Endow Iowa

When you make an endowed gift to the Clayton County Foundation for the Future or any of its funds, it will cost you far less thanks to Iowa's generous Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit. For example, after the state tax credit and federal tax deduction, a $10,000 gift will cost an individual or couple in the 35% tax bracket just $4,000. Returns like that are hard to find.

Become a Legacy

Making a legacy gift reflects your ongoing commitment to your community and allows you to provide for the passions, interests and causes you hold close to your heart for years to come. The Community Foundation can help you determine the type of gift you want to leave, show you the impact your gift will have and share valuable information about tax benefits. For more information on leaving a legacy in your community, contact Emily Sadewasser.
We invite you to take an inspiring drive

In eastern Iowa, our bridges and roads do more than get us from one place to the next. They join communities and neighbors, enabling people to work together to address challenges and make a greater impact.

We invite you to use this map for a scenic – and eye-opening – drive through our region. You’ll discover the generosity of donors, vision of stakeholders, and collective impact on schools, nonprofits, and communities made possible by the leadership of the Clayton County Foundation for the Future.
Harry and Elle Blobaum began making their map of Clayton County connections in childhood and continue to do so today. Elle grew up near Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center, where she and Harry were counselors. When they returned to Elle’s family farm after retirement, they rejoined the effort to help the camp succeed.

The Blobaums gave one of the first gifts to Ewalu’s endowment fund, which started with the Clayton County Foundation for the Future in 2005. Participating in an endowment-building program through the foundation inspired Harry to join the advisory board.

This year, the Blobaums will sell the farm and relocate to Waverly, a place they knew well as Wartburg students. Harry retires from the foundation after multiple terms as board chair.

“Harry really rolled up his sleeves as a leader,” says MJ Smith, director of affiliate foundations at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. “He and Elle will be missed.”

Harry is proud of the connections the foundation made with nonprofits through its grant program. The ingenuity and passion of nonprofit leaders, plus their projects, made a lasting impression. “There are people doing marvelous things for nonprofits,” he reflects.

Harry represented Clayton County on Northeast Iowa Funders Network’s board and helped found the Clayton County Energy District. He shaped the foundation by advocating for a paid coordinator to assist the board; an endowment fund now supports the position permanently.

Though the Blobaums are moving on, they leave a lasting legacy. They have given generously of their time, talents and treasure, and their gifts to endowments will impact the community forever.

To give to a cause you care about, contact Emily Sadewasser, foundation coordinator.
2018 Numbers

$354,803.58
Total Grants and Scholarships

$5,017,686.33
Total Assets

$556,241.28
Total Gifts and Pledges

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