



Fort Dodge Community Foundation & United Way



2022 Annual Report



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ABOUT US

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way is a 501(c)(3) public charity serving Fort Dodge, Webster County and Northwest Central Iowa. We make grants to a wide range of nonprofit organizations and charitable causes to advance the quality of life of all citizens and to address important community issues, challenges and opportunities.

OUR MISSION

1. To serve as a catalyst for charitable giving –developing charitable resources to support important community programs, services and projects that will benefit the public good and improve the quality of life of all citizens, families and youth in Fort Dodge, Webster County and Northwest-Central Iowa.
2. To serve as a strong and vital community foundation, providing positive, effective, innovative leadership to foster community betterment, advance positive community growth and development and help Fort Dodge and Webster County become a vibrant and robust community – a place where people will want to live, work and raise their families.

MEETS NATIONAL STANDARDS



The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way is an accredited community foundation, which means it meets the National Standards established by the Council on Foundations for U.S. Community Foundations - philanthropy’s most rigorous standards. Community foundations that meet these standards have demonstrated that they abide by the highest legal, ethical and effective operating practices, financial oversight, transparency and accountability.

A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation is a unique philanthropic organization. In July 2007, the Fort Dodge Community Foundation and the United Way of Greater Fort Dodge merged into one philanthropic organization. Both organizations shared a common mission – to advance the common good and improve the quality of life of people in our community and region through charitable giving. This partnership has provided the opportunity to leverage resources and reduce duplication in philanthropy. This collaborative model is the first of its kind in the nation and offers our community and region a “one-stop shop” for community-based charitable giving.

Organizations that received grants from the Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way in 2022

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Almost Home
Barnum Fire Department
Blanden Memorial Art Museum
Comedia Musica Players
Dayton Community Grocery Store
Des Moines Performing Arts
Everytown
Exira Community Center
First Covenant Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association
Fort Dodge Public Library Foundation
Friends of the FD Public Library
Friends of Webster County Conservation
Good Shepherd Pet Alliance
Gowrie Development Commission
Gowrie Grocery LLC
Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance
Hawkeye Community Theater
Iowa Central Community College
Iowa Sate Center Performing Arts Fund
Iowa Women's Foundation
New Covenant Christian Church
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
PICA
RocknRail1850
Rogers Sports Complex Development Group
SAAB Heritage Museum USA
Shellabration, Inc.
Veterans Memorial Park Project
Webster Co. Ag Extension District

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Fort Dodge Police Department
Fort Dodge Fire Fighters Association
Fort Dodge Police Association
Iowa DPS
United States Police Canine Association
USPCA Region 21
Webster County CrimeStoppers
Webster County Emergency Management
Webster County Sheriff's Dept.

HUMAN SERVICE

Algona VFW 2541
American Friends Service Committee
American Red Cross-North/ Western Iowa
Backback Buddies
Beacon of Hope
Brady O'Brien Live
Cactus Cares
CARE
Catholic Charities
Children and Families of Iowa
Community and Family Resources
Community Health Center of Fort Dodge
Compassion & Choices
D/SAOC
Doctors Without Borders USA
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Food at First
Food Bank of Iowa
Fort Dodge Housing Agency
Fort Dodge PROSPER-Strengthening Families
Friends of Iowa PBS
Gateway to Discovery
Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance
Greenpeace Fund
Gulfside Assembly
Habitat for Humanity
KIVA Administration
LilfeWorks
LinksWay Foundation
Lord's Cupboard
Lotus Community Project Inc.
Lutheran Family Services
Marian Home
National Audubon Society
National Geographic Society
Oxfam
Rezound! Handbells Inc.
Salvation Army
Smile Train
Special Olympics of Iowa
The Nature Conservancy
UNICEF USA
Unions of Concerned Scientists
United Way of North Central Iowa
Upper Des Moines - Fort Dodge

MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH

Alzheimer's Association
American Cancer Society
Badger Lake Dragon Boat Association
Friendship Haven
Iowa Heart Center Foundation
Mayo Clinic
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
Trinity Health Foundation
U of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital

FAMILY SUPPORT

Fort Dodge Housing Agency
Fort Dodge Prosper/Strengthening Families
Upper Des Moines Opportunities
VITA/Volunteer Tax Preparation
Wheels for Work
YWCA

YOUTH SUPPORT

AFES
Boy Scouts of American, Mid America Council
FDSH Athletic Booster Club
FDSH Speech & Drama Booster Club
First United Methodist church
Fort Dodge Amateur Sports
Fort Dodge Area Symphony
Fort Dodge Choral Society
Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association
Fort Dodge Senior High Choir Boosters
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa
ISU Extension - Webster County
Jaguar Little League
Southeast Valley Junior High School
Webster County 4H

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FROM THE FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2022, 86 students attending 26 different colleges and universities received scholarships

- Allen College
- Iowa Central Community College
- Bethany College
- Iowa State University
- Bethel University
- Kirkwood Community College
- Briar Cliff University
- North Iowa Area Community College
- BuenaVista University
- Salem University
- Carlton college
- Simpson College
- Central College
- South Dakota State University
- Coe College
- University of Iowa
- Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)
- University of Minnesota
- Drake University
- University of Nebraska
- Ellsworth Community College
- University of Northern Iowa
- Florida State University
- University of South Dakota
- Grandview University
- University of St.Thomas

Our Funds

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation manages over 130 funds with a total investment of more than \$19 million. All funds are managed professionally with the long-term objectives of safeguarding principal, increasing that principal's growth sufficiently to offset any decrease in purchasing power, due to inflation, and generating income for distribution to support the our donors' charitable interests. Professional fund managers are retained to invest and manage our fund with the objective of achieving the highest total return possible commensurate with appropriate risk and prudent investment strategies.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

- Ahlers-Leman Fund
- Averill Memorial
- Charles Foughty Memorial
- Dale and Donna Decker Charitable Endowment
- Decker Family Charitable Non-Endowed
- Donney Family Non-Endowed & Endowed
- Dr. Edward Miller Memorial
- Flaherty Charitable
- Fort Dodge Ford Toyota
- Gift From India
- Guderian
- Habhab Charitable
- Haire Family
- Humes Family
- Jeff Bocken Charitable
- Megan Bocken Charitable
- Merrill Family Non-Endowed & Endowed
- Moeller Family
- Mulholland Charitable Non-Endowed & Endowed
- Neiss-Beekman
- Palmer Foundation
- Pendry Charitable
- Perkins
- Simpson Charitable Non-Endowed & Endowed
- Stanek Memorial
- Stark Memorial
- Tibbitts Family Foundation
- Wilson Benevolent Fund
- Wilson Family
- Woodruff Charitable

DESIGNATED FUNDS

- Blanden Foundation
- Cline 4-H Foundation
- Danuta & Kent Oberg Children's Rosary
- Deardorf Oakland Cemetery
- FD Collegiate Singers
- FD Public Library
- Fireman's
- First Covenant Church
- GFDGA
- Iowa Native Lands
- Ivan Metzger Public Safety
- Janet Burns Educational
- Jauelynn Ann Oberg Fund of the Holy Spirit
- Julie Ann Messerly Children's Rosary
- Lady of Guadalupe
- Manson Community Betterment
- Manson Youth Cougar Club
- Market on Market
- Rogers Sports Complex
- Serving Our Servants
- Zylstra Charitable

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Charles F. Foughty Scholarship Fund
- Class of 1958 FDSH
- Daniel Scholarship
- Don Schnurr Scholarship
- Dorothy Jansen Scholarship
- Emily Joy Averill Scholarship
- Merrill 5M Scholarship
- O'Connell Scholarship
- Rufer Scholarship
- Schmoker Scholarship
- Simpson Scholarship
- Touney Scholarship

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDS

- Boone Forks Fund
- Compassionate Friends
- Dragoon Etching Trail Fund
- Fort Dodge Mountain Bike Association
- FD Community Foundation County Endowment
- Fort Dodge Public Art
- Freedom Rock
- Frontier's Day
- Golden Day Adult Care Center
- Grow Greene County - Calhoun
- Grow Greene County - Webster
- Historic Preservation
- Home Base Iowa
- ICCC Sim Lab
- Improving Iowa
- Iowa Great Places
- Lord's Cupboard
- Lost Grove Community Center
- Market on Central
- Parks to People
- Phillips Auditorium
- PICA
- Prairie River Trail Ride
- RAGBRAI
- Rec Center Project
- TOKA
- Webster County Conservation
- Webster County Trails

CALHOUN COUNTY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

- CCCF Endowment
- CCCF Unrestricted
- Connie Betts Mills Scholarship
- Southern Calhoun County Schools Scholarship

AGENCY FUNDS

- Ashlar Lodge 111
- First Covenant Church
- Fort Dodge Choral Society
- Fort Dodge Fine Arts
- Fort Dodge Police Foundation
- FD Police K-9
- Fort Museum Historical Foundation
- Friends of Conservation
- Gowrie Development Fund
- Rec Center Foundation
- Twin Lakes Restoration
- Twin Lakes Restoration Foundation
- Webster County Sheriff's Fund
- Keepers of the Land Fund
- YWCA

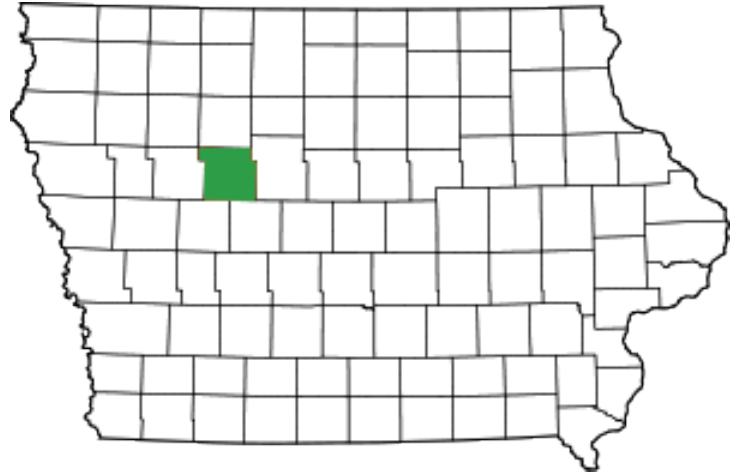
PROGRAM FUNDS

- Bridging the Gap Fund
- Character Counts
- Children's Hope Chest Fund
- Homelessness Prevention
- Hope for Healing Fund
- Joy of Reading
- Meals on Wheels
- PACE
- Safe Communities Coalition
- Special Events
- VITA
- Wheels for Work
- Women's Support Network

Our Affiliate Community Foundation: Calhoun County Community Foundation

In June 2013, the Calhoun County Community Foundation became an affiliate of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation. As an affiliate, all funds of the Calhoun County Community Foundation come under the jurisdiction of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation.

As the host and partner of the Calhoun County Community Foundation, the Fort Dodge Community Foundation provides the following services: investment management, technical and fundraising assistance, fund development support, financial management of funds, and administrative support of the Endow Iowa County Endowment Grant Program.



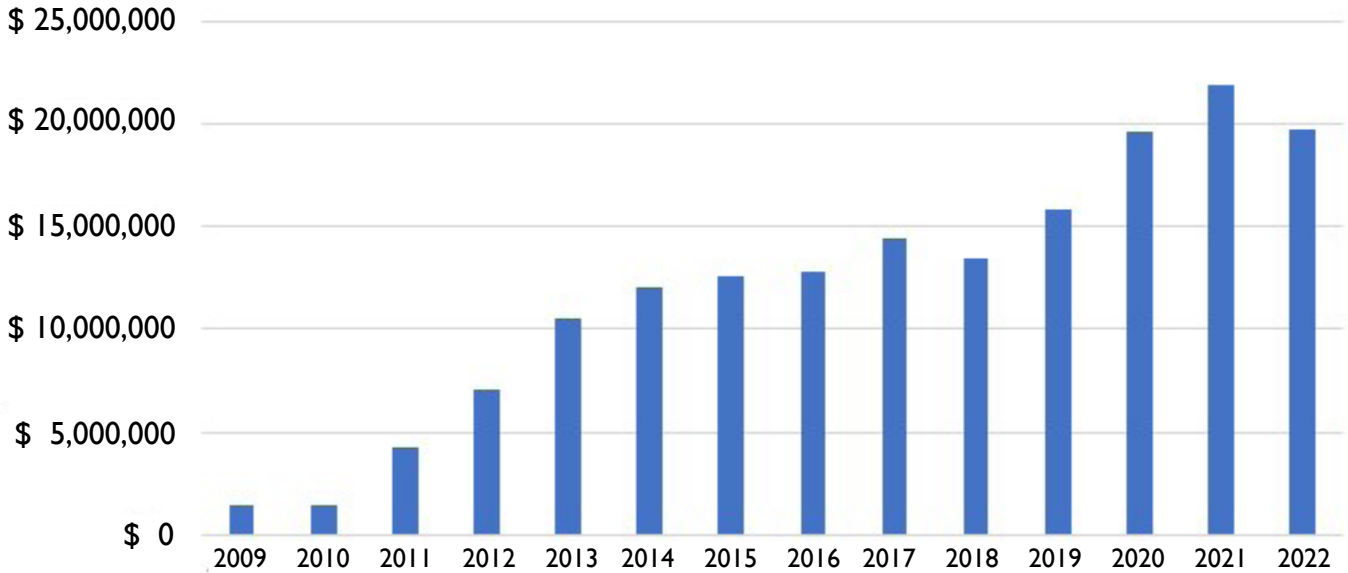
2022 Calhoun County Community Foundation Grants

- Butler Township Fire Company
- Calhoun County Historical Society
- City of Lohrville
- City of Manson
- Comm. Betterment Club of Farnhamville
- Iowa State Univ. Extension
- JJ Hands Public Library
- Jolley Fire Dept
- Lake City Fire Dept.
- Lake City Public Library
- Lohrville Ambulance service
- Lohrville Fire Dept.
- Manson Area Community Center
- Manson Fire Dept.
- Manson Hometown Grocery
- Opportunity Living
- Pomeroy Fire Dept.
- Pomeroy Public Library
- Reading Cedar Fire Dept.
- Rockwell City and Manson Public Libraries
- Rockwell City Depot Preservation
- SCC Elementary School

2022 Grow Green County Grants via Calhoun County Community Foundation

- Calhoun County Conservation
- Central School Preservation
- Manson Youth Cougar Club

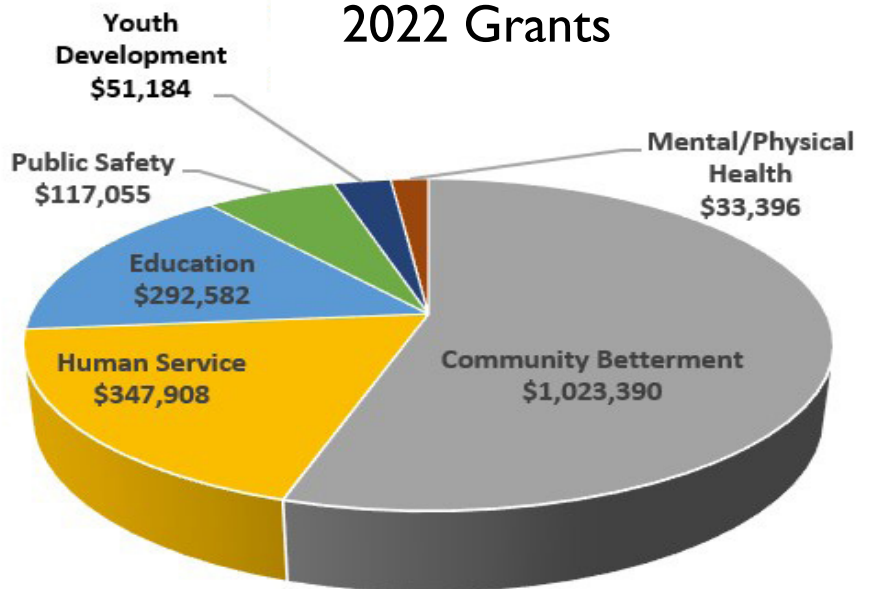
Funds Under Management 2009 - 2022



2022 Grants and Contributions

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2022 Grants	
Community Betterment	\$1,023,390
Human Service	\$347,908
Education	\$292,582
Public Safety	\$117,055
Youth Development	\$51,184
Mental / Physical Health	\$33,396
	<u>\$1,865,515</u>
2022 Contributions	
Donor Advised	\$572,880
Scholarship	\$67,393
Designated	\$1,258,044
Undesignated	\$555,306
Total Contributions	<u>\$2,453,623</u>

2022 Grants



Community Betterment

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation plays a crucial role in advancing community betterment by supporting and leading projects and programs that are designed to improve our community in terms of its quality of life and well-being for all people. In Fort Dodge, community betterment projects help our community develop a “sense of place” that nurtures us, defines us and gives us a special strength and identity. These projects give us a sense of pride and connectedness. Community betterment projects impact such things as education, health, the environment, parks and green spaces, arts, culture and history, recreation, leisure and entertainment, and public safety.



Community foundations throughout our nation are actively involved in developing funds that provide long-term support for building bright and prosperous futures for communities of all sizes. Effectively mobilizing engaged citizens that are inclined to give back to their communities is a critical source of new revenue generated by community foundations. This gives them the ability to provide financial resources to support strategic investments that will ultimately improve quality of life and provide for the long-term well-being of their communities. By providing financial resources and leadership, community foundations serve as catalysts for transforming communities.

Community foundations are unique in their ability to see and influence a wide and interconnected array of community and economic development challenges and opportunities. Community foundations can help match charitable resources with community opportunities, they can handle all sides of a program transaction including convening to study the problem, fundraising to establish funding streams, building partnerships, leveraging resources, and implementing action.

A critical piece of drawing people to communities and keeping them there is quality of life amenities including a broad range of recreational, entertainment and cultural venues, high quality educational opportunities, attractive, safe neighborhoods, high quality health care facilities and parks, trails and green spaces. These elements require communities to invest in themselves. A key strategy for long term investment is endowment building. This is accomplished by encouraging citizens to “leave a legacy” and give back to their communities to advance quality of life and foster community vitality.

Economists and sociologists often point out that communities that are thriving and prospering enjoy a high level of social capital. Generally speaking, social capital is defined as the connections within and between people and social networks. Put in simpler terms, communities with high levels of social capital have citizens that are engaged and willing to get involved to make a difference. There are ten indicators that determine the amount of social capital within a community; trust, cooperation, mutual support, caring, consensus, respect, cohesiveness, commitment, investment and civic participation. When these ten elements are present, community vitality emerges and a synergism develops that advances the community’s ability to overcome challenges and make progress even during difficult economic times.

Thriving and progressive communities usually have a high degree of social capital that is demonstrated through an ingrained sense of connectedness, resourcefulness and resiliency. These communities utilize the talents and resources of their local citizens to invest in economic, social and educational opportunity all. They also have a community optimism that inspires a sense of hope and a “can-do” spirit. Their spirit and optimism produces a community energy that creates inspired leadership and engaged citizens who want to work together to advance community vitality and economic prosperity.

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation works every day to advance social capital in Fort Dodge and Webster County. It is a crucial part of our mission and it is reflective of our efforts to develop charitable resources for important community causes, projects and programs. It is demonstrated every day through the willingness of citizens to get involved, donate and volunteer to help our community become a great place to live, work and raise our families.

Safe Communities: Fort Dodge and Webster County

Advancing Public Safety, Crime and Drug Prevention

"If we do nothing, we will accomplish exactly that."

President Franklin Roosevelt

Safety and crime prevention is fundamental to the health and vitality of every community. Citizens need to know that their family and friends can walk in their neighborhoods without fear, and that their streets, parks, schools and public places are peaceful places. Safety is also critical to economic development and attracting new businesses to communities. When communities are safe, quality of life is enhanced and local economies flourish.



2020 FBI crime statistics show that Fort Dodge ranks low regarding the rate of crime in our community. Out of the 56 largest cities in Iowa, Fort Dodge ranks 51st with crime per capita.

Perceptions of community safety, whether they are real or perceived, impact the way people feel and interact in their community. Community safety and crime prevention is not just a police issue; it's truly everyone's responsibility. It involves encouraging the community to support law enforcement and engaging all sectors of the community in helping Fort Dodge become a safer place to live and work.

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way has established a Fort Dodge Safe Community Coalition that is determined to take action to improve safety by combating crime and violence, and significantly reducing the illegal use of drugs.

The Fort Dodge Safe Community Coalition is leading a coordinated intervention strategy between local law enforcement and various community partners that combines best practices in public safety, crime, violence and drug prevention to make Fort Dodge a safer and healthier community. The Coalition takes a proactive approach to create an atmosphere of cooperation, trust, and understanding in our efforts to create healthy and positive change.

Our Vision: The greater Fort Dodge area including Webster County will unite and embrace the important goal of becoming become a safe, strong and thriving community.

Our Mission: Our mission is to work together to establish a safe, caring, drug-free and crime-free community that supports youth, families and citizens of all ages.

Our Objective: To significantly diminish criminal activity and reduce the illegal and inappropriate use of drugs, alcohol, and vaping. We aim to support responsible decision-making skills with our youth so they will make healthy choices in life. We will also address improving youth and family safety.

LAWRENCIA'S JOURNEY- A HAPPY ENDING AND A LIFE SAVED

Lawrencia was born to a prostitute addicted to cocaine. In her first few months of her life, Lawrencia was briefly cared for by various uncles and aunts who were also battling addiction to illegal drugs.

Luckily, an angel was in her corner and her maternal grandmother took her in at 3 months of age, raised her and legally adopted her at the age of 10. Lawrencia's grandmother believed in God, education and hard work. She knew the mistakes of her children as none of them finished high school and all had substance abuse problems. She wanted to help her granddaughter get on a better path.

In 2011, Lawrencia graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High. She then found her first job working for a family company in Chariton, Iowa. She then moved back to Fort Dodge in 2020 to take care of her ailing grandmother. When Lawrencia's grandmother passed, she moved in with a cousin and other family members where substance abuse issues were very common. Her cousin had a daughter, but lost placement of her daughter due to ongoing substance abuse issues. During this time Lawrencia had to vacate the house because of the drugs in the home. She knew that she had to take a different path than most of her family members.

Even though Lawrencia found herself homeless, she felt the obligation to become the caretaker to her cousin's daughter, Lyla. Lawrencia was only 27 and the little girl had just turned 2.

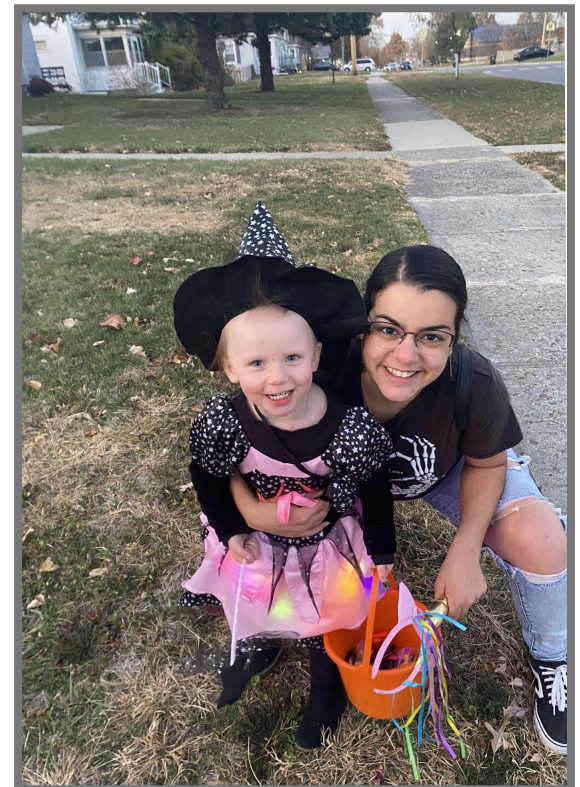
During this time of homelessness, Lawrencia was able to stay with a friend while she was checking on housing assistance. Through this process, she was able to get an application to transitional housing and was accepted into that program at Fort Dodge Housing. This move allowed her to have a separate bedroom for Lyla which was required by DHS guidelines for Lawrencia to become her actual foster parent.

Moving into the unit, Lawrencia had little to no furniture and reached out to the United Way in regards to accessing the Bridging the Gap Program. The connection was made and Lawrencia was able to outfit her new unit with beds, a couch, chairs and other home items, all donated to United Way's Bridging the Gap program by people willing to give their gently used furniture and home items to help others in need.

It was during this process that Lawrencia started working with our United Way program coordinator. Having surgery and knowing she couldn't go back to her old job, Lawrencia connected with United Way and received support and assistance in writing her resume, searching for a job and exploring educational opportunities. Lawrencia had no family support. She was on her own with a three year old foster child, but through United Way's support and its Women's Support Network, Lawrencia was matched with a mentor and continues to meet with her to help guide and support her through challenges and hurdles that she must overcome.

Since that time, Lawrencia has secured a job with the Fort Dodge School district as a para educator; she became a licensed foster parent, and not only fostered Lyla, but on Nov. 10th, 2022, officially adopted Lyla as her daughter. And she is not stopping there. Lawrencia is currently enrolled at Iowa Central Community College, taking classes to finish her AA degree in Human Services. From there, she'd like to finish her bachelor's degree and provide the best life for her and her daughter!

Thanks to a loving grandmother and to United Way, Lawrencia is on her way to a much better life, with her beautiful daughter Lyla. Two lives changed – and very likely, two lives saved.



Jim Humes.... Founder and Board Member 1935 – 2023

“It’s amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” -Harry S. Truman

Jim Humes was the founder and charter member of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation. On February 1, 2023, The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and our community lost a good friend and leader when he passed away at his home in the company and the enduring love of his wife and children.

Jim Humes was born in a small town in Oklahoma. His family had limited financial means. As a young man, Jim learned the value of hard work, character and integrity. He also learned that if you wanted to get something done, you can’t be afraid to go after it. Jim was he was a hard worker and a self-made man. Nothing was given to him. He had to work for it. He had to earn it; and he did just that.



Jim had an entrepreneurial spirit that was reflected in how he took a big personal risk and collected all of his limited personal resources, to buy a business – one that he had no experience in, and then he turned it into a very successful business enterprise, Humes Distributing Inc.

“If you do nothing, for sure you will get nothing.” This quote is one that Jim believed and lived. It is a quote that reflected his vision when he took the initiative to establish a community foundation for his beloved community of Fort Dodge.

After the tragic death of his nephew in South Dakota, Jim was inspired, and strongly believed that Fort Dodge needed a strong community foundation. Jim’s exceptional commitment to his community spawned his vision for establishing the Fort Dodge Community Foundation to advance philanthropic giving for the betterment of his community. In 1995, Jim organized a meeting of community and business leaders to begin the process for establishing a community foundation. At that meeting, Jim stated; “Fort Dodge needs a community foundation. Today, it is just a seed – a small seed. But it’s going to grow.”

Jim stayed involved with the community foundation for the next 21 years as a board member, and helped advance his vision to reality. Today the Fort Dodge Community Foundation has grown to be an important community foundation that provides and supports programs, services, and organizations that benefit the public good and improve the quality of life of all citizens, families and youth in Fort Dodge.

“It’s amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” This quote from Harry S. Truman was one of Jim’s favorites and he personified this quote as a community and business leader. Jim didn’t want or need accolades for himself. He just wanted to accomplish things for his community. As a man of few words, when Jim spoke, people listened and responded because of the respect they had for him.

Thanks to Jim’s vision and leadership, and his actions to establish a community foundation, Fort Dodge is benefiting greatly and will continue to benefit for many decades to come; just as Jim had hoped and predicted.

Floyd of Rosedale – a Successful Community Partnership

Our community of Fort Dodge is replete with examples of how we work together and invest in our community to make it a special place to live. The Floyd of Rosedale project is another wonderful example of a successful community partnership.

When the Fort Dodge Community Foundation was asked to serve as the owner of the sculpture and to help Councilman Dave Flattery with the fundraising effort for this project, Randy Kuhlman, C.E.O. of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation enthusiastically said “YES. Floyd of Rosedale is a unique event and story that our community should celebrate.”



Kuhlman stated that “recognizing special moments in our community’s past allows us to appreciate our cultural richness and conjure deep regard for the iconic events and milestones the make up the legacy of our community. By celebrating events and sharing stories and local traditions, we gain greater appreciation for those that came before us and it strengthens our connection to our community’s past, present and future. “

A robust community partnership made this project happen. The organizations and businesses that brought this project to fruition include the City of Fort Dodge, the Fort Dodge Community Foundation, and private businesses who stepped up and donated in-kind services; Russ Clark Construction, Kalen Johnson Monuments, Beimrich Electric, and Woodruff Construction (donating the use of a large crane). In addition, Iowa Central Community College donated a semi-truck and trailer and driver to pick up and deliver Floyd from Mount Vernon, Iowa to Fort Dodge. Also, PICA landscaped the area and helps maintain the Plaza grounds. Our gratitude and sincere appreciation goes out to all of these community-minded businesses and organizations, and the generous donors that contributed to this project.

Over \$186,000 was donated to this project from local businesses and citizens, plus additional in-kind services have been provided valued at approximately \$20,000.

When Councilman Dave Flattery proposed the idea to find an appropriate way to celebrate the Floyd of Rosedale tradition of which Fort Dodge is a key part, these local businesses and organizations immediately stepped up. They only needed to be asked. It is this type of community spirit that has made Fort Dodge the community it is today. The Floyd of Rosedale plaza and sculpture is another community project that helps make Fort Dodge a special place to live, work and play.

How Floyd got his start

The origin of the Floyd of Rosedale tradition can be traced to a 1934 football game between the University of Iowa and the University of Minnesota. All-American running back Ozzie Simmons, one of the few black players in major college football at the time, was a Hawkeye. The

Minnesota players singled him out for some brutal and even abusive hits on the way to winning the game.

In the run-up to the 1935 game between the two rivals, Hawkeye fans were boiling with anger and Iowa Gov. Clyde Herring suggested that the fans would take action if the referees didn't put an end to the attacks on Simmons. To help quell the anger between the two Big Ten universities, Minnesota Gov. Floyd Olson offered up a bet to Iowa Governor Clyde Herring – the bet stipulating that the loser of the game would give a live hog to the winner. The bet was well received and served to help cool down the anger.

Minnesota won the game, 13-6. But by all accounts, it was a clean game and the players from both schools complimented each other after it was over.

Governor Herring, however, had to pay up. He turned to Allen Loomis, the owner of Rosedale Farms just east of Fort Dodge, for a prize hog. He named the pig Floyd in honor of the Minnesota governor. In 1935, a pig left its humble home on a farm near Fort Dodge and ascended to near mythical status in college football tradition.

Floyd the pig was the brother of Blue Boy from the famous Will Rogers' movie "State Fair." A few days following the game, Governor Herring collected Floyd of Rosedale and personally walked him into Floyd Olson's carpeted Governor's office to present him his reward for winning the game. Within a few years, due to the challenges of transferring live hogs from one Governor's office to another, the universities agreed to create a trophy instead.

Soon dubbed Floyd of Rosedale, the pig's image became a traveling trophy that the University of Iowa Hawkeyes and the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers battle for and covet every year. Now, a massive likeness of Floyd stands at 10th Avenue North and 32nd Street, very near the site of the Rosedale Farm where the pig once lived.



That steel sculpture was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by about 60 people, including former governor of Iowa, Terry Brandstad, and the voice of the Hawkeyes, Gary Dolphin.

"It's been a great rivalry," former Gov. Terry Brandstad said. "Everybody covets winning that trophy."

Standing 14 feet tall, 15 feet long, and tipping the scales at some 3,000 pounds, this steel version of Floyd of Rosedale dwarfs the animal that became the basis of the traveling trophy that the University of Iowa Hawkeyes and the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers battle for on the football field every year.

According to Gary Dolphin, the radio voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes who served as the master-of-ceremonies for the event, "Floyd of Rosedale trophy is known in college football circles as the most recognized college football traveling trophy in the country."

Fort Dodge City Councilman Dave Flattery spearheaded the fundraising effort in partnership with Randy Kuhlman, C.E.O. of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation. All of the money

needed to pay for the project came from grants from foundations and private donations. The City of Fort Dodge donated the land located at the intersection of 10th Avenue North and 32nd Street near the Rosedale Farm where the original hog named Floyd was born and raised.

Artist Dale Merrill, of Mount Vernon, was hired to create the sculpture. "My vision was to have something that is very recognizable as Floyd of Rosedale, but to add an abstract element to it," Merrill said. The abstract element can be found in the five layers of Cor-Ten steel that make up the sculpture. He said those layers represent the changing topography found in Iowa's farm fields.

"It was neat to draw those things together," Merrill said. Merrill, who described himself as a "big time Iowa fan" said he was well aware of the Floyd of Rosedale tradition before he started the project in October of 2020.

The Floyd of Rosedale sculpture at 10th Avenue North and 32nd Street loomed over the gathering during the dedication ceremony. Iowa Hawkeyes broadcast announcer Gary Dolphin was the master of ceremonies. Other speakers included City Councilman Dave Flattery, former Gov. Terry Branstad, Mayor Matt Bemrich, and Randy Kuhlman, chief executive officer of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation.

Mayor Matt Bemrich touted the importance of public art to the city. Art, he said, is an important element to creating a community poised for economic opportunity.

Former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad snipped a green ribbon at the ceremony to formally mark the debut of the Floyd of Rosedale sculpture.

Branstad said he grew up in Winnebago County, not far from the Iowa-Minnesota border. "There is always plenty of fans of Hawkeye and Golden Gophers fans in the area to provide for a great deal of ribbing and bantering back and forth between them," he said.

While Brandstad was well aware of the Floyd of Rosedale tradition, the former Governor said he did not initially know that the celebrated pig came from Fort Dodge. "It's pretty neat that the pig was from Fort Dodge, and this sculpture is a great way to celebrate this unique tradition that Fort Dodge can be proud of."



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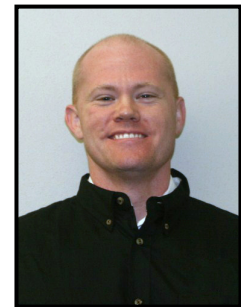


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