



25 Years of Serving Johnson County

2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

THE CFJC'S
COMMUNITY IMPACT
FY25: JULY 1, 2024 –
JUNE 30, 2025

Total Assets
\$72,781,982

Grants Since Inception
\$34,028,356

Number of Funds
303

FY25 Total Donations
\$6,004,254

FY25 Individual Donors
895

Total Grants Awarded in FY25
\$4,160,488

of Grants Awarded in FY25
903

of Nonprofit Organizations
Awarded Grants in FY25
276

Note: the figures presented
are not audited

KALEB BEINING
Iowa Landscape, LLC, City of
Iowa City Planning and Zoning
Commission, Housing Trust Fund
of Johnson County Board

NANCY BIRD
Greater Iowa City, Inc., FilmScene
Board, South Of 6 Business
District Board, Better Together
2030 Board

DAVID BLUDER
Author, Former Banker

ZACH BOHANNON
First Interstate Bank, Air National
Guard, United Way of East Central
Iowa Board, Herbert Hoover
Presidential Foundation Board,
Mercy Medical Center of Cedar
Rapids Board, Linn-Mar Basketball
Academy Board

DOUG BOLDT
City of Tiffin
LATASHA DELOACH
City of Iowa City Senior Center,
UNESCO City of Literature Board

CHARLIE FUNK
MidWestOne Bank (Retired)

NICK HATZ
Shive-Hattery, Inc., Iowa City
Trojans Basketball Club Board

HAI HUYNH
Coralville City Council, Coralville
Food Pantry

VIC ISRANI
GreenState Credit Union

LYNETTE JACOBY
Johnson County Social Services

KATE MORELAND
Kate Moreland Coaching &
Consulting

DEAN PRICE
RSM US LLP (Retired)

CATHY PUGH
Urban Acres Real Estate,
5224GOOD Executive Committee,
Iowa City Hospice Board

LEIGHTON SMITH
GreatAmerica Financial Services

TARA STERBA
South Slope Cooperative
Communications

AMINATA TAYLOR
Tailored Tax and Accounting,
Shelter House Board, Dream City
Board, United Way Committee
Member

JAIME WATTS
Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C.,
Riverside Theatre Board, Hansen
Inn of Court Board

DAN WEGMAN
Relion Insurance Solutions

THAIS WINKLEBLACK
MidWestOne Bank, 5224GOOD
Executive Committee, Iowa City
Foreign Relations Council Board,
Rotary, Iowa MOST (Miles of
Smiles Team) Board

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we reflect on the past 25 years of service to our Johnson County community, we are filled with deep gratitude for the donors, partner organizations, community leaders, and board members who have guided the Community Foundation to this milestone. As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we reflect on the generosity, support, and unwavering commitment of our community to create a brighter, more equitable future for all Johnson County residents.

This milestone anniversary is not just a celebration of time passed, but of lives touched, communities transformed, and the ongoing generosity of our neighbors. Thanks to your support, the CFJC has grown into a \$70 million organization which has provided over \$34 million in grantmaking support to important charitable work in our communities. Together we have celebrated triumphs and faced challenges, but through it all, our mission to *connect communities who care with causes that matter to support sustainable change* has remained unwavering.

As we look to the next 25 years, we are filled with hope. We know with your continued support we will be able to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and bring meaningful change to our communities – together.

Thank you for being a part of our story. We are excited to share this anniversary with you, and we look forward to another 25 years of serving Johnson County!

Sincerely yours,

Shelly Maharry
President and CEO

Thais Winkleblack
Board Chair



Photo from the first article written on the Community Foundation of Johnson County announcing its launch. Features the following founding committee members: (back row, left to right) Bob Downer, Bob Slerk and Todd Jacobson; (middle row) John Schneider, John Beckord, Vicki Lensing, Kathy Moyer and Bill Furlong; (front row) Maggie Elliot, Lisa Parker, Connie Anderson and Beverly Weber. Not pictured are: Bob Dvorsky, David Roosevelt, Dick Schwab, Dwight Seegmiller, Fred Krause, Mark Sidel, Ray Glass, Ross Wilburn, Sandy Boyd, Tom Gelman and Tom Werderitsch.

Commemorating a Record-
Breaking Year of Grantmaking at
the CFJC Community Celebration

The Community Foundation of Johnson County (CFJC) awarded a record-breaking \$3,269,169 in grants to local nonprofits. This achievement was celebrated at the CFJC’s annual Community Celebration, held at the Highlander Hotel in Iowa City. More than 125 community members gathered to recognize the impact of philanthropy across the county and honor outstanding contributions to local causes.

“Our record-breaking grantmaking is a testament to the generosity of our philanthropic neighbors and the undeniable value our nonprofits bring to Johnson County,” said Shelly Maharry, CFJC President & CEO. “The Community Celebration reflected our shared commitment to making Johnson County the best place to live, give, grow, work, and play.”

In addition, the CFJC distributed a total of \$125,000 in Community Impact Grants to five organizations making a tangible difference in the lives of residents:

- **CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank** – Upgraded Mobile Food Pantry Vehicle
- **Coralville Public Library** – Community Outreach Education Program
- **Iowa City Free Medical Clinic** – Patient Navigator
- **Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County** – “Raise The Roof” Capital Campaign
- **North Liberty Community Pantry** – “Planting New Roots” Capital Campaign

To conclude the event, the CFJC presented its 2024 Community Impact Awards, honoring individuals, families, businesses, and organizations demonstrating exceptional commitment to community betterment through philanthropy. This year’s honorees included:

- **Community Collaborator:** United Action for Youth & CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank – Healing Prairie Farm
- **Community Business Partner:** Robyn Hepker – Benson Hepker Design
- **Community Convener:** 100+ Men Who Care & 100+ Women Who Care
- **Community Catalyst:** Mary Palmberg – Free Lunch Program

As the CFJC looks ahead, we remain committed to expanding our impact and empowering the nonprofits, donors, and community partners who make this work possible.

“The CFJC’s Community Celebration was a celebration, indeed, of how so many groups in our community provide help to others. The CFJC Celebration highlighted the bounty of all kinds of critical help in our generous community.”

MARY PALMBERG, FORMER
DIRECTOR OF THE IOWA
CITY FREE LUNCH
PROGRAM



Coldren Fund for Seniors
Grants \$20,000 to 5 Local
Nonprofits

The Coldren Fund for Seniors was started in 2002 with the purpose of funding projects and activities that assist Johnson County residents 65+ of limited income. This year, the Coldren Fund for Seniors Grant Cycle awarded five grants for a total of \$20,000 to local nonprofit organizations and projects benefiting the aging population in Johnson County. The following grants were awarded:

- **Friends of Iowa City Senior Center** – Hearing Accessibility Improvements at Iowa City Senior Center
- **Horizons, A Family Service Alliance** – Meals on Wheels of Johnson County
- **Iowa City Hospice** – Patient and Caregiver Emergency Assistance Fund
- **State University of Iowa Foundation** – Smiles for Seniors: Bridging the Dental Care Gap in Johnson County
- **TRAIL of Johnson County** – Supported Membership: Addressing the Needs of Low-Income Seniors

The Community Foundation of Johnson County is proud to hold the Coldren Fund for Seniors and looks forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have.

Strengthening Small Businesses in Johnson County



In partnership with Greater Iowa City, Inc. and the South of 6 Business District, the Community Foundation of Johnson County proudly administered the Underestimated Small Business Grants Program—a targeted effort to promote economic resilience and inclusivity across Johnson County.

This program was launched to assist small businesses disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and those located in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) as determined by the US Department of Health and Urban Development. The program provided direct support in the form of grants ranging from \$3,500 to \$20,000.

Over the course of two grant cycles, the program awarded \$416,135 to 58 local small businesses, helping to address critical needs, invest in storefront improvements, and ensure long-term sustainability for local small businesses. This program was funded by Johnson County American Rescue Plan Act funds.

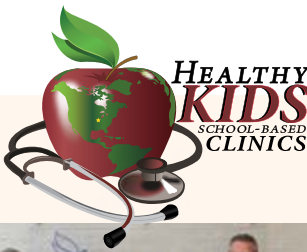
Coralville Community Fund Supports 13 Local Nonprofits

The Coralville Community Fund was launched to build, invest, and distribute funds for local nonprofit projects that impact the residents of Coralville. The Coralville Community Fund awarded \$24,500 in grants to 13 local nonprofit organizations during their 2025 Coralville Community Fund Grant Cycle. This year’s grant award recipients were:

- **Antelope Lending Library** – Bookmobile Service at Coralville Community Food Pantry’s Summer Lunch Program
- **Antique Car Museum of Iowa** – Visitor Visual Improvements
- **ChildServe Foundation, Inc.** – Aquatic Therapy
- **CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank** – Improving Housing Stability for Coralville Families
- **Coralville Asian Festival** – 2025 Coralville Asian Festival
- **Domestic Violence Intervention Program/Rape Victim Advocacy Program** – Awareness and Education for Services in Coralville
- **Horizons, A Family Service Alliance** – Meals on Wheels of Johnson County
- **Houses into Homes** – Comforts of Home Bed Delivery
- **Inside Out Reentry Community** – Inside Out’s Coralville and Hope House Support
- **Iowa Bicycle Coalition** – Iowa Mountain Bike Festival
- **Iowa City Community School District’s Healthy Kids School-Based Clinic** – Vaccine Storage at Northwest Middle School



Since its inception in 2006, the Coralville Community Fund has played a vital role in fostering a vibrant, thriving City of Coralville. We are proud to continue to support the work of the Coralville Community Fund and the organizations they fund.



Breaking Down Barriers to Healthcare for Children

The Healthy Kids School-Based Health Clinics program awarded a \$200,000 grant to the Iowa City Community School District to provide critical healthcare access for students who are uninsured, underinsured, or face other barriers to care.

The Healthy Kids program delivers free medical, mental health, dental, and vision services to students through clinics based directly in their schools. These services are essential for children in Johnson County who otherwise might go without the care they need to thrive academically and personally.

Community Conversations Uplift Our Community’s Most Pressing Issues

This year, the Community Foundation of Johnson County continued its commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue through our Community Conversations series. These free, public events brought together residents, experts, and local organizations to discuss pressing issues facing our community.

This year’s Community Conversations focused on three prevalent topics: childcare, mental health, and immigrant and refugee support. Each gathering provided a platform for education, shared experiences, and collaborative problem-solving, reinforcing the importance of partnership in addressing complex challenges.



Raising \$80,912 in One Day for the Third Annual Johnson County Great Give Day

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, the community came together in an inspiring display of generosity for the third annual Johnson County Great Give Day, raising \$80,912 in just 24 hours to support the incredible work of local nonprofit organizations.

Coordinated and powered by the Community Foundation of Johnson County, Great Give Day is a collective day of giving designed to encourage donors to explore and support a wide range of local nonprofits. It serves as an opportunity to celebrate the nonprofit sector, amplify the impact of philanthropy, and recognize the vital role nonprofits play in making Johnson County a wonderful place to live, give, work, grow, and play.

For this year’s Great Give Day, the CFJC offered a matching opportunity for gifts made to our Community Impact Fund, which supports our competitive grantmaking cycles. These grants help fund essential projects across all sectors — from capacity-building initiatives to critical direct services provided by local nonprofit organizations.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated — whether by donating, volunteering, spreading the word, or simply sharing their appreciation for the nonprofits that strengthen our community.

VOTE YES FOR:



OurLandWaterFuture.org



VOTE YES!

Our Land

Our Water

Our Future

Paid for by Our Land Our Water Our Future Committee

A Win for Our Environment

The Community Foundation of Johnson County proudly supported the passage of the Johnson County Conservation Bond Referendum, a transformative investment in the county’s natural resources and outdoor spaces. Over the next 20 years, the bond will support projects that protect local water quality, preserve natural areas and wildlife habitats, and improve public access to parks and recreational trails.

This initiative builds on the success of the 2008 Conservation Bond, which funded 16 major projects, protected 1,177 acres of land for conservation, flood mitigation and recreation, constructed 9.2 miles of hard-surface trails, and leveraged over \$17 million in additional grants, donations and revenue.

To advance this critical initiative, the CFJC took a proactive role by issuing a formal letter of endorsement, investing \$5,000 in public awareness and marketing efforts, and hosting a Lunch & Learn event in partnership with the “Our Land Our Water Our Future” Bond Steering Committee to educate the public about the bond’s potential long-term impact.

The Johnson County Conservation Bond was successfully approved by 77% of voters on November 5, 2025 – well above the 60% required for passage.

“We were truly thrilled to see Johnson County unite as one in support of the transformative \$30 million Johnson County Conservation Bond. We’re incredibly grateful for the Community Foundation of Johnson County’s help in bringing our community together for the greater good.”

JOSH SCHAMBERGER, OUR LAND OUR WATER OUR FUTURE CO-CHAIR & PRESIDENT OF THINK IOWA CITY

Preserving Tax Benefits for Donors

The Endow Iowa Tax Credit offers Iowa residents a 25% state tax credit for qualified charitable gifts to permanent endowment funds held at accredited community foundations. Since its inception in 2004, the program has played a key role in encouraging sustainable, long-term investment in Iowa nonprofits, helping to build endowed funds which provide reliable support for generations to come.

In early 2025, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) proposed the complete elimination of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, a longstanding and impactful incentive for charitable giving in Iowa.

In response, the Community Foundation of Johnson County actively participated in a collaborative, statewide advocacy initiative to defend this critical program. Working alongside peer community foundations, philanthropic leaders, and statewide partners, the CFJC advocated to preserve the Endow Iowa Tax Credit and the benefits it provides to donors and nonprofits alike.

The campaign was successful – the Iowa State Legislature voted to preserve the Endow Iowa Tax Credit and continue to support philanthropy in our state.

Free Resources and Training for Nonprofit Professionals

At the Community Foundation of Johnson County, we are proud to power the Johnson County Nonprofit Alliance—an essential hub for strengthening our local nonprofit sector.

Through the Alliance, we provide no-cost professional development and peer support opportunities that foster collaboration, build capacity, and amplify the impact of our nonprofit partners.

A cornerstone of the Alliance’s programming is the Nonprofit Education Sessions, a series of free, virtual professional development webinars led by local leaders. These sessions offer practical insights, share real-world challenges, and spark dialogue that helps nonprofit professionals learn and grow together. In addition to the Education Sessions, the Alliance offers a wide range of ongoing resources tailored to the evolving needs of our nonprofit community. These include peer learning groups, a nonprofit-focused book club, a shared community calendar, a nonprofit career center, and a comprehensive resource directory—all designed to support connection, growth, and shared success.

Our investment in the Nonprofit Alliance reflects our commitment to helping local nonprofits collaborate more effectively, advance their missions, and create meaningful, lasting impact across Johnson County.

Learn and Give Through 5224GOOD

5224GOOD is a learning and giving circle dedicated to educating their members about philanthropy and community needs in Johnson County through social and networking opportunities. Each year, the 5224GOOD membership chooses a focus area and learns about organizations working on that issue in our community then makes grants to support their work! Thanks to the 5224GOOD membership for their continued support of philanthropy in our community. The CFJC is proud to be 5224GOOD’s fiscal sponsor.

Support Requests Through the Giving Catalog

Through the Giving Catalog, donors can support current funding requests with just a few clicks!

Explore current requests here:

We Make Giving Easy

The Community Foundation of Johnson County accepts a wide variety of assets to assist you with your charitable giving. You can give to one of our existing funds or start a fund of your own.

-  CASH
-  SECURITIES
-  GRAIN
-  REAL ESTATE
-  PERSONAL PROPERTY
-  IRA ROLLOVER
-  CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
-  LIFE INSURANCE
-  BUSINESS INTERESTS
-  RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

Thank You

Our work would not be possible without the support of our donors, volunteers, community partners, nonprofit organizations, and friends. Thank you to all who lift up philanthropy in our community and help us to connect communities who care with causes that matter to support sustainable change. Together we make Johnson County the very best place to live, give, grow, learn, and play! Thank you.

5

Community Foundation of Johnson County
2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

6

Community Foundation of Johnson County
2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™



**501 12th Avenue
Suite 102
Coralville, IA 52241**

**www.cfjc.org
info@cfjc.org
(319) 337-0483**

The Community Foundation of Johnson County is committed to excellence and accountability as exceptional stewards of charitable resources in our community. The CFJC is accredited by the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™. This accreditation program affirms we have met or exceeded the most rigorous standards of philanthropic excellence. To receive accreditation, we submitted our policies and procedures to a meticulous review of 26 National Standards in the six key areas of: community foundation operations, board governance, donor services, investment management, grantmaking, and administration.

The Community Foundation of Johnson County is the 501(c)3 tax exempt public grantmaking partner of choice for individuals, families, and businesses making both immediate and long-lasting charitable gifts. By giving to and through the Community Foundation, donors can support a wide variety of causes that matter most to them. Donors may give to one of the 303 existing funds or start one of their own. Gifts to an endowment fund at the Community Foundation may qualify for a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit. We are governed by a board of community experts and provide a fully-vetted, tax efficient method for connecting those who care with causes that matter to support sustainable change.



25 Years of Serving Johnson County