

# Ripples...

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## First Annual NPower Conference

Learn how NHRI spread the investment model concept to young Nebraska leaders this summer.

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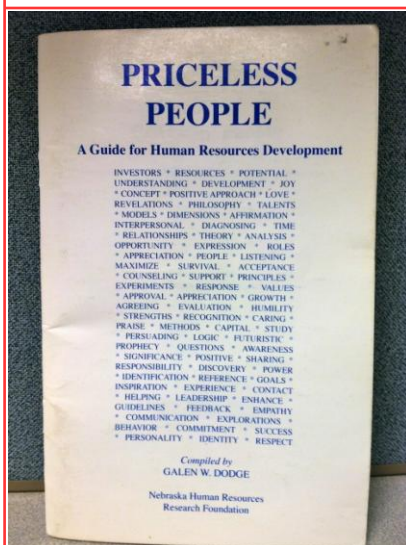
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your story:

1. Log on to the NHRI website, [www.nhri.org](http://www.nhri.org)
2. Click “Member Login” on the lower left side of the page
3. Click “Need a username?” and fill out the information to request an account
4. Once your account has been activated, select “Alumni portal”
5. Type your story, and submit!

\*\* If you encounter any problems, please email [pricelesspeopletories@gmail.com](mailto:pricelesspeopletories@gmail.com)

## Priceless People book, revised!

Dear Friends of NHRI,

Many of you can recall how the Priceless People book has influenced your ideas about leadership and relationships. The founding of NHRI and Dr. Galen Dodge’s book, Priceless People, is something that we need to share with others—a readable ripple effect. This letter is to announce the official kick-off of the Priceless People Campaign—collecting the stories that tell the most about human capital.

The NHRRF Board of Directors has recently begun the process that will enhance the message of the book. Our goal is to modernize the book, to capture the essence of relationships over the past 25 years since the book was first published. This is a project that will not be changing the content of the book in any way, but updating the cover, graphics, and stories by topic.

In doing so, we ask you to contribute your experiences—tell your stories that demonstrate how the topics covered in Priceless People have affected you or have been used by your family. For example, is there a time when the Bucket and the Dipper Theory change your behavior in a certain relationship? How had being involved in NHRI influenced your life?

We will be compiling these stories and inspiring messages over the next few months and would appreciate if you would contribute a story. Take a moment to look at your own copy of Priceless People and see what stands out most to you—then write! See the column to your left for submission details. To stay up-to-date on this process, please “Like” our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/RippleCampaign](http://www.facebook.com/RippleCampaign). We will be posting select stories as we receive them, along with “Daily Drops” of NHRI curriculum and a chance to pre-order the revised edition of Priceless People.

Thanks for dedication to this important process. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Mark Davidson  
NHRRF Board Member

*Save the date for:*

# A Toast to Priceless People

“Like a fine wine, NHRI just gets better with time...”

What: NHRI’s Second Annual Wine & Cheese Event

When: Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Hillcrest Country Club (9401 East O Street)

Features: Unique wines, heavy hor d’oeuvres, silent auction, musical entertainment, and a chance to hear the latest updates from NHRI



Formal invitation to follow!

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Cut this exercise off of your newsletter and practice some reinvestment at home!

## **The Story of Investment:**

(1) A person in whom you see potential



(3) An opportunity when you could reveal that talent to the person



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(2) Identify a talent in this person



(4) How you might help that person use their strength





## NHRI Co-Hosts First Annual



NHRI teamed up with 4-H and Nebraska Career Student Organizations (FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, DECA, HOSA, and Skills USA) to host the first annual premier statewide youth leadership development conference, called NPower. Throughout the first two weeks in July, over 110 Nebraska youth gathered at the Leadership Center in Aurora, NE to learn leadership concepts and how to apply those concepts in their organizations, schools, and communities.

NHRI students and staff facilitated the middle school track, utilizing NHRI's Priceless Preteen curriculum. Furthermore, NHRI's investment relationship model was used to create "Power Pairs," a distinguishing feature of the NPower Conference. Upperclassmen student participants were paired in one-to-one relationships with underclassmen or middle school student participants. The "Power Pairs" experienced finding hot buttons, establishing trust, and how to identify leadership strengths with one another.

Teaching assistants for NPower included Seth Barnes, Amanda Crook, Nate Jones, and Niki Littlejohn.

## 2011- 2012 Leadership Team

### **Childs Project (grades 1-3)**

Staff advisor: Matt Hilgenkamp

Co-chairs: Megan Evans, Brandon Nieveen

### **Preteen Project (grades 4-6)**

Staff advisor: Jeff Lopez

Co-chairs: Chance Solem-Pfeifer, Katy Mosier

### **Junior Project (grades 7-9)**

Staff advisor: Amber Swenseth

Co-chairs: Anna Davidson, Nate White

### **Teenage Project (grades 10-12)**

Staff advisor: Erin Reynoldson

Co-chairs: Alexi Brown, Spencer Brown

### **Clifton Project (UNL education majors)**

Staff advisor: Reid Roemmich

Co-chairs: Jess Ritonya, Becky Segieda

### **Leadership Development Project, "LDP" (grades 10-12 at Lincoln High School)**

Staff advisor: Niki Littlejohn\*

Co-chairs: Emily German, Jake Hedgecock

### **Project PALS (all grades)**

Staff advisor: Jacob Schlange

Co-chairs: Travis Jackson, Kelsey Goodbary

### **Roper Project (grades 1-5 at Roper Elementary)**

Staff advisor: Julie Feldman

Co-chairs: Ross Jensen, Brady Schutte

### **Lux/East Project (Priceless Preteen alumni at Lux Middle & Lincoln East High Schools)**

Staff advisor: Alex Broderson

Co-chairs: Ben Dorenbach, Hannah Potter

### **Park Project (Priceless Preteen alumni at Park Middle School)**

Staff advisor: Lane Carr

Co-chairs: Jordan Broekhuis, Ellen Illig

### **Foundation Development Project**

Chair: Taylor Thomas

Committee: Rahul Batra

Jordan Bell

Hailey Damrow

Katie Frenzen

Nate Jones

Monica Krause

Evin Lackore

Kaitlin Mazour

Sarah Preston

### **NHRI class Teaching Assistants:**

Alexi Brown

Jack Christie

Nate Jones

Kaitlin Mazour

Hannah Potter

Chance Solem-Pfeifer

\*Interviewer for incoming counselors, junior counselors, and project partners.

## Annual Recognition Day Wrap-Up

Over 250 counselors, junior counselors, parents, board members, and alumni gathered on April 16, 2011 at Lincoln High School to celebrate NHRI's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recognition Day. The theme for this year's event was "The Gold in You," highlighting the leadership impact of all NHRI students according to their unique set of strengths. Each NHRI pair prepared an investment relationship symbol that displayed their leadership growth throughout the year. Each NHRI project gave a presentation to highlight their leadership development work as a group. Featured speakers included Bryce Johnson, NHRRF President and Lindsay Hastings, NHRI Director.

Annual Recognition Day student committee members, who made the event possible:

Chair- Chris Anderson

Kara Cruickshank

Chance Solem-Pfeifer

Anna Davidson

Alexi Brown

Emily German

Katie Frenzen

Ross Jensen

Kelsey Goodbary

Sarah Preston

Monica Krause

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

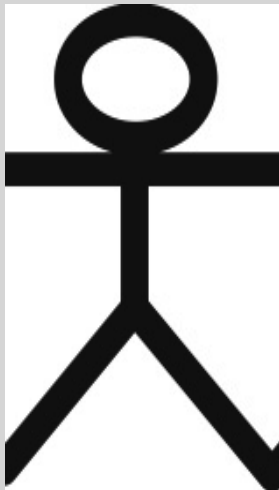
Talent Plus, William E. Hall Distinguished Alumni Award: Ryan Beckman

William E. Hall Leadership Award: Niki Littlejohn & Emma Rathe

James Stuart, Sr. Award: Robin Easterly & Erika Debus

First Annual Outstanding Junior Counselor Award: Jacqueline O'Doherty

### 2011 Priceless Preteen



Later in the month of July, NHRI hosted its eighth year of the Priceless Preteen Leadership Program on UNL's East Campus. Lincoln Public Schools teachers and administrators nominated over 65 outstanding 5th grade student leaders for this week-long program. Intended to develop the leadership talents of these middle school students, the curriculum covered topics such as active listening, hot buttons, identifying strengths in themselves and others, synergy, empathy, and goal-setting, among others. As one parent said,

"It has really helped my daughter see everything in a new way."

Teaching assistants for Priceless Preteen included Seth Barnes, Morgan Bath, Jordan Broekhuis, Amanda Crook, Nate Jones, Niki Littlejohn, Jeff Lopez, Lauren Perry, and Jacob Schlange. Junior Teaching Assistants included Cameron Azimi, Luke Bartels, Sovin Birla, Bailey Dohrman, Elizabeth Fortenberry, Matthew Henning, and Taylen Stevens.

## NHRI in the News:

-Riley Vanek, former Junior Counselor, was named a National Merit Scholar. Riley began at UNL this fall as a member of the Raikes School for Computer Science and Management.

-Jeff Lopez, current Counselor, was the recipient of the Barry M Goldwater Scholarship for his enzyme sensor research. Congrats, Jeff!

-Jennifer Birdsall, former Counselor, was the recipient of a 2011 Fullbright Scholarship. Jennifer will use the funds to travel to Macedonia, where she will teach English.

-Emma Rathe, current junior counselor, was featured on the Lincoln Public Schools homepage in a video detailing the first day of classes—what an incredible (and busy) individual!

-Lane Carr, Jeff Lopez, and Matt Hilgenkamp, all current Counselors, are this year's ASUN student government executive team. What an impressive group of young leaders!

-Eight out of the thirteen 2011-2012 members of the Innocents Society are NHRI students, and nine out of this year's twenty members of Mortar Board are members of NHRI. Congratulations on this honor!

-Jack Ehrke, current Counselor, was crowned the 2010 Homecoming King at UNL.

-Emily Koopman and Skip Hecox, both current counselors, were crowned 2011 Queen and King (respectively) at UNL. Eight other current NHRIers were nominated to be on the 2011 UNL Homecoming Court.

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### NHRRF Board of Directors Updates

-We welcome **Mark Davidson**, **Johnny Schrunk**, and **Jeff Yost** as new members to the board—we look forward to working with such great men and community leaders!

-**Barb Jacobson**, **Deb Portz**, and student representatives **Seth Barnes** and **Mary Obrist** finished their terms on the Board of Directors. We thank you for your help with Priceless Preteen, grant applications, and general input. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

-**Natalie Enochs**, NHRI's administrative assistant, had to relocate due to her husband's new position in Missouri. Thanks to Natalie for her incredible support and sense of humor!

-We welcome **Roddy Spangler**, NHRI's new administrative assistant, to the NHRI community. Roddy began on July 22<sup>nd</sup>—welcome, Roddy!

## Happy Holidays from NHRI!

As we approach the end of the year, please consider contributing to NHRI; all gifts are tax deductible. All donations go directly towards supporting the organization's students and staff, making you an investor in the future of leadership. You can donate in any one of the following three ways:

1. Send a check, payable to "Nebraska Human Resources Institute," directly to the following address: 300 Ag Hall- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 68583
2. Donate online via our website, [www.nhri.org](http://www.nhri.org). Click on the "Donate Now" button on the right hand side of the page and follow the information provided.
3. Donate online via our facebook page, [www.facebook.com/RippleCampaign](http://www.facebook.com/RippleCampaign). Select the "Donate" button on the left hand side of the page, underneath the profile picture.

*Thanks for your continual support. We look forward to seeing you in 2012!*

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