

The Wallace Youth Club, Wallace Foundation and the Wallace Fire and Rescue recently each received \$614 from the New 2 U Thrift Store from the dispersion of its assets after the thrift store's closing earlier this year.

New 2 U was created in 2007 out of a Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation grant and 450 volunteer hours to turn the unused back of the then Wallace Teen Center building into a thrift store to add revenue to the Teen Center.

Interest in the Teen Center dwindled but the thrift store continued until January 2013. In addition to providing an avenue to reuse items locally, the store supported the North Platte Thrift Connection with recyclable clothing items as well as excess clothes and household items.

The Four Corners Native American Ministry Navajo thrift store received much of the expired clothing. New 2 U supported local fundraising auctions, the Domestic Abuse clothing drives and even sent clothes along on a mission trip to Kenya.

The board of management is thankful to the many volunteers who worked and the people who enjoyed frequenting the store and is very pleased to give this final gift to the community. Jim Smith, who owns the building, will be using the space to expand an antique and collectable store, Jim's Picks and Treasures.