

# 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.*

May 2013

## Lucas County – SCICF Grants Awarded



The Lucas County-SCICF board held a grant awards presentation at Pin Oak Lodge on April 29<sup>th</sup> to award over \$96,000 in grants to local non-profits.

Lucas County-SCICF board members, front left: Adam Bahr and Betty Hansen and front right: Ray Thurlby, Mary Stierwalt and Jim Wright.

### GRANTEES

Lucas County Conservation  
Derby Community Center  
Lucas County Arts Council  
SCICAP  
Chariton Public Library  
Chariton Recreation Department  
Lucas County Fair  
Lucas County Historical Society  
Russell Sportsmen's Club  
Chariton High School  
Lucas County Humane Society  
Lucas County Conservation Endowment  
Lucas County Preservation Alliance

Derby Volunteer Fire Department  
Circle of Life Hospice  
Russell (Iowa) Historical Society  
Lucas County Health Center-Kids Life  
Russell Volunteer Fire Department  
Friends of the Chariton Airport  
Chariton Girls Softball League  
Mosaic in South Central Iowa  
Lucas Volunteer Fire & EMS  
Jericho Hills Campground  
Chariton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Endowment  
Chariton School Foundation  
Lucas County Health Center-Volunteer Services

Grant applications are available on our website [www.scicf.org](http://www.scicf.org) and are due March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Contact the Foundation office at 641-217-9105 or a board member for more information.

## Clarke County - SCICF Awards Grants



Pictured left to right: Jason Gibbs, Dennis Jeter, Sandy Eddy, George Dutrey, Karen Irwin, Anita Foland, Ginny Caligiuri, Melissa Snell and Tawny Waske.

The Clarke County-SCICF board held a grant awards presentation at Expressions by Mosaic on May 29<sup>th</sup> to award nearly \$18,000 in grants to local non-profits.

### GRANTEES

**Clarke County Historical Society**  
**Murray Community School Scholarship Foundation**  
**Clarke County Women’s Health Project Endowment**

**Clarke County Cattlemen Endowment**  
**Friends of Clarke County Conservation Endowment**  
**Mosaic**

Clarke County – SCICF grant applications are available on our website [www.scicf.org](http://www.scicf.org) and are due April 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Contact the Foundation office at 641-217-9105 or board members Lori Borcharding, Jason Gibbs, Melissa Snell or Ginny Caligiuri for more information.



Creative Beginnings Preschool in Union County received a grant from Endow Union County - SCICF to see the performance of “Chicken Little”. The preschool students and staff stated they had a “Fun”tastic time!

## Meet Our Board



**Jim Wright**  
Lucas County

My wife Judi and I live on a Century Farm northeast of Russell that has been in the Wright name for 120 years. I farmed for many years, raising grain, cattle and hogs. I was appointed county supervisor in 1982 and served on the board for 18 years where I served as chairman of many committees. Today we cash rent our farm ground and I work for the Chariton Community School as a maintenance person for the grounds.

I have been a member of the South Central Iowa Community Foundation Board of Directors for 6 years, served on the Russell School Board for 9 years, served on the Lucas County Hospital Board, active member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Russell, and have served on a number of committees for Lucas County Farm Bureau.

We have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. We enjoy attending all of their events both home and away. I love sports, especially watching the Hawkeyes and Cards and we enjoy getting away to Branson once in awhile.



**Michell Ricker**  
Ringgold County  
*Secretary*

Michell earned a Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Iowa in 1983. She graduated from Mt. Ayr High School in 1975 and married her high school sweetheart, Bruce. They have three children and one grandchild. After living and working in Phoenix Arizona for 13 years they moved back to their home town of Mount Ayr in 1996. Michell worked as a Case Manager and Parent Educator at Ringgold County Public Health for 10 years. Currently she devotes her time to community projects, church growth and Blessman Ministries.

Michell has been on the South Central Iowa Community Foundation Board of Directors since 2003. She has taken a lead role in successfully raising 5 endowments, including the Ringgold County Teen Center having an original goal of \$200,000 and currently holding over \$250,000, the Princess Theater Endowment having an original goal of \$300,000 and currently holding over \$350,000, the Margaret Ricker Memorial Fund holding over \$100,000 (funds an at-home reading program for all K-6 students in Ringgold County), the Bruce and Michell Ricker Endowment and the Ringgold County Endowment Fund.



**FOUNDATIONS on the HILL**



Diane Bear recently attended Foundations on the Hill in Washington DC. Iowa representatives met with Senators Harkin (shown at left) & Grassley, and with Congressmen Latham and Loeb sack, and staff of King and Braley.

**Board of Directors**

**Clarke County**

Lori Borcharding  
Ginny Caligiuri, Executive Board  
Jason Gibbs  
Melissa Snell

**Decatur County**

Mike Frost  
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Sharon South  
Mary Stogdill

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Ray Thurlby  
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Barb Stephens

**Union County**

Peg Anderson  
Pennie Gonseth Cheers  
Jan Knock  
Mary Seales  
Don Sheridan, President

**SPRING BOARD TRAINING**



Board members, Kay Herring, left, and Don Sheridan, right, with speaker, Mark Mathis, at our Spring Board Training.

Mark Mathis, author of NonProfit NonMarketing - A Guide to Branding Beliefs and Benefits, was the guest speaker at our Spring Board Training at the Osceola Country Club on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the Decatur County – SCICF Board for hosting the Spring Board Training.

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Diane Bear, Executive Director

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\$10 million in grants to  
our counties since 1993!**