A modifier that, when preceding a verb, means ‘again’; represents the process of continuously fine-tuning a particular approach or thinking about new ways to make an impact for the future.
A message from Foundation leaders

We invite you to join in our vision for a thriving Clayton County where everyone can live their best lives. That means supporting sustainable nonprofits and access to resources like housing, jobs, health care, child care and cultural amenities. Together, we can make this vision a reality by working to improve and enhance Clayton County for all.

The theme of this report, “Re-,” stands for new beginnings, fresh perspectives and transformation. It means the way we approach our communities’ challenges today might not be the right approach tomorrow. It symbolizes evolution.

Relationships with partners like you are at the core of our work: understanding community needs and making connections to resources that can help address them. Through strong partnerships with leaders and nonprofits, we research and identify challenges and respond with solutions to community-wide issues.

Join us on this journey as we reflect on our county today and re-imagine the possibilities for the future.

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Legacy gifts reflect a commitment to your community and will help address needs for years to come. There are many ways to give, including gifts of stocks, bonds and grain, as well as IRA rollover contributions.

“Because of my love for Monona, my estate plans include a legacy gift for my church and for the butterfly garden and trails. I trust the Foundation to steward this gift and help improve quality of life in my community for many years to come.”

– Fran Passmore, Foundation Board Member Emeritus

Your gift of $50 or more to the Clayton County Foundation for the Future or one of its endowed funds is eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. To get started, contact us.

A new approach to capacity-building is providing Clayton County communities with access to annual support. The Foundation of Cornerstone Communities (FCC), a fund held by the Clayton County Foundation for the Future, has completed a $450,000 endowment fundraiser, which will provide annual grants to support the health and vitality of residents of Colesburg, Edgewood, Elkader, Elkport, Garnavillo, Guttenberg, Luxemburg and National. FCC has already awarded over $42,000 to local projects like Edgewood’s Viking Loop Trail.

“Our vision for the Viking Loop Trail is an accessible, high quality, visually appealing trail system that enhances access to nature and open space, provides a variety of recreational uses, and fosters opportunities for community interaction,” says Elise Bergan, Edgewood Economic Development Coordinator.

“The support from FCC means we have a partner in community development and wellness,” says Bergan. “It means we can work together to make all of Cornerstone Communities the best in Iowa!”

The Clayton County Foundation for the Future also awarded a grant to the trail project. “FCC’s mission is so aligned with our own efforts to understand needs, build partnerships and provide support in our region,” says Andy Reimer, Foundation board chair. “We are proud to host their endowment fund. FCC’s success is a victory for everyone in Clayton County.”

To improve quality of life in your community, make a gift to the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. Learn more at dbqfoundation.org/ccff.
Our Financials: From gifts to grants, your support makes an impact.*

84% of assets are endowed

$8,551,951 Total Assets
$320,083 2021 Grants and Scholarships
$910,249 2021 Gifts

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