

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

Our mission is to contribute to a better life for people of South Central Iowa by helping donors to carry out their charitable intent and by providing responsible stewardship of gifts for community purposes.

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How Do I Create A Fund?

1. Decide When to Give

You can create your fund now, establish it in your will, or create it through a trust arrangement that benefits your family as well as charity. You may give in honor of an anniversary, as a memorial, to celebrate a special event or to support a favorite cause. Tax deductions are earned at the time of your gift, while grants awarded from your fund will continue in perpetuity.

2. Decide What to Give

Almost any kind of asset can be used to start your fund, such as cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, real estate, life insurance, tangible personal property and private foundation assets. We can also discuss other options with you, such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, life income and deferred charitable gift annuities.

3. Choose the Name of Your Fund

Most of our funds are named for the donor or the donor's family or as a memorial to someone special. Every grant from the fund will carry this name. If you prefer anonymity, you may choose a name that reflects your fund's charitable purpose.

4. Choose a Type of Fund

We offer a variety of funds that are flexible to meet our donors' different charitable interests.

~**Unrestricted Funds** offers the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made to wherever our community's needs are the greatest.

~**Field-of-Interest Funds** award grants that meet the needs in a particular field or geographic area that is of interest to you.

~**Donor-Advised Funds** enable you to recommend specific organizations to receive grants.

~**Scholarship Funds** help students pursue academic goals.

~**Designated Funds** allows donors to support specific organizations while we make sure that grants to these groups remain relevant over time.

~**Organizational Endowment Funds** are established to benefit nonprofit organizations. We handle all administrative and investment responsibilities, freeing the organization to pursue its charitable mission.

For more information about how to create a fund, please contact our office: 641-217-9105

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Margaret Ricker Memorial Fund



Children receiving the trophy they earned by reaching 100 points.

The Margaret Ricker Endowment was started by Dr. Bruce & Michell Ricker in honor of his grandmother, Margaret Ricker who was a teacher, enjoyed reading to her children and grandchildren and impressed upon Bruce the importance of every child becoming a good reader. Margaret always said reading is the single most important skill children need to be successful in school and successful in life.

The Margaret Ricker Endowment supports both the Raider Reader and Maroon Reading programs that help every child in Ringgold County in kindergarten through 6th grade become the best readers they can be. The program provides incentives to motivate children to regular continual at-home reading until reading is both mastered and enjoyable. Teachers love the program because it engages the parents in the learning-to-read process and parents love it because they get to spend quality time reading with their children.



City of Afton Receives Grant to Improve Afton Lake Area

The City of Afton received a \$1,972 grant from Endow Union County-SCICF to purchase new playground equipment to make improvements at the Afton Lake. They installed a 2 bay swing set with 2 regular swings and 2 toddler swings. They also now have a thrilling raft rider. With the new items at the Afton Lake, it will be utilized by more people, giving children a nice place to play.

Volunteers helped with the assembly and installation of the equipment. Future plans include possibly adding a shelter house and restrooms

Decatur County Conservation Endowment



In 1997, a group of Decatur County citizens met with members of the Decatur County Conservation Board to discuss ways to help fund the various park projects and programs of the conservation board. As a result of the meeting, the group formed the Friends of Decatur County Conservation. Friends accomplishes its mission by organizing volunteers of various conservation activities, accepting gifts and donations, raising funds for specific projects and promoting community involvement in conservation efforts.

Friends established the John Untiedt Conservation Endowment. This endowment was named after the late John Untiedt who was instrumental in establishing Friends. The endowment will provide a permanent source of funding for future conservation board endeavors. Current market value of the fund is over \$35,000.

Meet Our Board



Sue Beck
Ringgold County

I was born in a rural town in Michigan called West Branch and at a young age moved to the town of Luddington which is situated on the west shores of Lake Michigan. It was there that I went to LPN school and after graduating I worked two years in a neonatal unit at the local hospital before relocating to southern Iowa in 1973 with my family. It was here that I met and married my husband Daniel in 1976 and we made our home on the family farm located southeast of Mount Ayr where I continue to live after my husband's death in 2002.

I graduated in 1983 as an RN and have worked the past 22 years as assistant nurse administrator of Ringgold County Public Health in Mount Ayr. I have two adult sons; Joel who lives with his family in Des Moines and works for Century Link and Jared who lives with his wife in Kansas City and is finishing his last year of medical school. I have been involved with Ringgold Singers, Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary, headed the local blood mobile drive and am a volunteer Red Cross Nurse.

I enjoy being involved with SCICF and seeing the positive changes that have taken place within our county over the years. This year the children in my Sunday school class are learning to be an everyday philanthropist by sending cards of cheer to children suffering from serious illnesses and long hospitalizations throughout the United States. I look forward to continuing to seek ways of making a difference that can make our world a better place.



Betty Hansen
Lucas County
Vice-President

I was raised on a farm in Grundy County. I am the oldest of four kids and graduated from Grundy County High in the great class of '57. I live on a farm east of Derby in the southwest corner of Lucas County. We have farmed, raised hogs, and corn bean rotation until this past year when my hubby's health no longer let him do the work and we now cash rent the farms out. I have 5 adult children, 3 boys and 2 girls, 12 grandkids, 7 boys and 5 girls and 9 great grand kids, 7 girls and 2 boys. That is the count as of today!

I am a Real Estate Broker and I own the Iowa Realty franchise office in Chariton. I have had a real estate license for twenty and a half years and really enjoy listing and selling real estate as well and managing my agents and I do the administrative work too.

I enjoy serving on the SCICF Board for Lucas County and as VP for the Board. The grants we have been able to award make a big difference in our county. I also have been on the Lucas County Farm Bureau Board for about 18 years. I served as President for 4 years (first woman) and Voting Delegate to the State for 5 years and served on the State Resolutions Committee and have always been active on the membership committee. Currently I serve as Chair for the Lucas County Health Center. I have been on the board since 2005 and have served on the Quality Committee and the Finance Committee. Rotary plays a big part in my life also as I have been on that Board and also served as President in 2010-2011. I enjoy the weekly Friday meetings.

My rental homes and businesses keep me busy, but I am making time for my newest project. I bought the large building on the southwest corner of the Chariton square and am working on the plans for a new business venture. Hope to see most of the interior work done this winter and by spring get ready to open. My yard and garden are fun in the summer and in the winter I like to sew. Time just seems to fly by and every day is a new adventure I am thankful to enjoy.

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Murray Community School Foundation

The Murray Community School Foundation was established as an endowment fund within the South Central Iowa Community Foundation in 1996 with \$400. Today the market value is over \$112,000.

The goal of the Murray School Foundation is to provide funding to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Murray School. Revenue from the fund is used to fund projects and to provide the funds for scholarship for members of the Murray graduating class. The Murray School Foundation has awarded 17 grants and scholarships totaling \$28,950.

The Murray Community Foundation also has two funds under their umbrella: the Stephenson Family Scholarship and the Marjorie Christine Parker Memorial Scholarship.

Chariton Historic Preservation Endowment Receives a \$2 for \$1 Matching Grant

The Chariton Historic Preservation Endowment was established in 2011 when Alyse Hunter won a drawing from Lucas County – SCICF allowing winners to give \$500 to their favorite endowment or to establish a new fund. Alyse chose to setup the Chariton Historic Preservation Endowment with the \$500 grant.

The Lucas County – SCICF awarded the Chariton Historic Preservation a pro-active grant to assist in growing their endowment. The challenge grant is \$2,500. They must raise \$1,250 to receive the match. They have until May 1, 2013 to raise the money. If you would like to help the Chariton Historic Preservation meet their match please contact our office.

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