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**Nebraska Children and Families Foundation announces 2024 Board of Directors:
Dr. Lawrence Chatters of UNL Athletics to serve as Board Chair**

(Lincoln, NE) – Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Nebraska’s largest organization dedicated to prevention efforts, has announced its 2024 Board of Directors. Dr. Lawrence Chatters will serve as Board Chair.

Dr. Lawrence Chatters currently serves as the Executive Associate Athletic Director for Strategic Initiatives. Dr. Chatters serves as an executive administrator advising the Director of Athletics. He provides support to the Human Resources department, directs departmental professional and leadership development, and provides oversight of the implementation and progress of Nebraska Athletics' strategic plan. Dr. Chatters also provides leadership for staff and student-athletes toward creating an inclusively excellent athletic department. Dr. Chatters comes to athletics with a unique perspective based in his training as a psychologist and his wide experience spanning higher education, philanthropy, and business. Dr. Chatters is the primary sport administrator for Men’s and Women's Gymnastics, Wrestling, Men’s and Women’s Golf, and Swimming and Diving. Lawrence and his wife, Katie, have two daughters, Airalon and Mikayla.

“I am honored to take on this important role,” said Dr. Chatters. “I would like to thank the members of the board for having the confidence in me to provide leadership as the chair. I would also like to thank past chair Anne Steinhoff and Mary Jo Pankoke the President of Nebraska Children for their leadership and continued support. The work of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation is critical to the future of our state. I am excited to serve alongside our highly talented board members and the amazing staff of this organization.”

“We are so excited to work with Dr. Lawrence Chatters as Board Chair,” said Mary Jo Pankoke, President and CEO of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. “His commitment and passion for making Nebraska a place where every child has the resources to thrive makes him the perfect person to lead our Board of Directors. He joins a long list of dedicated Nebraskans who have served or currently serve on our board.”

Other members of the Nebraska Children 2024 Board of Directors:

* Laura Langford, Vice Chair - Omaha Public Power District, Omaha
* Anne Steinhoff, Past Chair - Steinhoff and Associates, Omaha
* Jason Hagan, Treasurer - Sunrise Bank, Omaha
* Mike Wortman, Secretary - Lincoln Public Schools ‐ retired, Lincoln
* Liliana P. Bronner - University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha
* Seth Carlson - Simlogi LLC, Omaha
* Dr. Doug Christensen - former Commissioner of Education, Lincoln
* Joyce C. Davis - Creighton University – retired, Omaha
* John Ewing - Douglas County Treasurer, Omaha
* Dr. Langston Frison - Norris Middle School, Omaha
* Candias Jones - Girls Inc, Omaha
* Suzanne Kotula - Community Volunteer, Omaha
* Dan Mauk - Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corp., Nebraska City
* Andrew McCarthy - Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings
* T.J. McDowell - Chief of Staff – Mayor’s office, Lincoln
* Michael J. McQuillan - McQuillan & Wendell, P.C., Ogallala
* Molly O’Holleran – former member of Nebraska State Board of Education, North Platte
* Daniel Padilla - OpsCompass, Omaha
* Melanie Parker - Ho‐Chunk Inc., Winnebago
* Carol Russell - Community Volunteer, Omaha
* Gaye Lynn Schaffart - Tenaska Marketing Ventures ‐ retired, Omaha
* Lisa Utterback - Omaha Public Schools, Omaha
* Ben Watson - Chadron State College Foundation, Chadron
* Dr. Matt Wittry - Bryan Health Systems, Lincoln

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**About Nebraska Children**

For over 25 years, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation has partnered with communities and other organizations to create a well-being system that strengthens families, supports unconnected young people, creates learning opportunities for Nebraska’s future workforce, and empowers parents to raise healthy children. To learn more about our work, visit [www.NebraskaChildren.org](http://www.NebraskaChildren.org).

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