Throughout our 15-year history, donors, nonprofit organizations and neighbors have worked side-by-side with us to build stronger and more vibrant communities for our Tri-State Area. Thanks to people like you, we haven’t stopped. Our annual report theme for 2018 – The Power of Community – illustrates our new partnerships, the magnitude of our shared connection and our legacy of giving for all.

In 2018, we received more than $12 million dollars in gifts and bequests. Due to your gifts and continual support of The Grant Endowment Capital Campaign, our Endowment Funds increased, which allows us to continue to give grants annually and provide a legacy of giving for the future.

Through **THE POWER OF COMMUNITY** we achieve so much more together than any one of us could alone.

The Community Foundation of Des Moines County joined with us to become our first Affiliate Partner. We are excited to expand our power of giving all throughout Southeast Iowa. A community foundation is only as strong as the people who join us in making a difference.

In these pages, we celebrate your giving, your creative energies and your spirit of collaboration—the lifeflood of thriving communities—that benefits us all. We thank you for coming together in support for the Keokuk Area Community Foundation!

Roger R. Ricketts
Executive Director of Keokuk Area Community Foundation
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

2018 DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS
$1,230,833.53

90 GRANTS TOTALING
$239,632.21
AWARDED TO

TOTAL ASSETS
$5,203,360.60
63 TRI-STATE
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY
IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE
ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.

Funds held in trust 66
Over $1,300,000 in grants awarded since 2004
COMMUNITY IMPACT
THE KEOKUK COMMUNITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

In the midst of crisis, The Power of Community creates a new solution. Above all, the mission of The Keokuk Area Community Foundation is to support the community when they are in need. On September 28, 2018, Rosie Posie, a private licensed child care center, closed their operation with a four day notice to parents. The closure resulted in over 100 families losing child care and a loss of 35 jobs. According to a 2018 analysis by Early Childhood Iowa and Southeast Iowa Early Childhood, the region encompassing Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren and Washington Counties collectively lost 43 percent of their childcare slots between 2013 and 2018. Each of the counties experienced significant numbers of home-based programs close, as well as some preschools. The loss of the Rosie Posie may have created a chronic problem for economy and families of Keokuk, but also brought the community together in a triumphant way.

A quick response effort was organized by the Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce and community partners to create a plan to reopen a community child care center. The result of this planning culminated with the creation of the Keokuk Community Child Development Center. As a Community Foundation, we gave emergency impact grant funding in the creation of the Keokuk Community Child Development Center.

“It’s not just about early childhood care, it’s about worldforce. It’s about the economic viabilities of our communities. It’s about the attractiveness of our communities.”
- Shelley Oltmans, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce

The overall vision is to work with partners in the community to ensure high quality preschool child care and resources to all families with children in Keokuk and surrounding communities. The Keokuk Community Child Development Center created a fundraising and grant plan for their first year of operation. The goal is to raise at least $30,000 in capital over the first year. The intentions are to support this capital with a $50,000 line of credit.

The Keokuk Community Child Development Center will operate during the hours of 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. They will provide care for approximately 110 children ranging from ages 6 weeks to 5th grade. This will include before and after school care for school-age children in local public and private schools, including transportation to and from schools. Contact the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce to learn more about The Keokuk Community Child Development Center.
AFFILIATION PARTNERSHIP
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF DES MOINES COUNTY

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation is proud to create powerful partnerships with communities to achieve positive and lasting change for all. In 2018, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County became the first affiliate of The Keokuk Area Community Foundation. Based in Burlington, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County serves Des Moines County by providing a means for permanent charitable giving to meet the needs of all donors and their community for today and tomorrow.

*Partnering with The Keokuk Area Community Foundation through this affiliation strengthens both of our work. It gives us access to new community networks and philanthropic knowledge that will help us work together to connect donors to the causes they care about in Des Moines County.*

Jason Hutcheson, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County.

By creating an affiliation partnership, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County will benefit from cost-efficient, centralized professional services, including financial and investment management, administrative and technical expertise, and marketing resources; thus freeing up local leadership to focus on effective grantmaking, endowment building, and community outreach.

Since becoming an affiliate of The Keokuk Area Community Foundation, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County has been re-energized in the spirit of charitable giving and community outreach. In May of 2018, they secured a large gift for the Southeastern Community College President’s Fund and established two new family endowed funds. The new website at CFDMC.org was established to help spread the message of long-term endowment building. A partnership with 100+ Like Minds Organization encouraged 100 local Burlington women to give to the Margaret Hennessey Community Impact Fund. Finally, in the Fall of 2018, The Community Foundation of Des Moines County awarded $18,000 in grants to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Red Cross, Burlington Public Library, Young House Family Services, Burlington Area Homeless Shelter, City of Burlington Health Neighborhoods Program, Southeast Iowa Swim Club Dankwardt Pool Bubbling Project and Bridges Program at Corners Academy.

Learn more about The Community Foundation of Des Moines County at CFDMC.org
Culture is the expression of how communities thrive. An enjoyment of culture enhances the community sense of pride and enables future generations to flourish. Through grantmaking, The Keokuk Area Community Foundation invests in the culture and the communities it creates. The Keokuk Public Library Foundation is our partner in creating culture for future generations.

The Keokuk Public Library Foundation, a private 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, was established 30 years ago to assist the Keokuk Public Library with capital and cultural improvements. Over ten years ago, The Keokuk Public Library Foundation proposed that a new Library Park could be built for outdoor reading, learning, and be used as a general gathering space.

The Keokuk Public Library Foundation believes that its vision of a new, specialized park, gathering place, and green space in the library’s neighborhood near downtown Keokuk will transform and revitalize the city, enhancing the attractiveness of Keokuk, increase tourism and encourage new economic activity.

The vision of the Library Park has three major zones: a reading and sculpture garden surrounded by a vintage stone wall already in place; a plaza area with café seating and mobile-device charging stations; and small performance venue and outdoor classroom space with permanent in-ground seating. The park will also feature extensive gardens of native Iowa grasses, orbs, flowering plants, and trees throughout the area. Although the park will include neither a specific play area for children nor any playground equipment, conservation and environmental education for children is certainly a major focus. The Library Park will be constructed using environmental best practices, including water run-off designs and solar power where appropriate. The Library Park will also utilize local construction firms and tradesmen whenever possible.

To learn more about the Keokuk Public Library park, visit: keokuklibrary.org
EDUCATION

ELLIOTT TEST KITCHEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

THE COOKBOOK

A 2018 KEOKUK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENT

One of the greatest investments in community is through education. Creativity in education is a powerful impact that can enable students to flourish in new ways. The Elliott Test Kitchen Educational Foundation provides a safe environment and offers qualified assistance for students who need extra help with homework for required subjects, test preparation, advice on college entrance requirements and education concerning skilled trade careers.

In addition to providing valuable educational resources to educate the mind, The Elliott Test Kitchen Education also feeds the body and soul by also providing healthy meals prepared by students under the mentorship of area chefs. This unique, creative and tasty educational environment has helped more than 200 Lee County students.

In 2018, The Lee County Charitable Fund and The Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Endowment provided grants to The Elliott Test Kitchen Education Foundation for an inaugural Elliott Test Kitchen Cookbook. For 10 months, every dish made at Elliott Test Kitchen was photographed and recipes were written. It was to everyone’s surprise, the cookbook became a major hit during the Christmas season with over 500 copies sold. During this process, “Elliott Test Kitchen Young Chefs Cookbook” became a major source of pride to The Elliott Test Kitchen Education Foundation.

To learn more about The Elliott Test Kitchen Education Foundation visit: tkef.org
Partnering with nonprofits throughout the Tri-State Area is a hallmark of our philanthropy. As a Community Foundation, we are proud to have Lee County Youth Services, Inc. as a colleague in giving. For more than a decade, Lee County Youth Services, Inc., has provided over $250,000 in grants and scholarships to Tri-State Area programs, schools and nonprofits that promote, assist, and celebrate youth.

This past year, Lee County Youth Services, Inc. awarded Lee County Conservation a grant to educate students on the wonders of Lee County Nature. The grant helped Lee County Conservation purchase new technology for exhibits and new binoculars. Over 2,500 people from Lee County and beyond visit The Lee County Conservation Center each year to attend programs. These programs have included many school programs in classrooms across the county, as well as, public programs at parks and large events such as the Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days. In addition, Lee County’s naturalists serve students from all over the county with field trips and classroom programs. Last year alone, 8,808 students visited the Lee County Conservation Center.

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation uses the Lee County Charitable Fund to support projects that benefit all Lee County citizens. Addressing health issues facing the people of Lee County is a strong charitable passion of the Lee County Charitable Fund. Through multiple grants from Lee County Charitable Fund, PORT of Fort Madison has made Fort Madison easier to walk around. PORT of Fort Madison is a volunteer-based committee that works closely with the City of Fort Madison on the promotion of outdoor recreational trails to encourage/promote daily physical activity for the local population.

The initial goal of PORT of Fort Madison was to create a trail plan for the west end of Fort Madison to give residents and visitors a trail system to use for exercise, and a way to connect the town to schools, businesses, and healthcare. PORT did not just want a trail system of all concrete trails, the group wanted a scenic route for people to take in the beauty of nature. Trees have been planted, a pergola built with a picnic table, a water fountain added, and now a small rest area with benches. Learn more about the amazing efforts of PORT of Fort Madison at fortmadsen-ia.com.
Lee County is blessed to have beautiful natural environments that all communities can enjoy. Environmental support is an important hallmark in the Keokuk Area Community Foundation’s grantmaking programs. Our goal is to not only support vibrant and diverse environmental efforts through grantmaking, but also invest in the care of preserving Lee County nature and animals for generations to come.

Shimek State Forest is an Iowa State Forest maintained by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Its five units are along the Des Moines River a few miles above its confluence with the Upper Mississippi River in Lee and Van Buren Counties in the southeast corner of Iowa. Ongoing cultural practices improve the forest for the production of forest products, wildlife habitat, erosion control, and watershed protection. Many people each year come to Shimek Forest to use as a place to hunt, fish, camp, picnic, study nature, and enjoy the outdoors. In the last couple of years, through the Lee County Charitable Fund, The Keokuk Area Community Foundation has awarded Friends of Shimek Forest grant funding to add parking areas for equestrians and build new trails to ensure the safety of equestrian riders.

The new parking lots can accommodate up to 14 trailer rigs at a time where previously only about 4 such rigs could be accommodated. Previously, most riders had to park unsafely along the road. This means safety anywhere for 14 to 60 people per day each weekend and holidays during riding season.

Shimek Forest’s 9,148 acres contain one of the largest remaining contiguous forests in the state.

The forest’s original and most important function is to serve as an example of forest management for Iowa’s citizens.

Recently, some of Shimek State Forest equestrian trails intercepted with Iowa Highway 2, which made it highly dangerous to both a rider, horse and or for drivers on the road. Through hard work, volunteers have cut trees and mapped a new safe trail for all to enjoy. Final improvement of these new Wet Weather Trails will come later this year.

To learn more about Friends of Shimek Forest, visit http://friendsofshimek.blogspot.com/
The Lake Cooper Foundation began as a building. As Doug Matlick, Robert Korschgen and Thomas Bell started to work on the old Henke Hardware building, they began to see the building as a mission to give back to the community they loved. The idea of linking people and their communities together through involvement became the mission of Lake Cooper Foundation. That mission was created out of hard work and devotion to see not only Main Street thrive, but also strengthen Keokuk.

In 2017 and 2018, The Lake Cooper Foundation received a grant from the Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Fund to began a "makeover project" on their Lake Cooper Community Center. Volunteers from the Lake Cooper Foundation power washed, tuck pointed/patched the brick and painted the exterior. The original awning frame was recovered, and restored. After many months of hard work, the new and improved Lake Cooper Community Center has given Main Street in Keokuk a facelift that has inspired the residents and businesses of Keokuk.
In 2018, Pilot Grove Savings Bank made a generous commitment by providing Tri-State Area Nonprofit Organizations with critical grant funding. Pilot Grove Savings Bank made a gift of $25,000 to the Keokuk Area Community Foundation to establish the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Grant Endowment Fund. Every year, the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Grant Endowment Fund will provide grants to local Tri-State Area Nonprofit Organizations.

The Pilot Grove Savings Bank gift is a substantial contribution to the Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Endowment Fund Capital Campaign. Launched earlier this year, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Endowment Fund Capital Campaign is focused on building a long-lasting future by providing annual grants to local nonprofits and charities to establish new programs, acquire new equipment or improve their facilities. Pictured from the left: Melissa Flowers, Ndidi Nigel, Jordan Kramer, Tonya Thurman, Scott Piper, Kerry Klepfer and Roger Ricketts.

Montrose Riverfront, Inc. goes above and beyond to give back to their community. In addition to being the premier Farmer's Market in Lee County, Montrose Riverfront, Inc. continues to promote the present and plan for the future with additional improvements made to the Riverfront Landing Building. In 2018, The Lee County Charitable Fund gave grant funding to their latest project, “Curing What’s Bugging Us.” Through hard volunteer work, the project consisted of enclosing the grill area, which is now located just outside the kitchen on the river side of the building.

Before the addition of restrooms and kitchen, grilling was done in the area in front of the Landing, a high traffic area with shoppers entering and exiting the building. Moving the grill to the designated area now creates a safe atmosphere.

The grill is used most weeks in the preparation of food served at the Farmer's Market. Fruits and vegetables available from local producers at the Market are often included in the menu. Visit the Montrose Riverfront Landing at 203 N 1st St, Montrose, Iowa.
The Keokuk Area Community Foundation believes in opportunities for all. The Helms Career Center at the Goodwill of The Heartland was awarded grant funding in 2018 to provide individual assistance in finding employment. The Helms Career Center assists with resume development and updates, directed searches for local open positions, online and paper applications, and interview preparation.

The Helms Career Center also has an employment focused educational component. Small group classes are offered on job seeking, interviewing skills, employment ‘soft’ skills and basic computer literacy. The Career Center Coordinator maintains active relationships with area employers and other service agencies partnering to host job fairs and ensure job seekers have access to businesses that are currently hiring. Learn more about the Helms Career Center at goodwillheartland.org.

In 2017, First Community Bank made a generous commitment to the Grant Endowment Capital Campaign by establishing the first corporate grant fund at the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. Every year, The First Community Bank Grant Fund will award grants to Tri State Area Nonprofit Organizations. This past year, Hoerner YMCA became the first grant recipient from the First Community Bank Grant Fund. This grant enabled the YMCA to build a Teen Center, where teens, regardless of a membership at the Y, can hang out after school or take part in a daily organized activity. Pictured from left: Bob Korte, Holly Rex, Amanda Shaw and Jack Smith.
The Grant Endowment Fund


2018 KEOKUK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND RECIPIENTS

Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services
America’s First Great Dam Foundation
Clark County Council on Aging
Common Grounds
Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Grand Theatre Corporate Foundation
Great River Players
Hoerner YMCA
Keokuk Catholic Schools
Keokuk Public Library Foundation
Keokuk Union Depot Foundation
Lake Cooper Foundation
Montrose Riverfront, Inc.
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Sts. Peter and Paul School
Talbot Home for Sober Living
Test Kitchen Education Foundation
United Way of Great River Region
Young House Family Services, Inc.

A TRUSTED PARTNER IN GIVING

Since its inception in 2004, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation has provided a base of charitable support to benefit people in the Tri-State Area. In 2005, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation began awarding annual grants through The Grant Endowment Fund to local charities to establish new programs, to acquire new equipment, and to improve their facilities. These grants have been in the areas of Education, Health, Human Services, Community Betterment and Arts & Culture. To date, the Grant Endowment Fund has awarded over $730,000 in grants to area non-profits benefiting people in the Tri-State Area including southeast Iowa, west-central Illinois, and northeast Missouri.

In 2018, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation launched its first capital campaign to raise new funds for the Grant Endowment Fund. Increasing the Grant Endowment Fund will ensure we can continue to provide critical funding for organizations that make our community such a great place in which to live.

GIVE TODAY
at keokukfoundation.org/grantfund
Every dollar given to The Grant Endowment Fund will be used to give grants to Tri-State Area nonprofit organizations.

PLEDGED TO THE GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN 2018

$502,527
COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation serves donors and nonprofits through sound financial management that aims to build charitable resources for the Tri-State Area Communities. Due to your generosity and our investment performance, our financial growth remains steady, increasing the impact we have by doing great things in the Tri-State Area.

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Visit keokukfoundation.org to view a copy of KACF's 990 IRS Return (certain sections are omitted for donor privacy). Also view our Independent Financial Review conducted by CPA Associates PC.

2018 KEOKUK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

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2018 LEE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES, INC. GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Central Lee Elementary PBS
- Central Lee High School
- Fort Madison Family YMCA
- Holy Trinity Early Childhood Center
- Keokuk Parks Foundation
- Richardson Elementary PTO
- Test Kitchen Education Foundation
- Three Rivers Conservation Foundation
- United Way of the Great River Region
- Young House Family Services

2018 LEE COUNTY CHARITABLE FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services
- America’s First Great Dam Foundation Inc.
- Central Lee Foundation
- Emma Cornels Hospitality House
- Fort Madison Area Arts Association
- Fort Madison Family YMCA
- Fort Madison Public Library
- Friends of Sherrard State Forest Equestrian Trails, Inc.
- Good will of the Heartland
- Grand Theatre Corporate Foundation
- Hoerner YMCA
- Jackson Township Fire Association
- Keokuk Art Center
- Keokuk Public Library Foundation
- Keokuk Union Depot Foundation
- Montrose Riverfront
- Old Fort Players
- Port of Fort Madison
- Rape Victim Advocacy Program
- Test Kitchen Education Foundation
- Young House Family Services

Every year, The Keokuk Area Community Foundation distributes grants to Tri-State Area nonprofit organizations. To learn more about Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Programs, visit keokukfoundation.org/grants.

Percentages are based on all grants given in 2018 from The Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Endowment Fund, The Lee County Charitable Fund, Lee County Youth Services, Inc. and Advised Funds.
THE GENEROSITY OF MANY

We are a Community Foundation that seeks to preserve the future of this area by building endowments and Donor-Advised Funds which provide financial support and grant funding for Tri-State Area nonprofit organizations, charities, churches and educational institutions. Our donors are our inspiration. We are grateful for your generosity and for the example you set. You care, you act and you remind us the power of giving is to change lives.

The following donors made a gift to The Keokuk Area Community Foundation Grant Endowment Fund Capital Campaign:

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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

We thank you for your giving, your spirit of collaboration, your commitment to make our Tri-State Area communities thrive and your unifying efforts to serve as a beacon toward the future.

WHO WE ARE
Established in October 2004, The Keokuk Area Community Foundation (KACF) is a 501 (c) (3) charitable Community Foundation which receives gifts, grants and contributions from charitable individuals, families, businesses, and corporations. These charitable gifts are used to establish permanent endowments, foster leadership, assist Tri-State Area nonprofit organizations, charities, schools, healthcare institutions, and strengthen communities in southeast Iowa, west-central Illinois, and northeast Missouri.

OUR MISSION
By building, protecting and preserving, partnerships are created through charitable giving to connect with a variety of donors that assist community needs, foster growth for leaders, create flourishing nonprofit organizations, charities, schools, and churches and enrich life for present and future generations throughout the Tri-State Area.

IN 2018, 140 DONORS GAVE 95 GIFTS
TOTALING $1,230,833.53
TO CHARITABLE FUNDS AT THE KEOKUK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

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Keokuk Area Community Foundation
For Good. Forever.

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