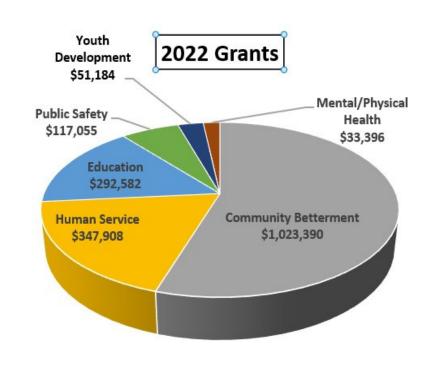


# GIVE BACK and MOVE FORT DODGE FORWARD

Growing, thriving communities understand that community development and economic development are integrally linked together in a synergistic way. Developing and implementing plans to advance our community's livability and quality of life is critical for attracting and retaining a high quality workforce. The implementation of these plans takes resources. Engaged citizens that appreciate the importance of investing in the future of our community can provide the fuel that drives the economic engine. The willingness and capacity to provide financial support for community betterment will determine our ability to cultivate new growth, vitality and prosperity - qualities we all embrace and want for the greater Fort Dodge area.

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way thanks the generous donors who are committed to making Fort Dodge and Webster County a better place to live for everyone. Engaged citizens that give back to our community provide a critical source of new investment for advancing community growth and development. In 2022, grants were made to 84 organizations, projects and programs totalling more than \$1.8 million.

2022 Grants and Contributions	
<u>2022 Grants</u>	
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	!,258,044
Undesignated	\$555,306
Total Contributions	\$2,453,623



# Communities that invest in themselves will be the ones that will prosper

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way offers caring citizens a variety of customizable giving options that can help move Fort Dodge forward and create a lasting impact in the Fort Dodge area.





# FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & UNITED WAY

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# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY, TOMORROW...FOREVER OUR MISSION

To serve as a catalyst for charitable giving by developing charitable resources and making grants 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 lowa.

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.

### A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way is a unique philanthropic organization. In July 2007, United Way of Greater Fort Dodge and the Community Foundation of Fort Dodge and North Central lowa 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 philanthropy. 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.

# FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & UNITED WAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### **MEETS NATIONAL STANDARDS**



The Fort Dodge Community Foundation 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.



## **United Way** of Greater Fort Dodge



**BUILDING A** 

**BRIGHTER FUTURE** 

### **BUILDING a STRONG and VITAL COMMUNITY**

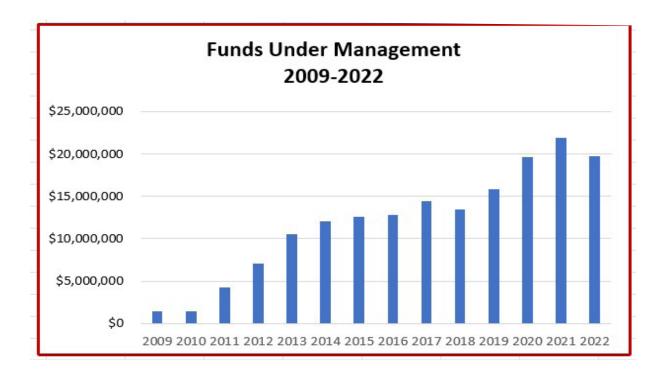
We all want to see Fort Dodge thrive and prosper. We want our community to be a vital and vibrant place that we take pride in and call our home. The strength and vitality of our community can be measured by how well we work together to create positive change and are willling to invest in our community - taking advantage of opportunities to make Fort Dodge and Webster County a dynamic place to live.

#### **OUR YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE**

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way believes that our children are not only our most vulnerable, but also our community's most precious and critical asset. Helping our youth thrive and reach their full potential is one our top priorities. As a community, we need to support our youth and work together to ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to grow up healthy and happy and have a future filled with

By working with our partner agencies and collaboating with our schools, we help strengthen and enhance opportunities for children and teens to reach their full potential academically and developmentally. After all, they will be our future workforce, citizens and parents. A small investment in our youth today will reap significant benefits for our community tomorrow.

"We must do all we can to empower parents and communities to protect our youth, encourage healthy behaviors and teach the values they need to succeed. Colin Powell





# FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Unite **& UNITED WAY**



#### 2022 Award Winners

**Outstanding Pacesetter Company Award** Fort Dodge Ford Toyota Valero Renewables Decker Truck Line

> **Humanitarian Service Award** Jim Humes

#### FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation manages 145 funds that provide charitable support for a wide range range of projects, programs and organizations that address a variety of community issues, challenges and community betterment opportunities in the following areas:

- Building strong youth and families Nurturing economic vitality
- Supporting human services

- Sustaining our history and culture Supporting public safety programs Fostering education and life-long learning
- Promoting positive youth development
- Supporting community beautification
- Supporting our senior citizens Addressing emergency needs Enhancing parks and trails Promoting the arts

- Advancing reading and literacy Improving health and personal well-being
- Supporting recreation and leisure
- Supporting churches

### HELPING BUILD A SAFE COMMUNITY

Fort Dodge – Webster County Safe Communities Coalition

Safety and crime prevention is fundamental to the health and vitality of every community. Citizens want their neighborhoods, streets, parks, schools and public venues to be peaceful places. Safety is also critical to economic development and attracting new businesses to communities. When communities are safe, quality of live is enhanced.

Community safety and crime prevention is not just a police issue; it's truly everyone's responsibility. It involves encouraging support for law enforcement and engaging all sectors of the community in helping Fort Dodge and Webster County become a safer place to live.

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way has established a Fort Dodge - Webster County Safe Communities Coalition that is focused on improving public safety. By sup-

porting and partnering with local law enforcement and various other community organizations, we hope to reduce crime, violence and the illegal use of drugs while advancing youth and family safety.

The Coalition is focused on prevention and taking a proactive approach in creating an atmosphere of trust and cooperation in our efforts to create a safe and peaceful community for youth, families and all citizens. Three initiatives we are currently engaged in include:

1) Promoting Neighborhood Watch programs in our neighborhoods; Educating parents and youth on the dangers of social media and the Internet; and 3) Drug prevention strategies for parents and youth.