



South Central Iowa Community Foundation

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

As humans it is our natural intent to give and so many want to give back to the community that we live in and love. How can you give back? Through our many Decatur County Endowments. Your tax deductible donation goes to the fund or your choice. It is the gift that keeps giving to ensure that the organization continues to survive, prosper, and support our community.

Decatur County Endowments

Decatur County Endowment (Unrestricted)
Booth Family Endowment
Central Decatur Athletic Booster Endowment
Central Decatur Baseball Endowment
Central Decatur Community School
Foundation CD Class of 1943
Central Decatur Football Endowment
Charles Church/ Lamoni School Music Fund
CivArts United Endowment
Decatur County Development Corporation
Decatur County Fair Endowment
Decatur County Hospital Auxiliary
Decatur County Hospital Foundation
Frost Family Endowment
Funshine Day Care Endowment
Geiger Family Endowment
Graceland College Center for the Study of Free
Enterprise & Entrepreneurial Roundtable
Grand River Community Center Foundation
John Clark Davis City Union Church Fund
John Untiedt Conservation Endowment
Journey for Joy
Kucera Family Foundation

Lamoni Community Center Endowment
Lamoni Community School Foundation
Lamoni Food Pantry Endowment
Lamoni Freedom Fund
Lamoni Fund
Lamoni Library Endowment
Lamoni Parks & Recreation Endowment
Lamoni Public Library Technology Endowment
Lamoni Recreational Trail Foundation
Leon Chamber of Commerce Endowment
Leon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Leon Little League Endowment
Leon Pool Maintenance Endowment
Leon's New Horizons Endowment
Mike & Rosalind Kucera Foundation
M.N. Viner Memorial Endowment
ROCCS Endowment
ROCCS Scholarship
SCIT Theater Endowment
Trae Buckingham Memorial Scholarship
Vaughn Clark STEM Scholarship
Viola McMorris Memorial Scholarship

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General Information Sheet

- Established in 1993 with assistance from the Dekko Foundation
- Serving: Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Ringgold & Union counties
- 10 board of directors - 2 from each county. Dennis Jeter (Clarke County) is the current Board Chair
- Mike Frost and Shannon Lecy represent Decatur County
- Over \$15 million in assets—over \$14 million are in endowment funds
- Endowment funds are permanent - don't invade the principal
- Typically first 2- 3 years no payout is made. This allows for fund growth
- Grant amounts are based on the fund's average market value over previous 3 years
- 4% of the 3-year average market value of the fund may be used each year
- Endowment funds are invested with Foster Group out of West Des Moines
- Previous 5-year average rate of return was 6.16%
- Donors receive a combination thank you letter/tax receipt for all gifts
- Gifts given to SCICF are irrevocable
- Endowments may be established with \$0 but must exceed \$5,000 for a payout (grant) to be made
- SCICF fees are generally 1% of the market value of an endowment fund

Examples of the power of an endowment fund:

1. The Eugene & Vera Marquis Scholarship was set up on 5/24/02 with \$356,000. The market value of the fund is over \$509,000. The fund has awarded over 200 scholarships to Clarke County students totaling \$353,000.
2. Graceland Entrepreneurial Roundtable fund was established in December of 1996. Gifts totaling \$431,000 were received over several years. Current market value is just over \$545,000. The fund has paid out over \$424,000 for their entrepreneurial events.
3. The Creston Fund was established on 11/26/97 with total gifts of over \$57,000. Current market value is over \$68,000. This fund has awarded \$60,100 in grants to Union County.
4. The Ringgold County Teen Center was established in 1999 and has received gifts totaling over \$234,000. The market value of the fund is nearly \$290,000 and the center has received over \$221,000 in payouts from the fund.
5. The Chariton 4th of July committee established their endowment fund in 2011 and has received gifts totaling over \$42,000. The market value of the fund is nearly \$54,000 and they have received \$9,150 in payouts from the fund

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