Mission

The Rural Equity Network is a regional action network that will strengthen collaboration within and between the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque’s affiliates and community partners by exploring topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion to build informed and equitable rural communities.

Continued Journey in Creating a Thriving Community

As a response to the heightened attitudes regarding racial and social injustice, the affiliates of the Community Foundation were offered a four-session diversity, equity and inclusion series focused on rural communities. As a follow-up, this network offers an opportunity for communities to continue their journey in creating an equitable community where all can thrive.

Why Be Part of the Network?

This network is open to those committed to advancing equity and continuing their learning. The network will serve as a platform for rural communities to connect and share successes and challenges with each other. The network will cover topics that will support participants, individuals and communities.

Get Involved

The network will meet quarterly via Zoom for one year. The network will be led by Clara Lopez Ortiz, Equity Coordinator at the Community Foundation, Jason Neises, Community Development Coordinator, and a steering committee comprised of community members from our seven-county region. The steering committee will help guide the diversity, equity and inclusion topics of each meeting based on their experiences and expertise. To be notified about upcoming meetings, email Clara at clara@dbqfoundation.org