

# Our 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 Hospital Foundation Non-Endowed Fund  
 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 Disaster Recovery Fund  
 Clayton County Fair Foundation  
 Clayton County Freedom Rock Fund  
 Clayton County Imagination Library  
 Clayton County Vision for Tomorrow Endowment  
 Clayton Ridge Dollars for Scholars  
 Clayton Ridge Dollars for Scholars Non-Endowed Fund  
 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 Eglseider Memorial Endowment for Guttenberg Youth  
 Ed-Co Christmas for Kids Matthew 25:35 Endowment  
 Ed-Co Citizenship Scholarship Endowment  
 Elkader Future Fund  
 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 of Cornerstone Communities Endowment  
 Fran Passmore Endowment for the Monona Butterfly Garden and Trail  
 Freedom Bank Endowment for NICC  
 Fritz and Rosemary Kann and Family Endowment for Clayton Ridge Scholarship Program  
 Froelich Foundation Endowment Fund  
 Garnavillo Emergency Services Fund  
 Garnavillo Historical Society Endowment Fund  
 Gary and Fran Passmore Endowment for St. Paul Lutheran Church Monona  
 Gene & Kathleen Milewsky Endowment Fund for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
 George Maier Rural Heritage Center Endowment Fund  
 Gervase and Margaret Hanken Educational Scholarship Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
 Giard United Methodist Church Non-Endowed Fund  
 Gifford Family Endowment for Elkader  
 Green Hill Cemetery Endowment  
 Guttenberg Fire Department Endowment Fund  
 Guttenberg Gallery and Creativity Center Endowment  
 Guttenberg Hospital Endowment Fund  
 Guttenberg Municipal Swimming Pool Wave of the Future Endowment  
 Highland Cemetery Field of Interest Endowment Fund  
 Imagine the Possibilities Clayton County Endowment  
 Immanuel Preservation Society Endowment

Joan Barton Rural Teacher Fund  
 Keith and Kathy Garms Family Endowment  
 Kenny Tackman Scholarship Endowment  
 KWAGH Family Fund  
 Lanny and Linda Kuehl Family Endowment for NICC  
 The Leroy and Colleen Darby Family Endowed Donor-Advised Fund  
 LeRoy C. & Colleen A. Darby Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars  
 Lori Heims Memorial Endowment  
 Main Street Elkader Endowment  
 The Mansfield Family Charitable Fund  
 Margaret Harvey Endowment for Starmont Dollars for Scholars  
 Maria and Larry Brummel Family Endowment for McGregor  
 McGregor Hospital Board Non-Endowed Fund  
 Mederville Cemetery Endowment  
 MFL Class of 1971 Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
 MFL Class of 1976 Scholarship Endowment  
 MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars Endowment  
 MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars Rev. Robert Levenhagen Scholarship Endowment  
 Michael and Patricia Finnegan Endowment for Beulahland Christian Camp  
 Mississippi River Parkway Commission Endowment Fund  
 Monona Garden and Trail Endowment  
 Monona United Methodist Church Legacy Fund  
 Monona United Methodist Church Non-Endowed Fund  
 Motor Mill Foundation Endowment  
 Norb and Donna Borchering Endowment  
 Northeast Iowa Farm and Antique Association  
 Osborne Partners for Education Endowment  
 Paws On Your Heart Pet Rescue Support Fund  
 Paws On Your Heart Pet Rescue Support Non-Endowed Fund  
 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 Service  
 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 CCFF Fund for Entrepreneurship  
 Sacred Heart Cemetery Non-Endowed Fund  
 Samson Boylen Memorial Scholarship Endowment for MFL MarMac Dollars for Scholars  
 Shaping Volga  
 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  
 Wilder Memorial Museum Endowment

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Celebrating 20 years of strengthening communities, supporting nonprofits, and inspiring giving in 2024.

# What Is Your FOREVER?

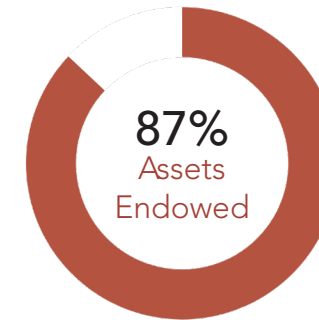
2023 Annual Report

## Our Resources for the Future From gifts to grants, your support makes an impact.

\$8,914,215 Total Assets

\$479,400 2023 Grants and Scholarships

\$687,957 2023 Gifts



### 2023 Grantees

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| Boy Scouts of America, Northeast Iowa Council #178     | Elkader Child Care and Elkader Depot Project             | McGregor/Marquette Center for the Arts         |
| Brown's Hometown Victory Foundation                    | Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center                            | MFL MarMac Community Motor Mill Foundation     |
| Central Community School District                      | Family Resource Center/Family's Helping Hand             | Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging - Waterloo |
| City of Monona   | Friends of the Marquette                                 | Riverview Center, Inc.                         |
| City of Monona – Butterfly Gardens and Trail Committee | Friends of the Volga Public Library                      | School District                                |
| City of Volga  | Guttenberg Chamber of Commerce                           | Seva Health Center for Wellbeing               |
| Clayton County Conservation Board                      | Guttenberg Economic And Industrial Development Committee | Strawberry Point Ball Fields, Inc.             |
| Clayton County Energy District                         | Iowa College Access Network                              | Whistlin' Bit Saddle Club                      |
| Driftless Area   | Kids Kampus  |  |
| Dubuque Visiting Nurses Association                    | Learning Center  |  |



Keith and Kathy Garms

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

To our partners:

It's our 20th anniversary, and we're excited to celebrate the powerful impact we're making!

In this report, we're going to let you in on the secret to our 20 years of 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 feature 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.

In partnership,

## Board of Directors

Maria Brummel, *Board Co-Chair*, Haleisa Johnson, *Board Co-Chair*, Kathy Mueller, *Vice Chair*  
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## Our Region



Elkader Future Fund team members from left, Eli Marms, Ken Zichal, Kieth Garms, Emily Yaddof, Kay Moser, Jay Moser, Dave Gibney, Justin Vorwald, Jennifer Cowsert.

## Forever support in a small town Keith Garms rallies Elkader for a brighter future

Hometown pride doesn't get much stronger than in the Garms family. "I married Miss Elkader," Keith Garms says with a chuckle. "We knew this was the place to raise a family and spend a lifetime." Though many opportunities arose for him and his wife, Kathy, to move their family elsewhere, "We stayed here in our favorite little spot," he says.

Twenty years ago, Keith's vision for a brighter tomorrow led to the founding of the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. He and Kathy have contributed time, talent and treasure to the Foundation and many other local initiatives, always looking for the next step in supporting a thriving Elkader. While attending an event hosted by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque in 2022, Keith learned about the Small-town Dreams Initiative, an opportunity for his beloved community to capture a \$100,000 challenge grant and create an endowment that will pay out \$20,000 annually, forever. Within a week, he had called together a group of friends to join the initiative and launch the Elkader Future Fund.

Now, the team is activating the whole community to build an endowment that will foster projects like park improvements and downtown amenities, and support children so that families can thrive for generations to come. In the process, these leaders gain the skills to organize a successful capital campaign and learn how to understand and respond to local needs.

Small-town Dreams is helping towns across Eastern Iowa build capacity to address future challenges and opportunities, leveraging support from an anonymous donor to build a \$450,000 endowment that will pay out every year to support community-building efforts.

The response in Elkader has been swift and generous. The team is well on their way to meeting the campaign goal. This ease of fundraising speaks to the passion many rural residents have for their towns. Through Small-town Dreams, communities channel that passion to achieve what is important to them. In Elkader, grants have already been made to provide sun shades for families at the swimming pool and safety equipment for a street crossing on the river walk.

"As time goes on, I hope many remember Elkader as a friendly place and consider leaving their own legacy to the Elkader Future Fund," says Keith. "Just like the Small-town Dreams Initiative teaches us, it takes a community to get things done."

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