



# Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation

# Investing in our



# Communities

*“Rural philanthropy is a critical component  
for investing into communities.”*

# Community foundations are "For good...For ever..."

## A Message from the Board Chair:

Dear Friends,

**H**ow do you measure the worth of a community foundation? One of the best ways to measure the value of any charity is the tangible good that results because that organization exists. In the past two years, the Hardin County Community

Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) has returned approximately \$106,000 in community-building grants to 44 Hardin County organizations.

Those are numbers that represent significant "good" delivered for our county. HCCEF funds are permanent charitable resources. As they grow, an increasing amount of good is returned to our communities in

perpetuity - forever. We're here to make a lasting difference.

All around us, people are acting as if the future of our county really matters. They are investing in HCCEF. Please join us; it's a broad and public umbrella that shelters the charitable funds that are professionally managed by our host foundation, the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

The best investments we can ever make are those that make a real difference right here at home. Please join us in investing in the people of our county through support of the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation.

On behalf of the citizens of Hardin County - thank you,  
Carol Gilbert



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Friends of the Alden Public Library

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**Tiger Pack in Eldora** would like to Thank the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation for its assistance in the Garden project.

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# HCCEF at a Glance:

**IT'S ABOUT:**

*Community... Generosity... Responsiveness... Legacy...  
Impact... Quality of Life... Growth...  
Leadership... Common Causes... Sustainability.*

**OUR VISION:**

To enhance the quality of life in Hardin County.

**OUR MISSION:**

The Foundation is created by and for the people of Hardin County to serve the needs and charitable goals of donors and local non-profit organizations interested in making a positive impact on the future of Hardin County.

■ In 2006, HCCEF was recognized by the Community Vitality Center with a \$1,000 "Best Practice" award.

■ In 2007, HCCEF was awarded a \$20,000 matching grant from the Endow Iowa Grant program for its philanthropy-building efforts.

Assets.....	\$217,151
Number of Funds .....	6
Unrestricted Endowment Fund .....	\$138,423
Grants Made in Last Two Years .....	44
Grant Requests in the Last Two Years.....	\$260,000
Grant Distributions in Last Two Years .....	\$105,812
Dollars Leveraged.....	\$786,309

# Celebrate Community Foundation Week

Community foundations, such as HCCEF, are at the heart of our hometowns, helping to connect local donors to the causes that they care most about. Working with individuals, families, businesses and organizations, we build permanent funds that distribute their earnings forever, to help our communities meet the challenges of changing times.

Celebrate National Community Foundation Week, Nov. 11-17, 2007, with us by learning more about how people and organizations make a lasting difference locally through their gifts to the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation. ♦

To learn more about HCCEF, visit:

[www.endowhardincountyiowa.com](http://www.endowhardincountyiowa.com)

## A Vision for our Community Through Grants and Support



**T**he Ellsworth College Foundation applauds the efforts and success of the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation in their second year of grants and projects.

We sincerely thank them for the investments made in our county through grants awarded to the Pat Clark Art Collection and Calkins Nature Area and the many other grants awarded. Support from the Hardin County Community Endowment is improving community resources and outreach programs. Their support makes a vision for a better tomorrow in our community a reality.

**The Ellsworth College Foundation**

**With effort and success our Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation has helped many non-profit civic and charitable organizations move forward.**

**We want to say thank you for the support you have given our community.**



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# Five Good Reasons to Work with HCCEF

## 1. We know our communities.

HCCEF calls upon a broad cross section of county leaders who guide our work – providing valuable insight on how to meet a wide range of changing local needs.

## 2. We care about the future of Hardin County.

Each gift becomes part of a perpetual trust so even the most modest gift works forever and is building a legacy for tomorrow's citizens. Any amount can be contributed for unrestricted purposes (and in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one) or to an existing fund. You can create your own fund with a \$10,000



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minimum amount – enabling you to name the fund and to determine the purpose and use of the fund.

## 3. We share your interest.

We help donors create an individual or family legacy. We're here to make permanent

connections for you to the charitable causes that you care most about. Charitable funds can serve a broad variety of causes or be very specific.

## 4. We offer superior tax benefits.

As a public charity, each contribution to the Foundation qualifies for maximum tax

deductibility for income, gift and estate tax purposes. Donors are also eligible to receive a 20 percent Iowa tax CREDIT for gifts to the Foundation's permanent endowment. HCCEF accepts a wide variety of assets.

## 5. We make set-up and ongoing administration easy.

Creating a fund can occur in less time than it takes to open a bank account! Through our affiliation with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, we are able to provide prudent stewardship and investment practices as well as the administrative services, annual audits and tax statements that eliminate work and save you time and money. ♦

### 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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## Thank You

For your help on our projects!!



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# Daniel Harris Voge scholarship supports the arts

By **LaDona Roelfs**  
NEWS REPORTER

## IOWA FALLS

**P**at and Anne Voge established the Daniel Harris Voge Fine Arts Scholarship Fund with the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation in April 2007 in memory of their son, Daniel, who died Dec. 6, 2005.

The scholarship will provide tuition assistance for an Iowa Falls-Alden High School senior who has participated in one or more areas of the fine arts and who has applied for, or has been accepted to, a college or university. The first scholarship will be chosen from the graduating class of 2008.

"Daniel was very musical from the second grade on," Anne Voge, former IFA High School teacher, said. "He was in school and college musicals and community theater; he played the clarinet and piano, performing in many contests and concerts, besides composing

music. He went to Drake and to the University of Maryland." Daniel was not a music major, his mother said, but into actuary science. "He loved math as much as he loved music."

When the Voges decided they wanted to leave something in Daniel's memory, they looked into other foundations. "But we heard about the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation and told them we wanted to set up a fine arts scholarship," Anne Voge said. "Pat really felt this was a good choice, not limited. One thing we like about this endowment foundation is that they manage it for us... We don't have to worry about it. And yet it can be a lifelong thing and stays in this county."

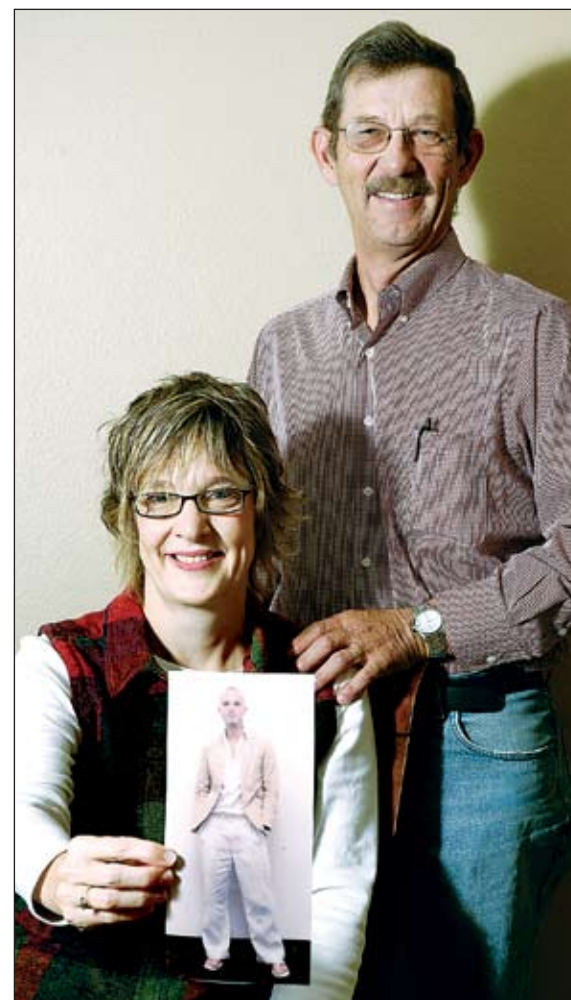
"This (endowment) is something permanent that will last forever," Pat Voge said. As a permanent endowment, the fund will benefit the community in perpetuity by awarding scholarship grants annually from income to deserving students.

The scholarship qualifications are simple. "We ask that applicants submit a


written essay about why they love the arts, what they have done in that field and a little about themselves," she said. "This is not a grade-point-based scholarship. Pat and I, with a committee of others who have an interest in the arts, will make the selection. Eventually we hope to have two students receiving the scholarship."

The Voges feel that setting up this fine arts scholarship in Daniel's name will create a long-lasting memory of their son and at the same time help deserving students.

"Through endowment giving, Pat and Anne Voge are making a positive impact on our community, touching lives and building brighter futures," said Carol Gilbert, HCCEF board chair. "Daniel isn't just remembered in the fund that bears his name at the foundation... Through it, he lives on. Daniel's memory remains alive in the love of his family and friends who created the fund and help it grow, and in the lives of the young people who benefit from the scholarships it produces." ♦



**We Support our Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation**



**Please consult us for all your gifting and estate planning questions.**

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**Thanks!**  
Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation

We used the money for a new bath room upstairs, a supply closet and a wash area for the animals.

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**THANKS**

Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation  
We put the money to good use for our Playground Equipment



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Janeice Murra, library director of the Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library



Dan Gehring, Eldora library director (right), with library patrons Jenny Anderson and her children Madelyn and Ethan

# Foundation Partners

In 2005, the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) was established to enhance the quality of life in Hardin County. HCCEF is committed to delivering a wide range of services to help our donors, non-profit partners and other professional advisors achieve their charitable objectives and advance the spirit of giving throughout Hardin County.

**For Donors:**

Effective giving vehicles, personalized service, flexibility and maximum tax benefits are just a few of the benefits our donors enjoy. When donors partner with the Foundation, they become part of a community of philanthropists who are supporting a wide range of causes from the

environment and health to education and animal welfare.

**For Non-profits:**

HCCEF proudly partners with non-profit organizations in Hardin County through its Community Grants Program to support worthwhile programs and projects aimed at making a difference in the lives of community members.

**For Professional Advisors:**

Attorneys, CPAs, financial advisors and other professional advisors are often the most trusted partners of our donors. When it comes to helping clients plan estates, the Foundation can assist advisors by accepting and overseeing a variety of gifts as well as making the process of giving easy, personalized and meaningful. ♦

**In appreciation, we thank the  
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**Hardin County  
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With deep appreciation for the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation grant which made it possible to offer our Senior Information Fair FREE OF CHARGE to so many of the young-at-heart and their caregivers.

Thank you for your partnership & for enhancing life in Hardin County!

**Congratulations**

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



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# HCCEF: Investing in People, Investing in Community

**H**CCEF is here to serve you, your family and your financial and legal advisors as you plan your charitable legacy. There are many ways to create charitable gifts that meet your needs while giving back to the community.

We invite you to become our partner in philanthropy. Together we can invest in Hardin County – in so many ways. Here are a few of the services HCCEF provides:

- Helping you define your charitable interests
- Guidance with creating your philanthropic plan
- Research about effective charitable organizations
- Creating a personal fund for your giving
- Establishing a gift that will provide income for your family today and the community tomorrow

## CREATE A FUND

HCCEF can help you create a fund that meets your needs, your interests and your goals for permanent charitable giving. It is surprisingly easy to set up a fund with HCCEF and can be completed in as little as one day. This can be especially helpful if you have not yet decided what charities you would like to benefit through the fund you establish.

Giving cash, stock, real estate and/or retirement assets are all ways to support the community you love. You can donate these assets during your lifetime or through a planned gift. HCCEF, working with your attorney, accountant or other advisor, can help create a plan that will achieve your philanthropic dreams.

## BE TAX-WISE

Giving an asset, especially a long-term, highly appreciated asset, may be better than giving cash. You receive

the dual benefit of an income tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the gift, and you avoid capital gains tax. We can help you and your professional advisors explore other tax-wise ways to give.

**ENDOW IOWA TAX CREDIT**— Individuals, corporations and financial institutions are eligible to take a 20 percent Iowa tax CREDIT — in addition to normal state and federal charitable income tax deductions — when charitable gifts are made to a permanent endowment fund in a “qualified” community foundation, such as Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation. The Iowa legislature has authorized a total of \$3 million in Iowa tax credits for 2008. This is an exciting program that benefits both donors and charities.

**IRA ROLLOVERS** – Thanks to a new law passed by Congress in 2006, holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are at least 70 1/2 or older can make direct transfers, up to \$100,000, to an eligible charitable organization

of their choice. By going directly to charity, the money is not included in the IRA owner’s income. Most importantly, the donation is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charity. HCCEF can help donors execute the transfer and choose from several charitable fund options for their gifts. This opportunity is **ONLY** available until Dec. 30.

## CREATE AN INCOME STREAM

Charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts offered through HCCEF provide you with an opportunity to make a current commitment to the causes of your choice, and at the same time, receive an income stream for yourself and/or your beneficiaries. In addition, these tools allow you to avoid capital gains tax on a gift of appreciated property, to receive an income tax deduction for a portion of the gift and to remove the asset from your estate for estate tax purposes. ♦

# Thanks

for helping  
us with  
our project



We put the money to good use!  
Our playground looks great!

**Riverbend Child Care, Inc.**

We'd like to show our appreciation to the  
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# Community Grants Program

**H**CCCF's grantmaking process is a key step in a cycle of philanthropy that complements

the work of charitable organizations in Hardin County. The Community Grants Fund is comprised of funds from donors and from 1/2 percent of annual Iowa gaming revenues, which are distributed equally to 85 non-gaming counties. Seventy-five percent of funds received from gaming revenues is granted to local projects annually; 25 percent is invested in HCCEF's unrestricted permanent endowment. Each year 5 percent of HCCEF's endowment earnings is also given back to Hardin County organizations through the Community Grants Programs.

Since 2005, HCCEF has awarded approximately \$106,000 in grants from the Community Grants Program to 44 non-profit organizations around the county for worthwhile projects and programs. Grants support the best opportunities and greatest needs in Hardin County.

**The Application Process:**

A new grant cycle began October 2007. Grant deadline is February 1, 2008.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend one of two Grant Workshops sponsored by HCCEF which will be held **January 8, 2008**, at the Hardin County Extension Service in Iowa Falls or

**January 10, 2008**, at the Eldora Public Library. The grant sessions are free and assist applicants in learning more about the application and funding processes.

All applications that are received by the funding deadline, meet the basic requirements and are complete undergo a thorough review and assessment by the Foundation Board. ♦



Cadet Castle, Iowa Falls-Alden Community School



New Providence Roundhouse

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2006 & 2007

**ARTS & CULTURE**

- Friends of the Pat Clark Art Collection - '06 & '07
- Iowa Falls Alden Community School District - '06
- Iowa Falls Historical Society - '07

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

- Hardin County Circle of Life Committee - '06 & '07
- Hubbard Community Medical Center - '06
- The Presbyterian Village - '06

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**

- Ackley Market Square Committee - '07
- Bethany Lutheran Church, Teen Serve - '07
- Buckeye Fire Department Collaboration - '06
- Hardin County Agricultural Society - '06 & '07
- Eldora Aquatic Center - '07
- Eldora Grand Theater - '06
- Greenbelt Humane Society - '06 & '07
- Hardin County Emergency Medical Service - '07
- Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street - '07
- New Providence Renewal Community, Inc - '07
- Scenic City Civic Foundation, Iowa Falls - '06
- Steamboat Rock Schoolhouse Committee - '07

**RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT**

- Big Green of Hubbard - '07
- City of Eldora Aquatic Pool - '07
- City of Union Pool - '06
- Eldora-New Providence PTO - '07
- Iowa Falls-Alden Community School District - '07
- Iowa Falls Scenic City Skaters - '07
- Scenic City Empress Boat Club, Inc. - '06

**EDUCATION**

- Ackley Public Library - '07
- Calkins Nature Area & Interpretive Center - '06 & '07
- Eldora Public Library - '07
- Friends of the Radcliffe Library Foundation - '06
- Friends of the Alden Public Library - '07
- Hardin County Farm Museum - '06

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- Cougar's Den Childcare & Pre-school - '07
- Eldora Early Childhood Educational Facility - '06
- ISU Extension 4-H Program - '07
- Riverbend Child Care, Inc. - '06 & '07

**Thanks Hardin County Endowment for all you do for Hardin County! We Support You**

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