

Dyersville Area Community Foundation

Since 2000, the Dyersville Area Community Foundation has had the simple mission of strengthening the communities it serves. We strive to ensure a strong future for our residents. The Foundation serves Dyersville, Earlville, Farley, Luxemburg, New Vienna, Petersburg and Worthington.

Some of the initiatives that we want you to be aware of include:

- **Local Connectors:** We hope to inspire others to give back to their own communities through endowment building, serving as a resource for donors who want to make a difference for others now and for future generations. These endowments provide a substantial source of income for our local nonprofits that are hugely important in our rural area.
- **Grant funding for local non-profits:** With our own endowment, the DACF has awarded grants to our area non-profits in support of their efforts in bettering our local communities. Just in the past five years, we contributed more than \$175,000 to local nonprofits and causes, plus \$50,000 toward the KID Project capital campaign, as well as \$10,000 toward the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed building campaign for children of low income families.
- **Intro to Board Boot Camp:** A free program put on for local non-profits and volunteer organizations to help them be more successful board members.
- **Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading:** We established the Grade Level Reading fund aimed at increasing reading proficiency in area elementary students.
- **Disaster Relief Fund:** We have an established relief fund set up to receive and distribute relief to others in times of disaster. During COVID, the fund distributed over \$10,000 to local nonprofits in need. As part of this, we participate in the Dubuque Area COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) which brings together volunteer and governmental agencies to help those in need and to mitigate, prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.
- **Local Child Care:** We initiated and administer the Kid Project to help ensure available and affordable quality child care in Dyersville and surrounding communities.

Our biggest opportunity would be the idea of **Transfer of Wealth**.

A new study found that \$923 million will change hands from one generation to the next in Dubuque County in the next decade. Often, people who inherit family assets live in or move to another city and/or state. As a result, these assets leave our community. Once these assets leave our county, they are gone forever. However, once a portion is endowed with the Community Foundation, it will remain here forever. If we each set aside just 5% of our assets, over \$46 million would be preserved in endowments for the benefit of our county – resulting in \$55 million for Dubuque County communities over 20 years.

(For more information, visit dbqfoundation.org/dacf or call 563.590.9988.)

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