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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

Foundation for the Future of
Delaware County

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A message from Foundation leaders

We invite you to join in our vision for a thriving Delaware 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 Delaware 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.

“My lifelong passion around teaching kids to preserve and enjoy nature will be carried out – forever – by the Foundation, even after I am gone. My legacy fund will guarantee funds for conservation training of our youth in Delaware County. That’s why I chose to leave a legacy with the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County.”

– Ed Geers

Your gift of \$50 or more to the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County or one of its endowed funds is eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. To get started, contact us.



\re-imagine\ Career readiness for high school students

A new approach to a workforce shortage has West Delaware School District students creating a legacy and learning valuable career skills. Through a partnership with the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County, 25 students completed 300 hours of classroom instruction and 750 hours of hands-on training with local company Seedorff Masonry.

“As we reframe careers in construction, we are delivering education and presenting construction careers as a first choice, not a last resort,” says Mark Guetzko, Seedorff CEO.

“**I can now go into the trade with a little bit of knowledge and experience about what needs to be done,” said program participant Conner Hansen. “Tons of other schools do not get this opportunity, so for that, I am very grateful.”**

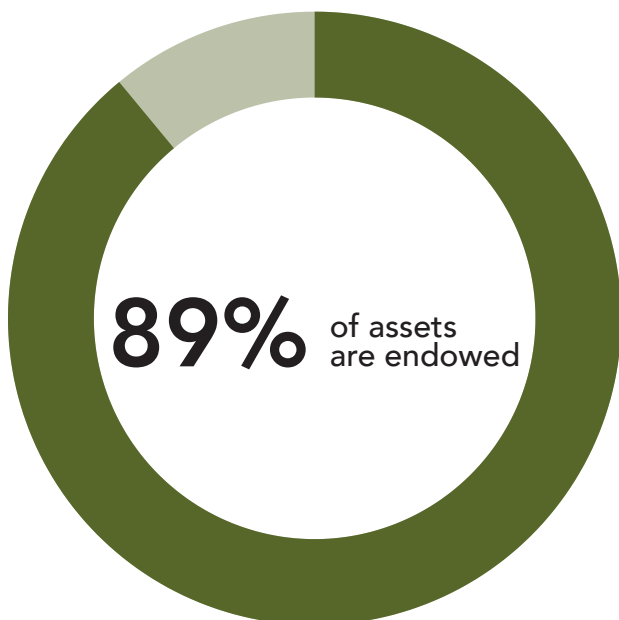
Students in the program, which was guided by Seedorff project manager Justin Wenger, installed brick on a 1960s-era bus barn, making a lasting impact on their school. The program is anticipated to expand with future projects for the school district and the community, thus creating pride, empowerment and capital improvement at the school.

“We are grateful to the Foundation for their support of our efforts to obtain grant funding that will help expand this program statewide,” says Guetzko. With a focus on youth and families, the Foundation supports many career preparation opportunities for Delaware County students, such as scholarships and programs for welding, masonry, glass work and nursing.

You can make an impact for students in your community with a gift to the Foundation. Learn more at dbqfoundation.org/ffdc.

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



\$5,099,463 Total Assets

\$248,172 2021 Grants and Scholarships

\$547,677 2021 Gifts

*As of 12/31/2021

\2021 grantees\

Boy Scouts of America, Northeast Iowa Council
City of Delhi — Public Library
City of Earlville — Fire and Ambulance Department
City of Hopkinton
City of Manchester, Parks and Recreation Department
Community Childcare of Manchester
Delaware County Food Bank
Delaware County Historical Society
Delhi Betterment Committee
Edgewood Board of Economic Development
Edgewood-Colesburg School District — High School
Families Helping Families of Iowa
First Lutheran Church-Manchester
Heartland Youth For Christ
Hopkinton Ambulance Service Organization
Iowa College Access Network
Lutheran Services in Iowa — Des Moines
Manchester Cemetery Company
Manchester Public Library
Maquoketa Valley Community School District
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging — Waterloo
Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation
Riverview Center, Inc.
Ryan American Legion Post 692
West Delaware Community School District
West Delaware Community Schools — Lambert Elementary
West Delaware High School — Metals Department

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