FOREVER LINCOLNWAY

LincolnWay Community Foundation

An Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
Forever LincolnWay: Pat’s Legacy

Patricia Henricksen’s colleagues describe her as the face — and heart — of the LincolnWay Community Foundation. Her passion and efforts inspired the creation of the new Forever LincolnWay Endowment Fund, which will help address an array of community needs long into the future.

Pat raised three sons in DeWitt. She taught for over 46 years, working the last 17 at Central DeWitt Community Schools in special education, with at-risk youth and as an assistant principal. She has been involved in many community projects, like initiating the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Clinton County and helping launch the Central DeWitt Community Educational Foundation. Serving as a volunteer, it has been her personal mission to do good work for rural Clinton County on behalf of the Community Foundation.

"The Foundation is constantly aware of community needs and facilitates work to address them," said Pat. "We’ve made a difference in every one of the 11 towns we serve."

With Pat involved since its establishment in 1988, the Foundation has grown to host 92 endowment funds and has served as the catalyst for many community improvements, including the 1997 Genesis Hospital rebuild, the Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center, and the Grand Mound railroad depot. A focus on building endowments for local nonprofits and supporting education has allowed the Foundation to provide well over $7 million in scholarships and grants to date.

The Forever LincolnWay Fund will allow the Foundation to continue making an impact on this scale. With the support of donors like you and caring community members like Pat, the Foundation can fulfill its mission today, tomorrow and forever. Future generations are counting on it.

“Pat is the inspiration for this fund. Right now, Pat is leading the Foundation of her own free will, but we’ll reach a time when we have to pay an executive director. The Forever Fund is a necessity for the perpetuation of our organization.”

Jim Owen, Board Member and Forever Fund Donor
Our Mission
Inspiring communities by connecting people with causes and resources for all generations.

Our Impact

- 11 Communities
- $7.56M In Assets
- $7.61M Granted
- 92 Funds

Why Now
With leadership from a committed board and the dedication of volunteer executive director Pat Henricksen, the LincolnWay Community Foundation has enjoyed significant growth in its capacity to respond to challenges and opportunities in rural Clinton County. In partnership with our generous donors, we’re building a stronger community through inspired giving and strategic grants – and we’re just getting started!

With an eye to the future, we recognize it’s unlikely we’ll find another volunteer director with Pat’s talent and enthusiasm. That’s why now is the time to establish a source of long-term funding to ensure LincolnWay can continue making an impact long into the future.

Our Plan
Over the next two years, the board aims to raise over $500,000 for the Forever LincolnWay Fund, using payouts to employ a director, cover expenses and supplement grant dollars to address community needs. Gifts to endowment funds are invested forever. Annual distributions can be used to make grants that address community issues, while earned interest allows the principal to continue growing.

Named for the historic Lincoln Highway that passes through our region as it connects our country from coast to coast, the LincolnWay Community Foundation connects people and causes with resources to improve lives in rural Clinton County communities.

**Today. Tomorrow. Forever.**

**Keeping Us Safe and Healthy**
LincolnWay is proud to support our volunteer fire departments, partner with the DeWitt Hospital Foundation to provide free bike helmets, and assist local groups that protect our natural resources.

**Bike Helmets for Second Graders**
Since 2013, LincolnWay has partnered with the DeWitt Community Hospital Foundation to provide custom fit bike helmets to over 2,000 second graders from Northeast, Calamus-Wheatland and Central DeWitt schools.

**Equipment & Training for Fire Departments**
LincolnWay has granted nearly $300,000 to volunteer fire departments in rural Clinton County to help ensure our fire fighters and EMS workers have the training, supplies and equipment they need to do their jobs.
Supporting Community Improvements

Whether investing in the Clinton County Fair Grounds, maintaining local museums or improving ballparks and playgrounds, LincolnWay is here to help our communities grow.

Don Kent: Grand Mound Endowment

In 2012, Don Kent joined local families and businesses in establishing the Grand Mound Endowment Fund, which supports projects like a new chair lift in the history museum, new lights at the ballpark and improvements to the community building. “I have a deep feeling of gratitude to the community for being able to establish an accounting business, make a living, and raise my family,” he said. “So what little I can give back, I’m glad to do it.”

Pries Family: County Fair & Legion Auxiliary

Anna and Albert Pries farmed together for more than three decades. Following their deaths, the couple left their legacy in the form of an endowment to provide for the unique charitable causes they supported in life: the county fair and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Creating Opportunities for Learning

From supporting building trades courses in our schools to providing student scholarships and improving literacy, LincolnWay partners with local leaders to foster education for all.

Dr. Alan R. and Myrna Petersen Tubbs Family Fund

Al and Myrna Tubbs believe that education holds the greatest potential for employment and quality of life. Specialized technical, trade or skills training can often be the key to job opportunities and a rewarding career, so they established a scholarship fund for a Central Community High School graduate pursuing a two-year degree in a specialized skill or trade.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Clinton County

Since its inception in 2012, Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Clinton County has mailed over 90,000 books to children from birth to age 5. “Without our partnership with LincolnWay, our mission would still be a dream,” said Amanda Willimack, Clinton County Program Coordinator. “With their support, we were able to establish a fund and begin sharing books and preparing children for a lifetime of reading and learning.”
Lifting Up Our Neighbors

LincolnWay connects people with resources they need to thrive, such as by providing families with food assistance, ensuring seniors and children have access to vaccinations, and working with Habitat for Humanity.

The Referral Center

As COVID-19 posed new challenges for rural communities, LincolnWay helped nonprofits meet the needs of the people most impacted — supporting lunches for students in Calamus and granting $5,000 to the DeWitt Referral Center for food. LincolnWay has also pledged $6,000 to help the Referral Center expand its capacity to meet the needs of people experiencing financial hardship.

Habitat for Humanity

Having a house is something many people take for granted, but Abby Wildes and her three children think it’s nothing short of amazing. With a $10,000 grant from LincolnWay, Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County purchased a lot in DeWitt and turned it into a home for the Wildes family. “Without you, I’d be homeless,” Wildes said. “It feels like my family has a new foundation.”

Honoring our Past

LincolnWay is proud to support generous donors who value the sacrifice of our soldiers and appreciate preserving our history. We are grateful to be able to honor this work.

DeWitt Veteran’s Memorial: Wayne & Nancy Stuedemann

Impressed by the outpouring of support for the DeWitt Veteran’s Memorial, Nancy and Wayne Stuedemann established an endowment fund to ensure long-term care for the two-acre site. “The memorial is a fitting tribute to all our area veterans and honors the significant sacrifice given in service to their country in order to preserve our freedom,” said Stuedemann.

Saving Welton History

Before the Welton School was demolished, alumni salvaged numerous photographs of graduating classes dating back to 1930. A grant from LincolnWay allowed these photographs to be restored and displayed for years to come. “I didn’t know if anybody could save them,” said Tom Gannon, class of ’58. “But now they’re preserved for future generations.”
PROJECTS WE HAVE SUPPORTED

Big Brothers and Sisters of Clinton County
Boy Scout Troop 29
Boy Scout Troop 92
Boy Scouts Mesquakie District
Calamus American Legion
Calamus Library
Calamus Little League Ballpark
Calamus-Wheatland ADA Playground
Calamus-Wheatland Ball Field
Calamus-Wheatland School
CALCO
Camanche-DeWitt Coalition
Central Building Trades
Central Ed Foundation Teacher Grants
Central FFA
Central Music Boosters
Central Performing Art Center
Central Robotic Club Boosters
Central Science Department
Central Special Olympics
Central STAR Performing Arts Center
Central Summer Lunch Box Program
Central Tech Manufacturing Program
Charlotte Fire Department
City of DeWitt Dog Park
Clinton County 4-H
Clinton County Agricultural Society
Clinton County Conservation
Clinton County Visiting Nurses Association
Clinton County Youth Hunter Education
Community Care
Concerned DeWitt Citizens
Creative Learning Center
Cross Trainers
Delmar Cover to Cover
Delmar Depot
Delmar Fire Department
Delmar Splash Park
Delwood School
DeWitt American Legion
DeWitt Stop Bullying
DeWitt Chamber & Development Company
DeWitt Community Hospital
DeWitt Fine Arts Foundation
DeWitt Fire Department
DeWitt Hausbarn
DeWitt Historical Society
DeWitt Hospital Foundation
DeWitt Nite Lions
DeWitt Police Department
DeWitt Skate Park
DeWitt Theater Company
DeWitt Veteran's Memorial
DeWitt Youth Football
Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Family Resources Emergency Assistance
Fishing Has No Boundaries
Frances Banta Waggoner Library
Goose Lake First Responders
Grand Mound American Legion
Grand Mound Ball Park
Grand Mound Car Show
Grand Mound Christmas Display
Grand Mound Community Center
Grand Mound Fire Department
Grand Mound Historical Museum & Depot
Grand Mound Sportsman's Club
Habitat for Humanity
ICAN Network College Testing
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Junior Achievement
Kids Business
Lincoln Park Band Shell
Linus Blankets
Little Trees Park
Lost Nation Library
Low Moor City Park
Low Moor Fire Department
Low Moor Lions
Lutheran Social Services
Music Ministries
Northeast AGI Greenhouse
Northeast School
Skeffington Memorial Race
St. Joseph School
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
STEP Training
Welton Fire Department
Welton High School Class Photo Display
Welton Park Pavilion
Wheatland Community Center
Wheatland Sesquicentennial
Wheatland St. Paul’s Church Summer Lunches
**Giving Tiers**

- **Legacy**
  - $50,000+
- **Builder**
  - $5,000 to $9,999
- **Friend**
  - Up to $999

  *Gifts over $1,000 may be made over 2 years*

- **Visionary**
  - $25,000 to $49,999
- **Grower**
  - $2,500 to $4,999
- **Founder**
  - $1,000 to $2,499

- **Futurist**
  - $10,000 to $24,999
- **Visionary**
  - $25,000 to $49,999

**Endow Iowa**

When you give to a LincolnWay Community Foundation endowment fund, it will cost you far less thanks to Iowa’s generous Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit.

Gifts of $50 or more to endowment funds qualify for the tax credit. Various types of gifts — including charitable IRA rollovers, gifts of grain, gifts of stock and cash — are eligible.

*For more information on Endow Iowa and the availability of tax credits, call 563.588.2700.*

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**Thank You**

Our goal is to raise $500,000 over the next two years.

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THANK YOU

The LincolnWay Community Foundation Board of Directors, volunteers and affiliates express appreciation for the individuals, families and organizations who share their gifts to keep rural Clinton County growing strong. Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

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