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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 LincolnWay Community Foundation.
Students in Craig Reuter’s science classes aren’t having a textbook learning experience.

In Reuter’s Central DeWitt High School classroom, amphibians, reptiles, fish and a rabbit share space with students; gel electrophoresis devices allow students to separate DNA sequencing in mock crime investigations. These opportunities and others are afforded to students in the Central Community School District thanks to annual grants from the Central Community Education Foundation, a fund held by the LincolnWay Community Foundation. Each year, the Education Foundation gives about $45,000 to teachers in the district to enhance curriculum in all subjects. Over the last 25 years, more than $570,000 has been granted to Central teachers. LincolnWay and the Central Ed Foundation are working with other communities, especially Northeast School District, to establish additional teacher grants for the future.

In Reuter’s classroom, students study anatomy with help from a skeleton they fondly refer to as Henry. Henry is named for Henry Pelham, whose math and science endowment has funded many of the class’s teaching tools, including the devices and animals’ aquariums.

“It’s awesome to see students’ ‘a-ha’ moments,” Reuter says. “You can teach, but without these experiences, they can’t relate to what you’re teaching.” For example, each aquarium is student-run, making youth responsible for care, cleaning and observation.

Pelham, who was born on a farm outside Clinton, served in the U.S. Navy, using math to solve real-world problems. Pelham hoped his gift would enable local youth to follow their dreams toward careers in math and science.

The experiences the Pelham grants have helped provide students are invaluable, Reuter says. “Henry’s passion went beyond his life,” he adds. “It’s long-lasting.”

The generosity of Pelham and others is also helping draw residents back to the community. “Alumni are coming back to teach,” says Pat Henricksen, executive director of the LincolnWay Community Foundation. “That is such a nice tribute. It’s wonderful to see.”
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