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A modifier that, when preceding a verb, means 'again'; represents the process of continuously fine-tuning a particular approach or thinking about new ways to make an impact for the future



*Community Foundation of*

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## A message from Foundation leaders

We invite you to join in our vision for a thriving Jackson County where everyone can live their best lives. That means supporting sustainable nonprofits and access to resources like housing, jobs, health care, child care and cultural amenities. Together, we can make this vision a reality by working to improve and enhance Jackson County for all.

The theme of this report, “Re-,” stands for new beginnings, fresh perspectives and transformation. It means the way we approach our communities’ challenges today might not be the right approach tomorrow. It symbolizes evolution.

Relationships with partners like you are at the core of our work: understanding community needs and making connections to resources that can help address them. Through strong partnerships with leaders and nonprofits, we research and identify challenges and respond with solutions to community-wide issues.

Join us on this journey as we reflect on our county today and re-imagine the possibilities for the future.

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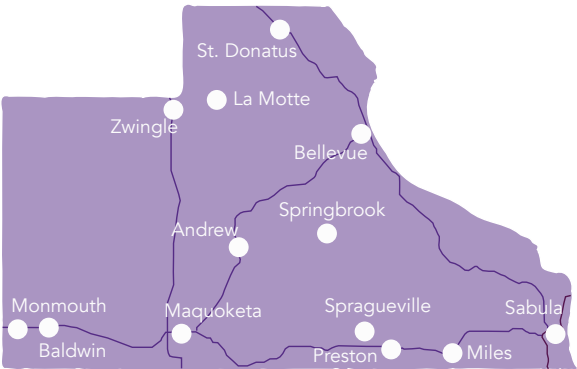
# \leaving a legacy\

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 and grain, as well as IRA rollover contributions.

**“We very much appreciate the estate planning service the Foundation offered through Thompson & Associates. It gave us the opportunity to think about the legacy we want to leave, and make endowed gifts to provide annual support for the local nonprofits we hope will make Maquoketa even better for future generations.”**

**- Doug and Mary Melvold**

Your gift of \$50 or more to the Community Foundation of Jackson County 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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## Fighting food insecurity in Jackson County

Nearly 2,000 Jackson County residents are food insecure. In Preston alone, the Manna Center serves 30 to 35 families a month. Nearby, the Sabula Mobile Food Pantry serves 40 families monthly.

In the Easton Valley School District, 41% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches. “Sometimes the only meal a student eats is breakfast or lunch served at school,” says Nicole Christiansen, a volunteer and supporter of the River Hawk Assistance Program, which provides weekly backpacks of food for district youth.

To help ensure all people have access to food, the Community Foundation of Jackson County grants \$10,000 or more to local food providers each year. In 2021, as needs increased, the Foundation awarded nearly \$20,000 to food banks and school backpack programs.

**“Food pantries and weekend backpack programs do a wonderful job of addressing food insecurity: Students learn better on full stomachs, and people of all ages are less likely to experience health issues if they can access healthy foods,” says Foundation Board Chair Ann Burns.**

“The Foundation makes grants to improve quality of life for everyone in Jackson County, and addressing hunger is a critical component of our grantmaking,” Burns adds.

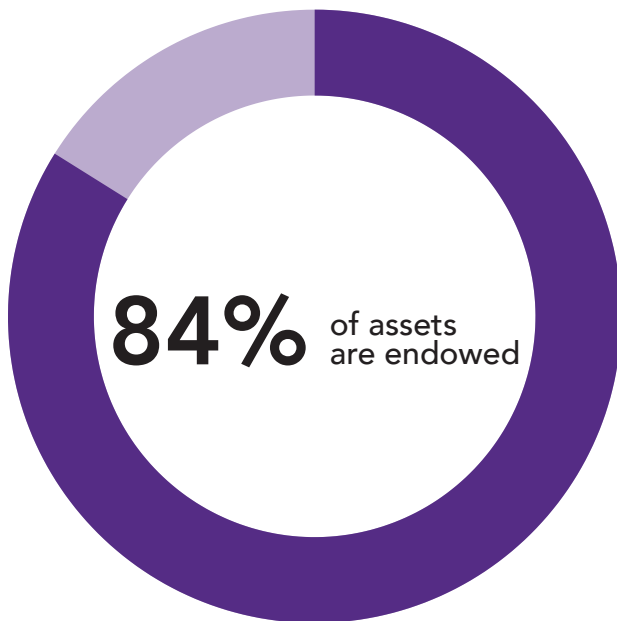
The River Hawk program relies on the support of community organizations like the Foundation. “When we are able to obtain a variety of easy-to-cook meals that students can safely prepare, we are filling in the gap of the ‘lost meals’ in their daily lives,” says Christiansen. “We are ensuring that they have adequately met their daily nutritional requirements.”

The Foundation works to understand local needs, build partnerships with leaders and organizations like food banks, and provide support. Join us to make an impact in your community.



# \resources\

Our Financials: From gifts to grants,  
your support makes an impact.\*



\$12,828,518 Total Assets

\$504,647 2021 Grants  
and Scholarships

\$596,165 2021 Gifts

\*As of 12/31/2021

# \2021 grantees\

AMVETS Post #62  
Andrew Volunteer Firemen, Inc.  
Bellevue Ambulance Service  
Bellevue Bread Basket  
Bellevue Community Cupboard  
Bernard Community Fire Service Association  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Cardinal Backpack Program  
Child Development, Inc.  
Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Jackson County  
Fraternal Order of Eagles #3866  
Friends of the Preston Public Library  
Imagine the Possibilities  
Iowa College Access Network  
Iowa State University Extension & Outreach  
Jackson County Energy District  
Jackson County Sheriff's Office  
LaMotte Community Fire Department  
Lost Nation Food Center  
Maquoketa Area Family YMCA  
Maquoketa Community Cupboard  
Marquette Catholic Schools  
Miles Community Improvement Group  
Mindful Minutes for Schools  
Paul B. Sharar Foundation for Clinton Campus  
Preston Growth and Development  
Preston Manna Center  
River Bend FoodBank  
River Hawk Assistance Program  
Spragueville Community Center

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