

## A family giving tradition

Frank and Ann Weiner Family Fund

Dick Weiner remembers a time when his family had a lot less. He and his five siblings watched as their father, Frank, who began as a farmer and truck driver, purchased the Cartersville Elevators and began working toward a new life – one of more means.

"Throughout the whole deal, dad spent money. He knew if he bought nicer stuff at work, it was easier on the boys who worked for him. He liked to share everything. It wasn't until a few years ago that he started looking at giving money in this way," said Dick, now owner and manager of the Cartersville Elevator.

The Frank and Ann Weiner Family Fund was established in 2010 with the Floyd County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, to further emphasize the family's desire to use their finances as a way to give back to their community. The fund began with the dream of granting to organizations that have impacted the family, and in 2011, the Weiners awarded their first grant.

Frank passed away in February 2016, but his wife Ann continues to pass along the gift of giving to their children and their children's children, a group that now includes 19 grandkids and over 40 great-grandkids. The fund, a family affair, has allowed them to carry out those wishes.

At Christmas time, the grandchildren receive letters from Ann asking them to pick an organization to receive a \$250 grant. Dick is proud to be a witness to his children's philanthropic choices.

"Me, I'm just worried about my little town, but the kids, they had other great ideas. My daughter wanted to give to the Lupus Foundation in Iowa to honor my first wife, who died of Lupus. There are just millions of good things to give to," said Dick.

When Frank neared the end of his life, he continued to put the bulk of his assets toward the community around him. "Dad realized if you're really successful, you are not going to spend all

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Hello to the grandchildren and your families from Grandma Weiner. The holidays are a time of giving from the heart in the form of love for family and friends. But don't forget those who really need! 2016 has been a tough year losing Grandpa, **the ultimate giver**. Along with Barb and all of the family members we have lost, let's make this Christmas season special in their memory. To carry on Grandpa's and my tradition of giving, I want you kids to help me donate to those less fortunate than us!

Please let Dick know the full name and address of where to send \$250 in your name through the Frank and Ann Weiner Family Fund. Your charity of choice must be a non-profit. If you are wondering if they qualify, just ask Dick.

Happy Holidays, I Love you all!

– Grandma Weiner

of the money. It is nice to give it to the kids, but they don't need it," said Dick. "By starting a fund at the Community Foundation, you know for certain it is going somewhere good."

For the Weiners, a donor advised quasi-endowment fund was the best solution for their desire to give. The family enjoys the convenience, growth, and security the Community Foundation provides in conjunction with the fund's flexibility. The family believes their fund with the Community Foundation is a wonderful place to put their money because of all the community needs that can be addressed through grants from the fund.

"You're starting a legacy. Everybody wants to do it, they just don't want the hassle, which is why this route is such a great advantage," said Dick.

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### OUR MISSION

To inspire people and connect resources to enrich our communities.

# THE HARVEST SEASON

KAYE ENGLIN  
President and CEO



Fall in Iowa means beautiful colors, falling temperatures, and maybe most importantly the sights and sounds of harvest season across our state. I grew up on a family farm in Audubon, Iowa, and was recently back home as the harvest began. I was reminded of how the hard work in the field throughout the year leads to the powerful results that have implications for our local communities and feed the world. As I watched my family in the field, I couldn't help but compare their work to the work of our nonprofit partners.

Now is the harvest season for nonprofits. Nearly 1/3 of all charitable gifts are made in December alone, and organizations are working hard now to raise much-needed funds during this season of giving. These final months of the year are crucial to making sure they can carry out services that meet important community needs and make impacts that spread across our state.

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is honored to be a partner to nonprofits in growing the impact of their missions. Each year, we award nearly \$5 million in grants across our 20-county region. This critical funding isn't possible without your support. Thank you for your dedication to creating vibrant communities where all people can thrive.

The Community Foundation also partners with nonprofits to create long-term sustainability through the establishment of nonprofit agency endowment funds. These funds provide a stable, professionally managed funding stream to ensure generations of people benefit from critical services only available because of the commitment of nonprofits.

Here in Iowa, our hard work to provide for the needs of others creates beautiful outcomes. I have so many great memories of growing up in a caring community, and as I watched my grandkids stare out of the window of the combine, I'm excited about the future we are building for the next generation of Iowans. Together we are cultivating a bright future of vibrant Iowa communities. Thank you. 

## Nonprofit agency funds provide great year-end giving option

Nonprofits establish endowment funds to create long-term stability and a forever source of revenue to ensure their mission thrives for generations. The Community Foundation partners with over 125 nonprofit organizations to provide this important service.

These funds are a great option when considering where to make your year-end gifts. Gifts to these endowed funds are eligible to receive the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit.

Support a nonprofit you love today!

Go to [cfneia.org/nonprofitfunds](http://cfneia.org/nonprofitfunds) to see the list of funds and make your gift.



President and CEO, Kaye Englin's grandkids on the family farm in Audubon, Iowa.

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# Scholarship impact

2017 scholarship numbers are in and we are honored to have made such a significant impact on the lives of students. These awards are not possible without the vision, dedication, and passion for helping students of fundholders both past and present.



**\$393,420**  
in total scholarships awarded



**276**  
total scholarships awarded



**237**  
students impacted



## Corporate scholarship funds benefit students and fulfill businesses charitable wishes

Scholarships are created with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa for many reasons. It can be a way to pay it forward for those who received assistance in obtaining their education, or the fund can create a legacy in memory of a loved one. In the end, one key element is at the forefront of those creating scholarship funds — they believe in the power of education and the incredible impact it has on students.

Corporations can also support students through the creation of a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation. Creating a fund is a customizable way for businesses to accomplish their charitable goals, and the Foundation handles the administrative tasks associated with the fund.

The Kirk Gross Company in Waterloo established the Kirk Gross Company and Robert T. Buckley Family Scholarship Fund in 1998. The fund awards scholarships to children of the company's employees graduating from a Waterloo or Cedar Falls high school.

The Sinnott Agency, Inc., a family-owned and operated insurance and financial services company also in Waterloo, uses their scholarship fund to assist deserving local students achieve their goal of higher education. The Sinnott Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by the family and is an outlet that shows the values of both the family and their company.

"Our company values mirror our family values," said Steve Sinnott, Sinnott Agency president. "Education for the next generation of our workforce is vital to the success of our business and our community, and working with the Foundation makes it easy for us to support the dreams of deserving students."



"College is essential as I strive to meet my goals. The support from the Sinnott Family Scholarship means so much, both financially and mentally. Knowing people believe in me is important as I take the next step in my life."

### JENSEN STEINBRONN

Waterloo West High School  
2017 Sinnott Family Scholarship Recipient



Residents of the Walnut Neighborhood in Waterloo plant marigolds for the "Miracle of Marigolds" community beautification project. The project received a \$750 grant to help bring neighbors together.

## Grant program is Bringing Neighbors Together

At the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, enriching our communities is at the core of our mission. The Bringing Neighbors Together grant opportunity empowers citizens in Black Hawk County to do just that by strengthening community relationships at the core of what a great larger community is built on - its neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are where people live, build lifelong relationships, and raise their families. They are the place people truly call home.

With this in mind, CFNEIA launched the Bringing Neighbors Together grant program in 2015. The grant opportunity, open year-round, provides micro-grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to support neighborhood-centric, event-based programs in Black Hawk County. The grants are made possible by the Neighborhood Improvement Fund which was originally established in 1994.

The program has seen an increase in grantees in 2017, granting over \$6,500 to four neighborhood association and nonprofit sponsored neighborhood events. While the dollar impact may seem small, the impact on the neighborhoods was big. Projects included neighbors gathering to make their neighborhood more beautiful and several groups enhancing or holding their first National Night Out activities to create a safer, stronger neighborhood.

"We had a core group of community residents laughing, smiling, and having a good time," said Rev. Abraham Funchess, Jr. of the We Care Neighborhood Association in Waterloo. "The grant really worked well to help bring people together and served as inspiration to look at what we can do next to re-energize the neighborhood coalition."

Rev. Funchess also believes the healthier a city's neighborhoods are, the stronger the overall community becomes.

"Whenever you can pull what I call 'beloved community' together that's a good thing because you learn where people are, and you can really tap into what can make the city stronger," said Rev. Funchess. "The neighborhood coalition is a wonderful building block for all of the community."

Any neighborhood in Black Hawk County is eligible to apply for a Bringing Neighbors Together grant. Multiple neighborhoods can collaborate and apply together. The applicant for the grant working with the neighborhood must be a nonprofit organization or government entity. If the neighborhood doesn't have a nonprofit to apply for them, the neighborhood can contact CFNEIA to explore options. 



Youth at the We Care Neighborhood Association National Night Out event explore a Waterloo Fire Department truck.

# Elma Area Community Foundation proving small communities can make big impacts



The Elma Fire and Rescue Fund is one of the new funds created through a matching gift to support Elma nonprofits and organizations vital to the community.

Elma, Iowa is a community of just under 550 people sitting in south Howard County, but don't let the small population fool you. Elma is a thriving community bent on making itself a destination for visitors and new residents alike. One of the forces for keeping the community a great place for everyone is the Elma Area Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

The EACF was established in 2009 to help the Elma area grow through the establishment of endowment funds and to make grants to nonprofits and government entities making Elma great. Today, the Foundation awards nearly \$7,000 a year to local organizations and has 19 funds doing good in the community.

Six of these funds were recently established by local nonprofit organizations through the generosity of an anonymous donor. In 2016, the donor pledged \$30,000 to be used to match up to \$5,000 to each of the six funds held with the Community Foundation. The funds include the Elma Early Childhood Center Fund, Elma Depot Museums Fund, Elma Park Fund, Elma Public Library Fund, Elma Fire and Rescue Fund, and Elma Trails Fund.

"The Elma Area Community Foundation committee was blown away by this act of generosity," said Erin Ludwig, co-chair of the committee. "Each of these organizations provides an essential service and adds value to Elma, and these funds will ensure they can do their important work forever."

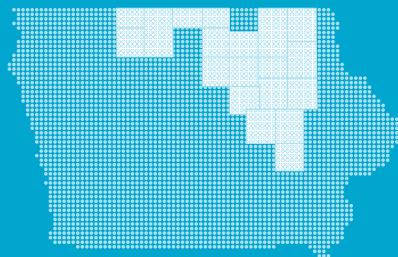
The organizations, along with the Elma Area Community Foundation, are actively fundraising to meet the matching challenge presented by the donor and hope the community and those outside of the community who love Elma will rally to meet the goal for all of the funds.

"I know the people of Elma love their community and support the great work of these organizations," said Erin. "Keeping them not just viable but thriving is important to keeping Elma strong." 

 To find more information on these funds, or to make a gift to one of the funds, go to [elmaareacf.org](http://elmaareacf.org). All funds are eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit.

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thriving people



celebration of community  
november 3, 2017

## You're invited to our Celebration of Community

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn  
7213 Nordic Drive  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Celebration of Community is a social event to celebrate the successes created when generous people, nonprofits, and community leaders come together to carry out the "here for good" philosophy across our 20-county region.

A short program at 5:45 p.m. will lift up partners like you who are making good things happen in their communities, and we will be making a special announcement! Enjoy appetizers, a hosted bar, and live music during the evening's festivities.

Please RSVP online **today** at [cfneia.org/celebration17](http://cfneia.org/celebration17). You may also call Gretchen Woodrick at 319-243-1363 to RSVP. 

# Grantmaking Snapshots

## PROJECT: IRVING SQUARE DEVELOPMENT

Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity is creating affordable homeownership opportunities in an already existing neighborhood in Waterloo. The \$24,000 grant is assisting with costs to build four homes. The home ownership program helps families break the cycle of poverty by achieving greater financial security. Three families are now paying an affordable monthly mortgage payment, and more families are well on their way to achieving their dreams of living in a safe home in the Irving Square Development.



## IOWA HEARTLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST IOWA

## PROJECT: NORTH END ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

A \$5,000 grant helped the Emmet County Nature Center expand programs for youth and residents and visitors of Emmet County. An additional eight bows were purchased to help grow interest in an archery program for children who may not participate in other sports or school-related activities, increasing social interaction. It also allowed for improvements to the canoe, kayak, and snowshoe rental system to provide a way for more people to enjoy the nature Emmet County has to offer.



## EMMET COUNTY NATURE CENTER

EMMET COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## PROJECT: WINGS ON EAGLES

This program that matches horses with students from LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center is designed to bring out positive communication, trust, respect, love, and boundaries in youth who have experienced trauma in their young lives. This year, many students bonded with a horse named Maverick who was previously unwanted. Students related to Maverick, in some cases understanding how it feels to be unwanted. The \$2,000 grant allowed the program to positively impact student behaviors by building these bonds.



## ASPIRE THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

BREMER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# HusomeStrong Foundation founder finds passion through struggle

In September 2014, Steve Husome went out for a motorcycle ride with friends, not knowing his life would never be the same. A semi pulled in front of the group causing an accident that would cost Steve his right leg below the knee.

Knowing the physical and emotional toll of amputation and rehabilitation, Steve founded the HusomeStrong Foundation, a nonprofit organization to assist people who have experienced the loss of a limb and are seeking assistance to realize their full potential and live life to the fullest after amputation.

"HusomeStrong is an attitude, a strong belief you will get better, never allowing your mind to wander into that dark place where you want to just sit and feel sorry for yourself," said Steve. "This positive attitude is what got me through some of the darkest hours, the set-backs, the

lonely days in rehabilitation and constant pain. Now my passion is helping others."

Steve knew he needed a partner to carry out his nonprofit's mission and turned to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, establishing the HusomeStrong Foundation Endowment Fund.

"The HusomeStrong Foundation is a new charity, so teaming with CFNEIA is a perfect partnership allowing us to tap into their expertise and experience in helping charitable organizations in our community. This fund will help us accomplish our goal to leave a lasting legacy that will continue to serve the amputee community forever," said Steve. 

 Go to [husomestrong.com](http://husomestrong.com) to read more about the work of the HusomeStrong Foundation.



Steve Husome takes a swing on the golf course. His mission is to help other amputees regain hope and live life to the fullest through the HusomeStrong Foundation.

## New Funds

### FUNDS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN JANUARY 20, 2017 AND OCTOBER 3, 2017

Aurora Community Foundation Quasi Endowment Fund  
Bel Canto Cedar Valley Endowment Fund  
Betty and Harlan Van Gerpen Fund  
Cedar Valley Jaycees Charitable Fund  
City Improvement Association Quasi Endowment Fund  
Dean and Linda Tjaden Family Fund  
Dr. Ann Rathe Endowment Fund  
HusomeStrong Foundation Endowment Fund  
Iowa Civil Rights Trail Project Fund  
Jon Holland Impact Indee Endowment Fund  
Lynn and Sherry Kueck Family Algona Betterment Fund  
Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Skip Holton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Try Pie Storefront Fund  
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum Fund  
WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship Fund

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## A gift of grain yields good for communities

If you are a farmer, your crops are your livelihood, your life. You prepare, you plant, you nurture, and it grows. That's what we do with the charitable gifts entrusted to the Community Foundation.

Donating a gift of grain to the Community Foundation is a simple way to make a lasting difference. The value of the grain can be used to start an endowed fund in the name of you or your family, and can be setup to support a specific nonprofit organization or to support the overall charitable causes in your community. Your gift may be eligible for the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit, and by giving grain to the Community Foundation, you avoid including the sale of the grain in your farm income.

Contact our development staff at 319-287-9106 if you are interested in making a gift that yields good for your community.



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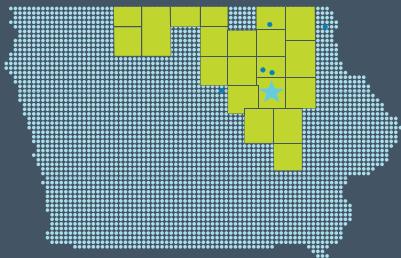
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#### Our Vision

A vibrant region of thriving people.

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Franklin County

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