





# REFLECTIONS ON 2024

We launched into 2024 ready to go with legislation to support cancer researchers and we never let up. It was an eventful year filled with challenges, victories, and new partnerships. In addition to advocating for researchers and research funding, we partnered with National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Nebraska) to start a Mental Health Policy Coalition and launch a statewide study to be released in 2025.

In 2024, we also saw the growing success of Nebraska Women in STEM, our partnership with Bio Nebraska. We held our second sold-out Nebraska Women in STEM Conference, launched a public speaking series, and held multiple professional development webinars and in-person activities.

This report details these achievements and more. Our efforts in 2024 laid the groundwork for increased advocacy for research in 2025.

*Amanda McGill Johnson*

Executive Director



Amanda McGill Johnson with Dr. Ann Anderson Berry and Bob Bartee at the Child Health Research Institute Scientific Conference November 8, 2024.

***Our Mission: Nebraska Cures promotes, supports and advocates for scientific research and education to advance our quality of life and our economy.***

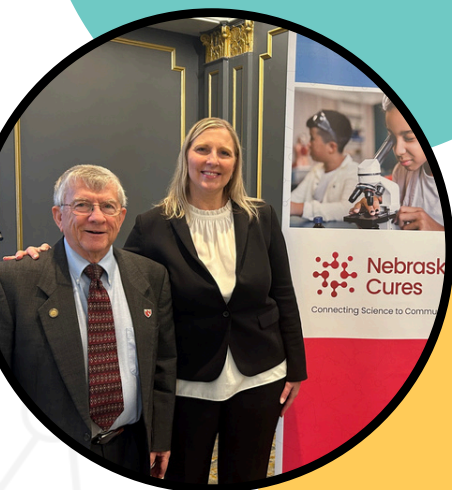
***Our Vision: Leading society to understand and embrace the importance of scientific research.***

## LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

In 2024, Nebraska Cures engaged in eight pieces of legislation and spearheaded efforts to help researchers get more efficient access to cancer registry data. Nebraska Cures worked with State Senator Brad von Gillern to introduce a bill to provide such access. We then worked behind the scenes to help UNMC and Creighton draft agreements with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services that allowed for data access without the need for legislation. This was a tremendous victory for research and an example of effective collaboration.



# HEALTH SYMPOSIUM FOR POLICMAKERS



# MENTAL HEALTH POLICY CONVENING

PARTNERED WITH NAMI  
NEBRASKA TO BRING  
TOGETHER 100+  
ADVOCATES TO SET POLICY  
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IN AWARDS TO 12  
STUDENTS PURSUING  
CAREERS IN  
SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH





# NEBRASKA WOMEN IN STEM

A PARTNERSHIP OF



We provide opportunities for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to develop professionally, make connections, and promote policies that increase the number of women in STEM.

## 14 HOSTED EVENTS INCLUDING SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 606 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS

"I love the comfort of being someplace where there is such a large presence of women. It was comforting to feel like I didn't need to be anything but myself. I witnessed many moments of women supporting, praising, and encouraging one another. It was a beautiful sight to see."

"I really enjoyed talking to other women in STEM. It is good to hear about their experiences in the field. It is also awesome to hear about their work and the awesome things they are doing!"



# HOW TO HELP

## Become a Science Advocate

Sign up to volunteer and help us spread the word by engaging with your elected officials and attending events.

## Join a committee

We have committees guiding our advocacy & education efforts and a committee that plans Nebraska Women in STEM events.

## Educate yourself & spread the word

Attend our virtual and in-person events to learn the latest on scientific research and advocacy. Engage with us on social media and share valuable information with your friends.

## Donate

Our work is possible through the support of donors. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

For more information and updates on our activities or to donate, visit [nebraskacures.com](https://nebraskacures.com).

# OUR 2024 BOARD

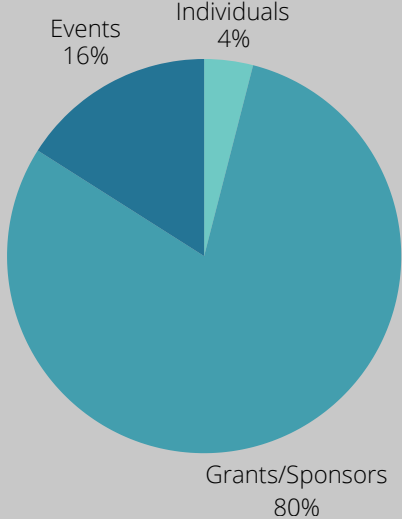
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## 2024 REVENUE



## 2024 EXPENSES

