

Media Release - Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation

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County Endowment Foundation To Award Grants

Over \$92,000 in grants will be awarded to 26 organizations in Hardin County at the annual Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation Grant Awards Night on Thursday evening, April 28th at the Hubbard Golf and Recreation Center at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The 2011 grants recipients being announced support the areas of art and culture, community betterment, economic development and entrepreneurship, education, health and human services, recreation and environment, and youth development."

The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) was established in 2005 as a publicly supported, tax-exempt organization created to meet the current and future needs of local communities, working to build local philanthropy with a focus on creating endowments for the long-term benefit of charitable projects and programs.

"The Foundation is in the work of philanthropy", says Carol Gilbert, HCCEF Chair. "It's caring about the community, now and in the future. Our board is very fortunate to work with charitable individuals, organizations, and businesses who have a passion concerning personal, family, and civic values. It is because of these values that HCCEF has helped donors to create over \$1.4 million dollars in endowments to benefit Hardin County communities and individuals."

As an affiliate of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, HCCEF assists donors who wish to support those charitable organizations that are important to them. As an additional incentive to encourage donor giving and help grow community philanthropy, donors making a gift to a permanent endowment with HCCEF may receive a 25% Iowa income tax CREDIT.

For further information on giving back to your community through HCCEF, contact Carol Gilbert at 515-855-4170.