

Former Dana College campus donated to nonprofit Angels Share

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Frank Krejci, a well-known Omaha developer, bought the Dana College campus for \$3.5 million.
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Omaha developer Frank Krejci has donated the former Dana College campus in Blair, Nebraska, to an organization planning to offer housing and programs to low-income elderly, young people aging out of foster care and others.

Ed Shada, an Omaha banker who is president of the nonprofit Angels Share, said the 151-acre campus will be renamed the Frank and Jane Krejci Life and Learning Center. The donation came last week. Seven organizations are in talks with Angels Share to move operations or programs to the campus.

“Mr. Krejci’s forethought and generosity are deeply appreciated, and his ongoing support of this endeavor speaks to the depth of his regard for those less fortunate,” Shada said.

Angels Share is a resource and support for service organizations caring for the vulnerable. The Omaha Federation of Labor AFL-CIO and Labor United Inc. will be part of an initial focus on campus to train youths for work in the trades, Shada said.

“It is important to help provide job skills and mentoring to prevent and break the cycle of homelessness,” he said.

Shada initially unveiled the concept and Krejci’s planned donation last March. Grace University in Omaha planned to relocate to a slice of the campus later this year but instead is ceasing operations in May because of financial and enrollment troubles.

Later campus developments would include serving military veterans and women who have completed Heartland Family Service’s Nebraska Family Works program, Shada said.

The Dana campus has been vacant since the small, Lutheran liberal arts college closed in 2010.

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