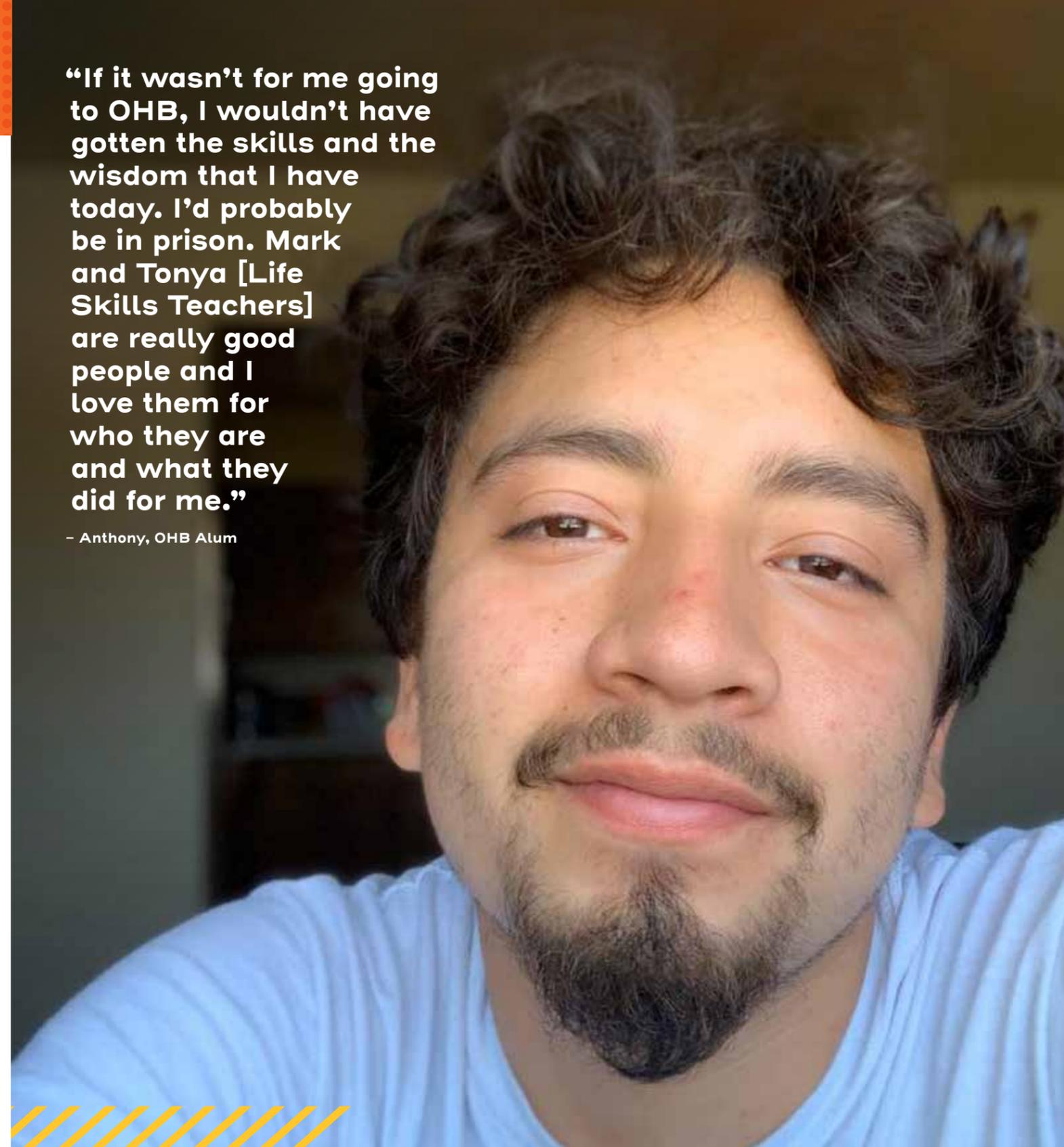
- Freddie Clopton
- Jeffrey Coleman
- Dr. Joseph Evans
- Timothy F. Goodnight II
- Patricia Lamberty
- Serenna D. Russell
- Mark Seip
- Gary S. Unger
- Janis L. Yergan
- Ashley Young
- Reginald “Reggie” Young

Leadership Team

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President and CEO
- Lori Bechtold
Chief Development Officer
- Brandy Gustoff
Chief Program Officer
- Jodi L. Ross
Chief Strategy Officer
- Shawntal Smith
Chief Professional Development Officer & General Counsel

“If it wasn’t for me going to OHB, I wouldn’t have gotten the skills and the wisdom that I have today. I’d probably be in prison. Mark and Tonya [Life Skills Teachers] are really good people and I love them for who they are and what they did for me.”

– Anthony, OHB Alum



Meet Anthony and other OHB youth at OHB.org/story

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

INVEST in Our Mission

- Cash gifts
- Bequests or planned giving
- Monthly giving
- Gifts of livestock or grain
- Employer matching gifts

ENGAGE in Our Conversation

- Social media
- OHB Guild
- Awareness events

SUPPORT Our Youth & Families

- Attend a fundraising event
- Volunteer
- Donate needed goods
- Organize a donation drive

CONNECT in Our Community

- AmazonSmile
- TAGG
- Share Omaha

Make an impact
today at
[OHB.org/donate](https://www.OHB.org/donate)

Ready to get
involved? Contact
Lori Bechtold, Chief
Development Officer,
at giving@OHB.org
or **402.457.7014**



“I had a young couple who had some financial barriers when the young lady’s pregnancy was deemed high risk, which caused her to lose some hours at work. They were worried about having all of the necessary supplies for their daughter. Because of these donated items, they can rest easy knowing that their baby will be well taken care of.

It warms my heart knowing that we were able to help out during these times of hardship, but even more so that we’re able to create such strong, family-like bonds with our young people because of it.”

— Sarah Hansen, OHB Independent Living Specialist



THANK YOU

for supporting our mission, our youth
and families, and our community!