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Abraham Lincoln
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Together for a Better Community



Entrepreneur
For a Day Program



Developing Dynamic Leaders



Garden City Playground

A Letter from the Board Chair

Since our beginning in 2005, HCCEF has worked to improve the quality of life in Hardin County by evaluating and addressing community issues, building permanent charitable endowments and connecting donors to the critical needs in their communities.

Whether you are a donor, social-profit board member, financial advisor or volunteer, we thank you for being a part of our community of givers.

We invite you to join us in celebrating all we have accomplished in 2009. We look forward to our continued commitment to serve Hardin County.

In appreciation,
Carol C. Gilbert, Chair



BACK ROW (L-R): **Bea Smuck**, Buckeye; **Marlene McDonald**, New Providence; **Kendra Veld**, Steamboat Rock; **Carol Gilbert**, At-Large Representative - Chair; **Mary Pieper**, Union/Whitten; **Kristi Harris**, Iowa Falls - Vice Chair; **Bernice Lancaster**, Alden. FRONT ROW (L-R): **Todd Bicknese**, At-Large Representative; **Larry Wolf**, Eldora - Treasurer; **Darwin Miller**, Ex-Officio; **Mark Boeke**, Hubbard; **Jerry Rogers**, At-Large Representative. **NOT PICTURED: Cyndee Roskens**, Ackley - Secretary; **Mark Hamilton**, Ex-Officio.

Our Mission:

To enhance the quality of life in Hardin County by increasing charitable giving, providing opportunities for donors to leave a legacy, building a permanent collection of endowment funds, making grants to social-profit groups in response to priority community needs, and providing leadership on critical community issues.

Our Goals:

To lead by developing and implementing programs designed to engage more people and organizations in philanthropy, create new and better ways to help social-profits maximize their efforts, and to develop innovative approaches to grant-making.

Financial Statement (as of August 31, 2009)

Assets	\$548,221.93
Number of Funds with HCCEF	18
Number of Grants Made in the Last Four Years	97
Grant Distributions in the Last Four Years	\$410,343.89

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For further information on HCCEF visit:
www.donateiowa.org/hardin

Why I recommend the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation to my Clients

The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation is a full-service charitable institution that I recommend to my clients. With its county-wide focus, the Foundation has helped me help my clients craft innovative solutions to their charitable giving. Whether my clients want to make an outright gift or plan for charitable gifts from their estate, HCCEF can customize a solution.

HCCEF is a unique institution able to bring generous donors and worthy causes together. This is a wonderful mission in a difficult time of shrinking government support and growing needs throughout Hardin County's communities and institutions. Hardin County citizens are very generous, and HCCEF has made it easy for people to build and sustain their personal legacies.

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Your Will Can be a Gift of Love

Have you considered including the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation in your estate plan? It is easy to do through your will or trust. The following is a sample of the language your attorney could use to include the Foundation in your plans (you can even designate a specific project if you wish).

Specific Bequest – "I give the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation the sum of \$_____ to be used by the (insert the name of foundation) for its general purposes or according to a letter of intent previously agreed to by the Foundation and me."

Residual Bequest – "I give the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation _____ percent of the residue of my estate to be used by the (insert name of the foundation) for its general purposes or according to a letter of intent previously agreed to by the Foundation and me."

Giving, Growing, Granting

GIVING

The community foundation idea is simple. Anyone may use it to give back to his/her community.

An easy way for you to make a difference and leave a meaningful legacy in Hardin County is by creating a permanent endowment fund in the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation. Establishing an endowment fund at HCCEF is one of the most enduring and lasting gifts that you can make.

Who: Anyone. The fund can be in your name or in memory of a loved one.

What: Give almost any kind of asset – cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, life insurance and real estate.

When: Create a fund now, establish it in your will, or create a trust arrangement.

Where: Here, in the community where you have lived and worked and loved.

Why: Your gift can change lives – today and in the future.

GROWING A FUND

- Select a name for your fund.
- Choose a type of fund. A variety of funds allows us to meet our donors' different charitable interests. Examples of funds include Unrestricted, Field of Interest, Scholarship, Designated and Acorn.
- Make an initial gift of \$1,000 with a plan to "grow" your fund to \$10,000 – or more.
- Your fund will be pooled with a much larger fund with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and managed professionally. Its assets will grow over time. Continued giving to the fund by friends and family in honor of an anniversary, birthday or special event will help it to grow even more.
- Distributions from funds are given in grants to the social-profit organization(s) of your choice.

GRANTING PROCESS

HCCEF's Community Grants Program makes grants annually to social-profits that meet important needs in arts and culture, community betterment, education, health and human services, recreation and environment, and youth development.

- Complete grant information and guidelines are available at all city halls, at the Hardin County Extension Office's Web site at www.extension.ia.edu/hardin or HCCEF's Web site at www.donateiowa.org/hardin.
- Grant workshops will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, in Iowa Falls at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, and Thursday, Jan. 7, in Eldora at 6:30 p.m. at the public library.
- Grant application deadline is Feb. 3, 2010.
- Call Kristi Harris, HCCEF Grant Chair, at (641) 648-3475.

Special Credit for Iowa Taxpayers - Endow Iowa

When times are tough, Iowans know they can count on each other to get through. As we recover and rebuild from recent economic challenges, residents just like you are building on a strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor through simple acts of charitable giving. And now, the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program makes it easier, more rewarding and more affordable for you to give to the causes and the community you care about.

With Endow Iowa, you can give and also receive.

When you donate to a permanently endowed fund at a qualified community foundation such as HCCEF, you not only help your neighbors today — you build a stronger community tomorrow. While that is rewarding in itself, with Endow Iowa, you'll also get back for giving. In 2009, you're eligible to receive a 20 percent state TAX CREDIT for each donation, in addition to any other federal tax benefits for which you qualify.

Every year, approximately \$4 million in Endow Iowa TAX CREDITS are set aside to distribute to those who make gifts to permanently endowed funds at a qualified community foundation, like HCCEF.

Tax credits are available on a statewide first-come, first-served basis, so talk to your professional advisor today about how you can take advantage of this unique opportunity. Or contact us at (515) 855-4170 or carolg@peconet.net for more information on Endow Iowa and how HCCEF is helping donors do good works within the community, forever.

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Thank you Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation for your grant dollars to help in the Empress boat hull restoration



SCENIC CITY EMPRESS

Thank you to HCCEF for the grant which allowed us to offer the Developing Dynamics Leaders Class at an affordable cost to the participants.

**Hardin County ISU Extension
 Iowa Falls
 641-648-4850**

**Thank You
 FOR YOUR HELP**

Thank you to the HCCEF for helping us purchase the swings, fire engine, teeter totter, tether ball, and bouncers.

Special thanks to Prairie Land Coop, Heart of Iowa, Netins, Union Fire Department, Gary Vaux, Union Betterment, Hardin County Savings Bank of Union, Larry's Repair, Jerry McCoy, and all the people who donated time and money.

We continue to raise funds for the big piece of equipment for the Union Playground. If you would like to donate, call Genya Clemons at 641-486-2474 or Mary Hardee at 641-849-0322.

Funds with HCCEF

Your gifts... promoted growth in philanthropy... helped send a student to college...
 created safe places for children and programs for local youth... improved homes for families...
 provided opportunities for people of all ages to thrive... ensured that stray animals received care...
 developed great community facilities... and brought culture and meaning into our lives.

YOU made all the difference!



Iowa Falls Community Senior Citizens, Inc. presents a \$20,000 gift to HCCEF's unrestricted endowment.

AGENCY & COMMUNITY FUNDS:

Agency Endowment Funds are created by the agency itself for its benefit. They provide a stable source of annual income, allowing staff and board members to concentrate on carrying out the agency's mission. The agency continues to direct the outflow of monies.

- Barlow Memorial Library Endowment Fund
- Eldora Area Community Foundation Endowment Fund
- Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation Fund
- Hubbard Public Library Endowment Fund
- Scenic City Empress Boat Club Endowment Fund
- Quakerdale Endowment Fund

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead



Congratulations

Your efforts will help make the Hardin County Community a better place to live!

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Bob Campbell, John Campbell, and Jim Gillespie of Campbell Supply Company, Inc.

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Designated Funds are funds created by donors for the benefit of a specific charitable organization(s). Designated funds distribute investment income to the named organization on an annual basis, creating a stable income stream.

- Dr. Lloyd L. & Jo Bates Endowed Fund
- Campbell Supply Company, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Charlie & Carol Gilbert Family Endowed Fund
- Laura & Mark Hamilton Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Bill & Judy Harris Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Hunter Krause Scholarship Fund
- Kruse Family Scholarship Fund
- Daniel Harris Voge Fine Arts Scholarship Fund
- DuWayne and Nancy Wessels Family Fund
- Union Cemetery of Union Endowment Fund



Jo Bates, Union

ACORN FUNDS:

Acorn Funds allow donors to build a fund that grows within five years through regular contributions and investment income to become a permanent fund once it reaches \$10,000.

- Todd & Jennifer Bicknese Family Fund
- Iowa Falls LIFE Class Endowment Fund



2009 Leadership in Iowa Falls Experience (LIFE) Class graduates. (L-R) Amanda Wood, Vicki Gordon, Terry Tikovitsch, Kevin Sanders, Elaine Bahr, Jennifer Winters.

In appreciation, we thank the
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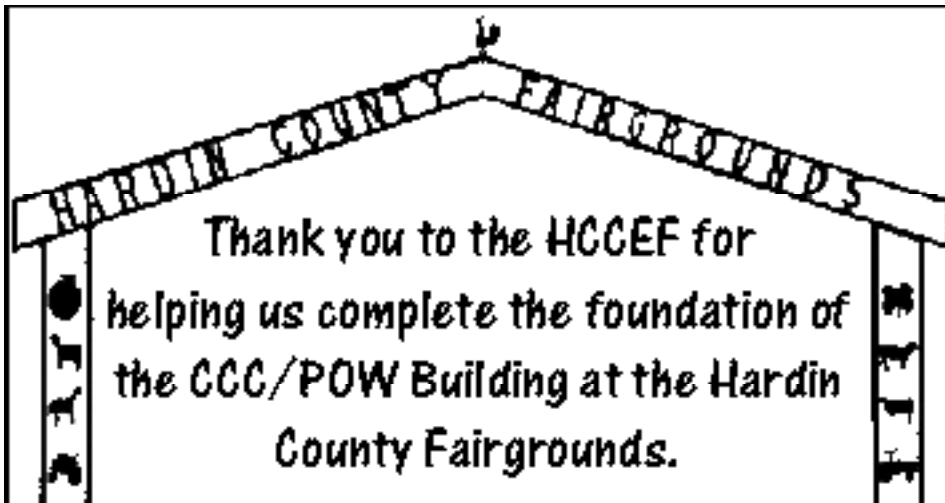
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Hardin County Fair
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*Chamber / Main Street Tourism Committee
would like to "Thank" Hardin County
Community Endowment Foundation for
helping to bring "Farm Life: A Century of
Change" from the National Endowment for
Humanities to Iowa Falls.*



**Iowa Falls Chamber/
Main Street**

**The Ellsworth College Foundation
applauds the efforts of the HCCEF.**

We recognize and appreciate the
specific investments made through
grants awarded to the Pat Clark Art
Collection, Calkins Nature Area and the
Dale Howard Family Activity Center.

HCCEF COMMUNITY GRANTS

In the spring of 2009, HCCEF awarded grants to 28 area social-profit organizations in its fourth grant cycle.

Arts & Culture

- Friends of the Pat Clark Art Collection - \$2,000** - Framing Project
- Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street - \$5,000**
A Century of Change Farm Traveling Exhibit
- Renewal Community, Inc. - \$1,500** - Camp Creamery Kids Drama Day Camp



Century of Change Farm Traveling Exhibit.



Dale Howard Family Activity Center



Emily Rose, Youth To Restore CCC/POW Building

Community Betterment

- Ackley Chamber of Commerce - \$740** - Food Stand Equipment
- Ackley Public Library - \$315** - Laminator
- Ackley Recreation Club, Inc. - \$6,000** - Tables and Chairs
- Eldora Performance Series/ENP Foundation - \$2,800** - Electronic Sign
- ECC Dale Howard Family Activity Center - \$6,000** - Tables and Chairs
- Hardin County Community Endowment Fdn. - \$6,580** - Philanthropy Building
- Hardin County Extension Service - \$1,200** - Developing Dynamic Leaders Course
- Hardin County Library Association - \$7,500** - Preserving Hardin County Newspapers
- Iowa Falls Parks and Rec. - \$1,400** - Estes Park Fountain Improvements

Thank you to the HCCEF for the grant that helped us purchase tables and chairs for the Dale Howard Family Activity Center.



**Ellsworth
Community College**

1100 College Ave.
641-648-4611

Thanks to the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation.



We used our grant money to purchase a treatment table

The Presbyterian Village

502 Butler Street
Ackley, IA 50601
(641) 847-3531

THANK YOU

to the Hardin Co. Community Endowment Foundation for making Camp Creamery affordable to participants.

Renewal Community, Inc.
New Providence

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**Hardin County
Farm Bureau
Board**
Eldora, Iowa

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City of Union Playground



Ellsworth Municipal Hospital

Education

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration, HCCEF - \$900

County-wide School Assembly Programs

Entrepreneur for a Day Program, HCCEF - \$2,864

E4D Pilot Project, BCLUW fifth-graders

Hardin County Conservation Board - \$3,000

New Reptile and Amphibian Display Cages

Community School District of Eldora - Tiger Pack - \$2,200

Tiger Pack After-School Programming

Youth to Restore the CCC/POW Building - \$5,000

Building Improvements

Health & Human Services

Alden Fire Department & Elementary School - \$1,800 - Two AEDs

Ellsworth Municipal Hospital - \$7,500 - Diagnostic Laboratory Equipment

Hubbard Medical Clinic - \$4,000 - Laboratory Equipment

Presbyterian Village - \$1,400 - New Treatment Table

Quakerdale - \$5,000 - Farm Program for Youth



Scenic City Empress

Recreation & Environment

Gunderson Trails Phase 1 - \$7,500 - Trail Development

City of Union - \$3,000 - Playground Equipment

Garden City Community Group - \$3,000 - Playground Equipment

Hardin County Recreational Trails Committee - \$7,500

Trail Development - Lighting

Iowa Falls Rugby Football Club - \$5,000

Portable Bleachers, Soccer Nets, Picnic Tables

Scenic City Empress Boat Club - \$5,000

Empress Boat Hull Restoration

Thanks Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation



We used our grant money to purchase a grill, refrigerator and freezer.

We have already put them to good use with numerous community events.

The Ackley Chamber of Commerce

Thank You **THANK YOU** Thank You **THANK YOU**

Hubbard Care Center would like to say thank you to the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation for their hard work for Hardin County.

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HARDIN COUNTY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION FOR THE GRANT MONEY TO HELP US WITH OUR GUNDERSON RAIL TRAIL. OPENING/COMPLETION: LATE 2010

HCCEF Receives \$50,000 Philanthropy and Microenterprise Grant

A three-year grant to develop a greater spirit of entrepreneurship in Hardin County has been awarded to the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF). The \$50,000 Iowa Microenterprise Assistance Project (IMAP) matching grant was made possible by the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and the Northwest Area Foundation.

The goal of this grant is to develop a greater spirit of entrepreneurship in our county, to foster growth from within through collaboration and partnerships, and to generate economic growth while reducing poverty. HCCEF is one of five county-wide affiliate foundations in the state to receive this funding.

"Rural philanthropy is a critical component for investing into communities, and HCCEF is an excellent entity to help build rural communities by supporting entrepreneurship," says Carol Gilbert, HCCEF Chair. "This grant presents a new opportunity for HCCEF to expand its role and to serve as a convener in the county to address some of the critically important issues we face in rural Iowa," noted Gilbert.

A leadership team of 20 county and community representatives is helping to carry out the annual goals and activity plans for a sustainable entrepreneur and microenterprise development initiative.

Hamiltons' gift launched foundation

BY SARA KONRAD
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Since February 2005, the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation has gone from a new endeavor with promise to a proven, community-driven investment tool.

The vision of building an endowment through HCCEF started with Times Citizen Communications owners Mark and Laura Hamilton. With help from Mark's siblings, Ann Campbell and Bruce Hamilton, they made the initial investment that launched HCCEF.

"When my mother, Ruth Hamilton, passed away five years ago, our family remembered mother's lifelong fondness for Hardin County," Mark said. "We felt that she would want one of her legacies to be to help launch a local endowment. My dad had understood what a foundation endowment could achieve after his leadership at the Iowa State University Foundation. It just felt right to try to start something like that in Hardin County."

Next year will mark the fifth anniversary of the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation.



Mark and Laura Hamilton

Emboldened by the example set by Mark's parents, the Hamilton family's gift of \$50,000 in memory of Ruth Hamilton to HCCEF's unrestricted endowment fund was the real start to the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, according to HCCEF Chair Carol Gilbert.

"Making the initial gift to the Foundation's unrestricted endowment has been a wonderful way for us to serve our community," said Laura Hamilton. "It's truly inspiring to see the positive impact that HCCEF is making in Hardin County."

"Giving to HCCEF supports the causes that are important to us today while ensuring that there are funds secure to meet the needs of Hardin County residents for generations to come."

In recent years, Mark and Laura Hamilton also started an endowed scholarship fund through HCCEF to benefit students at Ellsworth Community College. Laura has served on the Ellsworth Community College Board of Trustees for many years. The couple plans to continue to add to the fund in the coming years, knowing that endowed scholarships have been a key component to attracting students to ECC.

"As we have been involved in the local challenges to maintain population levels and attract new people to Hardin County over the last 25 years, we have become convinced that the intrinsic wealth represented in the land, people and industry of this area offer us a unique chance to create opportunities for another generation," Mark said. "Our forefathers left us a legacy, and now it is our generation's turn to continue that practice."

The Hardin County

Community Endowment Foundation

is a unique vehicle for charitable giving that benefits greater Hardin County. Each year the foundation makes grant awards to these six areas of our mission:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Betterment
- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Recreation & Environment
- Youth Development

If you or your tax advisor have any questions about this opportunity, please contact the...


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