Endow Iowa

When you make an endowed gift to the Foundation for the Future of Delaware 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 Nancy Preussner.
Karen Wallace taught nearly three generations of students at St. Mary’s School in Manchester. Although she died in 2009, she continues to make a difference for youth across Delaware County.

That’s because in 2008, Karen and her husband, Bill, transformed a coin collection she inherited into a lasting legacy. Through the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County, the Wallaces started the Small Miracles Fund, which will pay out annually, forever. Grants from the fund provide simple things that make a huge difference for children in need.

Scholarships for music lessons, tuition for swimming lessons, and reading programs for parents and children are just a few projects funded by Small Miracles. Such offerings enhance the education of students whose families could not otherwise afford such life-shaping experiences.

“Karen was always dreaming up things for kids to do,” says Bill, reflecting on his wife’s passion for youth. “The Small Miracles fund helps continue her work.”

Small Miracles supports more than education — it helps meet children’s basic needs. A local quilt shop used grant dollars to stitch quilts and carrying bags for foster children, who often leave home with nothing but the clothes they’re wearing. A backpack program that feeds students depends on the fund to purchase healthy foods. On children’s birthdays, a new book, a box of confetti cake mix and a jar of frosting appear in those same backpacks, and at Christmas, students receive gifts from Santa thanks to the fund.

Bill is the chair of the Small Miracles committee, overseeing the annual grant awards. His daughter, Dana, is also involved. “It feels good to know Karen’s legacy will live on forever,” he says.

To make your own contribution to youth in Delaware County, contact Nancy Preussner, donor connections coordinator.
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 Foundation for the Future of Delaware County.
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$286,845.61
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$2,055,794
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