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2017 financials

$4,227,867 total assets held by WCCF
$4,118,424 total endowed assets
$514,230 in donations in 2017

our funds

- Robert Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Anonymous Winneshiek County Endowment Fund
- Arp Family Fund
- Baker Family Fund
- Balk Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Loma D. and Frederic A. Carlson Decorah Community School Scholarship Fund
- John Chipersa Family Fund
- Cho Sun, Inc. Scholarship Fund
- Citizens Savings Bank Fund
- Robert “Bob” J. Cowie, Jr. Memorial Fund
- Decorah Bank and Trust and Cresco Bank Scholarship Fund
- Decorah Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund
- Decorah Parks and Recreation Quasi-Endowment Fund
- Friends of the Decorah Public Library Endowment Fund
- Friends of Decorah Public Library Quasi-Endowment Fund
- Decorah Volunteer Fire Department Endowment Fund
- Decorah Volunteer Fire Department Quasi-Endowment Fund
- Dick Gutgott and Barb Sokol Fund
- Eugene Hagman Family Fund
- Richard and Janice Helgen Family Fund
- William Hervey Memorial Fund
- Ronald M. and Lorraine A. Holthus Family Fund
- William H. and Mary Ellen S. Holthus Family Fund
- Gary and Janice Mihm Fund For the Benefit of Northeast Iowa Community College
- Tim Novak Family Educational Fund
- Drew and Cheryl Pellett Family Fund
- Jean Marie Peterson Memorial Fund
- Jean Marie Peterson Scholarship Fund
- Porter House Museum Endowment Fund
- Ken and Ruth Procter Family Fund
- John Rodecap Family Fund
- John Chipera, Inc. Scholarship Fund
- South Winn Dollars for Scholars Endowment Fund
- South Winneshiek Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship Fund
- The Spectrum Network Endowment Fund
- Chris and Rhonda Storlie Family Endowment Fund
- Tjosem Family Fund
- Trout Run Trail-Decorah Fund
- Van Der Maaten Family Fund
- Vestervagen Norwegian-American Museum Fund
- Winneshiek County Community Impact Fund
- Winneshiek County Fair Endowment Fund
- Winneshiek County Endowment Fund
- Winneshiek County Expendable Fund
- Winneshiek County Historical Society Fund
- Winneshiek Medical Center Foundation Endowment Fund
- Winneshiek Medical Center Foundation Quasi-Endowment Fund

Make a gift to a fund, or create your own fund with the Winneshiek County Community Foundation at winneshiekccf.org.

Gifts to the Community Foundation may be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Taxpayers can receive a 25% Iowa tax credit though Endow Iowa in addition to normal federal charitable income tax deductions for certain charitable gifts.

our 2017 grant impact

$180,528 total grants distributed
$133,880 discretionary grants distributed

- arts and culture
- community betterment
- education
- environment
- health
- historic preservation
- human service

2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded

- Art and Culture
  - Pine Bluff 4-H Camp, Re-Building of the Swinging Bridge at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp
  - Winneshiek County Agricultural Association, Show Barn Cement Handicapped Parking Area
- Community Betterment
  - City of Castalia, Walking/Bike Trail at City Park
  - City of Decorah, Decorah Public Library Security Cameras
  - City of Decorah, Dunning’s Spring Park Improvement Project
  - City of Spillville, Civic Improvement Assn - Inwood Floor Repairs/Doors
  - City of Spillville, Library - Replacing & Improving Computer Technology for the Patrons Use
  - City of Spillville, SWAGC - 2017 Pyrotechnic Firing and Safety Improvements Project
  - Winneshiek County, EMA - Sandbagging Machine and Portable Light Tower
- Environment
  - Winneshiek County, Conservation Board - Water Quality and Fishing Improvements at Lake Meyer
- Education
  - St. Francis de Sales School, New and Refurbished Exit Doors
  - City of Spillville, Museum - Changing of Ceiling Lights to LED
  - Upper Iowa River Alliance, New and Improved Upper Iowa River Canoe Guide
  - Winneshiek County, Conservation Board: Water Quality and Fishing Improvements at Lake Meyer

Since 2005, the WCCF has granted nearly $3.5 million to organizations making Winneshiek County communities stronger for all people.

Health
- Aase Haugen Homes, Inc., Eliminate Barriers to Care
- Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, Winneshiek County Safe Routes to School on the Move!
- Winneshiek County Public Health - Save a Friend - Save a Life

Historic Preservation
- American Legion Post 467 - Clarence Bily, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Bandstand Roof Replacement Project
- Porter House Museum, Inc., Safety and Preparedness at the Porter House

Human Service
- Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
- City of Fort Atkinson, 2017 Fort Atkinson Fire Department Turnout Gear
- City of Ossian, Ossian De Sales Child Care Center - Child Care Management System
- City of Protivin, Protivin Community Fire District: Jaws of Life Win 2016
- Decorah Quilts of Valor, 2017 Veterans Day Presentations

Historic Preservation
- First Lutheran Church, Local Food for Local People: Winneshiek Farmers Market Coupon Program
- First United Methodist Church - Decorah, Accessibility for Our Community
- Historic Preservation
- Helping Services for Northeast Iowa, Inc., Youth Mentoring at Helping Services
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Back Pack Program
- Ossian Senior Hospice, Inc., West Wing Lounge/Chapel Remodel Project
- Ridgeway Fire Department, Ridgeway Fire Helmets
what we do

The Winneshiek County Community Foundation connects people with the causes they care about and makes grants to nonprofit organizations enriching our communities.

We do this by helping to simplify the philanthropic process, giving generous people a way to support what matters to them. Gifts to the Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will benefit your community forever. Donors can make gifts to existing funds or create their own named fund to support the charities of their choosing. We invest gifts so they grow, maximizing the resources available to use for grantmaking that addresses community needs.

Winneshiek County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Winneshiek County and its residents. Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, the Winneshiek County Community Foundation is able to build stronger, more vibrant communities across Winneshiek County today, and into the future.

The Winneshiek County Community Foundation is lead by a committee of local individuals from across the county with knowledge of our communities. A distribution committee, also comprised of residents from the diverse communities within the county, makes decisions regarding WCCF grantmaking.

Our Governing Committee (Current Members)

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