

Thoughtful Generosity with a Grateful Heart

Ken and Ruth Procter call Decorah home. Ruth was born and raised in this hub of northeast Iowa, went to college here, and was a teacher for 38 1/2 years, most of them as a fifth and sixth grade educator in the Decorah School District. Ken, a CPA, came to northeast Iowa in 1978 and settled in Decorah in 1979 for his job, shortly afterward becoming a partner in a local CPA firm. He experienced over 40 tax seasons before his retirement. Together the couple raised their four children here. It's these deep roots, life experiences, and a generous spirit that make giving back to the community they love a natural fit.

Ken and Ruth have always been deeply involved in their community, both financially and by sharing their time and talents in volunteer roles with many organizations. So, in 2012, with the buyout of Ken's CPA practice, the couple took the opportunity to create the Ken and Ruth Procter Family Fund, a donor advised fund with the Winneshiek County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

"As with most young families, we could contribute time more than finances. With the buyout of the CPA firm, we had the ability to make our contribution," said Ken.

As a CPA, Ken also understood the tax advantages to creating the fund with the Community Foundation, but as he saw with other generous people, having a plan for giving back was the true catalyst.

"For people who think about their community and choose to be philanthropic, establishing a donor advised fund is a great way to go. Tax considerations aren't everything, but the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit is kind of icing on the cake," said Ken.

The couple mainly focuses their grant making on organizations impacting the lives of local children and families, including those they have been closely involved with through their volunteer efforts. They also believe in keeping their children involved in the decision-making process.

"It gives us an opportunity as a family to discuss our annual allocation for making grants, and they can give us their ideas



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KEN AND RUTH PROCTER Ken and Ruth Procter Family Fund

about where they want the grants to go," said Ken. "We designated our youngest child to be the successor to us once we pass on - to create this legacy."

Giving back to a community that has given them so much has always been the driving force for Ken and Ruth's charitable decisions.

"Our children benefited from the community we live in. I think it is important to keep that going and that people who are able to give should consider helping others," said Ruth. "We've always contributed to these organizations, and now we use the Foundation as the vehicle to make it happen," added Ken. 

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President and CEO



Save the Date for Our Celebration of Community

Friday, Nov. 2, 2018
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Diamond Event Center
5307 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Join the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa for our Celebration of Community event! The evening is a celebration of partnerships and the impacts we have on our communities because of our work together.

Mark your calendar for this night of great company and fun all focused on our shared vision of a vibrant region of thriving people.

Please note the venue change for this year's event.

As Iowans, we look forward to the fun our summers provide. The long days bring back childhood memories and provide opportunities to create new ones. We celebrate every ray of sunshine, enjoying time with family, friends, and neighbors, and being active in the communities we love. What makes it even better is there is no shortage of things to do right here where we live.

CFNEIA's 20-county region is full of activities that increase the quality of life for all of us who call it home. There are community festivals, miles and miles of trails, parks, summer camps, pools and splash pads, music, theater, and art, youth sports, natural beauty to behold, and history to explore. These are activities and places that provide incredible experiences and allow all Iowans to feel the joy of the Iowa summer.

As we enjoy our summer fun, it is important to remember the nonprofits and our county and city governments working behind the scenes to create incredible experiences close to home. The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is a partner in enriching summer through grants to hundreds of projects which create and maintain the places and activities people love. Throughout this newsletter, you will read about organizations working to enhance summer for the people and communities they serve.

Thankfully, good is not just a summer thing at the Community Foundation, it is happening throughout all four of our state's seasons because of the generosity of people like you. Every year over \$5 million in grants goes to projects and organizations enriching our communities and changing the lives of all people who call them home. By choosing to support your community through CFNEIA, your generosity makes a powerful difference, not just this summer, but forever. Thank you. 

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What We Fund

We fund 501(c)(3) nonprofits and government entities working on projects that make the communities they serve stronger for the people who live there. We do this through grantmaking in seven core areas.

Go to cfneia.org/grants to get more information and apply for grants.

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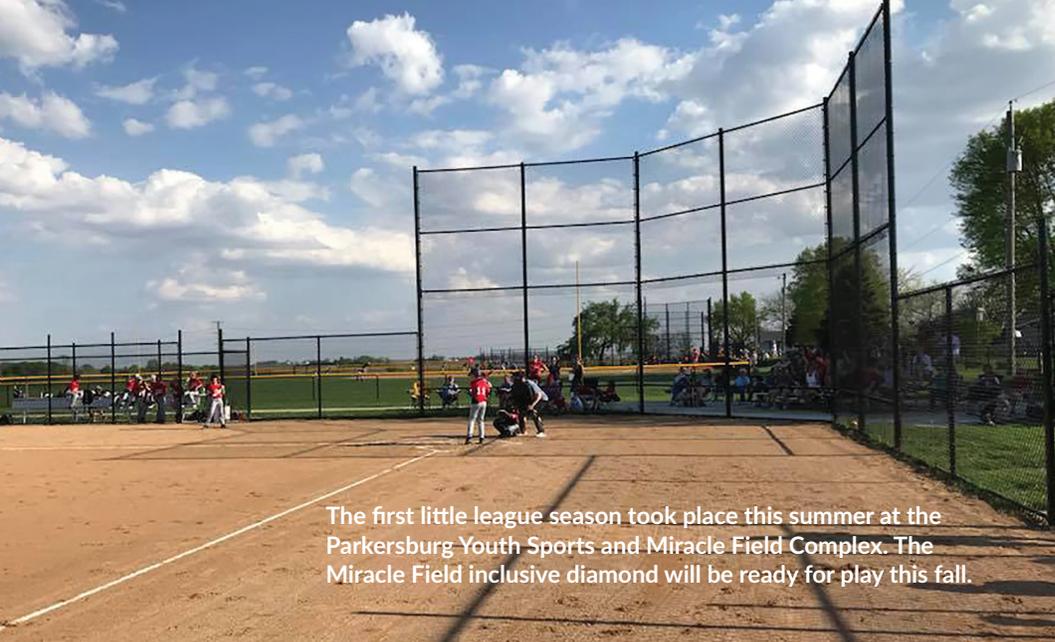
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The first little league season took place this summer at the Parkersburg Youth Sports and Miracle Field Complex. The Miracle Field inclusive diamond will be ready for play this fall.

A Place to Play Ball for All

Baseball is part of the fabric of America. It's played on fields across our country by kids with dreams of hitting the winning home run or making the game-saving catch. In Parkersburg, a new sports complex is bringing the game to life for people of all abilities.

The All-Play Ballpark opened three little league fields for play this summer, three youth soccer fields will be in use this fall, and the crown jewel of the complex, the Miracle Field, will be ready for play in September. The Miracle Field is a baseball diamond that is built to give players of all abilities, including individuals who are wheelchair bound, a place to play baseball. It will be the first Miracle Field in northeast Iowa.

The vision for the complex was born from personal experience. Matt Waller's older brother was paralyzed in a car accident at age 14. His family's life changed forever, and he saw first-hand the challenges of finding facilities equipped to give people with disabilities the same opportunities as others. In 2012, Matt founded the nonprofit Diamonds and Fields and, with help from a dedicated board of community members, began turning the vision of an inclusive baseball facility into a reality.

The complex has had the support of the community from the beginning, including financial support from the Butler County Community Foundation and Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, receiving over \$50,000 in grants since 2016.

"Every dollar has mattered. It helps solidify we are part of the Cedar Valley. We're not just a small county or small communities away from Waterloo and Cedar Falls. We help make the Cedar Valley better," said Matt. "The fact we can offer something in Parkersburg that isn't offered anywhere else in the Cedar Valley, or anywhere else in northeast Iowa, is exciting, and it's important to me that Butler County is supporting it."

For Matt, the whole project from day one has been about the Miracle League of the Cedar Valley, which will have its inaugural season in the spring of 2019.

"The vision for this, and where our hearts are at, is offering the Cedar Valley a place for kids with disabilities to play side-by-side with other kids," said Matt. "It's the most amazing sight in baseball I've ever seen. The sheer joy these kids have because they've never had this opportunity and now here they are playing America's pastime and being part of a team, having people watching them and cheering them on, that's the part of the complex that I can't wait for people here in the Cedar Valley to experience." 🌍

Donor Advised Funds Provide Strategic Giving Vehicle

For donors who value convenience and choice, a donor advised fund (DAF) is one of the most powerful charitable tools for making your community stronger. Donor advised funds provide a hands-on approach to philanthropy.

Personalized Giving: Your fund is your tool for personalized giving. Support the causes and community you love by making grants to multiple projects and needs as they arise throughout the year, all through one convenient charitable account. CFNEIA staff can help connect you with causes you're passionate about using our in-depth knowledge of community needs and partnerships with nonprofits across our 20-county region.

Family Engagement: Many donor advised fundholders involve family in grantmaking decisions and name successor advisors to pass on their philosophy of generosity. The Community Foundation will administer the Fund, forever, as directed by the fundholders.

Tax Advantages: Donor advised funds through the Community Foundation offer unique tax advantages and can offer a charitable strategy with the new increased standard deduction. If you have the financial ability to make a single contribution to a DAF in an amount equal to several years of your anticipated charitable gifts, you can then make grant recommendations to your favorite charities anytime you choose. Front-loading a larger charitable gift in one year, or "bunching gifts," can help you increase your itemized deduction to exceed the standard deduction and maximize your deduction in a given year. The minimum to establish a donor advised fund is \$10,000.

If you would like to learn more about DAFs, contact Elizabeth Hackbarth, Director of Development, at 319-243-1352 or ehackbarth@cfneia.org



The Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival group performs in front of an audience at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum.

Chamber Music Festival Cultivates Deeper Community Connections

The Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival started when Hunter Capoccioni asked himself what he could do for his community. At age 25, he had traveled the country and world playing double bass and wanted to fill a gap he saw in artistic offerings in the Cedar Valley, so he invited his friends to help him bring a chamber music series to his hometown. It was so successful, Hunter was encouraged to create a nonprofit to keep the festival going, and in 2008, Cedar Valley Chamber Music was established. Thirteen seasons later, the music continues and the mission grows.

Held every July, the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival brings artists living, raised, or trained in Iowa, who are making their living as professional musicians, to the Cedar Valley. Chamber music is an intimate art form, bringing small groups of orchestral musicians together. The festival performances make music accessible, bridging the space between the audience and the stage to allow attendees to interact with the musicians and music.

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa has been a major funder of the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival, granting over \$50,000 since 2008, which, according to Hunter, helps make the organization's inclusive vision a reality.

"The grant from the Community Foundation in our first year was pivotal. The grants fund the artistic branch of our mission, allowing us to bring people in from all over the country and world, but they also allow us to add the outreach arm of what we do," said Hunter. "I've always felt the Community Foundation really understands what being an arts organization is, that it's about the quality of the interaction as well as the quantity of interactions and that means a lot to me."

It is the festival's community outreach efforts that bring true meaning to quality interactions. Every season musicians take time

to not just perform but teach and interact with various youth groups and residents of retirement communities.

"It really only takes a moment to change someone's life. I strongly believe some of our societal issues stem from not giving people enough creative outlets. If any of the interaction we have doing our outreach spurs that creativity, it's important to me," said Hunter.

No matter the audience, the performing artists of the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival are helping create deeper community connections. And for Hunter, giving people in the Cedar Valley, the community he calls home, access is part of making it stronger.

"The arts are particularly important right now because we have a deep interest as a society in connection with each other, and I think the arts are a way for us to have a shared experience," said Hunter. "That shared experience builds the idea of community. A community isn't just people living in the same geographic area, it's about profound shared experiences that leave an emotional impact." 

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Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival Founder

New Name Reflects Growing Mission for Community-Minded Women's Group

Pauline Barrett was an influential philanthropist who believed in the Cedar Valley. She also believed in the impact a committed group of women could have on their community. In 1999, with a gift from Pauline Barrett, the Women's Fund was established, and Women in Philanthropy was born.

Today, the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is proud this group of dedicated, community-minded women is still thriving and making an impact for women and girls in Black Hawk County. During the group's nearly 20-year history, over \$95,000 in grants have been awarded to projects impacting women and girls, but the need continues to grow, and our members understand the group must do more to meet it.

To move into the next phase of doing even more for women and girls in our community, the Community Foundation, guided by a steering committee of current members, has renamed Women in Philanthropy to Women for Good and redefined its mission.

The changes reflect the holistic nature of what it means to be a member of this diverse group of strong and influential women of all ages. Members of Women for Good gain a greater understanding of the issues facing women and girls in Black Hawk County through education and hands-on engagement. This empowers members to become more involved philanthropically, inspires more informed grantmaking decisions, and creates a bond with other like-minded women who want to do the most good in their community. 🌱



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👉 To learn more about Women for Good, see a list of grants, get information on events, or become a member, go to cfneia.org/womenforgood.

Lifelong Love of Music Provides a Legacy for Chamber Festival



Howard V. Jones was a child of the Great Depression who learned early on in life about the value of money. He grew up to become an academic, receiving his undergraduate degree and PhD from Harvard University after his service in the United States Army during WWII.

In 1954, Howard became an assistant professor of history at the University of Northern Iowa (then called Iowa State Teacher's College). Here he met the love of his life, Ellen Aakvik, a teacher in the Department of Music at UNI and an accomplished pianist. The couple shared a love of music, especially classical music. They were married and had two children.

Howard supported music throughout his life. This included the establishment of the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Endowment Fund just before he passed away in 2013. Through the establishment of this fund, his passion for music will live on through its support of the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival.

Spring 2018 Discretionary Grant Total Makes Big Impacts

256 GRANTS TOTALING \$1,166,216

**BENTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
34 GRANTS TOTALING \$117,403**

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY (CFNEIA)
36 GRANTS TOTALING \$333,611**

**BREMER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/READLYN
COMMUNITY FUND/WAVERLY COMMUNITY FUND
45 GRANTS TOTALING \$152,153**

**BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
25 GRANTS TOTALING \$124,408**

**CERRO GORDO COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
40 GRANTS TOTALING \$116,194**

**EMMET COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
29 GRANTS TOTALING \$100,000**

**IOWA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
23 GRANTS TOTALING \$112,890**

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
24 GRANTS TOTALING \$109,557**

Grantmaking Snapshots

PROJECT: NEW HAMPTON POOL SHADE ADDITION

The City of New Hampton Pool is undergoing major renovations to improve services and provide a new splash pad for people across the county. To accomplish this, trees providing shade from the summer sun were removed to make way for improvements. The \$4,244 grant will provide funding to create two new shaded areas to provide protection from the summer sun, helping decrease the risk of sun cancer and heat stroke as well as provide a comfortable place to rest outside of the water.



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PROJECT: ART IN THE PARK 2017

Art in the Park, an event of the Vinton Guild of Fine Arts, attracted over 600 children and adults to Vinton. The event, which drew 47 artists from around the globe, increased appreciation of art in Benton County and surrounding areas, encouraged creative expression through active art activities, and enhanced the cultural life of residents of Benton County. The \$2,500 grant provided funds for statewide advertising for artists and public marketing to increase attendance. *Fiscal sponsor: Vinton Community Foundation*



VINTON GUILD OF FINE ARTS

BENTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

PROJECT: WALKING AND BIKE TRAIL IN CITY PARK

Castalia, a community of just over 170 people, completed a walking and bike trail in Castalia City Park with this \$5,000 grant. The paved trail is part of a larger initiative aimed at attracting new residents. The completed project provides a safe area for children, families, and the elderly to enjoy physical activity in the beautiful setting of the park. The addition of the trail has also helped increase the entire park's usage including a setting for reunions, church activities, family and senior pictures, and more.



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A camper and counselor at Camp Heart Connection show their true superhero selves.

A Camp Where Everyone Cares and No One Stares

When we see superheroes on the big screen, they have unworldly powers, fight for good, and leave us awestruck with their world-saving deeds. Spend a day at Camp Heart Connection and you will see real-life superheroes who have battled for their lives, fought for their brother or sister, faced seemingly insurmountable odds, and you will be inspired.

Camp Heart Connection, a program of the Children's Cancer Connection, consists of two, week-long summer camps, one for oncology patients and one for their siblings. Both camps provide the opportunity for children affected by childhood cancer to know they are not alone in their journey and experience a week of normalcy in a camp setting.

"Camp is an opportunity for our campers to spend an entire week knowing, without even talking about it, that their cabin mates have gone through similar experiences," said Melissa Beaman, Director of Program Services for Children's Cancer Connection. "Children can connect with others who understand what it's like to grow up in a hospital, to be the bald kid in elementary school, or struggle with the many emotions of having a sibling with cancer."

Children's Cancer Connection is based in Des Moines but serves the entire state of Iowa. Each year approximately 185 oncology campers and 250 sibling campers attend camp, including children from Black Hawk County.

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa has been a partner in helping Black Hawk County campers attend the camp, awarding over \$12,000 in grants since 2011. Grants to Children's Cancer Connection from CFNEIA's Black Hawk County discretionary grant process have provided 31 camper scholarships.

"Grants allow us to not charge the families to participate. They are already facing huge financial burdens and have such an emotional stressor that we hate to add a financial stress on our families. These grants allow us to do most of our programming at little or no cost," said Melissa. "For us to always be able to provide camp and never have to say no to a family is something we really feel thankful for." 

Boys and Girls Clubs Meet Match

At our 2017 Celebration of Community event, The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley received a \$50,000 matching gift grant as a tool to reach the \$1.5 million endowment goal of their Together We Can capital campaign. We are excited to announce the match amount has been met, kickstarting the effort to reach the goal.

The purpose of increasing The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley Youth Development Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is to help offset new and future operational costs associated with the planned expanded facilities that are part of the Together We Can capital campaign, including a new teen center in Waterloo and updates to its current Lime Street Clubhouse. **Gifts to the fund are eligible for the Endowment Iowa 25% state tax credit and can be made at fund.cfneia.org/cedarvalleyclubs.**

Worth County Opens First Grant Cycle

A new grant opportunity is now available to nonprofits serving Worth County through the Worth County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

Thanks to a gift from the Jaspers Family, WCCF will be holding their first grant cycle, awarding dollars to area organizations doing good in the county. Over \$46,000 dollars is available to projects improving the quality of life in Worth County.

"The opening of this grant cycle is the beginning of what will be a long-term funding source for organizations making life in Worth County better for everyone," said Lucy Heiken, WCCF committee chair.

Grant applications are due September 30 and can be found at worthccf.org.



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To inspire people and connect resources to enrich our communities.

Our Vision

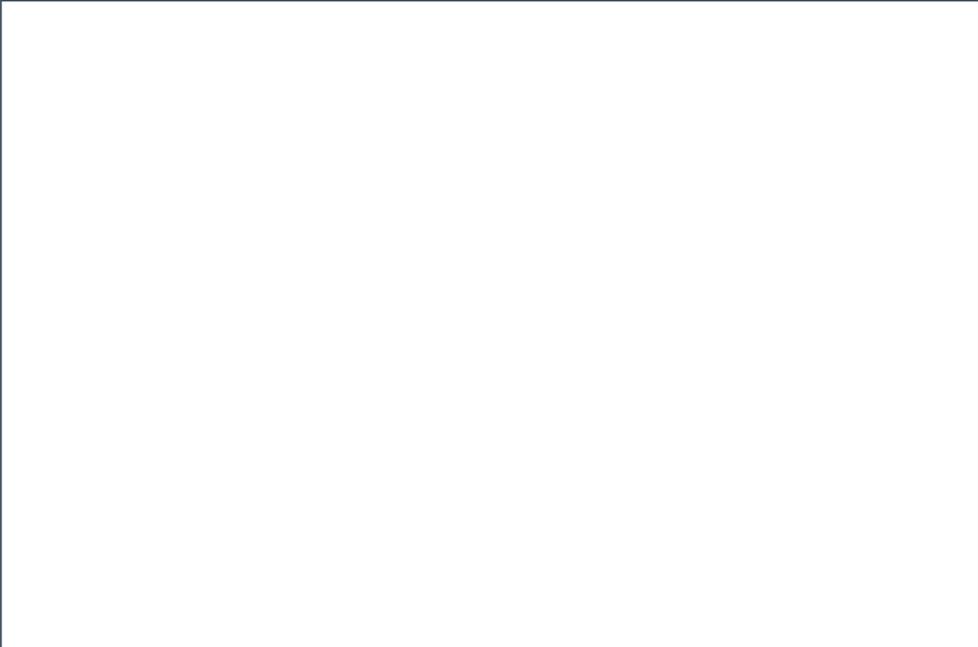
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