

Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way

2023 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 and Webster County. 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

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 and Webster County,

To serve as a strong and vital community foundation, providing positive, effective, innovative leadership to 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 share 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 philanthropy.

Organizations that received grants from the Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way in 2023

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Blanden Memorial Art Museum
City of Gowrie Swimming Pool
Dayton Rodeo Celebration Committee
Des Moines Performing Arts
First Covenant Church
Fort Dodge Choral Society
Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association
Fort Dodge Public Library Foundation
Fort Museum Historical Foundation
Friends of Iowa PBS Foundation
Friends of the Fort Dodge Public Library
Friends of Webster County Conservation
Good Shepherd Pet Alliance
Gowrie Development Commission
Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance
Hawkeye Community Theater
Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund
Historic Downtown Plaque Program
Humane Society of Northcentral Iowa
Iowa Public Radio
IPTV
Lakeside Golf Course Improvement Project
Main Street Fort Dodge
PICA
Rezound! Handbells Inc.
Rogers Sports Complex Develop Group
SAAB Heritage Museum USA
Sacred Heart Preservation
Shellabration, Inc
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum
Veterans Memorial Park Project
Vincent House
Washington National Cathedral

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fort Dodge Fireman's Association
Fort Dodge Police Association
Gowrie Fire Board Agency
Iowa COPS
Officer Kevin Cram Memorial Fund
Protect Young Eyes, LLC
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Webster County Crime Stoppers
Webster County Emergency Management
Webster County EMS Association

HUMAN SERVICE & FAMILY SUPPORT

ACLU Foundation of Iowa
AFES
American Friends Service Committee
American Red Cross of North & Western IA
Backpack Buddies
Badger Lake Dragon Boat Association
Badger Lutheran Church
Beacon of Hope
Cactus Cares
CARE
Catholic Charities
Community Health Center of Fort Dodge
Community United Presbyterian Church
Compassion & Choices
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
D/SAOC
Dayton Doggie Rescue Ranch
Doctors Without Borders USA
Everytown
FD Community Schools - Special Olympics
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Food at First
Golden Day Adult Day Center
Greenpeace Fund
Habitat for Humanity
Heartland Senior Housing
Heifer International
Holy Trinity Parish
KIVA Administration
LifeWorks
Linking Families and Communities
LinksWay Foundation
Lords Cupboard
Lutheran Family Services
Meals on Wheels
National Audubon Society
National Geographic Society
New Covenant Christian Church
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Oxfam
Safe Have Baby Box
SALT Center
Salvation Army
Saxon Lutheran Memorial
Smile Train

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Strands of Strength
The Bird House
The Nature Conservancy
UNICEF USA
Union of Concerned Scientists
Upper Des Moines - Fort Dodge
Warren Willis United Methodist Camp
Webster County Public Health
Women at the Well UMC
World Central Kitchen
Youth Shelter Care
YWCA

MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH

Alzheimer's Association.
Dayton Doggie Rescue Ranch
Emma Goldman Clinic
Friendship Haven
Marian Home
Mayo Clinic, Dept. of Development
Planned Parenthood of N.C. States
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
Trinity Health Foundation

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

AFES
Backpack Buddies
Boys & Girls Club of Story County
FDSH Athletic Booster Club
FDSH Band Boosters Club
FDSH Speech & Drama Booster Club
Fort Dodge Area Symphony
Fort Dodge Senior High Choir Boosters
Jaguar Little League
Southeast Valley School District
Webster County 4-H
Your Own United Resources, Inc

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FROM THE FORT DODGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2023, 81 students attending 28 different colleges and universities received scholarships

- Allen College
- Bethel University
- Briar Cliff University
- Carleton College
- Central College
- Coe College
- Concordia University Chicago
- Creighton University
- Culver Academics
- Des Moines University
- Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)
- Drake University
- Ellsworth Community College
- Grandview University
- Iowa Central Community College
- Iowa State University
- Kirkwood Community College
- Liberty University
- Macalester College
- Marshalltown Community College
- Pittsburg State University
- Simpson College
- University of Iowa
- University of Minnesota
- University of Nebraska
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of South Dakota
- University of St. Thomas

Our Funds

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation manages over 120 funds with a total investment of more than \$22 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 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

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

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

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

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

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

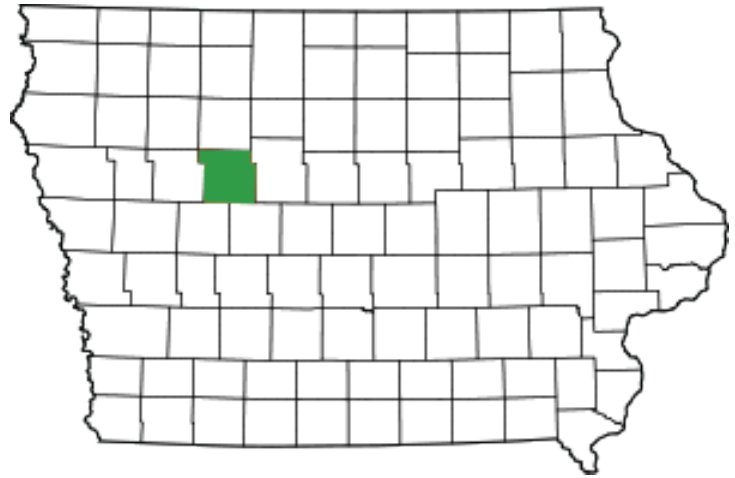
PROGRAM FUNDS

- 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

Calhoun County Community Foundation is 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 investment fundraising assistance, fund development support, financial management of funds, and administrative assistance for the Calhoun County Endowment Grant Program.



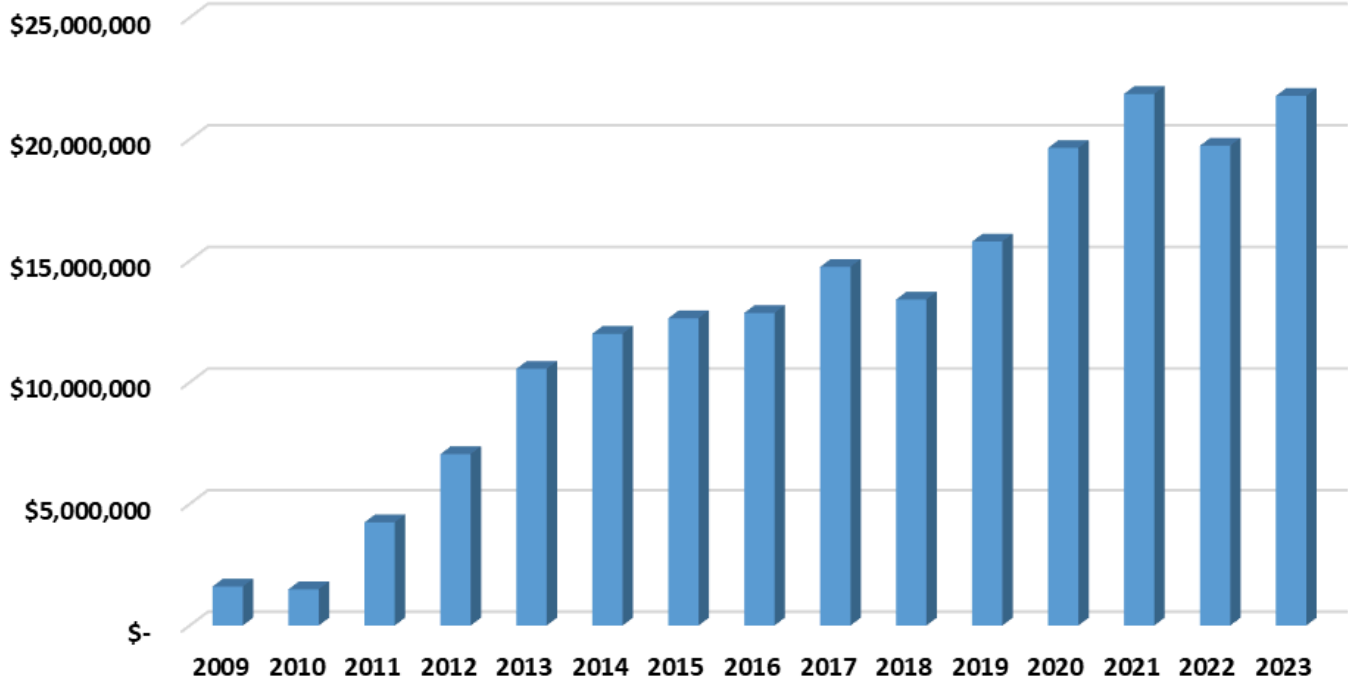
2023 Calhoun County Community Foundation Grants

- Butler Township Fire Co.
- City of Manson Park Board
- City of Manson Swim Team
- Farnhamville Ambulance
- Friends of Community Memorial Building
- Lohrville Ambulance
- Lohrville Fire Dept.
- Lohrville Visions
- Lytton Area Emergency Services
- Manson Area Community Center
- Manson Fire Dept.
- Manson Public Library
- Manson Youth Cougar Club
- Pomeroy Fire Dept.
- Rockwell City Fire Dept.
- Rockwell City Revitalization

2023 Grow Green County Grants via Calhoun County Community Foundation

- Lohrville Visions
- Reading-Cedar Fire Department

Funds Under Management 2009-2023



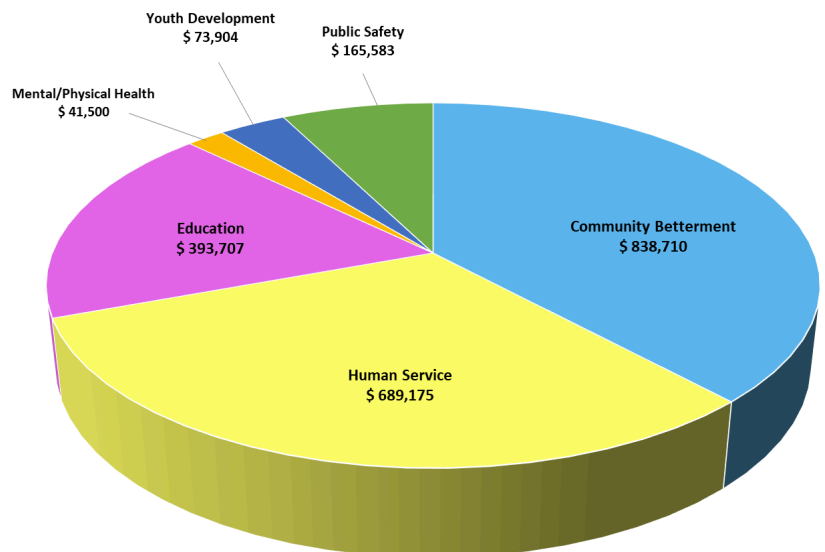
2023 Grants and Contributions

2023 Grants

Community Betterment	838,710
Human Service	689,175
Education	393,707
Mental/Physical Health	41,500
Youth Development	73,904
Public Safety	165,583
	2,202,579

2023 Contributions

Donor Advised	497,232
Designated	1,034,762
Undesignated	580,701
Scholarship	126,678
	2,239,373





The Fort Dodge Community Foundation plays a crucial role in advancing community betterment by supporting and leading projects and programs designed to improve our community's 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, 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. They 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, and 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 for the long-term.

Economists and sociologists often point out that thriving, prosperous communities enjoy a high level of social capital. Communities with high levels of social capital have citizens that are engaged, willing to get involved and work together 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 synergy develops that advances the community's ability to overcome challenges and make progress even during difficult economic times.

Thriving and vital communities utilize the talents and resources of their local citizens to invest in economic, social and educational opportunities for all. They also have a community optimism that inspires a sense of hope and a "can-do" spirit. Their spirit and optimism produce 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, programs and organizations. 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.



SALT Center is Established to Serve the Homeless and the Less Fortunate

The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way, in partnership with Pastor Danelle Rogers with the First Baptist Church, helped plan and develop the SALT Center (Shining a Light Together) which is a community project that provides a warming and cooling center to the residents of Fort Dodge.

Pastor Rogers approached United Way staff with the idea of developing a community center to assist the homeless and also individuals and senior citizens that lack air conditioning during the hotter summer months.

The Center is a place for people to get brief respite from the cold, heat, rain and snow. The Center is currently staffed by professionals from local nonprofit organizations and volunteers from the community. While lower income and homeless residents use the center, they are asked questions as part of an intake process which allows volunteers and professionals to assist them when they have needs for other resources or assistance.

The mission of this Center is a place to offer outreach to the folks that need it the most but may have run into roadblocks that create challenges for them getting the help they need. The long-term, the objective is to help the homeless eventually find appropriate and affordable housing so they can become self-sufficient. By building trust and relationships with the clients, the Center can help clients secure housing and meet other basic needs. The professionals and volunteers also help clients search for employment opportunities and assist them in attaining necessary documents needed for employment and housing including birth certificates, Social Security cards and driver's licenses.

Water, coffee and snacks are provided daily. The center is hosted in the large room on the top level of the First Baptist Church in downtown Fort Dodge. The room offers space where folks can relax and read, sit around a table and talk, play games or color. A few of the participants host a Bible Study. One of the areas of the room is sectioned off and cots are set up so that folks needing to sleep can get more rest comfortably and privately. A shower is available if individuals want to wash up while at the Center.

The SALT Center was established to be a physical location, located in the middle of downtown offering easy access to help all types of individuals. The primary goal is to address the immediate weather elements that may plague an individual, such as the extreme heat or the extreme cold. In addition, the goal is to help individuals receive other assistance that may be needed and to be a place where people can have privacy but also meet other individuals and build a community of support.

Outreach is continuing to raise funds so that the center can remain open year-round with the hope of adding a part-time staff person.



Learn and Celebrate our Fort Dodge History & Culture

www.fortdodgehistory.com

Fort Dodge and Webster County is blessed with a dynamic history, a vibrant culture, rich traditions and interesting nostalgia. Learning about and celebrating the history of our community is important because it allows us to know our past, understand our present and shape our future. It helps us appreciate the context of how our community's history was so notably integrated into the history and development of our state and the pioneer movement that built and expanded our nation.

Our history provides us with insight into our community's culture, traditions and folklore. It details the progress and growth of our community and how it happened. Celebrating our history helps us gain greater understanding, appreciation and respect for the amazing leadership, commitment and sacrifice that early Fort Dodge pioneers made to build our community, and it will create greater appreciation for the place we call home.

Our Fort Dodge History website (www.fortdodgehistory.com) encourages people of all ages to learn, embrace and enjoy the robust history, abounding culture, and fond memories of our community. Plus – reading about our community's and county's history and nostalgia is just plain interesting and enjoyable.

Reasons Why Learning, Embracing and Celebrating Our History Is Important

1. It helps us understand and appreciate Fort Dodge and its rich culture.
2. It gives us greater appreciation for the Fort Dodge pioneers who helped build our community.
3. It helps us relate our own history to our nation's history.
4. It helps us preserve interesting and educational stories.
5. It offers us wonderful memories and nostalgia of days past.

If you have ideas or information that can enhance our website, please contact us and let us know. You can reach the Fort Dodge Community Foundation at 515-573-3171 or email Randy Kuhlman at rk@fd-foundation.org.



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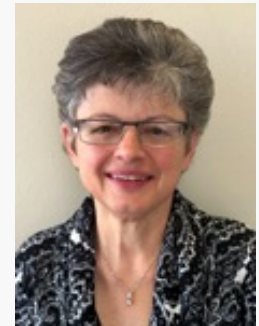
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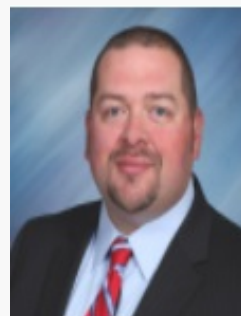
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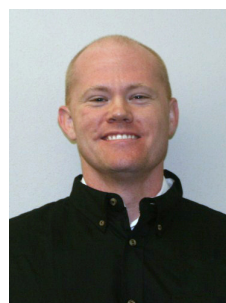
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