The Cornerstone of Community: Iowa Nonprofits

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A Message from Governor Terry Branstad

Iowa’s nonprofits are central to our quality of life. This report, done by the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center and the Iowa Nonprofit Collaborative, captures the essence of what Iowa’s nonprofit community contributes, both programmatically and economically, to the state.

I encourage all Iowans to participate in nonprofit activities, whether it is by visiting museums and theaters, volunteering, or donating to the organization of your choice. I applaud Iowans for their great volunteer record and hope this enthusiastic community involvement continues. Iowa’s state agencies recognize that the joint effort of government and nonprofits accomplish many shared goals in our communities.

I thank the donors to Iowa’s nonprofits for providing essential support to these organizations and admire the dedication of staff members, volunteers, board members, and other key players in Iowa’s nonprofits.

My experience in Iowa has been much affected by nonprofits, from the church I attended growing up in Leland, Iowa, to my presidency of Des Moines University prior to my return to state government. Considering the many great times in my life when I have interacted with nonprofits, I say with conviction that we all must continue to help sustain the growth of our state’s charitable organizations.
Overview of Iowa's Nonprofits

Iowa's nonprofit community meets the needs of Iowans across the state. Nonprofits are essential to Iowa's communities. We want to educate Iowans in our nonprofit schools, provide medical care, address important social issues such as domestic violence and substance abuse, feed the hungry, provide places of worship, and care for the environment and animal life. At the writing of this report, there were 9,485 nonprofits recognized by the IRS as eligible to receive tax deductible contributions as 501(c)(3) organizations, though this figure does not include churches. Nonprofits are an important economic force in the state, employing a significant percentage of the workforce, and making expenditures in their communities. In 2010, Iowa had over 27,000 nonprofit corporations with annual revenue of $15 billion and total assets of $37.2 billion. Nationally, nonprofit employment is 9.2 percent of total employment in the U.S.

In 2009 Iowans gave $1,220,550,000 in charitable donations. While the national trend from 2004 to 2009 was a decrease in charitable giving, Iowans' donations rose .9 percent in that time period. Iowa's foundations in 2009 had assets of $2.7 billion and made gifts to other Iowa charities of $217.7 million.

Another way in which Iowans show devotion to the state's nonprofit sector is through their volunteer activities. Iowa is second in the nation, following only Utah, in the percentage of its citizens who volunteer for nonprofits. Independent Sector sets a 2011 valuation of $17.55 per hour on volunteer time. The 2011 Corporation for National and Community Service report says that volunteers in Iowa contributed 93.4 million hours of service, making the economic value of that time almost $2 billion.

Iowa's nonprofits deal with a variety of challenging issues. These include contracting with government entities, providing satisfactory benefits for their employees and maintaining property tax exemption on their real estate. Other reports done for Governor Branstad spell out some of these issues.

This report of the Governor's Nonprofit Project, set in motion by Governor Terry Branstad, documents what an important role nonprofit organizations play in Iowa as they respond to a variety of needs and make significant contributions to Iowa's economy. We ask for the support of every Iowan in strengthening the state's nonprofit community.

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1 IRS Publication 78 at http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/pub78Search.do?ein1=names=&city
   =&state=IA&country=US&deductability=all&dispatchMethod=searchCharities&submitName=Search
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3 http://nccs.urban.org/statistics/quickfacts.cfm
   pdf/01_found_fin_data/2009/states/ia_09.pdf
6 See Independent Sector at http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

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Cultural Nonprofits

Museums, theaters, symphonies and other cultural nonprofits entertain us, connect us with the past, and prepare us for the future. According to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, “The arts … are central to the vitality of Iowa’s cities, towns and rural areas [and] contribute to the economy with a strong impact of millions of dollars of expenditures each year.”

Iowa has museums of all types including art museums, botanical gardens, children’s museums, living history sites, nature centers, natural history museums, planetariums, and science and technology centers. Examples are the Iowa Rock ‘n’ Roll Music Museum in Arnold, the Swedish Heritage Cultural Center in Stanton, and the Waterloo Center for the Arts. In May, 2011 the Belle Plaine Historical Society celebrated National Train Day. The event focused on the history of trains in Iowa and the influence of the Chicago and North Western Railway on the area. The Railway, chartered in 1859, still travels through Belle Plaine today.

The history of farming in Iowa comes alive through the antique tools on display at the Wisecups Farms Museum in Missouri Valley. Cedar Rapids’ Brucemore Historic Site and Community Cultural Center utilizes a beautiful 19th century mansion to celebrate the heritage of a community with concerts, programs, tours, and an outdoor summer children’s theater. The Iowa Museum Association provides a great database that offers information about museums across the state.

There are numerous community theatres in Iowa such as the Ames Community Theatre, Spencer Community Theatre, and the Des Moines Community Playhouse. They provide Iowans with volunteer opportunities to work in theatre settings and to educate young actors and technicians. According to the Martha-Ellen Tye Performing Arts Institute at Iowa State University, performing can “enhance problem-solving skills, encourage new ways of thinking, and awaken a sense of discovery” among other skills.

The Greater Des Moines Music Coalition’s mission is to “advocate, sponsor, and develop an independent, progressive live music economy in greater Des Moines for the purpose of urban revitalization, regional economic development, and the retention of our region’s youth and future.” The Quad Cities River Music Experience is a nonprofit performing arts center dedicated to preserving and building on the area’s musical heritage by creating a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors to listen, learn, and play music.

In Dubuque, the Northeast Iowa School of Music strives to provide quality arts education and enrichment in the tri-state area by offering private and group lessons, classes, ensemble training, and performance opportunities for musicians of all ages musical abilities, and economic backgrounds.

Iowa can be proud of its many nonprofits dedicated to music education, preservation and performance.

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1 Cultural Affairs website at http://www.iowaarts council.org/programs/community-arts/purpose-and-services.shtml
2 See the IMA website at http://www.iowamuseums.org/aspx/about/aboutus.aspx
3 http://www.center.iastate.edu/education/metpai/

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Medical Nonprofits

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health’s 2009 Iowa Chronic Disease Report, over 63,000 Iowans in 2006 needed hospitalization for circulatory diseases. Prenatal care and childbirth presented the second biggest need for hospitalization as 42,800 Iowans registered in hospitals for this type of care.

Iowans have a great medical care community. Many of the state’s hospitals are not-for-profit. The Avera Holy Family Hospital in Estherville was named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in America by the National Rural Health Association in 2011. Ft. Madison Community Hospital, established in 1901 by the Sisters of St. Francis, responded to an ever-increasing need by adding an Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Center in 2011. And in Fort Dodge, Trinity Regional Medical Center provides, among other services, cardiovascular care, mammography, orthopedics, radiology, and substance abuse treatment. For a list of Iowa hospitals, see the Iowa Hospital Association Web site.

An important group within Iowa’s medical care scene is the community hospitals. In 2008, 91 of Iowa’s 99 counties had at least one community hospital with a combined total of 373,021 admissions. In that same year, community hospitals employed 71,111 workers. These hospitals function in a tremendously charitable way. Gross patient revenue in Iowa’s community hospitals in 2008 was $14.2 billion with $7.6 billion unreimbursed (either bad debt or charity care).

Some medical nonprofits in Iowa do research into evolving diseases while others raise funds to support them. Community Health Charities Iowa, for instance, raises funds for 24 nonprofit health organizations such as the Alzheimer’s Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Prevent Blindness Iowa. In the 2010-11 fiscal year over $1.2 million was raised for these charities.

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1 Iowa Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease Report, Section 5. Available online at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/common/pdf/health_statistics/chronic_disease_report.pdf
2 See http://www.aver.org/estherville/services/index.aspx
3 See http://www.fmchosp.com/getpage.php?name=history&sub=About%20Us
4 See http://www.trmc.org/services.aspx
5 See http://www.ihaonline.org/iMIS15/IHAOnline/Member_Directory/member_directory_home.aspx
7 See the 2011 Community Health Charities Iowa Annual Report, available online at http://iowa.healthcharities.org/chc.asp?bid=74
Philanthropic Nonprofits

Philanthropic nonprofits provide funding to other nonprofits. This group consists of private, community, and support foundations. According to the National Council of Foundations, in 2009, Iowa foundations had assets of $300 billion and made grants of $20 billion.¹

The Roy J. Carver Trust in Muscatine, with an endowment of over $250 million, grants funding for biomedical and scientific research, scholarships, and educational and recreational needs of youth. In 2011 the Carver Trust made 64 grants totaling over $12.5 million. The Hall-Perrine Foundation in Cedar Rapids, through a number of significant grants, helped Cedar Rapids nonprofits recover from the disastrous 2008 flooding. Restoration of the National Czech and Slovak Museum building was funded in part with a $3 million grant from Hall-Perrine.² Iowa State University Foundation raises private dollars for a variety of university needs, including the building of the W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center on the Ames campus. For a list of foundations around Iowa see the Iowa Foundations DataBook.³

Iowa’s community foundations are the most numerous in the country.⁴ Community foundations are a great vehicle for funding important projects in counties around Iowa. The Community Foundation of Van Buren County has grown from no assets at its inception in 2006 to assets of $391,123 in 2011.⁵ Endow Iowa, created by the General Assembly in 2003, provides tax credits to increase significant community foundation funding.

For-profit companies in Iowa also use foundations as a vehicle to build their communities. The Wellmark Foundation, for instance, granted $20,000 to Family & Children’s Council in Waterloo. The project proposes to support the birth of healthy babies to African-American women by encouraging early and consistent prenatal care.

United Way is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. The first United Way was organized in Denver, Colorado, in 1887. There are 31 United Ways in Iowa, representing the state’s largest cities and its most rural counties. United Way focuses on education, income, and health—the basic building blocks for a good life. At the local level, each United Way works independently focusing on the specific needs of its community. Local organizations collectively raise over $60 million each year through the generous donations of Iowans then direct funds to the area’s most pressing needs. For example, the United Way of Siouxland distributed $1,596,228 in its most recent fiscal year. Of this, $104,565 went to the American Red Cross, $59,092 to Boy Scouts, and $39,089 to the Native American Child Development Center.⁶

³ Iowa Foundations DataBook at http://www.foundationdatabook.com/Pages/ia/ialinks.html
Human Services Nonprofits

Substance Abuse

The Iowa Department of Public Health reports that over 11,000 people in Iowa were treated for alcohol abuse in 2009.1 Approximately 4 percent of Iowans use illicit drugs, primarily marijuana and methamphetamines.2 The Office of Drug Control Policy, a state agency, has a strategy that aims to create safe and drug-free communities.3 Nonprofits that provide substance abuse treatment are critical players in it. Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse (MECCA), for instance, has eight locations in six Iowa counties. MECCA has prevention, early intervention, and detox programs and uses both inpatient and outpatient treatment programs.4 Bridges of Iowa in West Des Moines is a faith-based substance abuse treatment program which addresses the root causes of addiction. Siouxland CARES in Sioux City conducts an annual survey of 5th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders to get essential information on substance abuse by the community’s youth.5

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in 2005 there were 7,047 cases of domestic violence reported in Iowa. In 2012, the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) developed Standards of Service Delivery for Iowa nonprofits that work on domestic violence issues.6 ICADV has 28 member organizations. One of these, the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, provides a safe house for battered or sexually abused women and children.7

The recent cut in federal funding under the Violence Against Women Act will present difficulties for many of these domestic violence groups in Iowa.

Elder Care

According to 2010 census figures, Iowans over 65 constitute 14.9 percent of the total state population. The Iowa Department on Aging estimates that by 2030, Iowans over 65 will make up 22.4 percent of the state’s population.8 Several Iowa nonprofits focus on caring for this group of Iowans.

LeadingAge Iowa, formerly known as the Iowa Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, serves not-for-profit and mission-driven organizations dedicated to providing quality housing, health, community, and related services to Iowa’s seniors.9 It addresses such issues as residential services, therapy, diet, finance, and environmental services. LeadingAge Iowa took part in an effort to get the Elder Jus-

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2 Id at p. 9.
4 See MECCA Web site at http://www.meccaservices.com/
7 See the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family Web site at http://cvfriendsofthefamily.org/safe.php
9 See LeadingAge Iowa Web site at http://www.leadingageiowa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1
tice Act passed, an act which mandates reporting of any suspected crime against an elder in a long-
term care facility. It works to educate nursing homes and other elder care venues on complying with the
new Affordable Care Act.

The Iowa Alliance in Home Care is committed to promoting high quality, comprehensive, coordinated
home care services for Iowans. It serves as an organized and unified voice for home care throughout
Iowa representing more than 80 percent of Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies and other providers
of in-home services. Home care is a service desired not only by elderly Iowans, but by people dealing
with disabling conditions like congestive heart failure or kidney disease. Home care is a high quality, less
expensive alternative to living in a facility that allows families to remain together. Home care providers
employ registered nurses, physical therapists, dieticians, and occupational therapists.

Mental Health

In its 2011 report, Understanding Community Health Needs in Iowa, the Iowa Department of Public
Health says that “lack of providers of mental health” is the need most cited by counties.

The Iowa Association of Community Providers is made up of over 150 community-based organizations
whose missions and core services are consistent with the association. The IACP website describes the
association this way:

All member organizations provide quality (licensed and accredited) services to children and adults
with mental illness and mental health related issues, intellectual disabilities, brain injury and other
developmental disabilities. These organizations serve over 100,000 Iowans with disabilities, em-
ploy over 20,000 individuals and contribute nearly $1 billion to the Iowa economy. IACP member-
ship provides services in all 99 counties.

Feeding the Hungry

Approximately 12.8 percent of Iowans are food insecure, meaning they do not have the ability to ac-
quire nutritionally adequate and safe foods in socially acceptable ways. This translates to over 382,000
Iowans who must make tough decisions about providing food for their families or paying their rent or
mortgage, paying for transportation, or paying for medical bills. These are choices that no one should
have to make.

The Iowa Food Bank Association (IFBA) is a collaboration of the eight Feeding America food banks that
serve all Iowa’s 99 counties. Together, the food banks support over 1,000 nonprofit organizations that
serve ill, infant, or needy individuals. These organizations include food pantries, emergency meal sites,
congregate meal centers, emergency shelters, and other sites that provide food to clients. As an asso-
ciation, the organization is coordinating efforts to alleviate hunger by supporting Iowa’s Feeding Ameri-
ca food banks.

10 See Iowa Alliance In Home Care Web site at http://www.iahc.org/
11 Iowa Department of Public Health, Understanding Community Health Needs in Iowa, 2011, p. 23, online at http://
www.idph.state.ia.us/search/search.aspx?q=Understanding+Community+Health+Needs+in+Iowa+2011&x=0&y=0
12 From IACP Web site at http://www.iowaproviders.org/iacp_resources/about.html
13 From Iowa Food Bank Association Web site at http://iowafba.org/AboutHunger.aspx
14 From the Iowa Food Bank Association Web site at http://iowafba.org/AboutUs.aspx
Throughout most of the state’s history, access to excellent elementary, secondary and postsecondary educational institutions has been a priority. The Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities has 29 member institutions that range in size from 500 to more than 6,000 enrollments. These include Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Luther College in Decorah, and Buena Vista College in Storm Lake.\(^1\) Independent nonprofit colleges are a key piece of Iowa’s educational mission. Today, more than 48,000 students from Iowa and around the world enroll at Iowa’s independent, nonprofit institutions. These institutions enroll 25 percent of all Iowa higher education students, confer 46 percent of all baccalaureate degrees, 45 percent of all professional degrees and 34 percent of all graduate degrees awarded in Iowa each year.\(^2\)

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1  See the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Web site for a map of its membership at [http://iowaprivatecolleges.org/member-colleges/](http://iowaprivatecolleges.org/member-colleges/)
2  Id
Environmental Nonprofits

According to one recent report, industrial facilities dumped 6.2 million pounds of toxic pollution into Iowa’s waterways in 2010 alone, putting the drinking water supplies of over 600,000 Iowans at risk.¹

Iowa’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) oversees numerous laws related to water quality that protect the health and safety of Iowans while improving Iowa’s water resources. From drinking water to wastewater, and from wetlands to septic systems, ensuring clean water is an important priority for Iowa.²

Iowa Prairie Network in Ames works to protect Iowa’s prairie heritage, organizing hikes through prairie areas, holding seminars on prairie issues, and providing information on prairie management. The Iowa Groundwater Association (IGWA) works to advance the science of groundwater hydrology in Iowa. IGWA was organized in response to various reports about groundwater contamination problems, chemical spills, high nitrates, and other incidents that threatened to pollute public and private water supplies.³

In June of 2012 Governor Branstad signed into law a significant river restoration project (Senate File 2316). A nonprofit very enthusiastic about this project is the Iowa Rivers Revival which exists to engage individuals, organizations, communities and our government leaders in river awareness, responsibility and enjoyment in an effort to improve and enhance the condition of Iowa’s rivers and streams.⁴

For over twenty years, Trees Forever, operating out of Marion, Iowa, has assisted community leaders with over 4,000 planting projects, involving more than 160,000 volunteers who have contributed over one million hours of their time, and helped to plant over 2.8 million trees and shrubs throughout Iowa and Illinois.⁵

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⁵ See Trees Forever Web site at http://www.treesforever.org/Content/About.aspx
Religious Nonprofits

A centerpiece of Iowa’s communities is the house of worship. There are approximately 4000 churches in the state of Iowa. Our state has a diversity of religious groups—Catholic, Episcopal, Mennonite, Jewish, Baptist, Methodist, Greek Orthodox, Seventh Day Adventist, Mormon, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Muslim, Hindu, and Baha’i.¹

Religious congregations provide summer camps for children, such as God’s Backyard Bible Camp at the Harvest Evangelical Church in Story City.² Prayer groups help Iowans through difficult situations, and clergy support Iowa families as they cope with their losses. Through their houses of worship, Iowans experience the joys of marriages and the baptism of children.

Iowa’s churches also respond compassionately to a variety of community needs. The Manson Mennonite Church, for instance, runs a food pantry. Delhi United Methodist Church offers exercise classes. Zion Lutheran in Humboldt creates and delivers Christmas baskets to families in need.³ Twice each year, members of the First Lutheran Church in Algona clean up a stretch of Highway 18.⁴ Youth in Muscatine have bowling events and movie outings with the Wesley United Methodist Church.⁵

¹ Statistics on community belief populations are available at City-Data.com. An example is the Religion Statistics Profile of Guthrie County, IA at http://www.city-data.com/county/religion/Guthrie-County-IA.html
² See http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/harvestefree
³ See Zion Lutheran Web site at http://zioninhumboldt.com/missions/christmas-basket-program/
⁵ See Wesley united Methodist Church site at http://www.wesleyonline.org/grow/youth/youth_group.html
What You Can Do

Nonprofit workers need strong community involvement in their activities. They learn more about community needs and contribute resources of time, talent, and money to respond to those needs. Consider volunteering, donating, or being on a board of directors. All of these are ways to make Iowa’s nonprofits even more effective.

Volunteer

Volunteering is something Iowans do. Our state has the second highest volunteer rate in the country. If you are not currently volunteering for a nonprofit, consider doing so. There is helpful information on the Iowa Commission for Volunteer Services website.¹

Donate

Nonprofits are always in need of resources, and gifts to nonprofits are used very efficiently to make life in Iowa better. These can be monetary donations, but they can also be donations of items to nonprofits like Goodwill or a food bank. If you are interested in the deductibility of your gifts on income tax returns, see the information available on the IRS website² or speak to a professional accountant or lawyer in your area.

Be on a Nonprofit Board of Directors

Nonprofits need the leadership of community members, and your service on a nonprofit board of directors, even though not compensated, can be a very rewarding experience. Your insights into how a nonprofit can benefit your community are important. Contributing your professional skills enhances nonprofits’ operations.

Find Out More

Use the county listings in this publication to find a nonprofit of interest in your area. If you are not sure what organizations might be of interest to you, see the Business Entities Search on the Iowa Secretary of State’s website,³ the Exempt Organizations Select Check section of the IRS website,⁴ or the Iowa Nonprofit Database on the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center website.⁵

¹ See Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service Web site at http://www.volunteeriowa.org/
² See the IRS Web site at http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc506.html
³ See Iowa Secretary of State Web site at http://sos.iowa.gov/search/business/(S(lo2b3lb12c5lfz55drh4z255))/search.aspx
⁵ See the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center Web site at http://nonprofit.law.uiowa.edu/community/database.asp
Tell People About Nonprofits

Tell friends what important contributions nonprofits make to your community. When you have had a personal need met—a child well educated, an aging parent well cared for—make sure other people know about it. “Like” nonprofits with helpful information on your Facebook page so your Facebook friends can find out about the excellent opportunity that Iowa’s nonprofits offer not only for service, but for personal growth.

Finds Ways to Collaborate

When we work together, things work better. If you are already working with a nonprofit, consider how its collaboration with another nonprofit might increase effectiveness and the efficiency of its programs and services. This can be done cooperatively through joint fundraising events, joint purchasing of supplies, joint public advocacy, and other activities.

Resources

To find out what nonprofits are in your community see the county-by-county lists in the pages that follow. Three to four nonprofits in each county are listed. Other useful sources for finding nonprofits are:

Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center
http://nonprofit.law.uiowa.edu/community/database.asp

Iowa Secretary of State
http://sos.iowa.gov/search/business/(S(ouzs5d3I541op2fynpufhj3n))/search.aspx

The Internal Revenue Service Publication 78
http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/mainSearch.do;jsessionid=59Lf0NoJcSlexdbrTmBnUA__?mainSearchChoice=pub78&dispatchMethod=selectSearch

Iowa Hospital Association

Iowa Council of Foundations
http://www.iowacounciloffoundations.org/membership-directory.aspx

Iowa Museum Association website

Iowa Environmental Council
http://www.iaenvironment.org/membership/currentmembers.php
http://www.iaenvironment.org/membership/currentmembers.php

Coalition for Family and Children’s Services in Iowa
Find a Nonprofit in Your County

In the following pages you will find three to four nonprofit organizations listed for each county in Iowa. These are just a few of the charitable organizations that exist in the state. To find others, use the resources listed on the previous page.
Adair

**Arts:** E E Warren Opera House Association, Greenfield

**Community Improvement:** Riada, Adair

**Health:** Adair County Health & Fitness Center, Greenfield

**Religion:** Orient United Methodist Church, Orient

Adams

**Funding:** Adams Community Foundation, Corning

**Human Services:** Midwest Opportunities, Inc., Corning

**Religion:** Corning United Methodist Church, Corning

Allamakee

**Funding:** Veterans Memorial Health Care Foundation, Waukon

**Human Services:** Alternative Treatment Associates, Postville

**Recreation:** Allamakee County Agricultural Association, Waukon

**Religion:** Immaculate Conception Church, Lansing
The Friendship Home in Audubon offers a place for seniors to continue enjoying life while having the security of knowing they will always be taken care of. From independent, residential living to intermediate care or memory and dementia support, the Friendship Home offers individuals and families comfort in knowing their home will remain the same—no matter what level of care is needed. Our Christian, caring atmosphere has always been one of freedom, compassion and support.

**Audubon County**

**Arts:** Audubon County Historical Society, Audubon

**Humanities:** Audubon County Historical Society, Audubon

**Religion:** Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Audubon

**Funding:** Audubon County Hospital Foundation, Audubon

**Human Services:** Good Neighbor Service Council, Audubon

**The Friendship Home**

**Audubon County**

**Arts:** Appanoose County Coalition for the Arts, Centerville

**Funding:** Centerville Community School Foundation, Centerville

**Human Services:** Appanoose Community Care Services, Inc., Centerville

**Religion:** Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville
Benton

**Arts:** Area Community Theatre of Benton County, Vinton

**Funding:** Belle Plaine Fire Department Foundation, Belle Plaine

**Health:** Virginia Gay Hospital, Vinton

**Human Services:** Lutheran Home For The Aged Association, Vinton

Black Hawk

**Arts:** Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival, Waterloo

**Education:** Allen College, Waterloo

**Funding:** Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Waterloo

**Human Services:** Cedar Valley Hospice, Waterloo

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**Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Black Hawk County**

Since 1960, Waterloo’s Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa has assisted thousands of individuals with disabilities and social disadvantages in leading more rewarding and independent lives. We have job training programs, residential services and retail stores located throughout Northeast Iowa. But the most important thing we offer is opportunity. At Goodwill, everyone has a chance to work, and everyone has a chance to succeed.
Boone

**Animals:** Boone Area Humane Society, Boone

**Recreation:** Boone Area Soccer Club, Boone

**Funding:** Boone Hope Foundation, Boone

**Health:** Boone County Hospital, Boone

**Religion:** Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Boone

Bremer

**Education:** Wartburg College, Waverly

**Funding:** Friends of the Waverly Public Library, Waverly

**Health:** Christian Dental Society, Sumner

**Recreation:** Bremer County Fair Association, Sumner

Buchanan

**Animals:** Buchanan County Animal Shelter, Jessup

**Funding:** Buchanan County Health Trust, Independence

**Human Services:** Habitat for Humanity, Buchanan County, Independence

**Religion:** Hope Wesleyan Church, Independence
Buena Vista

Education: Buena Vista University, Storm Lake

Funding: St. Mary’s Foundation of Storm Lake

Health: United Community Health Center, Storm Lake

Religion: All Saints Episcopal Church, Storm Lake

Butler

Community Improvement: Parkersburg Economic Development, Parkersburg

Funding: Aplington Parkersburg Community Schools Foundation, Parkersburg

Human Services: Butler County Council on Aging, Greene

Humanities: Butler County Historical Society, Allison

Calhoun

Funding: Lake City Library Foundation, Lake City

Health: Stewart Memorial Community Hospital, Lake City

Human Services: Gowrie Youth Incorporated, Farnhamville

Religion: Manson Mennonite Church, Manson
Carroll

Arts: All Strings Attached, Arcadia

Community Improvement: Arcadia Betterment and Development Corp., Arcadia

Funding: Kuemper Catholic School Foundation, Carroll

Health: Manning Regional Health Care Center, Manning

Cass

Arts: Atlantic Coca-Cola Center and Museum, Atlantic

Funding: Cass County Memorial Hospital Foundation, Atlantic

Human Services: Cass County Meals on Wheels, Atlantic

Religion: First Baptist Church, Brayton

Cedar

Funding: West Liberty Heritage Foundation, West Liberty

Health: Durant Ambulance Service, Durant

Recreation: West Liberty Soccer Club, West Liberty

Religion: Peace United Church of Christ, Bennett
Cerro Gordo

**Funding:** United Way of North Central Iowa, Mason City

**Health:** Hospice of North Iowa, Mason City

**Human Services:** Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank Corporation, Mason City

**Religion:** Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Mason City

Cherokee

**Arts:** Cherokee Arts Council, Cherokee

**Funding:** Tiel Sanford Memorial Fund, Cherokee

**Health:** Sioux Valley Memorial Hospital Association, Cherokee

**Human Services:** Cherokee County Work Services, Cherokee

Chickasaw

**Animals:** Water Fowl Association of Iowa, New Hampton

**Health:** Chickasaw Wellness Complex, New Hampton

**Human Services:** Chickasaw County Council on Aging, New Hampton

**Humanities:** New Horizons, New Hampton
Clarke

**Animals:** Clarke County Animal Shelter, Osceola

**Funding:** Clarke County Foundation, Osceola

**Recreation:** Clarke County 4-H Club Fair Association, Osceola

**Religion:** New Testament Christian Church, Keokuk

Clay

**Funding:** Northwest Aging Association Foundation, Spencer

**Health:** Agrisafe Network, Spencer

**Human Services:** Young Men’s Christian Association of Spencer, Spencer

**Religion:** Universal Life Church, Spencer

Clayton

**Environment:** Backbone Lake Friends, Inc., Strawberry Point

**Health:** Central Community Hospital, Elkader

**Human Services:** Substance Abuse Service for Clayton County, Elkader

**Religion:** Norway Lutheran Church, Saint Olaf
**Clinton**

*Arts:* Clinton Symphony Orchestra Association, Clinton

*Funding:* United Way of Clinton County, Clinton

*Health:* Women's Health Services of Eastern Iowa, Clinton

*Human Services:* Community Care Inc., DeWitt

**Crawford**

*Arts:* Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts, Denison

*Funding:* Eventide Foundation for the Care of the Elderly, Denison

*Human Services:* West Iowa Community Mental Health Center, Denison

*Religion:* United Presbyterian Church, Denison

**Dallas**

*Community Development:* Perry Economic Development, Perry

*Funding:* St. Patrick School O'Malley Foundation, Perry

*Human Services:* Home Care Services Inc. of Dallas County, Adel

*Religion:* Point of Grace Church, Waukee
The Davis County Fine Arts Council

The Davis County Fine Arts Council was incorporated in 1977 for the purpose of providing cultural and educational opportunities in the arts and to develop the cultural appreciation and talents of Davis County residents.

The Arts Council sponsors the Davis County Players, who produce a fall musical, spring play and summer children’s theatre production annually. The council also sponsors occasional variety shows, weekend movies, visiting artists’ performances and the annual Courtyard Arts Festival.

The Davis County Fine Arts Council annual Summer Shorts play festival, was started three years ago. It is a festival of 7-10 short plays featuring the work of local and Iowa writers, which is usually presented in early August. Cash awards are given to best overall play, best locally written play, and best play written by an author under 18. The festival also features performances by local singers, dancers, and musicians as well as readings by local poets.

Davis

**Funding:** Davis County Hospital Endowment Foundation, Bloomfield

**Humanities:** Davis County Historical Society, Bloomfield

**Recreation:** Camp Wapello Preservation Group, Bloomfield

**Religion:** Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Bloomfield

Decatur

**Arts:** Blue Frog Arts, Lamoni

**Education:** Graceland University, Lamoni

**Human Services:** Decatur County Positive Parenting, Leon

**Religion:** Leon Bible Church, Leon
Zion United Church of Christ

Zion United Church of Christ, in historic downtown Burlington, Iowa, is home to a welcoming congregation. Vital worship, enriching children's church, fellowship for all ages, mission outreach, civic-mindedness and generous hearts are just a few of Zion's strengths. Whether you seek a spiritual home, a meal for your family, help finding a job, or a meaningful way to connect with the community, Zion's doors are open to all in need.
Dickinson

*Animal:* Orphaned and Injured Wildlife, Spirit Lake

*Education:* Spirit Lake Middle School Partners in Education, Spirit Lake

*Health:* Dickinson County Emergency Medical Services Association, Spirit Lake

*Human Services:* Child and Parent Council, Spirit Lake

Dubuque

*Arts:* Bell Tower Production & Dinner Theatre, Dubuque

*Education:* Dubuque Montessori School, Dubuque

*Funding:* Butler Foundation, Dubuque

*Human Services:* Dubuque Regional Aids Coalition, Dubuque

Emmet

*Health:* Avera Holy Family Hospital Estherville

*Human Services:* Respite Angels, Estherville

*Humanities:* Emmet County Historical Society, Estherville

*Recreation:* Emmet County Water Trails Association, Estherville
Fayette

*Education:* Rainbow Land Preschool, Fayette

*Funding:* Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation, Oelwein

*Health:* Palmer Lutheran Health Center, West Union

*Human Services:* Parent Share and Support, Oelwein

Floyd

*Arts:* Charles City Arts Council, Charles City

*Funding:* Noah Family Community Fund, Charles City

*Human Services:* Heart to Home Hospice, Charles City

*Religion:* Gospel Lighthouse Church & Academy, Floyd

Franklin

*Environment:* Friends of Beeds Lake, Hampton

*Funding:* Education Foundation of the Cal Community Schools, Latimer

*Human Services:* Franklin County Alcoholism Service Center, Hampton

*Religion:* Church of the Living Word, Hampton
Fremont

Community Development: Hamburg Economic Development Corporation, Hamburg

Education: Our House Child Development Center, Shenandoah

Funding: Grape Hospital Foundation, Hamburg

Human Services: Nishna Productions, Inc., Shenandoah

Greene

Funding: Dorothy Hess Memorial Trust, Jefferson

Human Services: Genesis Development, Jefferson

Recreation: Greene County Youth Athletic Association, Jefferson

Religion: Greene County Christian Action Resource Center, Jefferson

Grundy

Education: Grundy Center Community Parents & Teachers Association, Grundy Center

Funding: Grundy Center Community School District Foundation, Grundy Center

Human Services: Seeds of Hope, Grundy Center

Religion: St. John's Lutheran Church, Reinbeck
Guthrie

**Arts:** Guthrie County Arts Council, Guthrie Center

**Community Development:** Panora Area Development Group, Panora

**Funding:** Duane Otto Scholarship Fund, Panora

**Recreation:** Panorama Youth Soccer Club, Panora

Hamilton

**Arts:** Webster City Community Theatre, Webster City

**Funding:** Webster City Community School Foundation, Webster City

**Human Services:** All Cultures Equal, Webster City

**Religion:** Victory Christian Fellowship, Jewell

Hancock

**Community Development:** Garner Area Community Betterment Association, Garner

**Education:** Kanawha Christian School Society, Kanawha

**Humanities:** Hancock County Historical Society, Britt

**Public Safety:** Britt Fire Association, Britt
Hardin

Environment: Friends of Pine Lake, Eldora

Funding: Charles and Mildred Peterson Charitable Foundation, Iowa Falls

Human Services: Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, Eldora

Humanities: Ackley Heritage Center, Ackley

Harrison

Arts: Museum of Religious Arts, Logan

Funding: Logan Community Foundation, Logan

Human Services: Crossroads of Western Iowa, Missouri Valley

Religion: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pisgah

Henry

Education: Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant

Funding: Mount Pleasant Community School Foundation, Mount Pleasant

Health: Healthy Henry County Communities, Mt. Pleasant

Religion: Salem Friends, Salem
Howard

Arts: Cresco Area Fine Arts Council, Cresco

Environment: Howard County Environmental & Conservation Education Foundation, Cresco

Funding: Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation, Cresco

Recreation: Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame Foundation, Cresco

Humboldt

Funding: John Dodgen Foundation, Humboldt

Health: Hospice of Humboldt County, Humboldt

Human Services: North Central After Care, Humboldt

Religion: Zion Lutheran and Preschool, Humboldt

Humboldt County Animal Shelter

Humboldt County Animal Shelter’s mission is to provide a safe haven for lost, abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs; to educate the community about proper care and treatment of all animals; and to provide a lasting relationship between animals and their humans through its adoption program.
Ida

Health: Ida County Iowa Community Hospital, Ida Grove

Humanities: Ida County Historical Society, Ida Grove

Human Services: Ida Sheltered Industries, Battle Creek

Religion: Smith Outreach Ministries of Kenya, Ida Grove

Iowa

Education: Amana Elementary PTO, Amana

Funding: Amana Colonies Historical Site Foundation, Amana

Human Services: Integrative Health Services, Williamsburg

Recreation: Amana Community Fireworks, Amana

Jackson

Animal: Jackson County Humane Society and Shelter, Maquoketa

Arts: Ohnward Fine Arts Center, Maquoketa

Funding: Jackson County Health Foundation, Maquoketa

Human Services: Bellevue Bread Basket, Bellevue
Jasper

Arts: Centre for Arts and Artists, Newton

Education: Colfax Community Preschool, Colfax

Funding: Baxter Community Educational Foundation, Baxter

Religion: United Pentecostal Church, Newton

Jefferson

Arts: Fairfield Music Society, Fairfield

Funding: Berman Family Foundation, Fairfield

Human Services: Jefferson County Agency on Aging, Fairfield

Recreation: Fairfield Youth Advocacy, Fairfield

Johnson

Education: Preucil School of Music, Iowa City

Health: Iowa Free Medical Clinic, Iowa City

Human Services: Crisis Center, Iowa City

Humanities: Iowa Children’s Museum, Coralville
The annual Grant Wood Art Festival honors the heritage of Grant Wood and the legacy of the early Irish immigrants who settled in Stone City. Attracted to the natural beauty of the terrain, Grant Wood chose this area for his art colony during the summers of 1932-33. The aim of the original art colony, as outlined in the school's brochure, was “…to join in working together toward the development of an indigenous expression. To this end we do not strive for any particular formula or technique. We rather seek for a stimulating exchange of ideas, a cooperation of a variety of points of view.”

A journey back in time to view architectural landmarks of the mid 19th century is promised to those who visit the area. The legend is that early immigrants came to Stone City in the 1800s and carved a legacy of stone in the bluffs of the Wapsipinicon River Valley.

Keokuk

**Funding:** Keokuk County Conservation Foundation, Sigourney

**Health:** Hospice of Keokuk County, Sigourney

**Human Services:** First Resources Corp., Sigourney

**Religion:** English River Church of the Brethren, South English
Kossuth

Community Development: Algona Revitalization Project, Algona

Environment: Friends of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Algona

Funding: Howard and Katherine Hoenk Foundation, Algona

Human Services: Family Crisis Center of North Iowa Inc., Algona

Lee

Funding: Keokuk Area Community Foundation, Keokuk

Health: Keokuk Area Hospital, Keokuk

Human Services: Community Services Council Inc. of Fort Madison Iowa, Fort Madison

Religion: Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ, Denmark

Linn

Education: Coe College, Cedar Rapids

Funding: United Way of East Central Iowa, Cedar Rapids

Human Services: Community Health Free Clinic, Cedar Rapids

Religion: Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids
Louisa

**Health:** Morning Sun Community Ambulance Service, Morning Sun

**Human Services:** Prevent Child Abuse Iowa-Louisa County Council, Wapello

**Humanities:** Louisa County Historical Society, Morning Sun

**Religion:** Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, Columbus Junction

Lucas

**Arts:** Lucas County Arts Council, Chariton

**Funding:** Chariton Community Foundation, Chariton

**Humanities:** Lucas County Genealogical Society, Chariton

**Recreation:** Chariton Girls Softball League, Chariton

Lyon

**Community Development:** Rock Rapids Area Development Foundation, Rock Rapids

**Education:** Doon Iowa Christian School Society, Doon

**Funding:** Lyon County Riverboat Foundation, Rock Rapids

**Health:** Merrill Pioneer Community Hospital, Rock Rapids

Read about the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation on the next page.
The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation is pleased to be a significant part of helping churches, civic groups, schools, non-profits and local government to complete important projects to make Lyon County, Iowa a better place to live and work. In 2013, the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation awarded $610,923 to several fire departments, fair associations, and conservation efforts within the county.

Madison

**Environment:** Madison County River Alliance, Winterset

**Funding:** Friends of Winterset Public Library, Winterset

**Human Services:** Madison County Elderly Services, Inc., Winterset

**Religion:** Manjushri Tibetan Center (Buddhist), Winterset

Mahaska

**Animals:** Iowa Ornithologists Union, Oskaloosa

**Education:** William Penn University, Oskaloosa

**Funding:** Harold L. Darner Trust, Fremont

**Human Services:** South Central Independent Living Center, Oskaloosa
Marion

Arts: Pella Shakespeare Company, Pella

Education: Central College, Pella

Funding: United Way of Knoxville, Knoxville

Human Services: Christian Opportunity Center, Pella

Pella Regional Health Center, Marion County

Pella Regional Health Center is a private, nonprofit provider of health care accredited by The Joint Commission. Since opening in 1960, Pella Regional has grown from a facility to care for the acutely ill to a system that includes the hospital, outpatient services, medical clinics and residential facilities. The hospital is operated as a critical access hospital, staffing 25 acute-care beds.

Marshall

Arts: Marshalltown Community Theatre, Marshalltown

Funding: Fisher Community Center Foundation, Marshalltown

Human Services: Emergency Food Box, Marshalltown

Religion: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Saint Anthony
Mills

**Animals:** Hooves & Paws Rescue of the Heartland, Glenwood

**Humanities:** Glenwood American Indian Earth Lodge Society, Glenwood

**Recreation:** Glenwood Wrestling Club, Glenwood

**Religion:** Young People's Christian Association of Glenwood Iowa, Glenwood

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Mitchell

**Arts:** Cedar River Recreation & Fine Arts, Osage

**Funding:** Education Foundation of the Osage Community Schools, Osage

**Human Services:** Mitchell County Food Bank, Osage

**Religion:** First Lutheran Church, Saint Ansgar

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Monona

**Funding:** Onawa Community Foundation, Onawa

**Health:** Burgess Health Center, Onawa

**Recreation:** 29ers Youth Football, Osage

**Religion:** Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, Onawa
Monroe

Funding: Monroe County Iowa Community Foundation, Albia

Health: Hospice of Monroe County, Albia

Human Services: Monroe County Activity Center of Albia Iowa, Albia

Humanities: Albia Area Improvement Association, Albia

Montgomery

Arts: Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa (PAEA), Red Oak

Education: Child Resource Center Inc., Red Oak

Funding: Red Oak Heritage Foundation, Red Oak

Public Safety: Red Oak Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Red Oak

Muscatine

Funding: Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, Muscatine

Health: Unity Health Care, Muscatine

Human Services: Diversity Services Center of Iowa, Muscatine

Public Safety: Muscatine Safe Streets, Muscatine
**O'Brien**

**Arts:** Prairie Arts Council, Sheldon

**Education:** Sheldon Christian School Association, Sheldon

**Health:** Baum Harmon Mercy Hospital & Clinics, Primghar

**Human Services:** Village Northwest Unlimited, Sheldon

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**Osceola**

**Environment:** Osceola County Conservation League, Sibley

**Funding:** Friends of the Sibley Public Library, Sibley

**Health:** Osceola Community Hospital, Sibley

**Humanities:** Osceola County Historical Society, Sibley

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**Animals:** Southwest Iowa Humane Society, Clarinda

**Funding:** Charles Hockenberry Foundation, Shenandoah

**Health:** Nodaway Valley Free Clinic, Clarinda

**Religion:** Calvary Chapel Clarinda, Clarinda
It all starts with the right role models and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland is the place to start a relationship with one. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland raised over $50,000 at Jersey Bowl, a local event held in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America’s national Bowl for Kids’ Sake fundraiser. In its eighth year, the marquee fundraiser once again shattered its record with over $50,000 raised by 228 bowlers from 48 teams and through sponsorships and in-kind donations. Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Bowl for Kids’ Sake is the organization’s largest national fundraiser that engages more than a half million people across the country. All proceeds from Jersey Bowl will be used to support the nearly 500 children served by the agency throughout Siouxland.
Pocahontas

**Arts:** Fonda Arts Center, Fonda

**Funding:** Pocahontas Community Healthcare Foundation, Pocahontas

**Humanities:** SS Peter and Paul Historical Corporation, Pocahontas

**Religion:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Laurens

Polk

**Arts:** Des Moines Community Playhouse, Des Moines

**Education:** Drake University, Des Moines

**Funding:** Guideone Foundation West Des Moines

**Health:** Life Service Blood Center, Des Moines

Pottawattamie

**Arts:** Glory Road Gospel Quartet, Council Bluffs

**Environment:** Council Bluffs Trees Forever, Council Bluffs

**Humanities:** Historic General Dodge House, Council Bluffs

**Human Services:** Prevent Child Abuse of Pottawattamie County, Council Bluffs
Poweshiek

*Environment:* Tall Grass Prairie Audubon Society, Grinnell

*Education:* Central Iowa Christian School, Grinnell

*Funding:* Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation, Grinnell

*Religion:* East Iowa Bible Conference, Deep River

Ringgold

*Funding:* Ringgold County Community Foundation, Mount Ayr

*Human Services:* Ringgold County Group Home, Mount Ayr

*Religion:* Blessed Oaks Youth Christian Center, Kellerton

Sac

*Community Development:* Sac Partners for Progress, Sac City

*Humanities:* Sac County Historical Society, Sac City

*Human Services:* Howard Center, Sac City

*Religion:* Wall Lake Baptist Church, Wall Lake
Scott

Arts: Figge Art Museum, Davenport

Funding: United Way of Quad Cities Area, Davenport

Health: Genesis Health Systems, Davenport

Religion: Quad Cities Interfaith Sponsoring Committee, Davenport

Shelby

Health: Agriwellness, Harlan

Human Services: Concerned, Inc., Harlan

Humanities: Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn

Public Safety: Earling Fire & Rescue Department, Earling

Sioux

Education: Dordt College, Sioux Center

Funding: Friends of the Festival Foundation, Orange City

Health: Home Health Resources, Orange City

Human Services: Senior Citizens of Rock Valley, Rock Valley
Story

Arts: Ames Chamber Artists, Ames

Education: Ames Christian School, Ames

Funding: Iowa State University Foundation, Ames

Religion: Ames Jewish Congregation, Ames

Tama

Funding: Traer Community Foundation, Traer

Health: Center Associates Tama, Toledo

Human Services: Community Resource Connections, Tama

Religion: Our Sacred Space, Montour

Taylor

Community Development: Bedford Area Economic Development Corp, Bedford

Education: Precious People Preschool, Lenox

Funding: Bedford Foundation, Bedford

Human Services: Taylor Ridge Estates, Lenox
Union

Arts: Creston Community Theatre, Creston

Education: Mayflower Heritage Christian School, Creston

Human Services: Rural Iowa Crisis Center, Creston

Religion: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Creston

Van Buren

Community Development: Bonaparte Main Street, Bonaparte

Funding: Bruce Rex Vale Foundation, Keosauqua

Humanities: Van Buren County Historical Society, Selma

Recreation: Van Buren County Trails Association, Keosauqua

Van Buren County Trails Association

The Van Buren County Trails Association promotes the development and use of hiking, biking, and water trails. The VBCTA’s current project is the establishment of a trailhead park on the Keosauqua, Iowa, riverfront.
Wapello

**Education**: Ottumwa Christian School, Ottumwa

**Funding**: Indian Hills Community College Foundation, Ottumwa

**Human Services**: Food Bank of Southern Iowa, Ottumwa

**Humanities**: Air Power Museum, Ottumwa

Warren

**Animal**: Animal Lifeline of Iowa, Carlisle

**Education**: Simpson College, Indianola

**Human Services**: Child Abuse Prevention Council of Warren County, Indianola

**Religion**: Christian Union Church, Milo

Washington

**Arts**: Washington Choral Society, Washington

**Education**: Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona

**Health**: Hospice of Washington County, Washington

**Human Services**: United Presbyterian Home, Washington
Wayne

Arts: International Center for Rural Culture and Art, Allerton

Community Development: Wayne County Development Corporation, Corydon

Funding: Christopher Street Memorial Foundation, Humeston

Health: Wayne County Home Health Agency, Corydon

Webster

Funding: Siefer Charitable Trust, Fort Dodge

Health: People Against Cancer, Otho

Human Services: Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa, Fort Dodge

Religion: St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge

Winnebago

Funding: Winnebago Industries Foundation, Forest City

Health: Lake Mills Ambulance Service, Lake Mills

Human Services: Bisons Senior Citizens, Buffalo Center

Humanities: Lake Mills Area Historical Society, Lake Mills
Located in the small northeast Iowa town of Decorah, Luther College is an undergraduate liberal arts institution of about 2,500 students. The college is affiliated with the Lutheran Church (ELCA). Founded in 1861 by Norwegian immigrants, Luther offers more than 60 majors and preprofessional and certificate programs leading to the bachelor of arts degree. Its mission statement emphasizes faith, leadership, and community service. Luther College provides equal opportunity for all qualified persons in its educational programs and activities.

Winnesheik

Education: Luther College, Decorah

Funding: Decorah Community School District Foundation, Decorah

Human Services: Helping Services For Northeast Iowa, Decorah

Humanities: Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, Decorah
Woodbury

Funding: Siouxland Community Foundation, Sioux City

Human Services: Goodwill Community Rehabilitation Services, Sioux City

Recreation: Woodbury County Fair Association, Moville

Religion: Congregation Beth Shalom, Sioux City

Worth

Environment: Worth County Conservation Foundation, Northwood

Human Services: Manly Senior Citizens, Manly

Humanities: Worth County Historical Society, Northwood

Recreation: Manly Heat Softball, Manly
Wright County District Junior Fair

The fair runs a yearly sponsorship program that helps cover the cost of entertainment, premiums, judges, and other expenses. The program has grown each year and most recently reached $50,000. A successful capital campaign was one funding source that helped build a new 100 x 200 foot show arena and livestock facility. The goal for the campaign was $250,000 with the rest of the cost covered by loans and grants. The capital campaign is currently at $483,000.
Description of the Governor’s Nonprofit Project

The Governor’s Nonprofit Project will strive to make Iowa a nonprofit friendly state. Partnering with the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, the Iowa Nonprofit Collaborative and various state agencies will work to develop effective and efficient cooperative efforts between state agencies and private nonprofits to address Iowa’s community needs.

Members of the Iowa Nonprofit Collaborative taking part in the Governor’s Nonprofit Project:

- Coalition for Family and Children’s Services in Iowa, Kristie Oliver, Executive Director
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- Community Health Charities Iowa, Jim Swanstrom, President & CEO
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- Iowa Alliance in Home Care, Kim Foltz, Executive Director
- Iowa Association of Community Providers, Shelly Chandler, Executive Director
- Iowa Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Dana Petrowsky, President & CEO
- Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Gary Steinke, President
- Iowa Community Action Association, Lana Ross, CCAP, Executive Director
- Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Beth Barnhill
- Iowa Council of Foundations, Angela Dethlefs-Trettin
- Iowa Environmental Council, Marian Riggs Gelb, Executive Director
- Iowa Dollars for Scholars, Judi Pierick
- Iowa Food Bank Association, Jordan Vernoy, State Director
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- United Ways of Iowa, Lisa Sieren, Statewide Coordinator
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