

THE CATALOG FOR GIVING

Big
GIVE
Month for Poweshiek County

October 1st – 31st



GREATER POWESHIEK
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We Grow Community Through Giving!

A MONTH-LONG OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

From October 1st through 31st, everyone in our county gets the chance to be a philanthropist. The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation is hosting our annual **Big GIVE Event**, a month-long giving opportunity to raise as much money as possible for the foundation and the local nonprofits we serve.

This is a collective effort to strengthen our nonprofits and to transform philanthropy in our county. Use this catalog

to learn more about the giving opportunities available through the foundation and give a gift that lasts a lifetime.

A Gift Can Be Made:

- In any dollar amount
- To any of the many funds listed in this catalog
- In memory or in honor of a special person*

This catalog contains giving ideas to suit any person or occasion and can be used to make gifts beyond our **Big GIVE Event**. Anniversaries, birthdays, and other holidays are great opportunities to make charitable gifts year round.

**Honored recipient will receive a special card announcing from whom the gift was made and the fund to which it will go. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.*

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. Browse the catalog.
2. Find a fund (or funds) to support.
3. Complete and return donation form by mail or go to www.greaterpcf.org to donate online from October 1st to 31st.
4. We will send you a tax receipt and any honored recipient will get a special card on your behalf.
5. Tell a friend about giving a gift that lasts a lifetime.

WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE

- To help meet community needs
- To keep children from going hungry over the weekend
- To help high school seniors be the first in their family to attend college.
- To support families while their newborn infant is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- To help teachers get needed supplies for their classroom
- To make sure patients with mental illness have a place to seek treatment
- To help children become skilled readers
- To supply children with warm coats for the winter
- To give elderly citizens access to quality nursing home care
- To ensure today's foundation is here tomorrow & forever

CATEGORIES

Arts, Culture & Humanities

Brooklyn Historical Society Endowment Fund*: Supports the historical society, which works to foster awareness and appreciation of Brooklyn area history, preserve local artifacts, and assist with community historical activities.

Drake Community Library Endowment Fund*: Supports programming activities and community outreach initiatives of the Drake Community Library and was started in honor of longtime library director, Lorna Caulkins.

Grinnell Area Arts Council Endowment Fund*: Supports education, community theatre, the Grinnell Art Gallery, scholarships and mini-grants, and general operations of the Grinnell Area Arts Council.

Montezuma United Methodist Church Endowment Fund*: Supports the operational activities of the Montezuma United Methodist Church located in Montezuma, Iowa.

Children

Big Hearts For Tiny Hands: Provides local support to families who have a hospitalized infant in the NICU and assists families with related expenses.

Communities for Literate Iowa Kids (CLIK): Implements family, school and community based activities focused on early literacy so young children develop their full potential as independent, skilled readers.

Dr. Kevin W. Sterk Elementary Student Needs Endowment Fund*: Provides nutritional and physical needs support to students in lower elementary schools in Grinnell. This fund was created by Glenn and Ginger Sterk in memory of their son.

Station Clubhouse Fund: Supports the Station Clubhouse, a psychosocial rehab day program offering support services to adults who live in the community and are diagnosed with a serious or persistent mental health disability. Members can receive a variety of support services, contribute to the daily operation tasks of the Clubhouse, be involved in socialization and recreational activities, and develop positive living and coping skills through training and educational opportunities provided by staff along with and peer interactions and support.

Take Away Hunger: Formerly Kids Against Hunger – is a food relief organization that unites teams of local volunteers. The Grinnell board coordinates four community-wide packaging events annually where teams package highly nutritious food that is sent both domestically and internationally. Since 2006, the organization has packaged more than 700,000 meals to fight hunger not just overseas, but also here at home.

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Tiger Packs: Provides a take home bag of kid-friendly, nutritious food to pre-K through 8th grade Grinnell-Newburg students on the weekends when they do not have access to the free and reduced meal program. Tiger Packs also supports the High School food pantry and provides food insecure participants access to food on a daily basis.

Community Foundation

GPCF Administrative Fund: Gifts to this fund are used to pay for the Foundation's ongoing expenses, including overhead, staffing, and support services (bookkeeping and auditing).

Tom and Connie Marshall Administrative Endowment Fund*: Seeks to expand the administrative fund to \$1 million. Earnings from this fund will provide support for the operating expenses of the GPCF. If the community is able to raise \$800,000, the Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation has made a commitment to contribute \$100,000!

Community Needs

Brooklyn Community Foundation Endowment Fund*: Supports the community foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing and supporting the quality of life in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department Endowment Fund*: Supports the operations of the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Dept.

East Poweshiek County Ambulance Service Endowment Fund*: Supports the operations of the East Poweshiek County Ambulance Fund.

GPCF Community Fund for Poweshiek County Endowment Fund*: Creates a permanent endowment to provide for the needs of the community in the future. Individuals may give as little as \$100/year for 10 years, with the goal of increasing the fund to over \$1million. The income earned by this permanent endowment will be granted each year to serve the needs of the community and its people.

Grinnell Veterans Memorial Commission Building Campaign: Supports the renovation of the Veterans Memorial Building located in Grinnell's Central Park. The 3-phase project has a fundraising goal of approximately \$1 million.

Michael J. Manatt Community Center Endowment Fund*: Supports the charitable purposes of the Michael J. Manatt Community Center.

Montezuma Community Fund Endowment*: Provides support to charitable organizations serving the Montezuma community.

Poweshiek County Alliance Endowment Fund*: Provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations and innovative community projects in Poweshiek County. Past grants have targeted community development, education, health, historic preservation and human services.

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Education & Scholarships

Citizen Scholarship Foundation of BGM Endowment Fund*: Provides support for the Citizen Scholarship Foundation of BGM.

Grinnell Education Partnership Fund: Provides a source of revenue for each of the eight Grinnell Education Partnership/Grinnell AmeriCorps Program task force groups including summer learning, attendance awareness, after school enrichment, skills gap, school readiness, volunteer infrastructure, healthy readers, and family and community engagement.

Grinnell-Newburg Dollars for Scholars Endowment Fund*: Awards scholarships to Grinnell High School graduates. By supporting this fund, you help make a strong, collective statement about the importance of education beyond high school.

Grinnell-Newburg Educational Excellence (GNEE) Endowment Fund*: Income from this fund ensures the continuation of successful programs and allots funds for new research-based initiatives, assisting the school district's efforts to provide high-quality public education to all students.

Grinnell-Newburg Educational Excellence (GNEE) Mini Grant: Annually awards two rounds of mini-grants to local teachers to fund innovative projects in their classrooms. Since 2007, GNEE has awarded more than \$280,000 to Grinnell-Newburg teachers.

Grinnell-Newburg High School Alumni Association: Provides activities, communications and other services for those who attended schools in the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District. The alumni association also fosters and supports educational activities and efforts for the district.

Other Named Scholarship Fund: Scholarships are generally of two types: endowed and non-endowed. An endowed fund is a permanent fund that is invested for growth and income. Only a percentage of the fund is spent each year for scholarships. A non-endowed fund is expended immediately or over several years.

Environment, Parks & Recreation

Central Park Project: The Central Park Campaign design was created in response to community input. The design includes these features: a large plaza with water feature, amphitheater/stage, 80-seat shelter with fireplace and public restrooms. The plan has incorporated lighting and landscaping throughout as well as sidewalks around the perimeter and weaving throughout the park interior for the accessibility of all. The new performance stage will provide better acoustics and options for night time events.

Imagine Grinnell Endowment Fund*: Since 1985, Imagine Grinnell has infused thousands of dollars into our community for the health, well-being and enjoyment of our residents and visitors. This fund allows for Imagine Grinnell to create a financial support to enrich the city of Grinnell into the future.

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Imagine Grinnell Operating Fund: We are keeping Grinnell green, playing and growing! Imagine Grinnell focuses on improving options for environmentally responsible living, increasing biking/walking opportunities, and a wide range of additional projects.

Poweshiek County Conservation: A fund for the education, acquisition and maintenance of public grounds, recreational centers, county areas, and to promote and preserve the conservation of natural resources in Poweshiek County.

Skate Park/BMX Campaign: Area skateboarders and BMX riders have been without a sanctioned area to practice since the wooden ramps at Bailey Park were removed in 2014. A \$250,000 campaign is underway to rebuild a cast concrete, state-of-the-art skatescape that will serve as a place that skaters and riders can call home for many years to come.

Girls/Women

S.H.E. COUNTS: The mission of S.H.E. COUNTS is to support, help, and empower women and girls in Poweshiek County. Your donation will help to support a scholarship for a first generation female high school graduate.

Health & Wellness

Grinnell Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund*: Assures the long-term success and prosperity of the medical center, providing support for capital improvements, construction projects, large equipment purchases, special programs, and other needs. GRMC is a private, nonprofit, non-tax supported hospital.

Grinnell Regional Mental Health Endowment Fund*: Provides quality mental health services to area residents and helps cover the costs of unreimbursed mental healthcare.

Montezuma Wellness Fund: Supports the wellness activities of the Montezuma community.

Human Services

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Endowment Fund*: Provides services aimed at strengthening struggling youth and families, preventing abuse and neglect, supporting independence for people with disabilities and nurturing the well-being of older adults. Income from the fund supports LSI's mission.

Mayflower Human Needs Endowment Fund*: The Mayflower Community in Grinnell is an affordable senior living and healthcare organization that provides home and support to its residents. Earnings from the Human Needs Endowment Fund are used to help residents who are unable to pay the full cost of their healthcare.

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