

# Our Family of Funds

Anne Volkman Endowment  
 Beth A. Weiskircher Memorial Scholarship  
 Betty Burzlaff for the Central Community Historical Society  
 Bill and Ruth Hanesworth Scholarships  
 Bill Turnis Endowment  
 Bonnie Capper-Eckstein Fund for the Dewitt Swimming Pool  
 Camila Christine Barnes Endowment for Education Scholarship  
 Carolyn J. Rugeberg Memorial Endowment  
 Carolyn M. Eggleston Memorial Scholarship for Vocal Music  
 Clinton County Conservation Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Clinton County Endowment for Make-A-Wish Iowa  
 Clinton County Fair Endowment  
 Creative Learning Center Endowment  
 Dan Petesch Scholarship for Marquette High School  
 David A. and Sandra K. Deke Scholarship  
 DeWitt Area Fine Arts Foundation Endowment Fund  
 DeWitt Area Fine Arts Foundation Non-Ended Fund  
 DeWitt Bank & Trust Central Skilled Trades Fund  
 DeWitt Opera House Theater Endowment  
 DeWitt Opera House Theater Non-Endowment  
 Dewitt Referral Center Endowment  
 Dolly Parton Imagination Library Clinton County  
 Don Thiltgen (Mayor Don) Scholarship  
 Donald and Betty Burzlaff Fund for Clinton County Fair (4-H)  
 Donald and Betty Burzlaff fund for DeWitt Community Hospital Foundation  
 Donald G. and John Henricksen Memorial Scholarship  
 Donna J. Helble Scholarship  
 Dr. Alan R. and Myrna Petersen Tubbs Family Endowment Fund  
 Elvis and Evelyn Wieck Fine Arts Scholarship  
 First Central State Bank Endowment  
 Forever LincolnWay Endowment  
 Fred and Doris Gerdes Educational Fund  
 Friends of the DeWitt Community Library Endowed Fund  
 Friends of the DeWitt Community Library Non-Ended Fund  
 Giving Fund  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Greater Calamus Community Endowment  
 Greater Grand Mound Community Impact Endowment  
 Hawkeye Solar Project Endowment  
 Helen Jeanne Helble Endowment  
 Henning Family Scholarship  
 Henricksen Nonprofit Challenge to Central DeWitt High School  
 Iowa Mutual Insurance Company Endowment  
 Iowa Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship Endowment  
 Iowana Juniors Scholarship  
 James and Wilma Owen Endowment for Grace Church  
 James D. Owen Jr. Foundation Fund  
 Joann & Charles Harrington Endowment  
 Joni and Greg Tigges Fund for St. Joseph  
 Kent Ploog Memorial Scholarship

Kilburg Family Scholarship  
 Lillian Fell Scholarship  
 LincolnWay Community Foundation Charitable Giving Fund  
 LincolnWay Community Foundation Fund  
 LincolnWay Community Impact Endowment  
 Lois Paarmann Scholarship Fund for Central DeWitt Community Schools  
 Lucinda C. Hilbert Scholarship for Central DeWitt Schools  
 Lyndsey Hanas Memorial Endowment  
 Mary & Gary Froeschle Scholarship  
 Mary Clare Hanrahan Scholarship  
 Max and Barbara Dull Fund  
 Melvin R. & Mabel E. Randolph Endowment Fund  
 Nellie E. LeMon DeWitt Community  
 Northeast Education Foundation for Teachers Grants  
 Ohnward Charitable Giving Fund  
 Pam Duncan Endowment for Women's Sports at Central DeWitt Schools  
 Paul and Sally Banowetz Family Scholarship Fund  
 Pries Family Fund for Clinton County Fair & Grand Mound American Legion Auxiliary  
 R.A. Polansky Endowment for Central DeWitt Wrestling Program  
 Ralph Minor Endowment  
 Ray and Jan Meier Scholarship  
 Robert & Phyllis Parrott Endowment for Language Arts & Journalism  
 Sam Potter Memorial Scholarship for Central DeWitt Community High School  
 Stuedemann Endowment for Skilled Trades  
 Stuedemann Endowment for the DeWitt Area Fine Arts Foundation  
 Stuedemann Endowment for the DeWitt Area Veterans Memorial Inc.  
 The Education Foundation of Central DeWitt Forever Fund  
 The Education Foundation of Central DeWitt General Fund  
 The Education Foundation of Central DeWitt Grant Fund  
 The Krieger Family Scholarship  
 The Smith Purcell Family Foundation Fund  
 Warren W. Waack Endowment  
 Wayne & Nancy Stuedemann Charitable Giving Endowment Fund  
 William D. and Shirley J. Homrighausen Fund for Journalism Endowment  
 Wilma Owen Fund for Education Endowment

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# What Is Your FOREVER?

2023 Annual Report

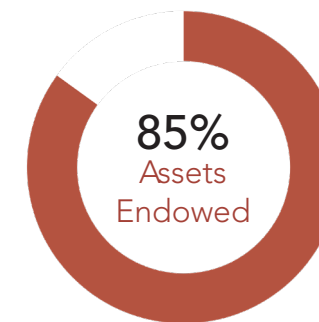
## Our Resources for the Future

From gifts to grants, your support makes an impact.

\$4,323,676 Total Assets

\$155,520 2023 Grants and Scholarships

\$359,191 2023 Gifts



### 2023 Grantees

American Legion Post 0622 - Grand Mound  
 Calamus-Wheatland Hometown Pride  
 Central Dewitt Community Schools District  
 City of Charlotte  
 City of Grand Mound  
 Clinton County Agricultural Society  
 Clinton County VNA Foundation

Delmar Development Corporation  
 DeWitt Community Hospital Foundation  
 DeWitt Community Library  
 DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.  
 Goose Lake Fire Department  
 Project Linus - East Central Iowa Chapter  
 United Methodist Church - DeWitt  
 Wheatland Betterment Association



Ed and Linda Duesing, Forever LincolnWay supporters.

## Here for You

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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 are helping 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 on the next page.

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

John Peavey, *President*, Brenda Gannon, *Vice President*, Ilene Deckert, *Secretary*, Roger Hill, *Treasurer*, Carol Schuster, *Finance*

Susan Haack, Patricia Henricksen, Erin Meyermann, Patrick Rheingans, Paul Schnack

## Our Region



LincolnWay Community Foundation board members, leaders of the Forever LincolnWay campaign

## Forever LincolnWay Building on a Strong Foundation

Ed and Linda Duesing have a decades-long history of high-impact community service – and they can trace it all back to a single moment.

"When we were first married, we had two little kids and Ed was in the Air Force. We had nothing. We rented furnished apartments. We owned two cribs and a washing machine to do the diapers," says Linda. "One year at Christmas we were given a wagon full of toys and groceries." That act of kindness stayed with Ed and Linda, inspiring them to help others, whether in their family or their community.

Inspiration struck most recently when the Duesings made a contribution to the Forever LincolnWay campaign, helping the LincolnWay Community Foundation build a fund that will support rural communities in Clinton County for generations to come.

Forever LincolnWay is part of the Community Foundation's Small-town Dreams Initiative, which is empowering towns across Eastern Iowa to build their capacity to address future challenges and opportunities. Those selected 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 gain the skills to organize a successful capital campaign as well as assess and respond to local needs.

DeWitt has been more than a home to Ed and Linda for nearly 50 years. The community and the schools have provided support and opportunities for their son, Mike, who has Down's Syndrome. Those years of caring were on Ed and Linda's minds when they made their gift. "Moving to DeWitt was the best thing we ever did for Mike," says Linda. The couple has volunteered for many local boards and councils and are strong supporters of numerous local organizations, including the Community Foundation.

The Small-town Dreams Initiative helps communities channel the type of generosity the Duesings experienced to create vitality and achieve what is important to them. Grants have already been made to support organizations providing essential services and resources to rural communities across Clinton County.

Three of the Duesings' four children still live in DeWitt, and many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren are also in the area. Those generations will be the beneficiaries of Ed and Linda's legacy of generosity, and with the Forever LincolnWay Fund, others have the opportunity to make the same impact – today, tomorrow, and forever.

“It's not just us. It's not just one bank, or one church, or one family. There are many people here helping take care of one another.”

— Ed Duesing