

# Our Family of Funds

Alice Hermeier Foundation Endowment Fund  
 Allamakee County Disaster Assistance Fund  
 Allamakee County Energy District Fund  
 Allamakee County Fund for After School Programs  
 Allamakee Forever Fund  
 Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
 Allamakee Vision To Learn Fund  
 Coach Gene and Pat Klinge Endowment for Waukon Youth  
 Dave and Anne Blocker Family Endowment  
 Dave and Sheri Herold Education Endowment  
 Dr. Richard Hermeier Fund for Waukon HS Athletics  
 Dr. Steven and Stefanie Perkins Education and Healthcare Endowment  
 Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center Endowment  
 Duane and Cheryl (Roe) Schipull Endowment for Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
 Harpers Ferry Boosters Inc. Endowment  
 Herold, Kriener and Milbrandt Family Legacy Fund  
 Jim and Margo Sweeney Family Endowment for Allamakee Forever  
 John H. Simmons Endowment  
 Kee High Scholarship Endowment Fund  
 Keeland Endowment for Early Childhood Education  
 Linny Emrich Family Endowment  
 Main Street Lansing Endowment  
 Mark and Vicki Donhowe Scholarship Fund for NICC

Mary Ament-TASC Endowment  
 Mental Health Today Matthew Howe Tribute Endowment  
 New Albin Fire Department Endowment  
 New Albin Library Endowment  
 Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative Endowment Fund  
 Northeast Iowa Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund  
 Northeast Iowa Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) Endowment  
 Our Savior's Lutheran Endowment (Lansing)  
 Postville Dollars for Scholars Endowment  
 Red Rixen & Dr. Jim Rixen Scholarship  
 Rev. Curtis Webster Memorial Endowment for Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
 Rosello Sando Endowment for Allamakee Scholarship Fund  
 Saint Patrick School Endowment Fund  
 Siegrist Family Educational Endowment  
 Suzanne and David Hahn Endowment  
 The Dr. Ray Hermeier Endowed Fund for Waukon  
 Veterans Memorial Healthcare Foundation Endowment for Education, Recruitment and Retention  
 Waukon Parks and Recreation Endowment  
 Zimmerman Family Scholarship Endowment

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# What Is Your FOREVER?

2023 Annual Report

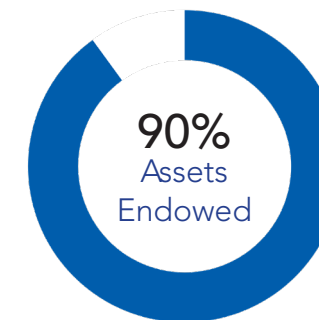
## Our Resources for the Future

From gifts to grants, your support makes an impact.

**\$3,824,929** Total Assets

**\$222,705** 2023 Grants and Scholarships

**\$306,554** 2023 Gifts



### 2023 Grantees

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Allamakee County Historical Society | Lansing Fire Department          |
| City of Lansing                     | NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging     |
| City of Postville                   | NE Iowa Wellness & Rec Center    |
| College Foundation                  | New Albin Improvement League     |
| Fire Department                     | Northeast Iowa Community         |
| Harpers Ferry Boosters, Inc.        | St. Paul Lutheran Church         |
| Harpers Ferry EMS Association, Inc. | Waterville Fire Department Squad |
| Harpers Ferry Volunteer             | Waukon EMS Association, Inc.     |



Board member Diana Johnson, center of picture, with her family.

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# A Message from Foundation Leaders Planning for Today, Tomorrow, and Forever

To our partners:

Psst! In this report, we're going to let you in on the secret to our success: The partnership and commitment of people like you. That's right! Collaboration builds stronger communities, and our relationships help us deepen our impact locally and regionally.

We are an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, which provides many benefits – including good company. Across the seven-county Greater Dubuque region, there are seven more foundations just like us that have the same affiliation, and we work closely with their leaders to exchange ideas and become inspired by exciting new solutions to our shared challenges.

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's Small-town Dreams Initiative is one result of this partnership, and it is empowering rural communities to harness the generosity of their neighbors to make a lasting, positive difference – forever. We are excited to tell you more about this incredible opportunity in the featured story.

Now, we challenge you to answer the question: What is your "Forever"? Consider what matters most in your life and your community, and imagine ways to ensure they remain vital long into the future. That's what Small-town Dreams is all about.

We hope the story of these local leaders inspires you to think about your "Forever" and the role you can play in making it a reality.

## Board of Directors

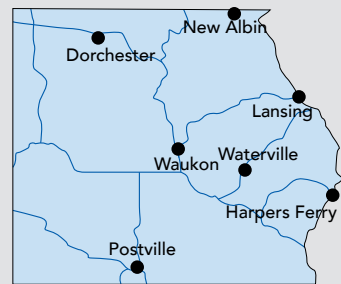
Brent Beyer, *President*

Leah Benzing, Nick Erickson, Erin Iverson, Diana Johnson, Jim Johnson, Lisa Snitker, Krista Rasque, Betsy Whitlatch

## Our Region



## Our County



Community Foundation board members,  
leaders of the Allamakee Forever campaign

## Allamakee Forever Giving back is a way of life.

Diana Johnson grew up watching her mother, Donnalee Osland, enjoy her job at the community bank in Waukon. She got to know the local bankers as friends, and those relationships helped shape her view of community. "I always knew giving back was important," she says. "It was my sense that volunteering your time, energy and resources is a way of life."

Diana started her own career in banking, and still works with local banks regularly through her job at Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission. She has also served for nine years on the Allamakee County Community Foundation advisory board. So when the Foundation learned of an opportunity to build a fund that will support community vitality for generations to come, Diana had no problem stepping into the role of fundraiser, using her background to connect with bankers across the county.

Her work has been in service of the Allamakee Forever effort, part of the Community Foundation's Small-town Dreams Initiative. This program is helping communities across Eastern Iowa build their capacity to address future challenges and opportunities. Allamakee County is among those selected to leverage a \$100,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor and build a \$450,000 endowment that will pay out every year to support community-building efforts. In the process, local leaders like Diana gain the skills to organize a successful capital campaign as well as assess and respond to local needs.

The response to the campaign was swift and generous. With the support of many local donors, the team reached their fundraising goal in just two years. This ease of fundraising speaks to the passion many rural residents have for their towns. Through Small-town Dreams, communities channel that passion to create vitality and achieve what is important to them. In Allamakee, these dollars will meet needs that arise through the Foundation's annual grant cycle, which sees hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual requests.

Diana will leave the Foundation board at the end of her term in 2024. She thinks of the Small-town Dreams effort as one of the highlights. "When I joined the board, we didn't have much to grant out to nonprofits," she says. "It's been fun to successfully get the fund jump-started and seed projects in our communities. It's exciting to be able to help."

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