

# 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.

November 2013



Leaders from the Iowa Council of Foundations and Iowa community foundations, including Diane Bear, SCICF President & CEO, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, commemorate the recent expansion of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program with Governor Terry Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds.

## Iowa Community Foundations Celebrate Community Foundation Week & Expansion of Endow Iowa

Leaders of community foundations across Iowa gathered in Des Moines with Governor Terry Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds to commemorate the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Community Foundation Week*, an event celebrated by over 750 community foundations across the country.

Iowa's community foundations have several reasons to celebrate in 2013. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program which the Iowa Legislature recently expanded from an annual limit of \$4.5 million to \$6 million per calendar year. Also in 2013, more than \$11.2 million dollars was distributed to 85 community foundations and their county affiliates across the state through the County Endowment Fund Program. What's more, according to the ICoF, community foundations across the state reported over \$110 million in total asset growth between June 2012 and June 2013—an increase of 20% in just 12 months.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy and South Central Iowa Community Foundation (SCICF) is *our* local community foundation, serving Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Ringgold and Union counties and supporting our affiliate counties: Adams, Appanoose and Wayne. SCICF's total assets are over \$13 million and the annual grants awarded and educational scholarships funded exceeded \$1 million last year. South Central Iowa is a great place to live and a great place to give.



**Peg Anderson**  
Union County

## Meet Our Board

Originally from Clinton, Iowa, I graduated from Wartburg College and married Dick Anderson in 1967. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Before moving to Creston in 1984, we lived in Vinton, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, and Council Bluffs.

Dick has worked in banking most of his life and I have been in education. I began as a teacher (kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, preschool) and then moved into directing various programs. I served as the director of I Think I Can Daycare in Creston for several years. My last position was the At-Risk Coordinator for East Union Schools.

Although we are both retired, we keep busy traveling, volunteering, boating, reading, playing cards and spending time with friends and family. We have traveled to all 50 states and several foreign countries. Twice, we went to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina to help with the clean-up and we have also volunteered at an orphanage in Russia.

I am honored to serve on the Board of South Central Iowa Community Foundation. I have met wonderful caring people and learned a lot about the counties and entities that are part of SCICF.

# Giving Tuesday

On Tuesday December 3, 2013, charities, families, businesses and individuals are coming together to transform the way people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season. It's a simple idea. Find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to join in acts of giving. Tell everyone you can about what you are doing and why it matters. Join a national celebration of our great tradition of generosity. Together we'll create ways to give more, give better and give smarter.



Diane Bear, Johni Hays & Kay Herring

SCICF recently hosted two seminars presented by attorney Johni Hay. Hays shared her wisdom on such important financial topics as: securing the maximum tax benefit for charitable gifts, avoiding unnecessary taxes on estates, and ensuring the legal integrity of wills. The events were well attended by financial advisors, lawyers, donors, community members and the SCICF Board of Directors and staff.



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## UNION County - SCICF Grant Supports Caboose Repair



Union County—SCICF awarded a \$900 grant to the Union County Historical Society to repair the roof of a caboose.

“This is a long term repair to the 1950’s style railroad caboose. This work should insure its future for many years” said Brian Zachary of UCHS, noting that due to the specialized nature of the repairs, it was necessary to hire help from outside the historical society.



# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

***Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>***  
 - a day to give back  
 to YOUR local community

***Live Here? Give Here!***

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