Endow Iowa

When you make an endowed gift to the Community Foundation of Jackson County 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 Mary Jo Gothard.
Ted and Diana Strait are deeply rooted in Maquoketa civic life. They help organize the annual community Thanksgiving dinner; Diana started multiple local fiber arts groups; and Ted manages the Maquoketa Farmers Market, where he initiated a voucher program so families served by the Maquoketa Community Cupboard receive coupons for fresh food.

One of their latest initiatives is the Ted and Diana Strait Legacy Fund, which they started at the Community Foundation of Jackson County to forever support the needs of their community.

Their passion for Maquoketa reflects their Iowa roots, but neither is originally from the community they love. Both were born in Iowa yet spent over two decades living and working on the East Coast. Upon deciding to retire to the Midwest, they began subscribing to small-town newspapers. “We learned there was a lot of development going on here,” says Ted. “It really looked like positive things were happening.”

What started with a simple newspaper subscription has had a ripple effect on the community. At the weekly market Ted manages, local nonprofits can raise funds by serving hot meals — typically 125 to 175 a week. Recently, one nonprofit used the dollars raised to send a veteran on an Honor Flight.

The Straits’ impact won’t stop when they’re gone. Proceeds from their estate will pass into their endowment fund, which will pay out annually to benefit 10 area nonprofits, forever.

“We are glad we moved here. It’s a welcoming community, and it’s absolutely our home,” says the couple. “It’s the best way we can think of to say thank you.”

To make a contribution to your Jackson County community, contact Mary Jo Gothard, executive director for the Community Foundation of Jackson County.
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 Community Foundation of Jackson County.
Family of Funds

Community Funds
Alta Bailey
Betty Letter Fund
Community Foundation of Jackson County Grantmaking Fund - State of Iowa Money
Community Foundation of Jackson County Permanent Endowment Fund
Helen Stedtard Fund
Hughes Farm Fund
Jackie Jan Fund

Nonprofit Funds
Bellevue Public Library Endowment
Bernard Rescue Unit
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Friends of Jackson County Conservation
Heart to Heart Fund

Scholarships
Arthur & Ruth Carstensen-Youtz Memorial Scholarship
Barry Watters Citizenship Award Endowment Fund
Bellevue Rotary Scholarship Fund
Bill & Audrey Upmeyer Scholarship
Bill Fleming & Dennis Streets Scholarship
Broman Family Fine Arts Scholarship
C.L.E.A.R. Scholarship
Caecilia McDermott Scholarship
Class of 1979 Scholarship
David L. Ringen Scholarship
Doc Broman Athletic Scholarship
Don L. Hughes Memorial Scholarship

Education Funds
A.W. Sunleaf (FBO Bellevue High School Jazz Band)
Andrew Education Endowment Fund
Bellevue Education Endowment Fund
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Endowment Fund
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Jackson County
Don & Linda Hughes Endowment of Hope & New Beginnings

Our Grants
Bellevue Arts Council
Bellevue Big
Bellevue Bread Basket
Bernard Food Pantry
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton
Boy Scouts of America - Mesquaque District, Iowa Council
Calvary Lutheran Church
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque
City of Preston
Community Ambulance Service
Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Jackson County
Family Resources
Friends of Maquoketa Caves
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
Jackson County Economic Alliance
Jackson County Humane Society
Jackson County Prevention Coalition
Kids of Baldwin
Knabrehn Public Library
Lost Nation Food Center
Maquoketa Area Family YMCA
Maquoketa Area Piano Teachers
Maquoketa Community Cupboard
Maquoketa Community School District

Donor Advised Funds
Cornelius Family Donor Advised Endowment
Edwards Family Donor Advised Endowment
Jason and Casey Welch Family Foundation Fund
Lampe Family Foundation Fund
North Family Foundation Non-Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Timber City Endowment Fund
Wanda Cornelius Donor Advised Fund

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