CONNECTING THE DOTS
Annual Report 2020

Community Foundation of Jackson County
An Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
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 Community Foundation of Jackson County 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 like strengthening families through access to food, quality education and economic opportunity.

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. Through the State of Iowa’s County Endowment Fund program, we award grants to ensure that nonprofits can help our community thrive, respond to emerging needs, and sustain the good work they do.

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,

Sheri Strathman, President
Ann Burns, Vice President
Tom Feuerbach
Luanne Huckstadt
Gary Penniston
Bob Ploessl
Josh Reicks

LEAVING A LEGACY

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.

“Jackson County has treated me wonderfully. I want to give back in a way that impacts many. I trust the Community Foundation of Jackson County to steward my gift so that it will continue impacting the community forever,” says legacy donor Jack Marlowe.

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. To get started, contact us.

Pictured above: Teresa and Mike Nickeson

Visit our interactive map online at dbqfoundation.org/CFJC

Financials

Endowed Assets 82%
Non-Endowed Assets 18%

$11,412,722 Total Assets
$396,496 2020 Grants and Scholarships
$930,692 2020 Gifts and Pledges

Experiences inspire giving

Mike and Teresa Nickeson have given back to the community in many ways. Since moving to the Maquoketa area in 1986, the Nickesons have volunteered with the library, the hospital, the fine art center, faith groups, and many other organizations. While sharing their time and talent has always been a part of their lives, the Nickesons also began a practice of charitable giving early in their careers when their employers encouraged it.

In 2020, they gave to 17 nonprofits through funds hosted by the Community Foundation of Jackson County. “Through our involvement in the community, we’ve learned of different programs that need support,” says Mike. “Over time, the list of organizations we give to has grown.”

Their experiences inspire their charitable giving. For example, Teresa prepares taxes for clients of Hawkeye Area Community Action Program and understands the factors that impact local residents’ personal finances. As a former municipal utility manager in Maquoketa, Mike saw the way a low-income home energy assistance program helped families afford utilities.

“Everybody falls on hard times in life. We like to support organizations that are there to help when that happens,” says Teresa. “I work with people in those situations, and I know the kind of things they’re up against.”

The Maquoketa Community Cupboard has benefitted from the Nickesons’ generosity. It provides essential assistance weekly to hundreds of people in the Jackson County area to increase food security. “Gifts to the endowment ensure the long-term sustainability of this important human service organization by providing resources for capital improvements, utilities and special projects at our facility for years to come,” says Pastor Neil Harrison, organization president.

The Nickesons have leveraged the Foundation’s ability to accept complex gifts like 401(k) rollovers and stock, and have appreciated direct support from Foundation staff. “We appreciate the Endow Iowa tax credits, which allow us to give more by reducing our tax bill,” says Teresa.

Contact us to learn about how you can help meet the greatest needs in your Jackson County community.

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A.W. Sunleaf (FBO Bellevue High School Jazz Band)
Alta Bailey Fund
Andrew Education Endowment Fund
Arthur & Ruth Carstensen-Youtz Memorial Scholarship
Barry Watters Citizenship Award Endowment Fund
Bellevue Education Endowment Fund
Bellevue Public Library Endowment
Bellevue Rotary Scholarship Fund
Bernard Rescue Unit
Bernard Rescue Unit Endowment
Betty Jetter Fund
Bill & Audrey Uprmeyer Scholarship
Bill Fleming & Dennis Streets Scholarship
Bowman Family Scholarship
Broman Family Fine Arts Scholarship
C.L.E.A.R. Scholarship
Caecilia McDermott Scholarship
Class of 1979 Scholarship
Community Foundation of Jackson County Grantmaking Fund-State of Iowa Money
Community Foundation of Jackson County Permanent Endowment Fund
Cornelius Family Donor Advised Endowment
David L. Ringen Scholarship
Doc Broman Athletic Scholarship
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Endowment Fund
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Jackson County
Don & Linda Hughes Endowment of Hope & New Beginnings
Don L. Hughes Memorial Scholarship
Edwards Family Donor Advised Endowment
Fern & Norm Hinke Scholarship
Friends of Jackson County Conservation
George E. and Gertrude E. Goodenow Family Scholarship Fund
Gertrude Behne Memorial Scholarship
Gibson Easton Valley Education Opportunity Fund
Grace Tubbs Memorial Scholarship
Harlan & Helene Ruff Scholarship
Heart to Heart Fund
Helen Stoddard Fund
Hughes Farm Fund
Jackie Jan Fund
Jack Marlaw Endowed Scholarship Fund
Jackson Co. 4-H Endowment
Jackson County Better Together Fund
Jackson County Community Foundation Emerging Needs Fund
Jackson County Disaster Recovery Fund
Jackson County Endowment Fund
Jackson County FHO Grant Fund
Jackson County Grade Level Reading
Jackson County Permanent Endowment
Jackson County Realtors Scholarship Fund
Jackson County Seeds for Success Fund
Jackson County Sheriff K-9
Jackson County Vision to Learn
James Hughes Scholarship
Janseen Fund (FBO Jackson County Historical Society)
Jason and Casey Veatch Family Foundation Fund
Jim and Marilyn Foster Family Endowed Fund
Ken Mallias Maquoketa Class of 1961-66 Memorial Scholarship
Koski-Preston American Legion Scholarship Fund
Lampe Family Foundation Fund
Laurabelle Mae Rutenbeck Scholarship Fund
Laurie Petersen Excellence in Music & Citizenship Award
Linda Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund
Little Shepherd Preschool Endowment
Luke Osterhaus Scholarship
Maquoketa Agricultural Learning Center
Maquoketa Area Family YMCA Endowment
Maquoketa Art Experience Endowment
Maquoketa Community Cupboard
Maquoketa Community Cupboard Endowment
Maquoketa Community School District Education Endowment
Maquoketa Community School District Education Fund
Marquette Catholic Schools Fund
Mary Ann Trevathan Scholarship
Mary Helen Merriam Stewart Scholarship
Mt. Hope Cemetery
Mt. Hope Mausoleum
Myrna J. Larkey Memorial Scholarship
North Family Foundation Fund for Grade Level Reading
North Family Foundation Non-Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Ohnward Fine Arts Center Endowment
Olive Kendall Scholarship
Penrose Scholarship
Andrew Little Leaders
Andrew Volunteer Firemen Inc.
Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club
Bellevue Bread Basket
Calvary Lutheran Church
Cardinal Elementary School
Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Easton Valley School District
Friends of Bellevue State Park
Friends of Jackson County Conservation
Friends of the Preston Public Library
Jackson County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Jackson County Economic Alliance
Jackson County Energy District
Jackson County Fair & Extension
Lost Nation Food Center
Maquoketa Art Experience
Maquoketa Community Cupboard
Maquoketa Community School District
Maquoketa Farmers Market
Maquoketa FFA Alumni
Paul B. Sharar Foundation for Clinton Community College
PBNJ Youth Philanthropy
Preston Manna Center
River Hawk Assistance Program
Ski Bellevue Waterski Show Team
Together We Build
Philanthropy Board in Jackson County Fund
Piano Festival Scholarship
Preston Area Betterment Fund
Preston Area Betterment Fund Endowment
Preston Public Library
Preston Public Library Endowment Fund
Raymond & Emma Diedrich Fund
Red Basket Project of Jackson County
Sabula Community Visioning Project Fund
Sacred Heart School Endowment
Special Needs of Jackson County
St. Mary’s Cemetery Maintenance Endowment
St. Pat’s Cemetery Fundowment (Delmar)
Ted and Diana Strait Legacy Fund
Timber City Endowment Fund
Together We Build: Jackson County Fair & Extension Outreach Center
Travis Gerady Scholarship
Tubbs Family Scholarship Fund
Verda McLendon Foundation
Verda McLendon Scholarship
W. John & Elvira Koski Scholarship
Wanda Cornelius Donor Advised Fund
Youth Fine Arts Fund (formerly Children’s Auditorium Experience)

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