

ALVIN AND KAREN VOYNA

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Fund Founders



Alvin and Karen Voyna were born in Cresco, Iowa, Alvin in 1952 and Karen in 1951. They grew up in the area and attended Crestwood High School. After she graduated in 1969, Karen went on to attend the University of Northern Iowa where she obtained a degree in elementary education. Alvin graduated high school in 1971 and stepped right into the working world. Just a few years after school, in 1974, the couple was married and created their lifelong home on the century farm Alvin grew up on.

For twenty-eight years, Karen taught grade school in the Fredericksburg and Howard-Winneshiek

school systems and also worked for the Times Plain Dealer, the local newspaper. Alvin worked at Donaldson Company in Cresco for thirty-six years.

When Alvin and Karen were not working, they stayed active in great community organizations. Karen is currently the vice president of HoCa (Howard Cancer Association) which provides grants to people from the area to help with cancer related expenses. She also volunteers her time by delivering food with Meals on Wheels. Alvin works with both the local Dollars for Scholars program and the New Oregon Cemetery. Together, the couple attends and supports Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cresco. Both are proud of the positive influence they've had on many lives through teaching for many years and their community involvement.

Alvin and Karen were moved to open a fund with the Community Foundation because it's a great way to help the people living in their community.

"Philanthropy to us means helping others live a better and more meaningful life through nonprofit organizations. It is our dream that this fund will help to make the Cresco area better now and into the future," said Alvin.