

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

Our mission is to contribute to a better life for people of South Central Iowa by helping donors to carry out their charitable intent and by providing responsible stewardship of gifts for community purposes.

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The Village Early Childhood Center Endowment

We are excited to announce that the Board of Directors of The Village Early Childhood Center recently established an endowment fund within the community foundation. The Village is located in Osceola, Iowa. The endowment will be used to benefit The Village and its mission. If you would like to make a contribution to The Village Early Childhood Center Endowment please contact the foundation office or Monica Garner, Executive Director for The Village.

For more information about how to create a fund, please contact our office: 641-217-9105



**A great place to live.
A great place to give.**

Lucas County - SCICF Awards Grant to Chariton 4th of July



Pictured left to right: Diane Bear, SCICF Executive Director; Betty Hansen & Ray Thurlby, Lucas County - SCICF board members; Brandon Shelton, Chariton 4th of July member; Mary Stierwalt, Lucas County - SCICF board member & Chariton 4th of July member; Jim Wright & Adam Bahr, Lucas County - SCICF board members.

Ray Thurlby, with the Lucas County - South Central Iowa Community Foundation recently presented a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to Brandon Shelton with the Chariton 4th of July committee. The 4th of July committee raised over \$1,000 toward the Chariton 4th of July Endowment Fund to successfully meet the \$2 for \$1 endowment matching grant. Endowment funds are established by organizations, individuals, families and businesses to provide a permanent funding source for charitable causes and for educational scholarships.

YACC Youth Pod

YACC (Youth Answering the Call of the Community) is a youth pod serving Union County. We have recently changed our group to focus on proactive granting, where we go out and find needs in our community to give grant money to.

One of our recent community projects was a fundraiser for a new library. We attempted to hold the world's shortest parade and had a good response from the community. Each summer we hold a movie in the park where families can come together for some fun! We have also done a lot with painting one of our parks and we also painted an underpass!

We granted money to the schools in our district to invite a motivational speaker to speak on bullying. We recently started a 'teacher wish' grant where we accept grant ideas from teachers to help better their classrooms with items schools can't provide. We have been helping make the parks better and are also involved with the local volunteer fire departments providing money for needed equipment.



Meet Our Board



Mary Stogdill
Decatur County

My husband Bernard and I live on a farm northwest of Grand River where we had our wedding reception 53 years ago. Bernard has been retired for several years and I will retire from the National Pork Board March 29th after 11 years with the company. I have worked in sales and customer service most of my working career.

We have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and a German Shepherd named Sadie. We are blessed to have them all close by and enjoy attending our grandchildren's events. We hope to do some traveling once we are both retired and we want to see more of America.

I am involved with volunteer work with the Grand River Community Center and am the Secretary/Treasurer of the board and I stay active with that. We have also lived in northern & central Iowa but enjoy living in our home town again. The sense of community is very present in Grand River for those living here and those who still claim it as home.



Sharon South
Decatur County

I have spent the majority of my life in Decatur County with the exception of a brief time when I lived in Southern California. My husband Dennis and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary November 2012. I have had a rewarding working career besides being a mother, a homemaker and an avid community supporter. We have one daughter, Shanda, a son-in-law, Todd and 2 grandsons, Elijah and Tyler. We have hosted a foreign exchange student. We have also had a foster son live with us while he finished high school. Ray now resides in Florida with his family.

Even though I am now retired, I feel fortunate to continue to be active in the community of Leon. I am serving my 3rd term as president of the Loving Chapel United Methodist Women's organization. I also serve as the South Central District Mission for Social Action Committee. Along with my husband we deliver meals one day a week to home bound individuals. I am a volunteer for Hospice of Central Iowa. I am a charter member of the Decatur County Hospital Auxiliary and my newest adventure is serving on the Leon City Council.

I have had the privilege to serve on the SCICF Board for 8 years. I currently serve as secretary for the Decatur County SCICF. I have witnessed so many things become a reality and prosper due to the granting dollars from SCICF. I like contributing to various Endowment Funds as a memorial and/or to honor friends and family. The pro-active granting that SCICF has done has been exciting to be a involved with. The recipients surprise and enthusiasm is fun to share.

SCICF has had a major role in making dreams into reality for the counties it serves and I am proud that Decatur County is one of those five counties and that I have the privilege to serve such a great organization.

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Leon Chamber of Commerce Receives Grant

The Leon Chamber of Commerce received a \$600 grant towards the creation and installation of a sign on Highway 2. This sign promotes the downtown business district to those passing through Leon along Highway 2.

Ringgold County Senior Citizen's Activity Center Endowment Wins \$1,000 Contest

Left to right: Clint Spurrier & Michell Ricker, Ringgold-SCICF Board members, Janet Hogue, Senior Center director, Dorothy Barber, contest winner, Kevin Creveling, Barb Stephens & Sue Beck, Ringgold-SCICF board members

The Ringgold County–SCICF board recently held a contest for \$1000 to an endowment fund. Dorothy Barber of Redding was drawn as the lucky winner. Dorothy chose the senior center's endowment fund to receive the \$1000 grant. Congratulations to Dorothy and the senior center!

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**Grant writing workshop**

Union County will be hosting a brief grant writing workshop

Date/time: Wednesday, April 3rd, 6 p.m.
 Location: Afton Community Center

Grant application forms will be available at the workshop