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 Clinton and Camanche through affiliation with our host, as well as the generosity and vision of partners like Carol Machael.

It’s community leaders like Carol — and you — who give our work meaning, empowering nonprofits to focus on their missions and improving quality of life across Clinton and Camanche. When this commitment to Clinton and Camanche 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 Clinton and Camanche 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 Clinton and Camanche 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.

Estate planner Johni Hayes, a partner of the Foundation, made a difference for me. She helped me understand that I could make gifts to my grandchildren over 20 years and still benefit the community – meeting more needs than any other way I could think of.

— Carol Machael
Building on a strong foundation

Carol Machael remembers the days when she and other residents decided to lead the way toward a strong future for Clinton and Camanche. Nearly 20 years later, the story of how the River Bluff Community Foundation began continues to inspire leaders and generous people to make a positive difference.

“David Helscher, Bill Zickau and I began talking about starting a community foundation in 2004,” she recalls. “We met with other community foundations, and David began making regular gifts to build our fund.”

Carol served on the board until 2019 and is proud of her community’s generosity. “Local support has made a significant impact,” she says. “The Pillers family allows us to use their offices, which has helped build trust in the community. Jon Thoms is an excellent board member with creative ideas. Dave Sivright became a very committed board member and donor, making gifts to hire a staff person to move our work forward.”

Today, she’s happy to see the Foundation working to understand and meet community needs. “I always felt we should study issues in the community so we could take a substantial, long-term leadership role,” she says.

Like the Foundation, Carol and her husband, Gene, were committed to the area, opting to remain rooted in the community they loved. After Gene passed away, Carol felt it was important to carry on his memory by giving back in the community where he made a difference.

The Machaels’ estate plan includes their family, their community, and a gift to the Community Foundation itself. “I want to let the board decide what to do with the funds as much as possible, because the people in the community know the local needs best.”
Resources

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

$1,260,274  Total Assets
$55,904  2022 Grants and Scholarships
$261,723  2022 Gifts

2022 Grantees

Clinton Trees Forever
Friends of Camanche Police Department
Salvation Army 360 Life Center

Family of Funds

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Bernard and Anna Lehman Scholarship
Camanche Schools Foundation Endowment
Camanche VFW Post 9664 & American Legion Post 0734 Scholarship Fund
Carol Machael Family Fund
Carol Machael River Bluff Community Impact Fund
Clinton Public Library Endowment Fund
Clinton Rotary Community Fund
Clinton Substance Abuse Council Endowment Fund
David H. Sivright Jr. Endowment Fund
David H. Sivright Jr. Endowment Fund for the 1st Baptist Church of Clinton IA
David H. Sivright Jr. Endowment Fund for the Clinton Area Showboat Theater
David J. Helscher Foundation Fund
Felix Adler Children’s Discovery Endowment Fund
Friends of the Clinton Public Library Endowment
L’Arche Clinton Endowment Fund
Jack and Gerry Voss Memorial Foundation Fund
Jon and Peggy Thoms Foundation Fund
River Bluff Community Foundation Community Impact Endowment
Ron McGauvran Community Impact Fund
Ron McGauvran Munificence Fund II
Sharon Gilbert Foundation Fund
Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton Endowment
Sivright Community Impact Endowment Fund
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Victory Center Endowment Fund
Victory Center Non-Endowed Fund
YWCA Clinton Endowment

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