

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

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Welcome Stephanie



Stephanie Eslick

Stephanie Eslick is the Administrative & Accounting Assistant for SCICF. She lives in Humeston with her husband Josh, sons, Jeb and Gabe, and a dog named Candy. Jeb is in the 3rd grade at Mormon Trail and Gabe is in his 2nd year of preschool.

Stephanie graduated from Mormon Trail and received her Associates of Science in business from Indian Hills Community College in 2005. In 2012 she received her Bachelor's in accounting from AIB College of Business.

Besides working for SCICF, she is a part-time book keeper. Stephanie enjoys attending her kids' activities, fishing, being a cub scout leader, taking road trips and spending time with friends and family.

Stephanie is excited to be a part of SCICF.

Jill Whitehouse Honors MLK National Day of Service

Jill Whitehouse, AmeriCorps VISTA with SCICF, honored Martin Luther King National Day of Service by reading to preschoolers at the SCICAP Head Start program in Chariton on January 20th.

Through a grant from Lucas County SCICF, Jill was able to purchase three "Pete the Cat" books for the Headstart classroom and enough copies of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" to distribute to every child in the program.

"The kids really engaged with the books and they were excited when they found out they would all be taking home a book of their very own," said Jill.

Jill had a lot of fun with the service project and she is grateful to Lucas County SCICF for providing grant funds to purchase the books.



Decatur County SCICF awarded \$2,500 to the Central Decatur High School Band program towards the purchase of a cargo trailer for the transportation of band equipment.

“In the past,” says Director of Bands, Aaron Comer, “the band has jammed equipment onto buses, vans, cars of parents and other vehicles, just to transport our equipment to contests and festivals.

Comer went on to add that as the driver of the equipment bus, this was often a dangerous situation for him: “Instruments would fall forward, or fly at my head when I would apply the brakes

or make a simple turn. Now with the purchase of our new trailer, I can trust that the equipment, as well as the driver of the vehicle are safe and secure. Thank you very, very much.”

SCICF is pleased to support the Central Decatur School Band!



Union County SCICF Awards \$2,813 to Historical Society

Union County SCICF awarded a grant of \$2,813 to the Union County Historical Society to repair a historic railroad crossing tower.

According to Dick Anderson of the UCHS, the building was in “poor condition” but now it’s “like new” and should have a long life.

John Brennen, who repaired the building, estimates that he removed 75,000 bees from the premises.



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SCICF Awards \$6,500 to the City of Kellerton

Ringgold County SCICF awarded \$6,500 to the City of Kellerton for the purchase of a defibrillator for the Kellerton First Responders.

When the Ringgold County Ambulance is paged from the County Sheriff's Office, so too are the Kellerton First

Responders if the emergency is within the responders' area. Because the ambulance service is the only major EMS responder service in the county, it is important that more remote areas, such as Kellerton, have access to emergency care that can respond faster than the hospital—a few minutes can make all the difference in a life or death situation.



Grant Deadlines

Lucas	March 1 st
Decatur	March 15 th
Clarke	April 15 th
Ringgold	May 1 st
Union	May 1 st

Application forms are on our website.
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