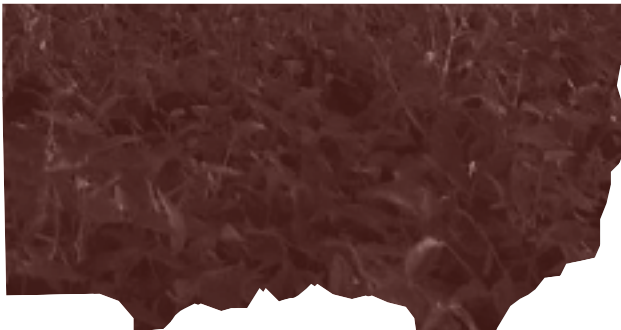


# CONNECTING THE DOTS

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# MAKING CONNECTIONS

To our partners,

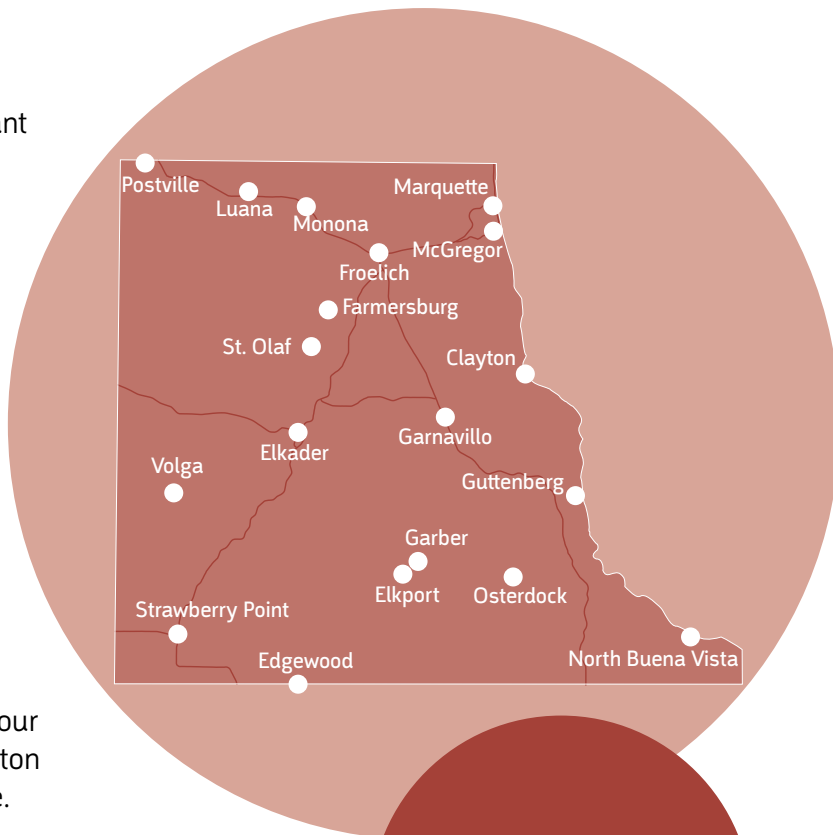
Our community is full of passionate, generous people who want to contribute toward a strong future. Understanding how that generosity can have the deepest impact can be a challenge, and that's where the Clayton County Foundation for the Future comes in. We connect the dots between community needs and people who can help address them. Partnering with local leaders, we identify challenges and solutions to community-wide issues like attracting young professionals and welcoming new families, funding research on affordable housing solutions, and inviting community leaders to study local issues around diversity, equity and inclusion.

Then, we harness the power of endowment to make charitable giving easy for our generous local donors and ensure their gifts have a meaningful impact where the community needs it most. We use annual payouts from our own endowment in the same way. We make grants to ensure our nonprofit partners working on the front lines of change in Clayton County have the resources they need to make a real difference.

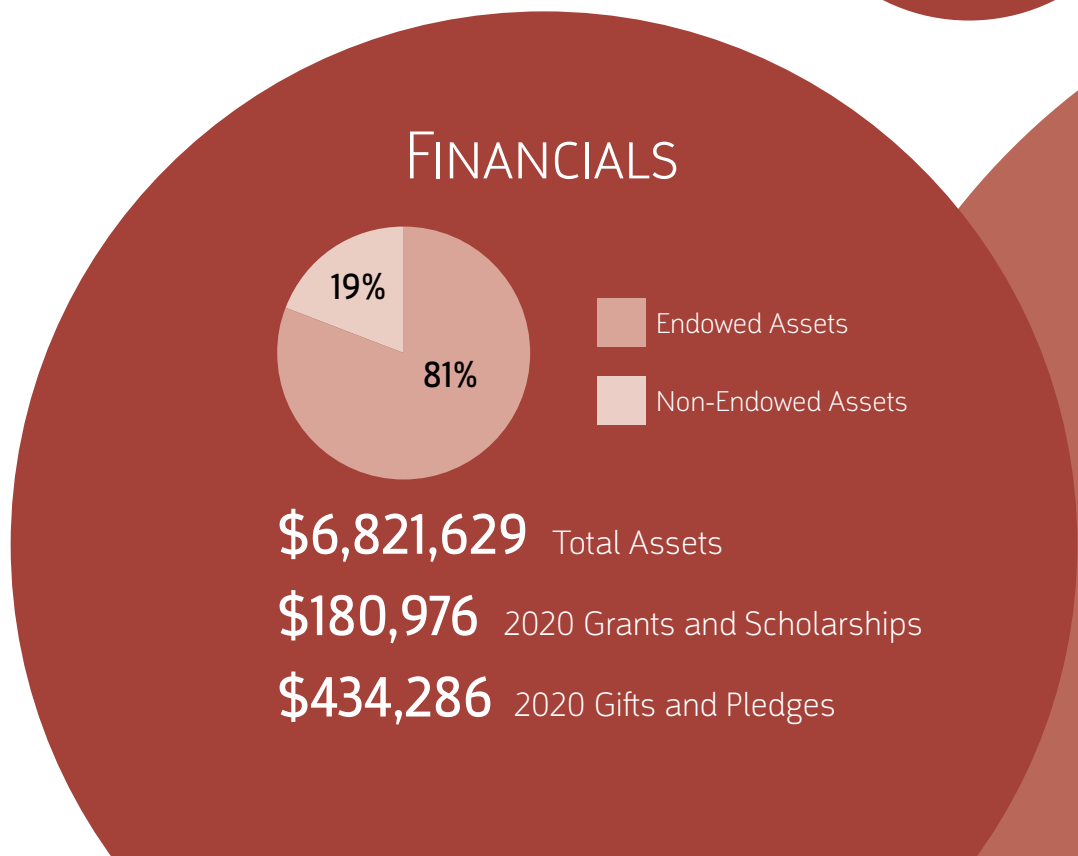
Understanding our community's challenges and connecting with leaders who want to develop solutions is our most important work. Contact us today to find out how you can help.

## With sincere gratitude,

- Andy Reimer, *Chair*
- Fran Passmore, *Vice Chair*
- Maria Brummel
- Austin Coon
- Haleisa Johnson
- Darla Kelchen
- Pete Kerns
- Kathy Mueller



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# LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Fran Passmore doesn't think of herself as a leader — she'd rather listen than speak. The citizens of Monona, though, recognized her leadership skills and elected her mayor three times. In that role, she began to understand the frustrations, needs and desires of community members: challenges facing business owners, the importance of child care and the essential role residents play in keeping their city vibrant.

In 2014, she joined the Clayton County Foundation for the Future's advisory board and spent seven years in a leadership position learning about needs across the county and leveraging grantmaking to meet them. "Trying to engage people and keep communities vibrant is our biggest challenge county-wide," she says.

Fran's 15-year involvement with the Monona Butterfly Garden and Trails project reflects her own commitment to community vitality and ties together her work and her beliefs. "My career was focused on nutrition and health, so I could see the health benefit of the trails for our community," says Fran, a retired field specialist for Iowa State Extension Service.

After joining the Foundation and learning about how endowments can support community vitality, Fran encouraged the garden and trail committee to think about the project's long-term future. Today, the committee receives an annual payout from its endowment fund, and it is currently reinvesting that payout to build sustainability for years to come.

Because of her love for the butterfly garden and trails, and the project's positive impact on Monona, Fran's estate plans include a legacy gift for its future preservation. She hopes payouts from the new fund will someday support a hired landscaper to help maintain the project. That forward thinking also extends to her faith community: She has planned another legacy gift to start an endowment for her church.

Contact us to learn about how you can harness the power of endowment to keep your Clayton County community vibrant.

## LEAVING A LEGACY

**"In March of 2021, the community lost a great friend in Colleen Darby. The legacy of her and her husband, Leroy, will live on through their endowment funds, which support the Foundation's work in communities across our county,"**says MJ Smith, director of affiliate foundations for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

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, grain and IRA rollover contributions, as well as through your estate plan.

As a bonus, 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.

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Pictured above: Fran Passmore

# FAMILY OF FUNDS

Acts 20:35 Blessed to Give Endowment  
Alexander McGregor Endowment  
Backbone Lake Friends Endowment Fund  
Central Community Hospital Foundation Endowment  
Central Community Scholarship Foundation  
Ceres Pioneer Rock Church Endowment Fund  
Charles & Frances Rothmeyer Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
Clay-Gar Veterans Endowment  
Clayton County Development Group Non-Endowed Fund  
Clayton County Foundation for the Future Fund  
Clayton County Freedom Rock Fund  
Clayton Ridge Dollars for Scholars  
Clayton Ridge Fine Arts Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Dan Barton Family Endowment Fund  
Dan Barton Family Endowment Fund for NICC  
Darby Family Aquatic Center Endowment  
Dorothy Dittmer Endowment for Central Community Scholarship Foundation  
Dr. Andy and MJ Smith Donor Advised Fund  
Dr. John Rathe Endowment  
Dr. Russell and Juanita Loven Charitable Fund  
Dr. Russell and Juanita Loven Endowment  
Dr. Russell and Juanita Loven Endowment for NICC  
Dustin Eglseder Memorial Endowment for Guttenberg Youth  
Ed-Co Christmas for Kids Matthew 25:35 Endowment  
Elkader Historical Society, Inc. Endowment Fund  
Elkader Opera House Endowment Fund  
Emanuel Lutheran Endowment for Extended Ministry  
Emma Big Bear Foundation Endowment Fund  
Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center Endowment Fund  
Ewalu Endowment for Lutheran Volunteer Corps  
Farmersburg Wagner Cemetery Field of Interest Endowment Fund  
Fern Rathe Healthcare Scholarship Endowment  
Fitzgerald Endowment for Dairy Education  
Foundation for Cornerstone Communities Endowment  
Freedom Bank Endowment for NICC

Froelich Foundation Endowment Fund  
Garnavillo Emergency Services Fund  
Garnavillo Historical Society Endowment Fund  
Gene & Kathleen Milewsky Endowment Fund for MFL-MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
George Maier Rural Heritage Center Endowment Fund  
Gifford Family Endowment for Elkader  
Green Hill Cemetery Endowment  
Guttenberg Fire Department Endowment Fund  
Guttenberg Municipal Swimming Pool Wave of the Future Endowment  
Highland Cemetery Field of Interest Endowment Fund  
Imagine the Possibilities Clayton County Endowment  
Keith and Kathy Garms Family Endowment  
Kenny Tackman Scholarship Endowment  
Lanny and Linda Kuehl Family Endowment for NICC  
The Leroy and Colleen Darby Family Endowed Donor-Advised Fund  
The Mansfield Family Charitable Fund  
Living Faith Parish Legacy Fund  
Living Faith United Methodist Church Non-Endowed Fund  
Margaret Harvey Endowment for Starmont Dollars for Scholars  
McGregor Hospital Board Non-Endowed Fund  
Mederville Cemetery Endowment  
MFL Class of 1971 Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars Endowment  
Mississippi River Parkway Commission Endowment Fund  
Monona Garden and Trail Endowment  
More Moments More Memories Foundation Fund  
Motor Mill Foundation Endowment  
Norb and Donna Borcherding Endowment  
Northeast Iowa Farm and Antique Association

## 2020 Grants

City of Guttenberg  
City of McGregor/Turner Park Splash Pad Committee  
City of Monona - Butterfly Gardens and Trail Committee  
Clayton County Community Collaboration Council  
Clayton County Conservation Board  
Colesburg Firefighters Association  
Council Hill Cemetery  
Elkader Depot Project  
Friends of the Marquette Driftless Area  
Garnavillo Historical Society  
Guttenberg Chamber of Commerce  
Guttenberg Heritage Society  
Kids Kampus Community Childcare  
Monona Chamber & Economic Development, Inc.  
Motor Mill Foundation  
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging - Waterloo  
Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development  
VCTC, Inc.

Osborne Partners for Education Endowment  
Paws on Your Heart Pet Rescue Endowment  
Prier Endowment for Dairy Education  
The Ray-Dar Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
Richard and Gail Larson Fund  
The Rod and Mary Jo Tangeman Family Endowment for Guttenberg EMS/Ambulance  
The Rod and Mary Jo Tangeman Family Endowment for the Guttenberg Library  
The Rod and Mary Jo Tangeman Family Endowment for the Guttenberg Rotary  
Roger and Connie Halvorson CCFE Fund for Entrepreneurship  
Sacred Heart Cemetery Non-Endowed Fund  
Shepherd of the Hills Endowment  
St. John's Farmersburg Probert Endowment Fund  
St. John's Lutheran Benevolence Endowment  
St. John's Lutheran Matthew 28:19 Endowment  
Starmont Dollars for Scholars Endowment  
Vernon and Joyce Cherne Family Endowment  
Watson-Rugland Family Endowment for Clayton County

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