

A passion for conservation lives on through scholarship

Robert (Bob) Anderson was passionate about falconry and restoring the peregrine falcon to the bluffs of the Mississippi River. His passion and dedication attracted many to the cause, and in 1988 he founded the Raptor Resource Project.

Bob passed away on July 27, 2015, but his impact on raptors and their habitat is still being felt. Today, Raptor Resource Project creates, improves, and directly maintains over 50 nest sites, provides training in nest site creation and management, and develops innovations in nest site management and viewing that brings people closer to the natural world. Bob's legacy also includes the world-famous Decorah Eagles camera that reached millions of people, bringing a new perspective on raptors to the world.

Bob's passion spilled out to everyone around him, and now his enthusiasm for raptors and conservation will live on through the establishment of the Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Winneshiek County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

"Bob believed deeply in education and the ability of people to make a difference for the better. His passion for scientific research and raptors changed lives and helped bring a species back from the brink of extinction," said John Howe, Executive Director of the Raptor Resource Project.

The Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund will award scholarships



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John Howe

Director of the Raptor Resource Project

to selected Luther College students in Decorah, Iowa. Students will be selected on criteria including demonstrated concern for the environment through positive environmental activism and community involvement or independent studies related to environmentalism.

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His friends and fellow raptor conservationists at Raptor Resource Project hope others will remember Bob and ensure his legacy is passed on to the next generation of conservationist through

gifts to the Fund, increasing the impact the scholarship will have for students following in his footsteps.

"Bob loved Iowa - especially the Decorah area. We believe that the Winneshiek County Community Foundation is the best way to recognize his love and keep our Iowa connection strong," said John. "Bob was born in Minnesota, but Iowa was his home." 🌟

The Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship is one of 140 scholarship funds held with CFNEIA and our affiliates making an impact on student lives. If you are interested in starting a scholarship fund, go to cfneia.org/scholarships or call us at 319-287-9106.

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Grant award ceremonies highlight partnerships

So far this year, 19 grant award ceremonies have taken place across our region. Thank you to all our local volunteers and grant recipients for making these true celebrations of the good happening in your communities.

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa and many of its affiliates just wrapped up a truly inspiring part of our year. Grant ceremonies for our spring grant cycle are winding down, and it's a time for celebration and reflection of the good happening in our region.

Our staff traveled across our region and joined our partners at grant celebrations to hear first-hand how grants impact nonprofits and the people they serve. We heard from high school youth leading a Future Farmers of America project, emergency management workers detailing how they will be able to save more lives, and local symphonies explaining how they bring music to their community. These are just a few examples of the 606 grants totaling over \$2,380,000 CFNEIA and its affiliates have awarded in 2017.

It takes many people, connected through their passion for creating stronger communities, to make this extensive impact possible. Our dedicated local volunteer committee members study grant applications and make difficult decisions about grant awards, and our donors long-term vision carried out through thoughtful philanthropy make our impact through grantmaking possible.

The Community Foundation is extremely grateful for having the most rewarding job ever – making grants to create vibrant communities where all people can thrive. Thank you to everyone who is part of our connected community enriching our region. 



The Boy Scouts of America accept a grant at the Bremer County Community Foundation and Waverly and Readlyn Community Funds joint ceremony.



Black Hawk County 2017 spring cycle grant recipients pose for a group photo during the June awards ceremony at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.



Cresco Quilts of Valor shows an example of their work at the Howard County Community Foundation grant award ceremony.

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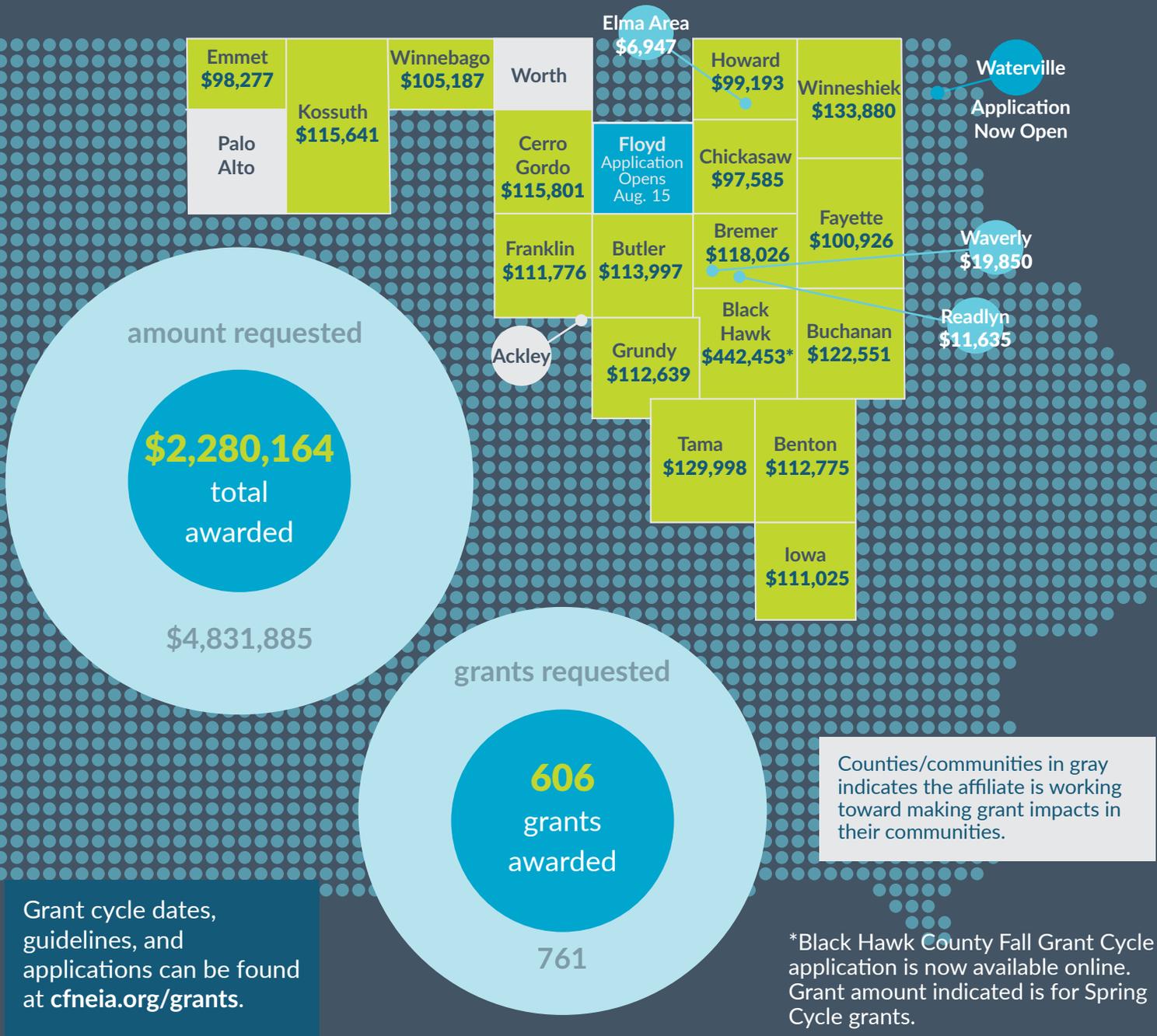
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2017 grants already making an impact in our region

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is over halfway through our 2017 grant season and, thanks to our hard working, community-minded volunteers and donors, organizations across our region have received funding to carry out projects impacting the people and communities they serve. We are extremely honored to be able to create an impact that covers such a large and diverse portion of our state. The requests for funding from nonprofits and government agencies is greater than we can fund, and the need continues to grow. It is only through the generosity of people like you that we can increase our ability to meet these needs.

Thank you to all our volunteers for the commitment you have made to ensuring grants are making the greatest impact where you live. Also, thank you to the individuals, families, and businesses who have made these grants possible through your incredible generosity.

Discretionary grants awarded as of July 25, 2017



Grant cycle dates, guidelines, and applications can be found at cfnea.org/grants.

Helping preserve tradition in a baseball community



Members of the Kossuth County Community Foundation pose with the Bancroft Bandits baseball team at a recent game in front of the scoreboard supported by a KCCF grant.

Bancroft, Iowa has a long tradition of baseball greatness. The small town of around 700 people in northern Kossuth County has produced two major league baseball players who went on to have memorable careers. "Lefty" Joe Hatten pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the late 1940s, and Denis Menke played 13 seasons in the majors, being selected twice to the MLB all star team.

Hatten and Menke played on the diamond at Bancroft Memorial Park, as have all young men who played for the former St. John's Catholic High School team or, today, the North Kossuth Cougars. In total, the stadium has been home to 20 state title teams.

It is a ballpark stuck in time with its wooden fences and bleachers, calling back memories of the "good old days". It feels like a proper home for the national pastime nestled in this small Iowa town. It is a fixture of the community as much as the game itself.

The Kossuth County Community Foundation is part of helping preserve this source of community pride and tradition, making grants totaling \$6,000 to the City of Bancroft who is in charge of the stadium and its upkeep. These grants have gone to help purchase a new electronic scoreboard in 2015 and a grant in 2017 for improvements to the stadium.

"We know this place is, in a sense, sacred to this community," said Carol Heesch, committee chair of the Kossuth County Community Foundation. "It is a place that instills great community pride and serves an important purpose in the region. We are honored to be part of its history."

The installation of the new scoreboard reignited interest in the park and its upkeep, and helped land the Bancroft Bandits, members of the Pioneer League, a college wood bat league, who have taken up residence in Bancroft Memorial Park for the past two years.

The addition of the Bandits has brought in people from across Kossuth County and beyond to enjoy classic baseball in this historic place. It is a development that has injected a shot of life to Bancroft, providing a new source of entertainment and bringing economic benefits.

"The Community Foundation is helping keep baseball strong in Bancroft," said Mark Reimers, Parks and Streets Superintendent for the City of Bancroft. "Their work impacts so many aspects of our community, and for that we are grateful." 



Women in Philanthropy engage in their community

Maureen Oates, a member and leader of CFNEIA's Women in Philanthropy, loves a good story. It's one of the reasons she enjoys reading applications for Women's Fund grants, connects with guest speakers who share their personal stories, and relishes the comradery she feels when gathering with like-minded women working to lift up women and girls in Black Hawk County through philanthropy.

"The stories shared by nonprofits in their applications are telling a story of need for services for women and girls in the Cedar Valley," said Maureen. "It is rewarding to be part of a caring group responding in a way that makes a difference in their lives."

Since its formation in 1999, Women in Philanthropy, through the Women's Fund,



Women in Philanthropy members share who the superwoman is in their life at the spring luncheon.

has granted over \$82,000 to nonprofit projects impacting Black Hawk County women and girls.

A unique benefit of membership is the time the group spends learning about the projects they are supporting. Each year, members visit and volunteer with a nonprofit to see the work through that organization's lens. Currently, Women in Philanthropy has 75 active members and meets quarterly for lunch and to learn from a guest speaker involved in addressing issues facing women and girls. Speakers share stories of people they

serve who have been directly impacted by programs in the county.

"Through sharing stories, we realize how other people could benefit from support and I benefit by having an outlet for sharing my gifts. That's rewarding and motivating to me to continue with this work," said Maureen. 🌟

✔️ Join Women in Philanthropy and impact the lives of women and girls. Get involved at cfneaia.org/wip or contact Elizabeth Hackbarth at ehackbarth@cfneaia.org or 319-243-1352.

IRA rollover helps keep nonprofit singing into future



Members of Bel Canto Cedar Valley

Bob Richardson loves to sing and has been a chamber choir member of Bel Canto Cedar Valley since its inception in 2012. So, when Bob and his wife, JoDee, heard the Bel Canto Board of Directors were interested in establishing a nonprofit agency endowment fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa to sustain its mission, they wanted to help.

Bob and JoDee reviewed their finances and decided to utilize an IRA Charitable Rollover to lead the way in the establishment of the Bel Canto Cedar Valley Endowment Fund. The couple

"Our hope for the fund is that it reinforces BCCV's mission of supporting a lifelong passion for singing and offering a quality choral repertory for Cedar Valley audiences to enjoy."

BOB AND JODEE RICHARDSON
Bel Canto Cedar Valley Endowment
Fund Lead Donors

transferred a portion of their IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to the Community Foundation. They filled out a simple form to make the transfer, and their IRA account sent the check to CFNEIA. By giving in this way, Bob and JoDee benefit in federal income taxes because they did not take the full RMD as income, and will receive the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit. 🌟

✔️ Go to cfneaia.org/irarollover for more information on this opportunity, or ask your financial advisor if this is a good charitable giving option for you.

Grantmaking Snapshots

PROJECT: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Ag Education Week is an ongoing program provided by North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom to preschool through 8th grade classrooms in its eight-county region. The nonprofit received a \$1,250 grant to fund staff to teach ag based lessons in Winnebago County schools to close the knowledge gap between farm and plate, and to increase the agricultural literacy of the students. In 2016, 591 students in Winnebago County schools benefited from agriculture education provided by North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom.



NORTH CENTRAL IOWA AG IN THE CLASSROOM

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

PROJECT: NORTH END ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Now in its 9th year, the North End Arts and Music Fest promotes artistic interest and endeavors among youth and adults in the northeast neighborhoods of Waterloo, a traditionally disadvantaged area with a rich cultural history. The Fest is part of a larger effort to restore pride and build self-confidence in the diverse cultures on Waterloo's North End by showcasing the artistic gifts and talents of all residents, and by promoting cultural education and literacy. The \$5,000 grant will be used to help cover event expenses.



NORTH END CULTURAL CENTER

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST IOWA

PROJECT: DYSART TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT

The City of Dysart received a \$2,500 grant to install a new roof and make repairs to a present trail shelter and install new bike racks. The project also includes the installation of four educational displays that will educate those using the trail on its history, include a downtown business panel directing trail users to what Dysart offers, and an educational panel listing plants on the trail. The city hopes to increase resident and visitor use of the trail and to encourage bike riding and walking for health reasons.



CITY OF DYSART

TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Teen Trust Trustees presented a \$2,000 grant to The Job Foundation in Cedar Falls.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING photo contest

CFNEIA's Good Things Happening Photo Contest is back for 2017!

We are excited to announce the return of this fun way to show the good things happening in Black Hawk County. The contest begins September 1, and runs for four weeks. Grants will again be awarded to the nonprofit of the winner's choosing, and popular picks will be selected through our Facebook page. Join us for this fun opportunity to do good in your community.

Find more contest information at cfnea.org/goodthings.



Endow Iowa tax credits expended for 2017

As of May 9, all 2017 Endow Iowa tax credits have been allocated, but you can still make a gift to impact the causes you care about and receive tax benefits. Endow Iowa eligible gifts made in 2017 will be placed on a wait list for 2018 tax credits. 2018 Endow Iowa credits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to make your gift early to help ensure you receive 2018 credits.

If you have any questions regarding the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit program, please call us at 319-287-9106 or email us at donorrelations@cfnea.org.

Teen Trust teaches future leaders

Since 1994, the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa's Teen Trust program has been a model for youth philanthropy. Each year, a diverse group of students from area high schools allocates \$10,000 to non-profit agencies in Black Hawk County. Using a grant application system, site visits, and training seminars, the Trustees work as a team to decide which organizations to assist through financial aid or volunteerism.

With the aid of Teen Trust director, UNI Student Karly Izer, this year's Teen Trust students collectively raised \$1,200 and granted over \$11,000 to six nonprofit organizations in the Cedar Valley.

"I'm confident that this program gave these young aspiring leaders the tools they need to continue to make a positive difference in their communities as well as the world as they embark on their individual paths in life," said Karly.

In addition to raising and granting dollars for nonprofits, Teen Trust students volunteered at both the Cedar Bend Humane Society and Hartman Reserve.

"Teen Trust showed me how real the vital needs in our community are. I gained a passion for serving others and being a stepping stone in the stability of others' lives," said Trustee Isabelle Werner.

The Trustees are excited to take their philanthropic skills with them into the future. Among the 26 members, thirteen students were awarded scholarships from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa - exemplifying the efforts they have put into their community and their studies.

Next year's trustee board includes 26 members, four of whom are returning to lead committees. "The plan for this coming year is for the teens to be much more involved in planning, facilitating, and even leading the meetings, as well as just have more responsibilities overall so they can get the most leadership and philanthropic experience as possible," said Karly.

Teen Trust 2016-2017 Grant Recipients

Allen Memorial Hospital
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
The Job Foundation
Northeast Iowa Food Bank



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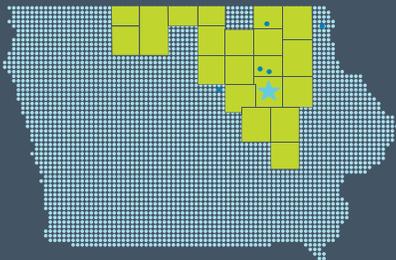
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To inspire people and connect resources to enrich our communities.

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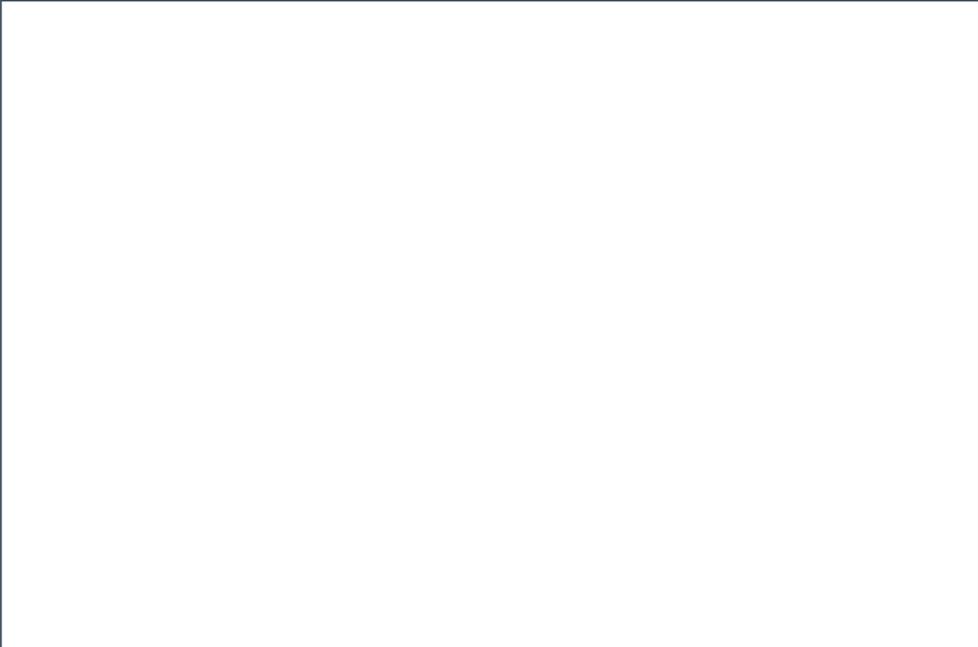
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