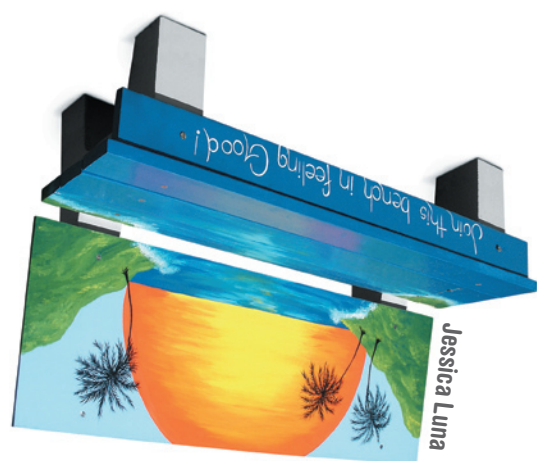


9005-2006  
Omaha Area

Jeremy Lerman

Join this bench in feeling good!



Map

bench marks



No one is small in potential.

Amy Scott

She smiled,  
realizing she could start her  
day over anytime she wanted.

David Franklin

Actually,  
you CAN get there from here.

Randy Gustafson

Haz una diferencia en la  
humanidad con una sonrisa.

Teresa Dameron

As in life, one has to pay  
the fare to ride the bus.

Suzanne Arney

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bench marks

**Bench Marks 2005–2006 is a collaboration of artists, writers, and organizations that support and encourage an active, healthy and involved community. Thousands of volunteer hours were donated to the project.**

**Knowing how important public art is for Omaha as a growing and dynamic city, the Peter Kiewit Foundation initiated the Bench Marks Project as a citywide effort to beautify some of the utilitarian benches scattered along city bus routes.**

**Metro Area Transit got the ball rolling by procuring a federal grant that underwrote the rent on the benches for the year.**

**Built by JoDon's Designs, all 100 of the Bench Marks benches are new.**

**To assure that we communicate messages to inspire viewers, we asked Nebraska writers to create upbeat phrases to be selected by artists as an impetus to the designs. Not only do the bright colors attract people, the phrases give them food for thought!**

**We thank the many businesses and individuals who responded to our dream by sponsoring a bench to underwrite the project costs. Any remaining funds will be placed in an account to be used for maintenance of the expanding collection of public art donated to Omaha as well**

**as to be used for a future permanent sculpture project for our city.**

**We hope residents and visitors have fun traveling the city to see and photograph these beautiful works of art!**

*Eddith Buis*

Eddith Buis, Project Director



Diversity adds the spice to our buffet.

DeJuan Cribbs

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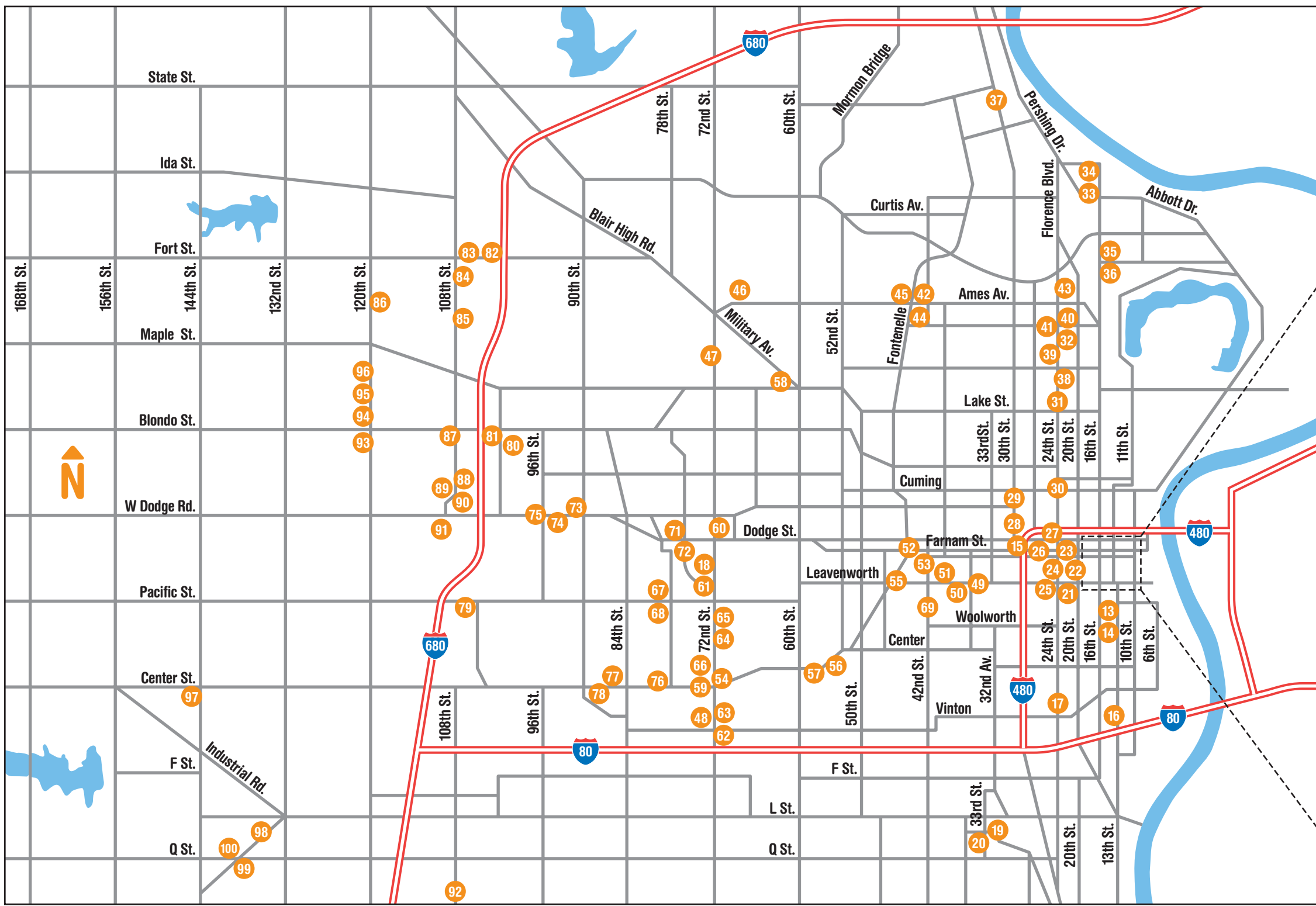
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Old Market benches on display until October 3, 2005.

- DeJuan Cribbs**  
Anna Monaco  
*Life: Your chance to think outside the box.*  
Marathon Realty Corp.  
10th & Harney, S/W
- Debra J. Grosser**  
Ron Hansen  
*Speak with grace. Act with kindness.*  
HDR  
10th & Howard, N/W
- Deborah McColley**  
Virginia Thomas  
*Take a vegetarian to lunch.*  
The Rows at SoMa  
10th & Jackson, N/W
- Jesse Medina**  
Connie Lehman  
*Put yourself in Motion to LIVE.*  
Paul M. & Djel Ann Brown  
11th & Farnam, N/W
- Fairouz Bishara**  
Jack Wolf  
*Customize your own dream.*  
The Rows at SoMa  
11th & Jackson, N/E
- Cynthia U. Sacks**  
Teena Foster  
*Do the dance of life!*  
Paul M. & Djel Ann Brown  
13th & Howard, N/W
- Eddith Buis**  
Rita Paskowitz  
*In life, only a fried egg should be over-easy.*  
The Rows at SoMa  
13th & Howard, S/E
- Angie Fischer**  
Suzanne Arney  
*In Belgium, they say, a rainy day brings good luck.*  
The Rows at SoMa  
13th & Jackson, N/E
- Andy Acker**  
David Nicklin  
*Up in a tree a bird sings an awakening song just for you.*  
Zaiss & Company  
15th & Howard, N/E
- Dotty Robarge**  
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*Let me live my life near a river of chocolate.*  
Whole Foods Market  
16th & Howard, N/E
- Deborah McColley**  
Virginia Thomas  
*Celebrate Pyramid Power—take a carrot to lunch.*  
Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. and Yogis & Friends  
13th & Leavenworth, S/E
- Julia Gilreath**  
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*Pass the olives!*  
First Unitarian Church  
13th & Leavenworth, S/E
- Sandra Carpenter**  
Gene Kwak  
*A living, breathing terra firma is nothing without its Heartland.*  
Back to the River  
13th & Pierce
- Stephanie Carlson-Pruch**  
Matt Mason  
*Dream into stars, swim beyond what oceans offer, deep into the plains.*  
A Bundle of Castelar Friends  
13th & Pine
- Eddith Buis**  
Timothy Schaffert  
*Thrift shop finds: go-go boots, denim tux, a fetching velour beret.*  
The Three Behrs & George Kleine  
28th & Farnam
- Lou Ann Laudermith**  
David Franklin  
*Walking is easier said than done.*  
Blue Flamingo Thrift Store  
13th & Vinton, S/E
- Michael Giron**  
EmJay  
*Stand in the shadows... or skip into the sunlight.*  
Montessori Parents' Co-op for Children, Inc.  
24th & Spring, S/W
- Jessica Zimmerer**  
Matt Mason  
*I am done fighting streetlights, my paper wings soar, brush your blazing heart.*  
Peter Kiewit Foundation  
72nd & Farnam, West
- Michael Giron**  
Rita Paskowitz  
*Value yourself. Others will follow your example.*  
Bellevue University  
33rd & Ed Babe Gomez Ave, S/E
- Jesse Medina**  
Peg O'Dea Lippert  
*Leadership Omaha—Class 26: The Best Class Ever*  
33rd & Ed Babe Gomez Ave, S/W
- Linda M. Garcia**  
Teresa Dameron  
*Haz una diferencia en la humanidad con una sonrisa.*  
FBG Service Corp.  
22nd & St. Mary's, N/W
- DeJuan Cribbs**  
Bruce Koborg  
*Turn off the TV. Get out and be your own star. It's your movie.*  
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
22nd & Farnam, N/E
- David Franklin**  
Shelly Clark  
*Your Chinese Fortune: "Today you will see a bench." Lucky number: Five.*  
Carol Kloss & Mike McClellan  
22nd & Douglas, South
- Linda Hatfield**  
Amy Scott  
*No one is small in potential.*  
Youth Emergency Services  
24th & Harney, S/W
- Sandi Bruns**  
DeJuan Cribbs  
*Diversity adds the spice to our buffet.*  
Anne Boyle  
24th & Harney, S/E
- Barker Art**  
Rebecca Rotert  
*The world is more generous than bleak.*  
Omaha By Design  
24th & Farnam, N/E
- Kristin Pluhacek**  
Steve Langan  
*Recollections made whole, he stood still for plenitude.*  
O! Campaign  
24th & Chicago, S/E
- Sharon Ahrens**  
Timothy Schaffert  
*Stepping briskly from the thrift shop, she fluffed the pink fur of her fake mink.*  
Democratic Divas  
30th & Chicago, N/W
- Sheila Rocha**  
Sarah McKinstry-Brown  
*This earth is a prayer, disguised as a poem*  
Terry & Judy Haney  
30th & Webster, N/W
- Sid Buchanan**  
Dina Rogel  
*Dream big, live large.*  
Metro Area Transit  
24th & Cuming
- Caroline Schmitz**  
Jeremy Lerman  
*This bench for dreamers.*  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Peterson, Maureen Fulton, Theresa Cuellar  
24th & Binney
- Peggy Jones**  
Lee Baker  
*To learn how to fly, he asked those who had soared a while.*  
Friends of Peggy  
24th & Spaulding, East
- Marie V. Sedlacek**  
Paul Otero  
*The kiss of art, mysterious universe inhaled in human hearts.*  
Bob-Mary-Alex-Mamie Pershing & Ida, S/W
- David Williams**  
Julie Jones  
*This wasn't here yesterday. We're not the same.*  
The Lozier Foundation  
Pershing & Whitmore, S/W
- Sue Kalicki**  
Portia V. Love-King  
*The essence of me/this poetry/stars and moon beams at my hand. Create like jello, jiggle.*  
Joan Gibson & Donald Wurster  
16th & Ellison, N/E
- Shawnequa Linder**  
Leslie Prisbell  
*You are free to stand up, gather your children, and walk toward the sunshine.*  
Peter Kiewit Foundation  
16th & Jaynes, N/E
- Janna Mattingly**  
Sarah McKinstry-Brown  
*Stretch the world like an accordion to make room for the song of you.*  
Joan Bailion & Vern Wood  
Fontenelle & Ames, S/W
- Mary Day**  
Jennifer Lambert  
*The clock is fast/ the hands spin/live now!*  
Metro. Community College  
70th & Ames
- Jo Brown**  
Judith Slater  
*Leap into the air, weightless for one split second.*  
Peter Kiewit Foundation  
Florence Blvd & Wirt, N/W
- Scott Prokupek**  
David Franklin  
*She smiled, realizing she could start her day over anytime she wanted.*  
Friends of Public Art  
Florence Blvd & Pinckney, N/W
- St. Andrews' Artists CoOp**  
Steve Langan  
*Empires of sound, the history of flight, roosting meadows.*  
An Enthusiast for Public Art  
Florence Blvd & Pratt, N/W
- St. Andrews' Youth**  
Jennifer Lambert  
*Reach high—the tree is tall, the fruit ripe.*  
Edward R. Danner  
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Florence Blvd & Pratt, S/E
- Beig, Buis & Carpenter**  
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*Follow the trail of a book, and find yourself magnificently lost.*  
Friends of the Omaha Public Library  
Fontenelle & Ames, N/E
- Wanda Ewing**  
Judith Slater  
*Give me your hand. Tell us our future.*  
Stephen Hug  
72nd & Farnam, West
- Sandra Carpenter**  
Donovan L. Welch  
*Humorous people, like jello, jiggle.*  
The Huff Family  
46th & Ames, S/W
- Janna Mattingly**  
Sarah McKinstry-Brown  
*Stretch the world like an accordion to make room for the song of you.*  
Joan Bailion & Vern Wood  
Fontenelle & Ames, S/W
- Mary Day**  
Jennifer Lambert  
*The clock is fast/ the hands spin/live now!*  
Metro. Community College  
70th & Ames
- John Borgeson**  
Ira Combs  
*Prevention Man says, "Not smoking is a form of self-defense."*  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
40th & Leavenworth
- Linda Garcia**  
Jose F. Garcia-Rios  
*Los ninos, nuestros tesoros, son el futuro.*  
Child Saving Institute  
56th & Center, South
- Joel Holm**  
Kurt Andersen  
*Skylarking permitted; skittle-skattle discouraged.*  
Steve and Leslie Bogue  
58th & Center, South
- Osa Caudill**  
Raymond Walden  
*Don't settle for shadows on the cave wall. Go out and cast your own.*  
The Unitarian Churches of Omaha  
63rd & Maple, S/W
- Barb Schroeder**  
Donovan L. Welch  
*Hope is a fire we light with a snap of our fingers.*  
First Unitarian Church  
72nd & Arbor, N/E
- Bonnie Manriquez**  
Teresa Dameron  
*She's one of a kind.*  
My Boes, My Designs  
72nd & Cass, N/E
- Julie Cornell**  
Suzanne Arney  
*Life is a bus, peopled with dreams.*  
Stephen Hug  
72nd & Farnam, West
- Lorelle Carr**  
EmJay  
*Fear is the bridge to accomplishment.*  
Great Plains Auto Body  
72nd & Grover, N/E
- Carole DeBuse**  
Clif Mason  
*I want the heart of a great horse—steelworks filled with danger and daring.*  
Millard Manufacturing  
72nd & Grover, N/E
- Jan Mason**  
Jeff Koterba  
*Ukuleles, mandolins, a smiling sidewalk, a turning point.*  
Blue Cross & Blue Shield  
72nd & Mercy, N/E
- Shannon Tarvin**  
Library Staff  
*Just Read It! A world awaits you... Child Saving Institute*  
72nd & Mercy, N/E
- Kelly Adams**  
Sibyl Myers  
*Gotta just do it. Pump up your spirit. Set yourself free.*  
ACTivate Omaha  
72nd & Mercy, S/E
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*The easy is what we dream of. The hard is what defines us.*  
Toastmasters International Revellers Club #1796  
76th & Pacific, N/W
- Bob Bosco**  
Nat Derickson  
*You are what you want. Your wants have brought you here, so take a seat and think.*  
Parker Family Foundation  
76th & Pacific, S/W
- Theresa Cassidy**  
William Champion  
*Wisdom from within ignites the souls of others.*  
Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. and Yogis & Friends  
42nd & Poppleton, East
- Sue Kalicki**  
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*Chase a dream until even your shadow breaks into a sweat.*  
UMB Bank  
12th & Dodge, N/E
- Linda Marshall**  
Jane Pietrantonio  
*Step out of your car to discover Omaha—it's amazing.*  
Mayor Mike Fahey  
74th & Dodge, S/W
- Nicole Blauw**  
Ron Hansen  
*Each choice we make shapes us.*  
Levy Law Office  
74th & Dodge, S/W
- Jeri Brainard**  
Sarah McKinstry-Brown  
*Like breadcrumbs of light, the stars will lead you home.*  
American National Bank  
90th & Dodge, N/W
- Barb Schroeder**  
Eddith Buis  
*When we hide in the little houses of each day, we fail to see time pass.*  
Great Western Bank  
93rd & Dodge, S/W
- Jacqueline Bequette**  
Matt Boyd  
*We make our own destiny—Dream It!*  
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96th & Dodge, S/W
- Jesse Medina**  
Gene Kwak  
*We've come to see our children's dreams outgrow the looming stalks.*  
Peter Kiewit Foundation  
80th & Center, N/E
- Karl Oppgaard**  
Elizabeth K. Spencer  
*Did you do good today?*  
The Mark Oppgaard Family  
87 & Center, N/E
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Heidi Hermanson  
*Notice beauty every day. Drift in a boat above a tree-green sea.*  
élan Contemporary Furnishings  
87th & Center, S/E
- Steve Yoneda**  
Lee Baker  
*Weeding my garden allows my dreams to grow and bear fruit.*  
Lake Ohana, Craig & Lauren Nakamoto  
102nd & Pacific, S/E
- Melissa Cleaver**  
Matt Mason  
*Fields and hills sprout like butterfly wings from the thin line of what we know.*  
Bahá'í Faith  
102nd & Seward, East
- Bonnie Manriquez**  
David Franklin  
*I'm at a turning point...*  
Amy Scott  
102nd & Blondo, S/W
- Justin Dobesh**  
Fred Zydek  
*If you want a rainbow you have to put up with the rain.*  
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105th & Fort, S/E
- Martie Wagner**  
EmJay  
*Life Recipe: Mix young with old and shake well.*  
Suzanne and Walter Scott, Jr.  
106th & Fort
- Jeff Hug**  
Connie Lehman  
*No more jumbo anything.*  
First Unitarian Church/  
Dan Dwyer  
108th & Browne, S/E
- Sharon Boynton**  
Matt Mason  
*Life is what's hidden in the beauty we reach for with hands soft as breath.*  
Marathon Realty Corp.  
108th & Manderson
- Paula Wallace**  
Yolonda Ross  
*Once the heart is involved all common sense goes out the window. Love.*  
Leadership Omaha—  
Class 25: The Best Class Ever  
120th & Miami, West
- David Williams**  
Leslie Prisbell  
*She liked to do the bus stop at the bus stop.*  
JoDon's/Dave & Janet Warren  
108th & Blondo, S/W
- Charlene Potter**  
Shelly Clark  
*In my first life I was a tree. Or is it the other way around?*  
Wilson Family  
108th & Burt, S/E
- Mary Seger**  
Angela Glover  
*Possibility ignites when you engage with life.*  
CBRE Mega Corp. & Crestridge Magnet Center  
108th & Mill Valley Road, East
- Rodger Gerberding**  
Sean Doolittle  
*A language, she thought, and ordered a tape. She learned all the colors first.*  
The David Scott Foundation  
108th & Nicholas
- Connie Farmer**  
Amy Scott  
*Laughter can not be used up.*  
R, J, S & T Sullivan  
108th Ave & Farnam Dr, S/E
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Rita Paskowitz  
*Every language has a word for peace. Why not speak it in yours?*  
Friendship Program, Inc.  
108th & Madison, West
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Heidi Hermanson  
*Hope is a white balloon that escaped gravity.*  
Home Instead Senior Care  
120th & Nicholas, East
- Brenda Everson-Wiesman**  
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*Life is too brief for tight shoes.*  
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Timothy Schaffert  
*Aiming at the stars, looking at our toes.*  
George Lozier  
120th & Stonegate, N/W
- Eric Baughman**  
Elizabeth K. Spencer  
*Kids learn from playing—look how smart YOU turned out! Turn off that TV!*  
Dr. William and Lynette Singer  
144th & Center, S/W
- Paula Wallace**  
Donovan L. Welch  
*The good never have to ask how to sing.*  
Millard Lumber  
135th & Millard Ave, S/W
- Suzanne Powers**  
Suzanne Arney  
*As in life, one has to pay the fare to ride the bus.*  
Matt and Sara Boyd  
136th & Q, N/E
- Robert Miller**  
Randy Gustafson  
*Actually, you CAN get there from here.*  
Nashua Corporation  
136th & Q, S/W

## Bench Finder

Use this directory to seek out all of your favorite Bench Marks! The corresponding numbers will help locate benches on the map.

No. Bench Artist  
Phrase Writer  
Inspirational Phrase  
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Bus Stop Location



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