THE LEE COUNTY IMPACT GRANT is a new grant program created by The Lee County Charitable Fund to provide a larger funding impact and address needs in our Lee County communities. The first Lee County Impact Grant recipient is Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison Iowa. Elliott Test Kitchen Foundation was awarded $23,000.00.

The mission of the Elliott Test Kitchen is to inspire passion for life-long learning and appreciation for healthy food. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Elliott Test Kitchen saw an increase of students utilizing their services. The 2020 Lee County Impact Grant will provide funding to address the educational and nutritional needs of local youth that participate in Elliott Test Kitchen’s programs during the current economic situation. Elliott Test Kitchen will provide free educational opportunities for local youth to engage in online learning classes. Students will also be able to use new Chromebooks, connect to free hotspots, and receive free educational materials.

To monitor and facilitate these online classes, the Elliott Test Kitchen will hire local qualified teachers to conduct and teach these virtual classes and provide support for students with their homework and ACT prep. Elliott Test Kitchen will also provide cooking classes to teach students the art of healthy food preparation at home.

Underprivileged students will also be provided with the necessary ingredients to prepare meals at home for them and their families. With the current situation with school closures and the deprivation of educational needs in our county, Elliott Test Kitchen aspires to be the first provider of educational opportunities to the destitute youth of Lee County to narrow the educational gap between this previous school year and the upcoming school year.

PASS THE PORK
Feeding Southeast Iowa

This summer, The Keesik Area Community Foundation was PROUD TO PARTNER with Hope Haven, TriOak and The Food Bank of Iowa to distribute 24,000 pounds of pork to nonprofit organizations in Southeast Iowa.

TriOak, a grain and livestock company with long ties to southeast Iowa, recently worked with “Pass the Pork” initiative to donate almost 24,000 pounds of pork to the food insecure, especially in Southeast Iowa.

Randy Pilum, Chief Executive Officer for TriOak approved and consolidated the delivery of 160 pigs weighing 300 lbs. each to the program. The pigs were processed at J&G Provision in Sidney and the pork taken to a facility in Ankeny for final processing and packaging. The pork was then sent to The Food Bank of Iowa to distribute to Southeast Iowa nonprofit organizations.

“This amazing gift will feed many throughout our area,” said Bob Bartles, Executive Director of Hope Haven. “With the job losses in our area, many families and individuals are struggling to keep food on their tables. It is a wonderful gift and we are so grateful to TriOak.”

The following nonprofit organizations received pork through this program:
- Community Action of Southeast Iowa
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- God’s Way Christian Church – Keesik
- Hope Haven
- Montrose Riverfront, Inc. - Montrose
- New Testament Christian Church - Keesik
- Talbot House, Keesik
Lee County Youth Services, Inc.
Providing Opportunities and Support for Youth in Need and Those Who Serve Them

2020 Grant Application
NOW OPEN!

Nonprofit organizations who serve the youth of Lee County, Iowa are invited to submit applications for grants of up to $5,000.00.

Deadline: October 1, 2020
Download Application at: keokukfoundation.org/lcys

WEEKEND
Food for Kids

AS LEE COUNTY CONTINUES TO COPE with the ever-changing impact of COVID-19, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation and Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce stepped up and distributed many COVID-19 Response Grants this summer. Both organizations were proud to support Weekend Food for Kids.

Weekend Food for Kids started three years ago when a small group noticed that kids were not receiving adequate food over the weekends. When the program began The Crossing-Koskud School were packing around 30 bags. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Crossing-Koskud School are now packing food for 855 Keokuk children. The children range in age from preschool to eighth grade.

This program is powered by a partnership between The Koskud School District, The Salvation Army, and The Crossing. The Salvation Army takes care of finding funds and ordering the food. The Crossing packs the food and the school district distributes the food. Usually, this program runs throughout the school year and takes a break over the summer.
CONGRATULATIONS
2020 Matteson Scholarship Recipients!

The Koolikinl Area Community Foundation, The North Lee Community Foundation, and the Matteson Family are PROUD TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL assistance to Southeast Iowa Students! Thank you to all the students that applied for a Matteson Scholarship in 2020.

- Brett Baccam: Mt. Pleasant High School
- Andrew Carter: Mediapolis High School
- Kinsey Dunn: Washington High School
- Gavin Holmes: New London High School
- Dylan McElhinney: West Burlington High School
- Cattle Messer: Mediapolis High School
- Darian Pigeon: Danville High School
- Bethany Sime: Burlington Notre Dame Catholic Schools
- Janalee Socha: Holy Trinity Catholic Schools
- Devin Trowdy: Central Lee High School
- Max Pearl Whaley: Mt. Pleasant High School
- Alex Winter: Koolikinl High School

The Matteson Scholarship Fund will accept new scholarship applications this January, so please visit matteson scholarship.org for more information.

NORTH LEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2020 LEE COUNTY CHARITABLE FUND Grant Recipients

This July, the Lee County Charitable Fund awarded eighteen Lee County Nonprofit Organizations in grant funding. Grants were awarded to nonprofit organizations that promoted the fields of arts and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services in Lee County, Iowa.

2020 Lee County Charitable Fund Grant Recipients
- City of Davenport
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- Emma Cornells House
- Food Bank of Iowa
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
- Grand Theatre-Community Foundation
- Hoerner YMCA
- Hope Haven Area Development Center
- Holy Trinity Catholic Educational Foundation
- Kinney Hotel Conversion & Tourism Bureau Foundation
- Koolikinl Catholic Schools/St. Vincent's Elementary
- Mornings Riverfront, Inc.
- City of Fort Madison PORT of Fort Madison
- The Koolikinl Salvation Army
- Three Rivers Conservation Foundation
- Tri-State Special Kids rodeo
- Young House Family Services

2020 Grant Application Opens September 21, 2020
Nonprofit organizations from North Lee County are invited to submit applications for grants that promote arts & culture, community betterment, education, health, human services, and charitable religious projects in North Lee County.

Deadline: November 4, 2020
Download Application at: northlee.cf