



**NEWS
RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Ken and Charlotte Molzer to Receive Reflection Award
at Midlands Community Foundation's 2009 Reflection Ball**

Papillion, Neb., August 13, 2009 – Midlands Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Ken and Charlotte Molzer will receive the 2009 Reflection Award at the organization's Reflection Ball on Nov. 14 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista. Each year Midlands Community Foundation honors an individual or individuals who have contributed significantly to Sarpy and Cass counties and the mission of the Foundation with its Reflection Award.

Ken and Charlotte both graduated from Plymouth High School and then attended Fairbury Junior College. After one year of college, Charlotte taught rural school. Ken went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) with bachelor's and master's degrees in music. After years of teaching in rural Nebraska, Ken taught for 30 years at Papillion Junior High School, retiring as the Director of Bands while Charlotte became a substitute teacher and aid in the Papillion Public Schools and taught pre-school at the Wee School in Papillion for 19 years before retiring.

For the past 35 years, Ken has directed the First Lutheran Chancel Choir. In 1971, he initiated the Papillion Junior High Instrumental Music Clinic for middle school and junior high school bands which continues to this day. He is the founder/director of the Papillion Area Concert (PAC) Band, an adult community band, and finds time to play professionally in a dance band. The outdoor Sumter Amphitheatre was completed in 2007 under Ken's 17-year leadership, and had more than 15,000 attending performances during the first two years of operation. He was involved with the establishment of the Sarpy Area Arts Council and is on the board of directors for the Papillion-La Vista Community Theatre. Ken presently serves as Music Education Specialist for Dietze Music.

-More-

Ken has served as president of the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association (NSBA) and the Nebraska Music Educators Association (NMEA), as well as his local Papillion Area Lions Club, of which he is a charter member. He was selected as the NSBA Bandmaster of the Year in 1996, is a member of the NMEA Hall of Fame and was honored as the Papillion-La Vista Secondary Teacher of the Year in 1994. In 1999, upon his retirement, he was Grand Marshal of the Papillion Days Parade and the first honored by the City of Papillion as the Volunteer of the Month. In 2008, the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce selected him as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

Charlotte was active in the Papillion Recreation Organization (PRO) as a girl's volleyball and softball coach. She was a member of the Papillion Junior Women's Club. Charlotte was active in First Lutheran Church as a Sunday school teacher and midweek school teacher, a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and choir member for 40 years. She also has volunteered at Midlands Community Hospital and Papillion Senior Center.

Charlotte is a double cancer survivor and participates in local American Cancer Association activities.

Ken and Charlotte were married in 1961. They have two children and five grandchildren.

“We are pleased to present Ken and Charlotte Molzer with our Reflection Award this year for their years of tireless dedication and volunteer service to the Sarpy County community and Midlands Community Foundation,” said Tonee Gay, Executive Director.

The mission of Midlands Community Foundation is to benefit the diverse needs of the Sarpy and Cass county communities by providing financial support, involvement and service. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated millions of dollars to many worthy organizations with an emphasis toward prevention and education in the areas of health, art, culture, community, education, economic development and human services.

###

For more information, contact:

Tonee Gay, Executive Director
402-991-8027