

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

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February 2014

Union County SCICF Matches \$10,000 to YMCA's Endowment

Union County SCICF presented a \$10,000 check for a matching grant to the Southern Prairie YMCA Endowment Fund.

Pictured left to right, are SCICF Board members Pennie Cheers, Jan Knock, Mary Seales, and Don Sheridan and YMCA Executive Director Jacki Steffen and YMCA Board Member Melissa Pettit.



Clarke County SCICF Awards \$1,500 to Historical Society

Clarke County SCICF awarded \$1,500 to the Clarke County Historical Society to help preserve pictures, letters, books and other documents in the society's archives.

"[These items] give us an insight to our ancestors, how they lived, and how they are such an integral part of our country's history. This preservation ensures these items will be available for future generations looking for their ancestors and local history," said Tawny Waske of the society.

Some of the items the grant money has helped to preserve are shown here.



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Decatur County SCICF Teaches 4th Graders About Philanthropy

The 4th grade classes in Leon and Lamoni were awarded \$200 by Decatur County SCICF so they could become philanthropists.

Decatur board members Mary Stogdill and Kay Herring visited five classes and talked to the children about what is a philanthropist, people who have been philanthropists and then challenged them to become philanthropists. The students had a week to discuss and plan their projects before Kay and Mary returned with their checks.



In Lamoni, Liz Carpenter's class purchased games and art supplies for the Lamoni Nursing and Rehab Center and Mr. Culberson's class built a butterfly garden on the school grounds. In Leon, Mrs. Galloway's class purchased toys and books for the pediatric section of the Decatur County Hospital; Mr. Booth's class worked with Leon Parks and Recreation to purchase supplies to improve the summer program and Ms. Beeck's class chose to provide books and educational materials for the preschool programs in Leon.

SCICF is excited to share the joy of philanthropy with the young citizens of Decatur County!

Lucas County SCICF Supports Salvation Army

The Lucas County SCICF board members donated \$1,200 to Salvation Army Chapter 218 of Lucas County. This grant was made from the Lucas County Poverty Endowment.

According to Allen Wiese, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, the funds are used for utility assistance, rent assistance, food, medicines, gas for medical appointments, clothing and furniture and other needs.

SCICF is pleased to support the Salvation Army campaign in Lucas County.



Pictured from left are SCICF board members Jim Wright & Adam Bahr, Salvation Army Chapter 218 Aid Officer Pastor Allen Wiese, SCICF Board Chair Betty Hansen, SCICF President Diane Bear, and board members Ray Thurlby and Mary Stierwalt.

Ringgold County SCICF Awards \$4,300 Grant to Ringgold Outdoor Alliance

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Ringgold County SCICF awarded \$4,300 to the Ringgold Outdoor Alliance to purchase a Port-A-Cool unit for use at summer time outdoor events.

According to Doug Still, the air conditioner has been very useful so far. "Our cooling units were used at the Ringgold County Fair, the Ayr Days celebration and the Diagonal Labor Day celebration."



Ringgold County SCICF is pleased to help Ringgold county residents and visitors stay cool at these events!

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Lucas	March 1 st
Decatur	March 15 th
Clarke	April 15 th
Ringgold	May 1 st
Union	May 1 st

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