CONNECTING THE DOTS
Annual Report 2020
To our partners,

Our community is full of passionate, generous people who want to contribute toward a strong future. Understanding how that generosity can have the deepest impact can be a challenge, and that’s where the Allamakee County Community Foundation comes in. We connect the dots between community needs and people who can help address them. Partnering with local leaders, we identify challenges and solutions to community-wide issues, such as supporting community development to enhance quality of life, removing barriers to brain health care, and providing funds to ensure high-quality emergency services across the county. Then, we harness the power of endowment to make charitable giving easy for our generous local donors and ensure their gifts have a meaningful impact where the community needs it most.

Understanding our community’s challenges and connecting with leaders who want to develop solutions is our most important work. Contact us today to find out how you can help.

With sincere gratitude,

When the late Dorothy and John Terhune learned that parents were launching an endowment fund for St. Patrick’s Catholic School, they worked with the Allamakee County Community Foundation to jumpstart the fund with an initial contribution and made additional gifts over several years. Dorothy was a Waukon native who graduated from St. Patrick’s. After her death in 2009, John continued making donations in her honor until his own death. Their legacy will support students and teachers at St. Patrick’s forever.

In the beginning, annual endowment payouts were used for technology updates. Today, the payouts provide a match for teachers’ 401(k) contributions. “You have to be creative to keep quality teachers at a Catholic school. We can’t provide the benefits public schools do,” says Principal Katie Fahey, who has been at the school for 24 years, both as a teacher and as principal. “This retirement incentive is helpful. Our teachers are very loyal, and we've been fortunate to hire young teachers who are alumni.”

Lexie Brink went to school at St. Patrick’s and knew she wanted to return there to teach. “I have always loved the atmosphere of St. Patrick’s School and the close relationships with the families in the community,” says the kindergarten teacher. “Teaching isn’t an easy job, but having a staff and principal stand behind you makes you feel loved and supported. Every little bit helps with retirement, and I’m grateful to be receiving something to help with my future.”

Endowed funds at the Community Foundation support an improved quality of life across Allamakee County. Contact us to learn about how you can harness the power of endowment to keep your community vibrant.

Financials

- Endowed Assets: $3,223,560
- Non-Endowed Assets: $171,681
- Total Assets: $3,395,241
- 2020 Grants and Scholarships: $171,681
- 2020 Gifts and Pledges: $176,160

Legacy gifts reflect a commitment to your community and will help address needs for years to come. There are many ways to give, including gifts of stocks, bonds, grain and IRA rollover contributions, as well as through your estate plan.

“Ron and I are great believers in giving back. Our total belief in the Allamakee County Community Foundation and board makes our legacy gift decision an easy choice,” says foundation coordinator Betty Steege.

As a bonus, your gift of $50 or more to the Allamakee County Community Foundation or one of its endowed funds is eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. To get started, contact us.

Contact Betty Steege at 563-586-2046 or steebo@acegroup.com.

Pictured above: Lexie Brink teaches students at St. Patrick’s Catholic School.
**Family of Funds**

Alice Hermeier Foundation Endowment Fund  
Allamakee County Community Foundation Endow Iowa Permanent Endowment Fund  
Allamakee County Disaster Assistance Fund  
Allamakee County Energy District Fund  
Allamakee County Fund for After School Programs  
Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
Allamakee Vision To Learn Fund  
Coach Gene and Pat Klinge Endowment for Waukon Youth  
Dave and Sheri Herold Education Endowment  
The Dr. Ray Hermeier Endowed Fund for Waukon  
Dr. Richard Hermeier Fund for Waukon HS Athletics  
Dr. Steven and Stefanie Perkins Education and Healthcare Endowment  
Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center Endowment  
Harpers Ferry Boosters Inc. Endowment  
Herold and Kriener Family Legacy Fund  
John H. Simmons Endowment  
Kee High Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Keeland Endowment for Early Childhood Education  
Main Street Lansing Endowment  
Mark and Vicki Donhowe Scholarship Fund for NICC  
Mary Ament-TASC Endowment  
mHealth Today Matthew Howe Tribute Endowment  
New Albin Fire Department Endowment  
New Albin Library Endowment  
Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative Endowment Fund  
Northeast Iowa Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund-Agency  
Northeast Iowa Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) Endowment  
Our Savior’s Lutheran Endowment (Lansing)  
Postville Dollars for Scholars Endowment  
Red Rixen & Dr. Jim Rixen Scholarship  
Rev. Curtis Webster Memorial Endowment for Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
Rosello Sando Endowment for Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
Saint Patrick School Endowment Fund  
Suzanne and David Hahn Endowment  
Veterans Memorial Healthcare Foundation Endowment for Education, Recruitment and Retention  
Waukon Parks and Recreation Endowment  
Zimmerman Family Scholarship Endowment

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**2020 Grants**

Allamakee New Beginnings, Inc.  
City of Harpers Ferry - Volunteer Fire Department  
City of Lansing  
City of Postville - Police Department  
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois  
Lansing Fire Department  
New Albin Improvement League  
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation  
Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation  
Waterville Community Center

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