Message from Foundation Leaders

Twenty years is a significant span. In that time, a new generation can come of age, technology can progress beyond our wildest dreams, and communities can be transformed through new residents, ideas and projects.

Twenty also happens to be the age our host foundation, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, turns this year. With this report, we are excited to join the celebration by highlighting the impact we have made in Delaware County through affiliation with our host, as well as the generosity and vision of partners like Jackie Johnson.

It’s community leaders like Jackie — and you — who give our work meaning, empowering nonprofits to focus on their missions and improving quality of life across Delaware County. When this commitment to Delaware County is combined with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque’s stewardship of our funds and position as a national leader in community philanthropy, the local impact is positive and powerful.

Together, we’ve built a solid foundation for generations to come. Whether you made a gift years ago or recently, it will make a difference for Delaware County tomorrow and beyond. Each gift, no matter the size, supports nonprofit endowments, donor-advised funds, scholarships and our own endowment, which awards annual grants to support local organizations.

Strong relationships are at the heart of our work. We strive to understand complex community issues and connect people, resources and organizations to help address them. These relationships are moving Delaware County forward, toward an even brighter tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your longstanding support and your commitment to the future.

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Our Community

Legacy gifts reflect a commitment to your community and help address needs for years to come. Foundation partners like you are invited to participate in complimentary charitable estate planning with expert Johni Hayes of Thompson & Associates. There are many ways to give, including gifts of stocks, bonds and grain, as well as IRA rollover contributions. Contact us today to learn more.

“Going through the estate planning process with Johni Hayes helped us develop our legacy plan, which includes funding for Edgewood.”

— Art and Jackie Johnson
Building on a strong foundation

Jackie Johnson remembers the days when she and other community leaders met to forge a path toward a strong future for Delaware County. Nearly 20 years later, the story of how the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County began continues to inspire leaders and generous people to make a positive difference.

New legislation had introduced the state’s County Endowment Fund Program, which distributes a percentage of gaming tax revenue to community foundations in the 84 counties that do not hold a state-issued gaming license. Foundations award 75% of those funds to charitable projects in their counties. “It was exciting,” she says. “We could make a great impact on all the communities in Delaware County.”

Jackie still serves on the board today. In the years since the Foundation’s launch, she’s been proud to see community members give back by starting endowments that benefit nonprofits and meet local needs. She’s also proud of what the Foundation has accomplished through grantmaking, especially around youth and recreation. “When I look around our county, I know we’ve touched a lot of lives,” she says. “We’ve supported many small organizations.”

The Foundation will continue to enhance quality of life in Delaware County for generations to come, and Jackie’s family is part of that legacy. She and her husband, Art, raised their children in Edgewood, and now their grandchildren are growing up there. They both worked in the community for more than 40 years and have been involved in community-building, helping found both the local golf course and history museum.

“We wanted to ensure we have good education, recreation and businesses to attract people to Edgewood,” says Jackie. She and Art have left gifts through the Foundation in their estate plan. “We know how important it is to give back.”
Resources

Our Financials: From gifts to grants, your support makes an impact.

$4,635,275  Total Assets
$407,673  2022 Grants and Scholarships
$710,450  2022 Gifts

2022 Grantees

Boy Scouts of America - Northeast Iowa Council
City of Colesburg
City of Dundee
City of Earlville - Fire and Ambulance Department
City of Hopkinton
Community Childcare of Manchester
Delaware County Cattlemen
Delaware County Parents as Teachers
Delaware County Pay It Forward
Delhi Little League
Delhi United Methodist Church
Delhi Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders
Dundee Community Club
Dundee Kids League Inc
Edgewood-Colesburg Community Schools
Families Helping Families of Iowa
Hartwick Lake Ski Club

Helping Services for Youth & Families
Hopkinton Ambulance Service Organization
Hopkinton Public Library
Lutheran Services in Iowa
Manchester Public Library
Maquoketa Valley Alliance
Maquoketa Valley Community School District
Maquoketa Valley High School-Spanish Club
Operation Santa Claus
Regional Medical Center
Riverview Center
Seedorff Masonry, Inc. - West Delaware Skilled Craft Masonry Program
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
West Delaware Community School District - West Delaware High School - Metals Department
West Delaware High School
WD Back to School Fair

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