

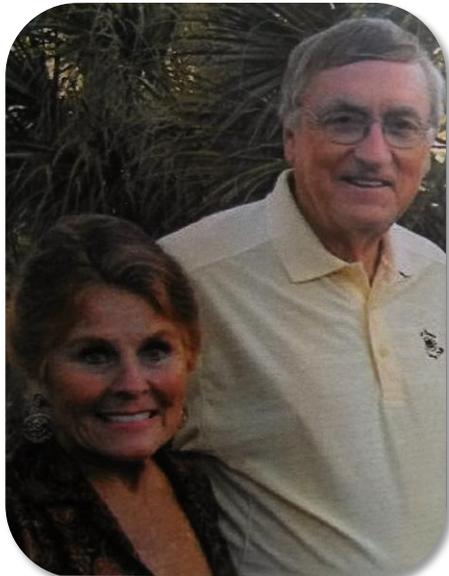
South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

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.

April 2013

A Donor Story

The Kimball Family Foundation



Mary Ellen and Dr. Jim Kimball

We were introduced to the concept of a community foundation when Jim was asked to serve on the South Central Iowa Community Foundation's board of directors representing Clarke County. Jim had been the recipient of others benevolence when he was in high school and college. Grants and scholarships made it possible for him to attend Phillips Exeter Academy, Grinnell College and the University of Iowa College of Medicine. His educational experience literally changed his life. Since that time we have felt a desire to assist medical students from our community. In December of 2001, we established the Kimball Family Foundation fund for medical education. The fund is administered by the South Central Iowa Community Foundation. Establishing the foundation is one of our ways that we give back to our community.

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Iowans are well-known for their generosity and commitment to the communities they love. You can make an impact by donating for current needs and by establishing your family legacy of giving that will benefit your community forever. You can establish an endowment fund to support the causes you believe in, today, tomorrow and forever.

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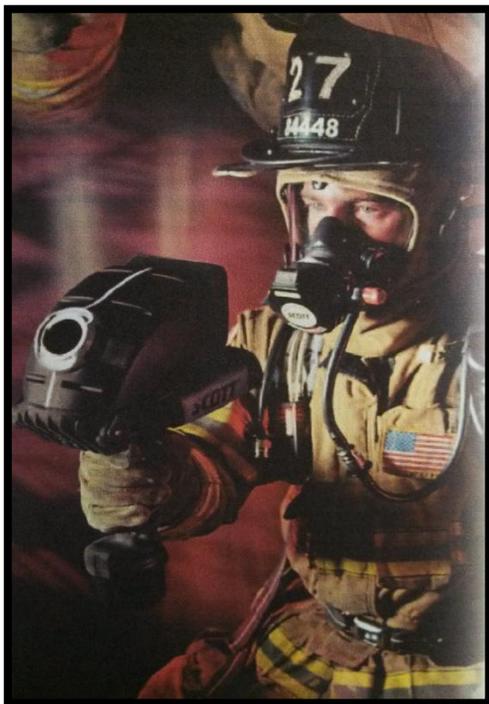
Lucas County - SCICF Awards Grants to Russell Sportsmen's Club



The Russell Sportsmen's Club was the recipient of (2) \$5,000 grants from Lucas County - SCICF. The grants were a part of the nearly \$38,000 construction project to build a new education building for the Russell Sportsmen's Club. Pictures of the old and new education buildings are shown above.

The building has already been used for firearms safety instruction, DNR Hunter Safety Courses, Iowa Permit-to-Carry classes and for safety and fundamental briefings at club-sponsored free youth shoots and for teaching safety and fundamentals to the local Boy Scout Troup. The new building is 20% larger than the original building.

Lorimor Volunteer Fire Department Receives Grant



The Lorimor Volunteer Fire Department received a \$7,936.68 grant from Endow Union County - SCICF. The grant funds were used to purchase a thermal imaging camera and to provide training on the safe operation of the camera. The camera has a large LCD display with zoom feature, an on-screen temperature readout, with temperature awareness colorization to identify temperature ranges, and a two channel transmitter to allow wireless transmission of images to a remote receiver station and monitor. The Lorimor Volunteer Fire Department's fire district serves over 1,300 residents. The new camera will be used to find hotspots in house fires. It has also been used to help in a search for a missing person.

Meet Our Board



Mary Stierwalt
Lucas County

I entered this world in a rather unorthodox way, in the back seat of a car on its way to a doctor who was planning on delivering me. Since it was during the depression, I can't think my parents were too delighted with my arrival as I was one more mouth to feed. None the less, they did keep me. I grew up on a farm in Lucas County, thinking I was my dad's right hand person. I attended country school, graduated from Chariton High School and then attended UNI to get my teaching certification. One of my best lifetime decisions was to marry my HS best friend, Berns Stierwalt.

After being away from Chariton for 12 years, we bought Family Shoe in 1962 and with a couple of little boys, a dog, and a debt, from buying the store, we returned home. With that move, I think we actually bloomed where we were planted. There have been too many community activities/honors to list all of them but suffice it to say that our community and its people have been and is my passion. I did serve on the Chariton City Council from 1981 to 2003, serving as Mayor for 7 years. I have been the main cog in the wheel at Family Shoe since the sudden loss of Berns in 2004. Last year marked our 50th year in business. Our store was named the Farm Bureau Business of the year in 2005 and I was named the 2008 Chariton Chamber Citizen of the year.

My most prized possessions are my friends and family. I have two sons, Kirk, who with his wife Juli and 2 children, Ky (23), Kyra (20) live in Leedey Oklahoma and Kyle with his wife, Julie, 2 children, Jordan (25) Harrison (22) and a great granddaughter, Jaelynn (21 months) who live in Tallahassee Florida. I certainly feel that I have been blessed in many untold ways.



Kay Herring
Decatur County
Treasurer

Kay Herring grew up in Decatur County, attended school in Davis City and Lamoni, before graduating from Graceland University with a degree in English education. She taught in western Iowa for several years before completing her professional career in Indianola, Iowa.

She and her husband Bob Herring had five biological children and hosted between sixty and seventy foster children, exchange students, refugees and runaways before his death in 1995.

Her interest in community development began as a teen-ager when she served in leadership roles in high school, at Graceland University, and in the Lamoni community. While teaching she served as a leader in the FACT Foundation of Atlantic and on several city commissions in Indianola. In each community she wrote regular columns for the "Atlantic News-Telegraph" and "The Indianola Record-Herald."

Since retiring to Decatur County, she has served as chair of the Democratic Party, President of Friends of Nine Eagles, Chair of the Decatur County South Central Community Foundation, and continues hosting exchange students and foster children. Currently she serves as Treasurer of SCICF.

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Funshine Learning Center Receives Grant

The Decatur County – SCICF board awarded a \$2,500 grant to Funshine Learning Center in Lamoni. This grant was used to enhance they playground at Funshine. Funshine currently serves nearly 60 children in the Lamoni community.

Eva “Judy” Johnston Endowment Awards 1st Grant

Ringgold County board member Clint Spurrier, presents a check to the Tingley Toppers 4-H Club. Other board members present were: Michell Ricker, Kevin Creveling, Barb Stephens & Sue Beck.

The Ringgold County–SCICF board recently presented a \$200 grant to the Tingley Toppers 4-H Club. This grant is the first award from the Eva “Judy” Johnston Endowment Fund which was established to benefit non-profit organizations in Ringgold County. Congratulations to the Tingley Toppers for being chosen this year!

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