

Big *GIVE*

Month for Poweshiek County



Together We Grow
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 inviting all donors to help grow the foundation and the local nonprofits we support.

This is a collective effort to strengthen our nonprofits and to transform philanthropy in our county. Use this booklet 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 endowed or non-endowed funds in this booklet**
- In memory of or in honor of a special person*

This guide 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.*

*** Endowed gifts are invested directly, with a portion of the income generated to be used for the donor's charitable intent. This means that the principal gift is never touched, but continues to generate income in perpetuity. Non-endowed gifts have no permanent principle balance and are immediately available for distribution.*

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. Browse the booklet.
2. Choose a fund (or funds) to support.
3. Complete and return donation form by mail or go to www.greaterpcf.org to donate online.
4. We will send you a tax receipt and any honored recipient will get a special card on your behalf.
5. Tell a friend how they too can give a gift to last 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.

Dr. Kevin W. Sterk Elementary Student Needs Endowment Fund*: Provides support for both nutritional and physical needs such as coats, boots, hats and other clothing to students in lower elementary schools in Grinnell. This fund was created by Glenn and Ginger Sterk in memory of their son.

Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek (JMP) Early Childhood Iowa Area*: Assures that families with young children in Jasper, Marion and Poweshiek counties have access to affordable, high-quality child care and early intellectual stimulation for children, are free of child abuse, and have the skills and services needed to be healthy and strong.

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.

Tiger Packs Fund: Provides a take home bag of kid-friendly, nutritious food to pre-K through 8th grade Grinnell-Newburg students on the weekends. Tiger Packs also supports the High School food pantry by providing daily access to healthy food for food insecure students.

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Community Foundation

GPCF Administrative Fund: Gifts to this fund are used to pay for the Foundation's ongoing expenses, including overhead, staffing and Community Support Services.

Tom and Connie Marshall Administrative Endowment Fund*: Earnings from this fund provide support for the operating expenses of GPCF which enable staff to support non-profits, assist donors and convene community partners around causes that benefit Poweshiek County.

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 Department.

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.

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

Grinnell Veterans Memorial Commission Building Campaign: It is the vision of the Grinnell Veterans Memorial Building Commission that the Veterans Memorial Building be renovated to honor veterans as a memorial, to serve the community and to house a national artist residency, called the Prairie Star Residency, with a special focus on veterans. The fundraising goal is \$2.3 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 (PCA) 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.

Education & Scholarships

Citizen Scholarship Foundation of BGM Endowment Fund*: Awards scholarships to BGM graduates. By supporting this fund, you help make a strong, collective statement about the importance of education beyond high school.

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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 School Foundation (GNSF) 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 School Foundation Mini-Grant Fund: Annually awards two rounds of mini-grants to local teachers to fund innovative projects in their classrooms. Since 2007, GNSF has awarded approximately \$300,000 to Grinnell-Newburg teachers.

Grinnell-Newburg High School Alumni Association Fund: Provides activities, communications and other services for those who attended schools in the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District.

Other Named Scholarship Funds: For a complete list of all the scholarship funds, visit www.greaterpcf.org. If you are interested in creating a scholarship fund contact us at 641-236-5518.

Environment, Parks & Recreation

Ahrens Park Improvement Fund: A fund to help support capital improvements for the Paul W. Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park, built in 1994.

Central Park Campaign: The Central Park Campaign design was created in response to community input. The design includes these features: a large plaza with a water feature, amphitheater/stage, 80-seat shelter with fireplace and public restrooms. The plan incorporates lighting and landscaping throughout as well as sidewalks around the perimeter and throughout the park interior.

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

Imagine Grinnell Operating Fund: We are keeping Grinnell green, playing and growing! Imagine Grinnell focuses on educating the community about environmentally responsible living, promoting quality of life initiatives and supporting a wide range of additional green projects.

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

Skate/BMX Park Campaign Fund: 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 Endowment Fund*: This fund removes barriers through programming for women and girls in Poweshiek County.

S.H.E. COUNTS Fund: 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 Area Mental Health Consortium – JPK: The purpose of the fund is to serve those in the Poweshiek County area with mental health needs who are financially otherwise unable to afford services or medications.

Grinnell Regional Medical 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.

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.

Human Services

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Endowment Fund*: Provides services aimed at strengthening disadvantaged 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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Give Where You Live

Giving through Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation to the causes you care about is rewarding in more ways than one. Your gift creates lasting good in the community and the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program offers generous tax incentives.

With Endow Iowa, You Can Give And Receive

When you donate to a permanently endowed fund at a qualified community foundation, you're not only helping your neighbors today—you're building a stronger community for tomorrow. And while that in itself is rewarding, with Endow Iowa, you'll also get back for giving. You'll be eligible to receive a 25% tax credit for each donation, in addition to any federal tax benefits you may qualify for.

Every year, approximately \$6 million in Endow Iowa tax credits are set aside to distribute to those who make gifts to permanently endowed funds at a qualified community foundation, like Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation. The credits are available on a statewide first come, first served basis, so talk to your professional advisor today about how you can take advantage of this unique opportunity. You may also contact Nicole Brua-Behrens, Executive Director at (641) 236-5518, nicole@greaterpcf.org for more information on Endow Iowa and how Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation is helping donors become philanthropists.



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