

# CONNECTING THE DOTS

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River Bluff  
*Community Foundation*

An Affiliate of the  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DUBUQUE

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

To our partners,

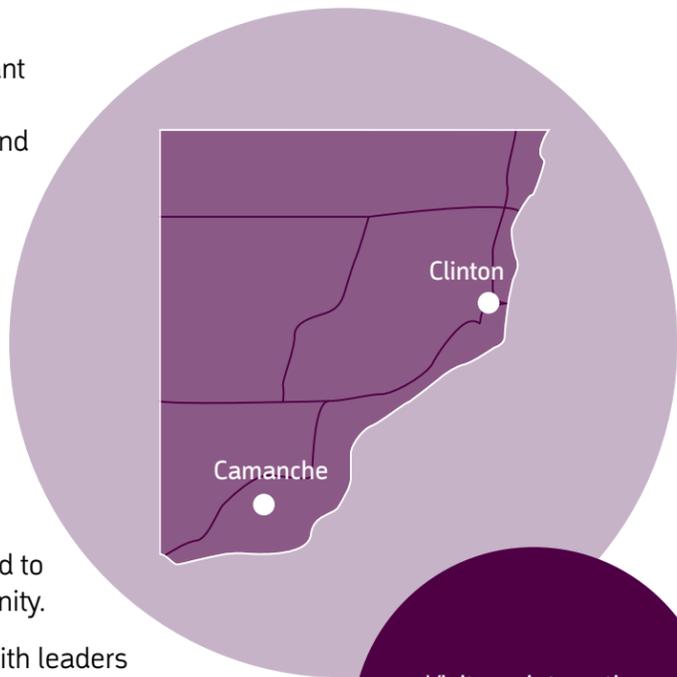
Our community is full of passionate, generous people who want to contribute toward a strong future. Understanding how that generosity can have the deepest impact can be a challenge, and that's where the River Bluff Community Foundation comes in. We connect the dots between community needs and people who can help address them. Partnering with local leaders, we identify challenges and solutions to community-wide issues.

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 provide grants to ensure our nonprofit partners working on the front lines of change in Clinton and Camanche have the resources they need to make a real difference in the lives of the people in our community.

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,**

- David Pillers, *President*
- Francie Hill, *Vice President*
- Tara Bellich
- Julie Dunn
- Dennis Lauver
- Jeanette Petersen
- Jon Thoms
- Brian C. Wright



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# GENEROSITY FUELS SOLUTIONS

The Victory Center Rescue Mission in Clinton has a 34-year history of service through two food pantries and shelters for men, women and children. Leaders have partnered with the River Bluff Community Foundation to ensure that tradition continues. Last fall, as people faced new challenges amid the pandemic, the Victory Center launched an endowment fund to provide long-term support for its vision of equipping people with a safe place to call home.

Use of the food pantry and housing services has increased by about 13% since the pandemic began, and the Rev. Ray Gimenez, Victory Center executive director, anticipates this number will continue to grow.

Even many employed residents struggle to make ends meet. "We find many people have to make choices between food and other necessities like keeping a roof over their heads, and that can be a tough decision," says Gimenez. "That's where the community comes in. We depend on local generosity during this time when people are hurting so badly."

That local generosity is making a big impact on the new endowment fund, which is growing more rapidly than leaders anticipated. "Since we have plugged into the Foundation, we have been advised on many strategies and tips we can use to enhance our visibility and increase donor participation," Gimenez says.

The new connection with the Foundation opened a door for the Victory Center to access a \$15,000 grant to support its pandemic relief efforts from the Greater Dubuque Disaster Recovery Fund, administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

With community support for a strong endowment fund, the Victory Center can continue to do its good work in Clinton for many more years. Contact us today to learn about how you can harness the power of endowment to keep our community vibrant.



## FINANCIALS



**\$1,115,912** Total Assets

**\$19,472** 2020 Grants and Scholarships

**\$70,266** 2020 Gifts and Pledges

## LEAVING A LEGACY

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.

**"Because my husband, Gene, and I lived in and love Clinton, I am pleased to impact the area forever through our legacy gift to the Foundation," says Carol Machael, a Community Foundation supporter and founding board member.**

As a bonus, your gift of \$50 or more to the River Bluff Community Foundation or one of its endowed funds is eligible for the Endowment Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. To get started, contact us.

Contact Amy Manternach at 563-588-2700 or [amy@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:amy@dbqfoundation.org)

# FAMILY OF FUNDS

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  
Jack and Gerry Voss Memorial 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  
St. John Lutheran Church Bellevue Designated Fund  
Victory Center Endowment Fund  
Victory Center Non-Endowed Fund  
YWCA Clinton Endowment

**The Foundation is working hard to strengthen our community. These efforts are made possible by your support of the River Bluff Impact Endowment, a fund to help ensure the Foundation can continue assisting donors and supporting community improvements for generations to come. Contact Amy Manternach at 563-588-2700 or [amy@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:amy@dbqfoundation.org) to learn more and make your impact!**

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