



Since 2008, the City of Dubuque and the Community Foundation have partnered to support Project HOPE. Together with a strong set of partners, Project HOPE seeks to improve inter-agency collaboration and increase access to services in order to connect disengaged youth and adults to education and employment opportunities. ►

If you would like to make a donation to Project HOPE, please make checks payable to CFGD/Project HOPE or contact the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

Project HOPE is an initiative of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

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Project HOPE convenes philanthropy, business, government, education, workforce and service providers to:

- Improve coordination among providers
- Connect people to education/skills training
- Increase pathways to employment
- Support the Circles Initiative
- Help families build financial assets

Project HOPE Coalition Members

- Community Foundation
- City of Dubuque
- Greater Dubuque Development Corporation
- ECIA
- IowaWorks
- Dubuque Community Schools
- NICC
- The Circles Initiative
- Dubuque Works

Re-engage Dubuque

Increases access to education and skills training and support successful transitions into work or school.

- Helps high school dropouts obtain diplomas or GED
- Connects under-skilled workers to training
- Provides case-managed support

Opportunity Dubuque

Connects workers to training and connects employers with skilled workers.

- Provides scholarships for advanced manufacturing training
- Connects newly trained workers with employers
- Employer partnerships support orientation, training and interviews

Circles Initiative

- Getting Ahead is a 16-week program that helps people in poverty to understand the “hidden rules of the middle class”; Circles provides ongoing support to Getting Ahead graduates.
- Programs connect people in poverty to services that address barriers to employment

Earn it, Keep it, Grow it

Teaches families skills to better utilize their financial resources.

- Bank On Dubuque connects unbanked and under-banked families to traditional bank accounts through partnerships with the majority of our community’s financial institutions
- Opportunity Passport provides matched Individual Development Accounts and financial literacy training to youth aging out of foster care through a partnership with Dupaco and Four Oaks.
- The Earned Income Tax Credit program with Operation New View helps low-income families receive tax credits that can be worth as much as a month’s pay