Generation to Generation

Community Foundation of Jackson County
An affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Annual Report 2022
Looking back, planning ahead

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 Jackson County through affiliation with our host, as well as the generosity and vision of partners like Bob and Ann Osterhaus.

It's community leaders like Bob and Ann — and you — who give our work meaning, empowering nonprofits to focus on their missions and improving quality of life across Jackson County. When this commitment to Jackson 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 an difference for Jackson 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 Jackson County forward, toward an even brighter tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

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

Leaving a Legacy

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.

We consider our children and their families to be our living legacy, while the Foundation gives us a chance to continue to affect the causes that we hope to impact when we’re no longer here. We are grateful for the Foundation as a trusted vehicle to that end.

— Jim and Marilyn Foster
Building on a strong foundation

When Bob and Ann Osterhaus’ son got married out of state, Bob learned of a resource that would change his Iowa community forever. At the wedding, he found out about a local community foundation, and he returned home to share the information. Soon, the Maquoketa Area Foundation was born.

From this chance encounter, a valuable community organization was created, and it continues to strengthen local communities today as the Community Foundation of Jackson County. The story of how it began still inspires today’s volunteer board members and the many generous community members who support it.

In 1982, Bob and fellow founding board members George Spalding, Corliss Baty, Jerry Rasmussen, Sylvester Klein, Elaine Luett and Margaret Albert met bi-monthly for brown-bag lunches at the Chamber of Commerce office to plan their endeavor. From a humble beginning – a Christmas luncheon at the Maquoketa Country Club that yielded $3,000 in donations – the board created a nonprofit to accept gifts and make grants to the community.

Three major benefactors supported the Foundation in those early years, and they still represent some of its largest funds. “Alta Bailey left about $100,000 to the Foundation, which was a big deal,” Bob recalls. “Elizabeth Derganz sold her farm on contract and gave us the balance of that contract. And the wise man Harris Penrose contributed $50,000 in scholarships for people who had started college and needed money to finish. It was the vision of these initial donors that got us off to a good start.”

More than 40 years later, it holds $12 million in assets which distributed $1.2 million in grants and scholarships last year. “It’s grown a little bit,” Bob says with a laugh. “It has been wonderful to watch that growth.”
Resources

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

$11,396,162  Total Assets
$1,266,025  2022 Grants and Scholarships
$2,028,374  2022 Gifts

2022 Grantees

American Legion Post 74
AMVETS Post #62
Andrew Volunteer Firemen Inc.
Bellevue Community Cupboard Project
Bellevue Bread Basket
Bernard Food Pantry
City of Cascade - Library
City of Preston
Dolly Parton Imagination Library/Jackson County
Fraternal Order of Eagles #3866
Friends of Bellevue State Park, Inc.
Friends of the Preston Public Library
Great River Threshers - One-Room Schoolhouse
Iowa College Access Network
Innovate 120
Jackson County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Jackson County Energy District
Jackson County Fair Association - Together We Build

Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Lost Nation Food Center
Maquoketa Art Experience
Maquoketa Community Cupboard
Maquoketa Community School District - Cardinal Backpack Club
Maquoketa Farmers Market
Miles American Legion
Miles Community Improvement Group
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging
Ohnward Fine Arts Center
PBnJ
Preston American Legion Post 602
Preston Growth and Development - Peppermint Park
River Bend Foodbank
Sabula – Calvary Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church - Preston Manna Center
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