



**Greater Poweshiek  
Community Foundation**

*We Grow Community Through Giving*

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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## A FUND FOR THE FUTURE: THE WEMERS' GIVING STORY



In 2024, Kim and Bob Wemer, an active retired couple who have a passion for supporting organizations that help other people, decided to partner with Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF) to establish a donor advised fund. Through the fund, grants can be made to charitable organizations over time which makes the Wemer's so happy (see the photo for proof). For more information about establishing a charitable fund, contact GPCF at 641-236-1560.

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## PLEASANT GROVE LAND PRESERVATION + GREATER POWESHIEK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION = UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

In 2024, the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF) stewarded a 600 acre gift of property with significant environmental and ecological benefit. This donation is a unique and effective partnership and the origin of the Pleasant Grove Land Preservation Inc (the donor) is a lesson in the power of strategic co-funding - a partnership among individuals who collectively work in pursuit of a common goal.



The idea for Pleasant Grove Land Preservation began when two Grinnellians, Doug Caulkins and Sandy Moffett, went to see a piece of land for sale in rural Mahaska County. Caulkins and Moffett convinced 8 other couples to invest in this amazing property with rolling hills, an abundance of wildlife - including endangered species, and native prairie or areas of grassland that had never been plowed. In Iowa there are less than 30,000 acres of native prairie and Caulkins and Moffett's goal was to protect this important relic. The Pleasant Grove Land Preservation was born and the owners worked for almost three decades to protect the wildlife and unique ecological aspects and restore the once-thriving prairie.

In 2023, the Pleasant Grove Land Preservation contacted GPCF about gifting the property to the foundation. Two of the owners would continue land stewardship and at some point the property would be transferred to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation so that conservation efforts will continue in perpetuity. The group's efforts are extremely important to Mahaska County and surrounding counties because the conservation activities on Pleasant Grove are helping to protect water quality and manage storm water runoff. As grasslands are restored on Pleasant Grove, they help recharge nearby aquifers.

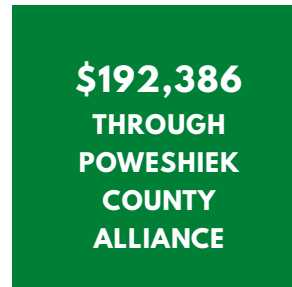


The GPCF board and staff felt that accepting this gift would celebrate Pleasant Grove's origins in strategic co-funding and ecological restoration and this gift supported the Foundation's mission to build partnerships to enhance vibrant and sustainable communities. To learn more about donating a gift of property or making a planned gift contact Nicole Brua-Behrens at 641-236-1560.

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## 2025 GPCF DISTRIBUTIONS



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## BUILDING A LEGACY

Donors can create a legacy through charitable giving. GPCF supports various fund types and giving options. Our online portal allows donors to directly manage grants, view investment income, and monitor transactions.

### FUND OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

**Field of Interest Fund:** Donors specify a charitable purpose for annual distributions, such as education or health research.

**Community Endowment:** Donors designate a specific community to benefit from the gift.

**Designated Funds:** Donors specify the charitable recipient(s) for the distribution of the funds annually.

**Scholarship Funds:** Donors can specify a degree program, institution of higher education or other criteria to award an annual scholarship.

### GIVING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

**Charitable Remainder Unitrust:** Donors are provided income during their lifetime with the remainder of the charitable fund passing to GPCF upon the end of the trust term.

**Gifts of Grain:** Donors gift agricultural products prior to sale for a charitable purpose.

**Appreciated Stock:** Donors receive an immediate tax benefit when a gift of stock is given for a charitable purpose.

**Planned Giving:** Donors name GPCF as a beneficiary as part of their estate planning in support of a specified charitable cause.

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# FINANCIAL IMPACT

## GPCF Board of Directors

**President - Steve Gant**  
**Vice Pres. - Monica Chavez-Silva**  
**Treasurer - Jonathan Plate**  
**Past President - Mike Allen**

Rusty Clayton  
 Dr. Patrick Cogley  
 Mike Geiger  
 Brad German  
 Marie Hedlund  
 Joel Kercheval  
 Paul Kolpin  
 Stephanie Lair  
 Sandy Ross  
 Kelly Sandquist  
 Mary Sherwood  
 Brenda Strong  
 Traci Taylor  
 Katy Wells

### GPCF Staff

Executive Director  
 Nicole Brua-Behrens  
 Program Manager  
 Amy Blanchard  
 Program Assistant  
 Allison Maurer

**RAISED IN 2025 FOR ALL  
 CHARITABLE FUNDS:  
 \$1.1 MILLION**

**GRANTED IN 2025:  
 \$437,245**



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## ASSETS - Fiscal Year 2025

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,073,164
Certificates of Deposit	175,805
Receivables, Less Allowance	80,444
Prepaid Expenses	<u>          </u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,329,413

### LONG-TERM ASSETS

Investments	\$ 14,391,587
Land	2,884,458
Receivables, Net	2,000
Beneficial Interest in Charitable Remainder Trusts	<u>1,063,278</u>

Total Long-Term Assets \$ 18,341,323

Total Assets \$ 19,670,736

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 142,081
Accrued Expenses	6,063
Scholarships and Grants Payable	91,292
Charitable Funds Held for the Benefit of Others	<u>997,512</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,236,948

### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Charitable Funds Held for the Benefit of Others	<u>\$ 159,177</u>
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Total Liabilities \$ 1,396,125

### NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restriction	\$ 17,148,964
With Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 1,125,647</u>

Total Net Assets \$ 18,274,611

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 19,670,736

IRS Form 990, GPCF Annual Audit and Investment Policy are available upon request.