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Nowhere is the generosity of Richard and Mary Holland more evident than at 13th and Douglas streets where the \$90 million Holland Performing Arts Center that was made possible by the Hollands' leadership gift sits. Their gift to the Durham Research Center established the Cardiovascular Research Laboratories for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The couple endowed the Robert T. Reilly Chair at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Reilly had been a partner in the advertising agency, Holland Dreves Reilly, which Holland established in 1957. The Hollands interest in the arts led to their support of such organizations as Opera Omaha, Omaha Symphony and Joslyn Art Museum. Institutions such as the Child Saving Institute, Winner's Circle and All Our Kids Inc. also benefited from the couple's benevolence. They had been a long-time donor to The Nature Conservancy in Nebraska and to the National Conference for Community and Justice. Richard Holland was honored by himself. His wife had died in June 2006.