2017–2018

# *ANNUAL REPORT* OF GIVING

**Fiscal year: June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018**

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# Dear friends,

Universities, in the course of their lifetimes, face a number of challenges. They have their ups and downs and obstacles to overcome.

Nebraska Wesleyan is no different. In its 130-year history, it has navigated the currents of change. It has lived through wars, emerging competition and economic instability. In fact, the university was on the verge of closing its doors during the Great Depression. (Faculty members voluntarily took massive pay cuts to help keep the university going.)

But we're tough. We've always landed on our feet. And we are stronger today than ever before.

We can't entirely take credit for this resilience. Over the years, generations of generous alumni, faculty and staff, parents and friends have supported NWU and allowed it to face these challenges head-on.

Many times alumni give back because NWU helped them face challenges of their own.

You will get to know an eclectic group of alumni on the following pages—a teacher and poet who started over at NWU after a divorce, a retired insurance broker who fought for his education through hardships and with hard work, and a young survivor who discovered her voice and overcame the odds. Different, yes, but alike in their ability to conquer obstacles and their desire to pay it forward.

Alumni give back because their time at NWU meant something. Something significant. Their stories may be different, featuring a wide range of supporting characters, struggles and triumphs. But this common thread weaves throughout: "I help NWU because NWU helped me."

Nebraska Wesleyan's resilience and success are due to the collective generosity of alumni and friends like you.

The future will always challenge us. There will always be uncertainty, hardships and unexpected turns. Yet this reciprocity of support is ongoing. With the help of this amazing community, Nebraska Wesleyan is well prepared for whatever the future holds.

Together, we're unstoppable.

Yours truly,

**John B. Greving**
*Vice president for advancement*

## THE PEOPLE *BEHIND THE NUMBERS*

More than numbers, raising support for Nebraska Wesleyan University is about people—about relationships. Meet the team of professionals out there who raised funds—and friends—on behalf of NWU in 2017-18.

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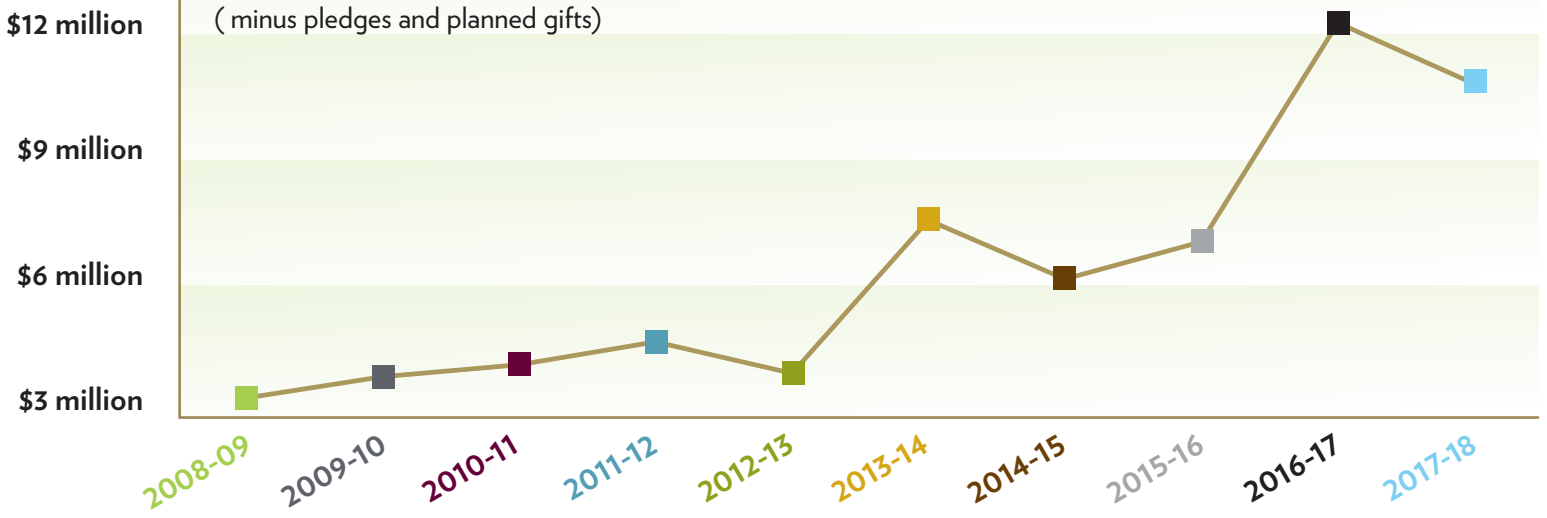
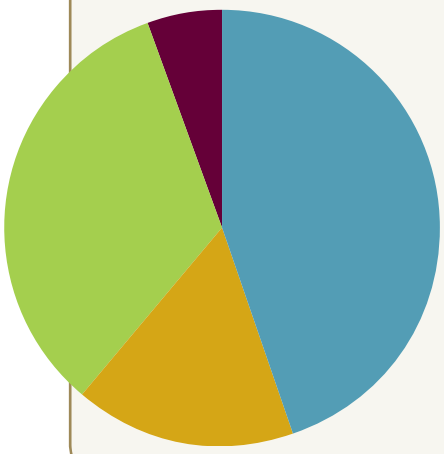
## *TOTAL GIVING* **LAST 10 YEARS**

( minus pledges and planned gifts)




## *GROUPS THAT* **GAVE**



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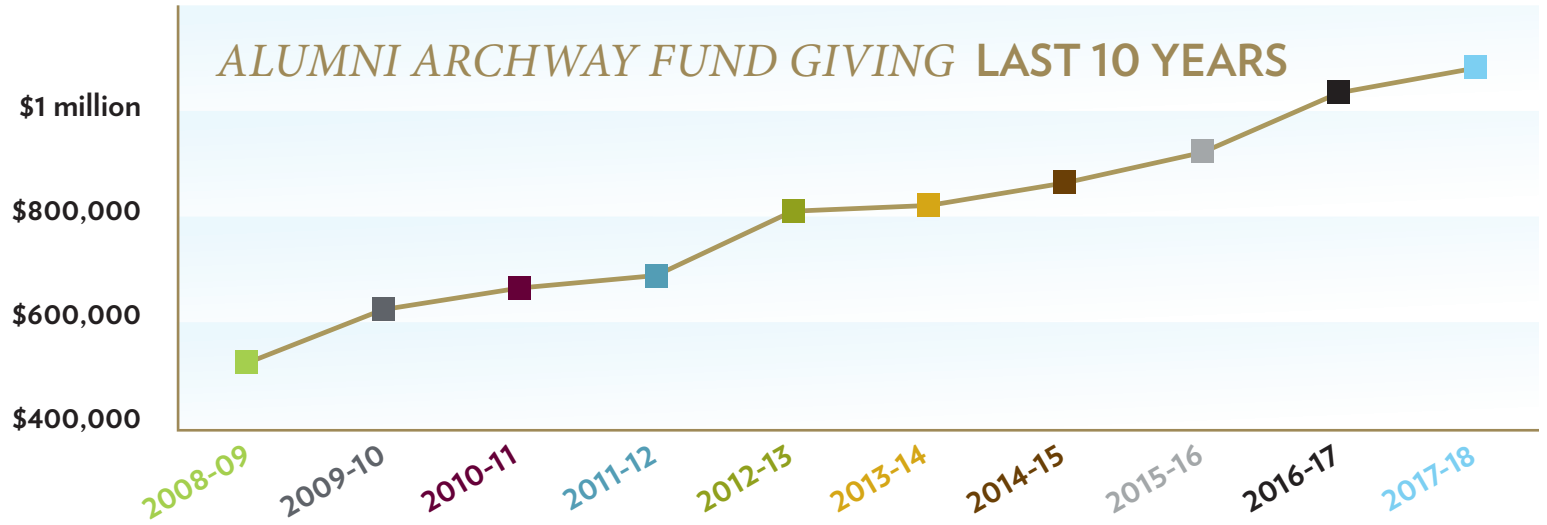
| Alumni | 2,241 |
| Parents | 832 |
| Friends | 1,657 |
| Corporations, foundations and organizations | 276 |
| **TOTAL** | 5,006 |

## *ALUMNI ARCHWAY FUND GIVING* **LAST 10 YEARS**