Endow Iowa

When you make an endowed gift to the Dyersville Area Community Foundation 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 your 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 give will have and share valuable information about tax benefits. For more information on leaving a legacy in your community, contact Melissa Douglas.
Beloved kindergarten teacher leaves a legacy

As a kindergarten teacher, Jeanne Coppola’s mission was simple but powerful: Help her students discover a love for learning.

“It was important to teach subjects like phonics and math, and we did that. But it was also important to me for them to like school — because if they didn’t like kindergarten, they weren’t going to like the rest of their lives,” the retired teacher says with a grin.

Jeanne interviewed for a teaching position in Dyersville in 1970. She had never lived in a small town, and her intention was to work for a year and then look for another job. But while teaching her students to love school, she fell in love with the Dyersville community. “I love the town and the people,” she says. “So I thought I’d stay a couple more years, and pretty soon I was here for 35 years.”

She became a Girl Scout leader and joined the board of the Dyersville Area Foundation for the Future, which eventually became the Dyersville Area Community Foundation. Through her work with the Community Foundation, she learned that she could continue making an impact on Dyersville students even after her retirement — and long into the future.

In 2018, Jeanne started the Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education. The fund will pay out annually, forever, keeping Jeanne’s legacy as a kindergarten teacher alive and helping Dyersville youth for generations to come. She plans to grant endowment payouts to teachers, helping them meet the immediate needs they see in their classrooms daily: Books for students who don’t have many at home, an alarm clock for a child who gets ready for school on their own, even lunch money for someone whose parents can’t cover the cost of school meals.

“Education was good to me, so I want to be good to education; Dyersville’s been good to me, and I want to be good to Dyersville,” says Jeanne. “It feels good to be able to do something for teachers, who are already doing good for kids.”

To make your own contribution to education in the Dyersville area, contact Melissa Douglas, foundation coordinator.
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 Dyersville Area Community Foundation.
Want to explore more of the map? Check out www.dbqfoundation.org/DACF
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2018 Numbers

$72,892.50
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$1,713,057.99
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$146,393.76
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