Merle and Mary Santjer are proud parents.

In their son Matthew’s childhood room, medals still hang proudly on display, far too many to count, right next to trophies and old team photos. Matthew was diagnosed with autism at age two, and according to Mary, it was his passion for sports that led him to find and lead a happy, healthy life.

“I truly think the sports programs opened the world to him,” she says with a big smile. “Today, he owns his own home and car. He’s happy and healthy and we’re thankful.”

Naturally, when the Santjers were updating their estate plan, Matthew was on their mind.

“There was a moment when my son taught the kids on his team, ‘I’m human,’” says Merle. “I may have a disability, but inside the word disability is another word. That’s ability. So, when we worked with the Community Foundation to update our estate plan, we wanted to make sure that organizations that supported Matthew and brought him to that point could continue on after we passed away.
Legacy for Good

“Know that your gift, whether it’s time or talent or treasure makes a positive impact on other people.” – Mary Santjer

and that those funds would be used in a proper manner.”

As a financial advisor at The Friedman Group, Merle saw the benefits of working with the Community Foundation as a way to simplify their estate plan. Wanting to show their children and grandchildren the importance of a lifetime of giving, Merle and Mary decided to make a bequest to the Foundation to support causes that impacted their entire family, and their son Matthew.

Today, the Santjers are also hard at work fundraising for the Miracle League Baseball Field of Dubuque. A passion of Matthew’s former coach Tom Witry, Miracle League is a local effort to create an all-inclusive baseball field and playground. Merle, Mary and the Miracle League board of directors worked with the Foundation to establish a project fund to support their fundraising efforts. The Foundation handles the gift accounting and acknowledgements—giving them more time to support all the causes they love.

“Know that your gift, whether it’s time or talent or treasure makes a positive impact on other people,” says Mary. “It moves you to give as much as you can.”

To learn more about leaving a bequest to the Community Foundation, visit www.dbqfoundation.org/legacy or call us at 563.588.2700.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, May 3
CFGD 15 Year Celebration
Keynote speaker Matthew Dowd
Tickets are $50 each. Attire is dressy casual.
5:30-7:30 p.m. | Grand River Center

Thursday, May 10
Great Give Day
24-Hour Online Giving Event
www.greatgiveday.org

Thursday, May 31
Dine Out for Dubuque Public Schools
10% of sales at participating restaurants will be donated to the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools.

Thursday, June 7
Women’s Giving Circle Gifts and Grants Celebration
5:30 p.m. | Dubuque Arboretum

For event details and to register, visit www.dbqfoundation.org/events.

SHOWCASE CELEBRATES LOCAL NONPROFITS

CFGD hosted the Community Showcase on February 2 at the Mystique Community Ice Center. Community members enjoyed free ice skating and entertainment from local performers, while nonprofits like Two by Two shared their missions and competed for prizes. Check out www.facebook.com/dbqfoundation for more photos.
Nonprofits Receive $2.7 Million in 2018 Endowment Payouts

Last month, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (CFGD) authorized $2,741,550 in endowment payouts for fiscal year 2018, up from $2,473,140 last year.

Endowment payouts are generated by more than 700 endowment funds established by donors and nonprofits through CFGD and its eight rural affiliate foundations. Endowment funds are invested and pay out 5% annually to nonprofits.

These annual payouts offer a reliable source of funding to help nonprofits respond to emerging needs, as well as to plan for the future and sustain their good work. Donors who give to a community foundation endowment can also benefit from the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit in addition to federal charitable income tax deductions.

Endowment payouts also support grantmaking programs at the Foundation like Grants for Tech, which helps nonprofits like the Dubuque Rescue Mission to build stronger operations through a partnership with the University of Dubuque.

“Endowments help to diversify nonprofits’ funding and make their operations secure so they can continue to enhance the greater good of our community forever,” says Nancy Van Milligen, CFGD president and CEO. “Each fund is unique and the payouts fund everything from special projects to facility repairs and general operations.”

Since the Foundation’s inception in 2002, more than 10,340 community members have made donations or created funds at CFGD. As one of the largest annual grantmakers in the greater Dubuque region, the Foundation has made a total of $35.2 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, including $5.4 million last year alone.

Visit our Giving Center to discover nonprofit endowment funds in your community:

www.dbqfoundation.org/givingcenter.

ABC’S MATTHEW DOWD TO SPEAK AT 15 YEAR CELEBRATION ON THURSDAY, MAY 3

5:30-7:30 p.m. | Grand River Center

We invite you to join us as we celebrate 15 years of creating real and lasting community impact.

Join Matthew Dowd, American Political Consultant for ABC News and author of A New Way: Embracing the Paradox as We Lead and Serve, for the keynote presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $50 each. To purchase tickets: www.dbqfoundation.org/CFGD15 or call 563.588.2700.

GREAT GIVE DAY RETURNS MAY 10

Over the past four years, Great Give Day has raised more than $1.2 million.

- **Give on May 10.** Make a gift of $10 or more to your favorite nonprofits on May 10 at GreatGiveDay.org.

- **Give before May 10.** Schedule your gift ahead of time through GreatGiveDay.org beginning April 19. Pre-scheduled gifts will be processed on May 10.

- **Give with your donor-advised fund.** Contact us to schedule your gift before May 10.

- **Become a corporate sponsor.** Corporate sponsorships qualify for the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. Contact us to learn more.

Giving Made Easy

*When the Kallbacks wanted to give a gift of stock, the Foundation made it simple.*

Josie Kallback is an entrepreneur by all definitions. She created her own line of bracelets, worked on personalized thank you cards to distribute to local businesses and is doing it all to support her favorite cause, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society. And she’s in the third grade.

She explains with a big smile, “I like dogs—especially pugs” and that she did it all “to help the animals get nice homes.”

Josie learned the importance of giving from her parents, Brian and Tammy.

“Whether it’s selling $1 bracelets like Josie or talking about what charity we want to support this month on this pay check, you just have to take the initiative and give what you can and do what you can,” says Tammy.

For more than 15 years, the Community Foundation has worked with caring individuals of all means to support the causes they love. So, when Josie’s parents Brian and Tammy wanted to give a gift of stock to support the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation, CFGD had the experience to make it easy.

“Sometimes you need to get creative with how you give back,” says Brian.

“The Community Foundation has a long history of community partnerships and trying to find the right focus for community dollars and understanding where engagement needs to happen. We don’t have the expertise to give a gift of stock, but the Foundation does, and they make it easy.”

Whether it’s appreciated stock, farmland, grain, real estate, annuities, or more; with the help of your community foundation, you can use it to fulfill your charitable interests and receive financial and tax benefits.

Learn how the Community Foundation can make your giving easy at www.dbqfoundation.org/donors.

Josie Kallback (lower right) sold bracelets to support the Dubuque Regional Humane Society. She learned the importance of giving from her parents Tammy and Brian. The Kallbacks used the Foundation to simplify their giving.

“I’M A DUBUQUER” WINS RECOGNITION

Winner of a 2017-18 Dubuque Silver ADDY Award and a 2018 Dubuque 365 Community Impact Award, the “I’m a Dubuquer” campaign was part of a local partnership to redefine a term deeply embedded in the Dubuque community from something used to draw a line between insiders and outsiders into one that welcomes all who call Dubuque home.

Visit www.ImADubuquer.com to learn more about the campaign.
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Foundation Receives Telligen Grant to Address Barriers to Mental Health

The Community Foundation received a $50,000 grant from Telligen Community Initiative (TCI), an Iowa-based private charitable foundation. These funds will support the Community Foundation’s efforts in addressing barriers to mental health.

The project is part of a community-wide response to a mental health needs assessment conducted in 2016 by Project HOPE, an initiative of the Community Foundation. Key findings of the study found that limited and changing funding streams, limited capacity of providers, and state-wide regionalization of services has affected the ability to provide mental health services. In fact, one participating provider noted that one community member in need of domestic violence services had to travel as far away as Waverly, a two-hour drive, to access services.

As part of its mission to improve the quality of life in Northeast Iowa, the Foundation will build upon the work of the needs assessment in Dubuque by facilitating collaboration among mental health providers, mental health stakeholders, social service agencies and community members to develop a network of providers to align and improve the delivery of services.

“Access to quality, affordable mental health care is an issue for too many people in our area and we really want to build awareness among key stakeholders who can make a difference,” says Nancy Van Milligen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. “The hope is that in bringing the right people to the table and forming stronger networks, we can work to ensure that no one will be prevented from getting the necessary care and help they need.”

The Community Foundation was one of only 27 awarded projects for TCI’s 2017 Illinois, Iowa and Oklahoma grant cycle. TCI received more than 279 grant requests, awarding a cumulative total of $1,072,110 in funding of one-year grants.

“Collaboration among mental health care providers and the broader community is critical,” says Matt McGarvey, executive director of Telligen Community Initiative. “Understanding this, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is bringing people together through a community coalition that is focused on removing the barriers to mental health care. We are excited to support this initiative, and believe it creates the opportunity to foster a community united by a shared dedication to improving mental health outcomes.”

To learn more about mental health barriers in Dubuque, visit www.dbqfoundation.org/ProjectHOPE and download the Mental Health Needs Assessment.

MIT STUDENTS STUDY CHILDCARE

A group of students from the MIT Sloan School of Management worked with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque in partnership with the Community Foundation of Jackson County, the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and the Jackson County Economic Alliance to analyze the business case for employer investment in childcare. Results from the study will be released in later this summer.

To learn more about child care barriers in Dubuque, visit www.dbqfoundation.org/ProjectHOPE and download the Child Care Needs Assessment.

CFGD BRIEFS

Welcome New Board Members

At the November 21 board meeting, the Foundation welcomed new board member Chris Corken. The board also thanked retiring member Jeanne Lauritsen for nine years of service, including her role as founding member and former chair of the Women’s Giving Circle.

2019 Endow Iowa Credits Already Being Claimed

More than $1.1 million of the 2019 Endow Iowa Tax Credits have been claimed. We encourage you to give early to ensure you don’t miss out on this 25% state tax credit. Learn more at www.dbqfoundation.org/endowiowa or 563.588.2700.
Memorial Gifts to Rural Endowments Live Forever

When flowers are planted down the First Street entrance into Farley this spring, the memory of residents who have passed on will be carried in their bouquet.

The Farley Garden Club is one of many endowments that has grown through intentional memorial gifts. “We just never dreamed our fund would be this strong,” says Joyce Jarding, Garden Club member. “It started out slow. But over time, our residents have been remembered with donations to our endowment. We use the funds to buy plant material and improve our gardens. We have not had to rely as much on fundraising events, and we can spend our time working on the gardens instead of raising money.”

Olga Helle died in February this year. The spunky 90-year-old from Earlville played cards every weekend with her daughters and will be remembered in many ways. Among the memorials made in her name were gifts to the Dyersville Area Community Foundation endowment. The Foundation board makes grants from the earnings on their fund to advance youth programs, meet healthcare needs and support community projects in Luxemburg, New Vienna and Worthington. For lifelong residents, an endowment gift toward future grants to meet the most current and urgent needs is the surest way their memory will linger over the entire community.

St. John’s Matthew 28:19 Endowment in Guttenberg supports many arms of the Lutheran ministry there and benefits from ongoing memorials. The bible reference to “disciple-making” creates comfort for friends and family who want their loved one remembered forever in the home parish. There is a feeling that the work of the faith family will live on through the gift. The annual endowment payouts are used by church leaders for the purpose of disciple making.

Both St. John’s and Dyersville area funds use pre-printed memorial envelopes as a convenience for funeral visitors. The envelopes are distributed to members of the church or community organization, not at the funeral home. Members then use them at home when preparing their messages of sympathy. The envelopes take some of the hesitation out of the process to prepare for a funeral visit, especially when a family has not designated a memorial cause. Dyersville Area Community Foundation Secretary Karla Thompson keeps a supply of the memorial envelopes and St. John’s church office also houses that local supply.

Beyond memorial giving to established funds, some families create a personal memorial endowment and name it after the person who has passed away. The endowment can singularly carry out the legacy of the person who has passed, whether it be scouting, the art center, a library or mental health awareness. The fund provides ongoing connection and comfort as the family remembers the deceased through gifts to the endowment at birthdays and holidays. Memorial endowment gifts of $50 or more are eligible for the 25% Endow Iowa state tax credit.

If your family is interested in starting a memorial endowment for a loved one or if your organization would like to know more about building an endowment through memorials, visit www.dbqfoundation.org/memorial or contact M.J. Smith at 563.588.2700.

“He who has done his best for his own time has lived for all times.”
– Friedrich Schiller
“Data Walk” Sparks Community-Wide Conversations

This word cloud represents the top responses of more than 40 community leaders asked to list the top three issues facing our community at the Foundation’s “Data Walk” on March 15.

On March 15, more than 40 community leaders came together at the Community Foundation office in the Roshek Building to take a look at our community and explore data points on key issues like academic achievement, childcare, economic opportunity, equity and inclusion and more.

The event was part of an effort to drive meaningful conversation about the present and future of our community and region as the Foundation prepares for its 2018-2020 strategic plan.

“This year, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is celebrating its 15th anniversary,” says Nancy Van Milligen, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. “The feedback gained at this event is essential as we look to the future and work to develop a strategic plan to guide our work for the next three years.”

Since opening its doors in 2003, the Foundation has become a regional hub for philanthropy and community leadership. It has expanded to serve seven counties, engaged people to strengthen their communities through initiatives like ENVISION 2010 and Community Heart & Soul, and helped community members to create 834 funds totaling $91.2 million and funding $35.3 million in grants to local nonprofits.

Missed the Event? Want to Explore the Data? The “Data Walk” will be on display in the Foundation office through May. To learn more, call 563.588.2700.

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SOUTH DUBUQUE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (CFGD) received a $250,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to advance equity and inclusion. Funds will increase CFGD’s capacity to further develop the equity and inclusion framework, hire equity experts for trainings, speaker series and coaching for business leaders and 20 nonprofits to deepen the work from conversation to action.

The grant will build on the groundwork started in 2012, when CFGD convened leaders from business, nonprofits, education, government, philanthropy and faith communities to engage in conversation to form the Inclusive Dubuque Network. Together, this dynamic group developed a vision for a peer-learning network of partners committed to creating an informed, equitable and inclusive community where all people are respected, valued and engaged.

“The Walmart Foundation grant will allow the Inclusive Dubuque project to deepen its impact and efforts in strengthening community cohesion, creating a sense of belonging among all community members; and facilitating meaningful dialogues that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across all sectors in the City of Dubuque,” explains Nancy Van Milligen, CFGD president and CEO. “This funding supports our targeted strategies aimed at achieving a vision of a stronger, more vibrant community for all.”

CFGD was selected from over 150 applicants that applied through an open RFP issued by the Walmart Foundation as part of their larger commitment to building more inclusive and vibrant communities.

Learn more about Inclusive Dubuque at www.inclusivedbq.org.