An Evening with Lasting Impact

The Foundation is still receiving gifts and processing expenses, but we estimate “An Evening with Ken Burns” raised nearly $25,000 for projects relating to the Nebraska State Historical Society’s image and manuscript collections.

This shining fundraising success was due in large part to Don Dillon and the Dillon Foundation, longtime friends and supporters of the NSHS and the NSHS Foundation. The Dillon Foundation provided a generous gift to sponsor the expenses for Burns’s Lincoln appearance, as it did for his visit in 2004, allowing the income from ticket sales to go directly to support the NSHS collections.

For many years Don Dillon and the Dillon Foundation have helped financially to enhance and expand the NSHS’s ability to fulfill its mission to preserve and share the history of our state. Their contributions have aided various NSHS programs, including the endowment for the Paintings Conservation Laboratory at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha. We are pleased and honored to have had the privilege of working with them.

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