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With your support, we can address today’s greatest challenges and make a deeper impact on important issues like empowering families and setting children on a path to a bright future. COVID-19 has amplified the need to help Jackson County residents facing barriers to food, child care and other necessities during the crisis.

In 2019, thanks to generous donors and dedicated community leaders, we focused on improving reading proficiency through our Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. We also made grants to nonprofits improving lives in Jackson County, including Vision To Learn, which provides local children with free eye exams and, in many cases, free glasses. We continue working to meet today’s needs while planning for the future.
Community Foundation at work for families

“In small communities, we’re capable of planting the seeds and giving them a little bit of water,” says Baldwin mother of three Allison Bock. “Places like the Community Foundation of Jackson County are the sunshine that really make things grow.” Her children, 12-year-old Casey, 11-year-old Chamberly, and 7-year-old Coral, are also growing with help from the Community Foundation.

Coral used to cry before school. By the end of first grade, she was falling behind. Last summer, she attended the Jackson County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading’s Summer Adventure, supported by the Community Foundation. While Coral was enjoying herself and combatting summer learning loss, her mom noticed a change. “She never cried one morning before Summer Adventure,” says Allison. “By the start of second grade, she definitely did not have the anxiety she did before.”

Today, Coral is nearly on track with her peers. “She had more confidence after Summer Adventure, and without that program I don’t know if she would be where she is now,” says Allison.

Casey and Chamberly both received eye exams and glasses thanks to the Community Foundation’s Vision To Learn initiative. Chamberly got her glasses at Briggs Elementary School, where principal Pat Bollman emphasizes the importance of philanthropy and community.

The Bock children are familiar with those concepts. Their dad, Tony, is a volunteer firefighter, and Allison, a city councilor, has helped apply for grants from the Community Foundation on behalf of local nonprofits.

The Community Foundation of Jackson County works to empower families and children through its initiatives, through grants to nonprofits, and by building endowment funds that help position all residents for continued success. To help your community grow, contact Mary Jo Gothard. Future generations are counting on it.

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You want to leave the community a better place for your children and grandchildren. There’s no better time to start than today.

A legacy gift reflects your ongoing commitment to your community and will help address its needs for years to come. There are many ways to give, including gifts of stocks, bonds and grain, as well as IRA rollover contributions.

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

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