THE Catalog FOR Giving

Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation

We Grow Community Through Giving

WE GIVE

serving together by giving

As of October 2026

BUILDING COMMUNITY ASSETS

At the heart of our work is the belief that community foundations, like Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF), are responsible for supporting **COMMUNITY ASSETS**. Community assets are the collective strengths, resources, and talents existing within a population that can be mobilized to improve the quality of life. A focus on assets highlights what is already working, ranging from individual skills to public spaces and local institutions. This Catalog of Giving highlights the many assets seen across Poweshiek County. We live in an amazing area and every gift and grant we facilitate serves a valuable purpose - to build inclusive, vibrant and sustainable communities ensuring a brighter future for everyone.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Twenty years ago, the GPCF board was on the cusp of managing a campaign to provide accounting services for a new library in Grinnell which initiated a partnership with the Ahrens Foundation. Today Drake Community Library is a welcoming, public space and the purest example of a community asset brought to you by the campaign fundraising committee, donors, and GPCF and the Ahrens Foundation. In 2026 we are celebrating 20 years of our unique partnership with the Ahrens Foundations at public events across the county. While much has changed in the last 20 years, GPCF is still focused on growing community through giving with our friends at the Ahrens Foundation.

POWESHIEK LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP) GRADUATES ITS FIRST CLASS AT GPCF

The PLP program, now housed at GPCF, is designed to create informed leaders motivated to invest their skills back into their communities. Through nine immersive, interactive sessions focused on leadership, civic engagement, economic development, and community collaboration, participants get the chance to build professional networks, discover resources, and deepen their understanding of the challenges and opportunities in Poweshiek County.

> "PARTICIPATING IN PLP WAS A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ME. AS A YOUNG COLLEGE GRADUATE RETURNING HOME, I THOUGHT I ALREADY KNEW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMMUNITY. PLP QUICKLY SHIFTED MY PERSPECTIVE."
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> — Allison Maurer, PLP Class of 2026

GROWING COMMUNITY ASSETS

GPCF works across Poweshiek County to support our greatest assets – communities and the people who live in them. In Brooklyn, we manage funds that are invested back into the community's public safety, historic preservation, and public facilities like the library. The Montezuma community benefits from a grant program that is helping to ensure community assets like the food pantry, parks, and youth programming are available. In Grinnell, GPCF is supporting families in need through several programs that provide preschool scholarships, shoes or clothes for youth, or a monthly stipend to those who are working but not making enough money to support their families. When you give to funds at GPCF you are preserving these community assets and ensuring their future viability.

PALS FUND

Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS) is an animal shelter dedicated to providing a safe haven for homeless cats and dogs throughout Poweshiek County. The seven-acre shelter south of Grinnell cares for animals 365 days a year, ensuring they receive essential veterinary services and emergency medical treatment. Operating entirely through private donations and receiving no public funding, PALS relies on community support and a dedicated team. Since its founding, PALS has helped more than 3,500 cats and dogs find loving homes and GPCF is proud to partner with PALS since 2018 offering another access point to support this important community asset.

> "PALS IS GRATEFUL FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GPCF. HAVING ACCESS TO FUND MANAGEMENT IN A SMALL COMMUNITY LIKE GRINNELL IS TRULY UNIQUE. A QUALITY PARTNERSHIP LIKE THIS IS THE KEY TO OUR SUSTAINABILITY. GPCF PROVIDES PALS VISIBILITY TO A DIVERSE GROUP OF DONORS, AND GIVES US PEACE OF MIND THAT OUR FUNDS ARE IN GOOD HANDS. SMALL NON-PROFITS COULDN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERS LIKE GPCF."
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> — Chris Grundler, PALS Treasurer

NEST BASIC INCOME PILOT

GPCF is investing in working families through the NEST basic income pilot, to study how a monthly unconditional cash gift affects Grinnell's ALICE families and moves them from a household on a survival budget to a stable budget. Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed or ALICE is an acronym that describes those who are earning above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford basic household expenses. In Poweshiek County the ALICE Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum costs of household necessities (housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and technology) plus taxes, adjusted for different counties and household types. In comparison, the ALICE Household Stability Budget incorporates the higher costs for maintaining a more financially stable household over time, including a 10% savings category that can be used in an emergency or for longer-term goals like additional education or buying a home.

Survival Budget (family of 4)	
Housing	$1,069
Child Care	$1,279
Food	$1,296
Transportation	$793
Healthcare	$684
Technology	$114
Miscellaneous	$524
Taxes	$603
Monthly Total	$6,362
Annual Total	$76,344
Hourly Wage	$38

Stability Budget (family of 4)	
Housing	$1,846
Child Care	$1,842
Food	$2,127
Transportation	$1,419
Healthcare	$755
Technology	$114
Miscellaneous	$810
Savings	$810
Taxes	$1,416
Monthly Total	$11,139
Annual Total	$113,668
Hourly Wage	$67

PROGRAMS & FUNDS

Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation supports a variety of fund types and giving options to help you make an impact locally.

Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation

Community Fund for Poweshiek County Endowment Fund*: When you support the endowed Community Fund you become a grant-making philanthropist supporting charitable projects across Poweshiek County. Since the first grants in 2013, more than $140,000 has been distributed for projects such as first responder initiatives, public and private education, historic preservation activities, and community development projects.

GPCF Administrative Fund: GPCF Administrative Fund: Your gift to this fund will support GPCF's mission-based operations in the county including growing charitable giving, educating and connecting donors to local needs they care about, supporting nonprofit programs and taking the lead on critical community issues.

Instant Impact Fund: Your gift to this unrestricted fund supports immediate, unexpected needs for local nonprofits in a timely manner through a simple application process at GPCF.

Tom and Connie Marshall Administrative Endowment Fund*: Your support of this endowed fund is essential to GPCF operations and the organization's work to accomplish its mission. Annual earnings from this fund enable GPCF staff to support nonprofits, assist donors and convene community partners around causes that benefit Poweshiek County.

Arts, Culture & Humanities

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

Drake Community Library Endowment Fund*: Your donation provides funds for Drake Community Library programming and community outreach initiatives including summer reading programs, story times, teen reading programs, Bucket Courses, SE*ED programs and adult education programs. The fund was established in honor of long-time library director, Lorna Caulkins.

Grinnell Area Arts Council Endowment Fund*: Your donation supports education, programming and events including the Stewart Art Gallery, Grinnell Community Band and Grinnell Community Theatre, upkeep of the historic Grinnell Arts Center building, and the general operations of the Grinnell Area Arts Council.

Grinnell Historical Museum Endowment Fund*: Your donation to this fund provides a link to the city's history and supports the museum's operations and special projects.

Grinnell United Methodist Church Endowment Fund*: Your donation supports the operational and mission-related activities of the Grinnell United Methodist Church located in Grinnell.

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

Children

Dr. Kevin W. Sterk Elementary Student Needs Endowment Fund*: Your gift addresses the nutritional and physical needs of children attending Bailey Park and Fairview Elementary Schools by supplying coats, boots, hats and other clothing and personal hygiene needs.

Early Childhood Endowment Fund*: Your support helps enable early childhood programs in the Grinnell community to continue delivering the highest possible quality of care and educational experience for its early learners by enhancing programs and providers' and teachers' compensation, benefits and training.

Grinnell Community Early Learning Center Endowment*: Your gift supports the need-blind admission process of the Grinnell Community Early Learning Center ensuring all children have access to affordable, high quality childcare.

Grinnell School of Music Fund: Your gift supports the operations and programming of the Grinnell School of Music.

Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek (JMP) Early Childhood Iowa Area: Your support ensures that families with young children in Jasper, Marion and Poweshiek counties have access to affordable, high quality child care and preschools, are free from child abuse, and have the skills and services needed to be healthy and strong.

LINK Grinnell: Your support helps LINK lead, inspire, nurture, and keep children educated, enriched and engaged by providing mentoring and high quality, affordable, and consistent programming for children after school and during the summer.

Community Initiatives

Benda Fund: Your gift to the Benda Fund provides ongoing financial support for the Hartwick, Iowa community.

Brooklyn Community Foundation Endowment Fund*: Your support for this endowed fund will be used to provide grants to Brooklyn area charitable organizations and public entities. The Brooklyn Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department Endowment Fund*: Your gift supports the operations of the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department including equipment upgrades, training, and enhancements that allow the department to serve the Brooklyn area.

East Poweshiek County Ambulance Service Endowment Fund*: Your donation supports the operations of the East Poweshiek County Ambulance Service and allows the organization to serve the emergency needs of several communities in Poweshiek County.

Grinnell Alliance Fund: Your gift supports the work of the Alliance including bringing together people in new ways to build a more welcoming Grinnell. The group plans activities with a focus on connections at existing community-wide events, sharing culture, connecting the college and the school district, and looking at how safety and systems affect community members.

Grinnell Fire and Rescue Endowment Fund*: Your gift supports the efforts of the Grinnell Fire & Rescue (Ambulance) Department including equipment upgrades, training, and other needs to support the Grinnell area.

Grinnell Lions Club Fund: Your gift to the Grinnell Lions Club Fund ensures the Club can continue to support local charitable causes.

Grinnell Police Officer Endowment Fund*: Your gift supports the Grinnell Police Department including equipment upgrades, training, and other needs to support the Grinnell area.

Hazel Sig Hester Fund: Your gift to this fund will support charitable and community projects in the Montezuma area.

Malcom Ivy Hill Cemetery Endowment Fund*: Your gift provides ongoing financial support for the maintenance of cemeteries located in the Malcom, Iowa area.

Michael J. Manatt Community Center Endowment Fund*: Your gift supports the charitable purposes of the Michael J. Manatt Community Center located in Brooklyn, Iowa.

Montezuma Community Fund Endowment*: Your support provides grants to Montezuma area charitable organizations and public entities.

PALS Fund: Your gift supports the Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS), a local organization that cares for cats and dogs 365 days per year. The shelter has helped over 3,000 cats and dogs find loving homes.

Poweshiek Leadership Program Fund: Your gift to the PLP fund helps create informed leaders motivated to invest their skills back into their communities through an experiential nine-month learning experience designed to increase knowledge and understanding of our county's resources, challenges, and opportunities.

Racial Equity Fund: This fund supports anti-racism work in the Grinnell area to advance racial equity so that the structures we influence are less likely to negatively impact Black, Indigenous, and people of color. The fund provides grants to further the work of community organizations actively addressing individual and/or institutional racism by changing policies, institutions, or systems.

Education

Central Iowa Christian School Fund: Your gift provides financial support for the Central Iowa Christian School established in Grinnell in 1983, serving children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade.

Citizen Scholarship Foundation of BGM Endowment Fund*: Your gift expands the educational opportunities of BGM High School graduates. By supporting this fund, you help make a strong, collective statement about the importance of education beyond high school.

***Denotes an endowed fund - gifts given are eligible for the 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit**

PROGRAMS & FUNDS

Doupnik/Hawkins Family Music Endowment Fund*: You donation to this fund provides annual support for the Grinnell-Newburg High School Music Department to purchase instruments, honorarium for guests, registration/entry fees, equipment and/or field trips.

Grinnell Education Partnership (GEP) Fund: Grinnell Education Partnership (GEP) Fund: Your support provides a source of revenue for the Grinnell Education Partnership/Grinnell AmeriCorps and Summer Learning Program initiatives for youth in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Grinnell-Newburg High School Alumni Association Fund: Your donation to this fund provides coordination of all-school reunions, activities, and outreach to Grinnell-Newburg High School alumni.

Grinnell-Newburg School Foundation (GNSF) Endowment Fund*: Your gift to this endowed fund ensures the continuation of successful programs and allots funds for new research-based initiatives while also assisting the school district's efforts to provide a high-quality public education to all students.

Grinnell-Newburg School Foundation Mini-Grant Fund: Your gift supports two cycles of mini-grants to local educators to enable innovative projects in Grinnell classrooms. Since 2006, GNSF has awarded approximately $380,000 to support students, teachers, and staff.

Grinnell-Newburg School Foundation STRIPES Fund: Your gift to the Support for Technology, Resources, Innovation, and Participation for Every Student (STRIPES) fund helps subsidize student expenses that might otherwise prohibit students from taking full advantage of the quality education provided by the school district.

Grinnell-Newburg School Foundation REDI Fund: Your gift to the Re-imagining Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Fund supports efforts to promote equity in the Grinnell-Newburg School District.

Grinnell-Newburg Schools Facilities Fund: Your donation to the new Grinnell Elementary School helps create a welcoming, inclusive environment by supporting an accessible playground, community space, and updated furniture and fixtures.

Lannom Learning Fund: Your gift to this fund supports Grinnell-Newburg School District activities with priority given to Trades scholarships, mini-grants, and veteran-related educational activities for students.

Tiger Scholarship Endowment Fund*: Your support helps TSF offer $500 scholarships to all current and future GHS graduates to continue their education after graduation and reach the board's goal to build the endowment to $1 million.

Environment, Parks & Recreation

Imagine Grinnell Endowment Fund*: Your gift to this endowed fund ensures that Imagine Grinnell continues to support the health and well-being of the Grinnell community for many years to come.

Poweshiek County Conservation Endowment Fund*: Your gift provides support for education, acquisition and maintenance of public grounds, recreational centers, and county areas, as well as promoting the conservation of natural resources in Poweshiek County for future generations.

Tiger Football Club Fund: Your donation supports the reorganization of youth football in Grinnell and opens opportunities for student football athletes to attend camps and obtain proper equipment.

TT Cranny Renovation Campaign Fund: Your gift to this campaign supports the second phase of the project to renovate press boxes and upgrade the scoreboard and sound system.

Health & Wellness

Grinnell Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund*: Your gift to this endowed fund assures the long-term success and prosperity of the medical center and provides support for capital improvements, construction projects, large equipment purchases, special programs, and other needs.

Grinnell Regional Mental Health Endowment Fund*: Your donation to this endowed fund helps provide quality mental health services through the local hospital by assisting with the costs of unreimbursed mental healthcare.

Human Services

Chris' Heart Fund: Your gift provides support for Poweshiek County charitable causes related to community volunteers and those experiencing emergency situations.

CISS Poweshiek County Empowerment Center Fund: Your gift to this fund supports the operations of the Center in Grinnell and ensures that individuals and families have access to job training and resources, case management, health and wellness supports, and pathways to permanent housing.

***Denotes an endowed fund eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit**

PROGRAMS, FUNDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Endowment Fund*: Your support for this endowed 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 operational needs for LSI's mission.

Mayflower Human Needs Endowment Fund*: The Mayflower Community in Grinnell is an affordable senior living and healthcare organization that provides a home and support to its residents. Your gift to this endowed fund helps the Mayflower Community support residents who are unable to pay the full cost of their care.

Montezuma Food Pantry Endowment*: Your gift supports the operations of the Montezuma Food Pantry, a nonprofit food pantry and clothing closet. The pantry partners with local organizations and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to offer food, including meat and produce as well as personal care items and clothing to those in need in the Montezuma area.

NEST (Navigating Economic Stability Together) Fund: Your gift supports the work of a basic income research pilot designed to increase economic stability for families in the Grinnell community.

Renewed Hope Home Furnishings Fund: Your gift supports the operations and programming of the Renewed Hope Home Furnishings, a program that provides home furnishings to those in need and is a ministry of Grinnell Friends Church.

Second Mile Endowment*: Your gift supports the operations of Second Mile, a nonprofit thrift store that uses donated items and donations from the community to serve families in need either through cash donations or items from their stock.

S.H.E COUNTS Endowment Fund*: Your support for this permanent fund helps the S.H.E Counts Committee to remove barriers through programming for women and girls in Poweshiek County.

Station Clubhouse Fund: Your gift to this 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.

GPCF and the Tiger Scholarship Fund manage several scholarships that have exponential benefits including transforming a student's life trajectory, fostering academic excellence, advancing their career, and instilling a lasting commitment to community engagement and social responsibility.

GPCF Scholarships

Audrey Pederson Memorial Scholarship
Audrey Rivers Griffith Scholarship
Donald & Carol D. Kaisand Scholarship*
Dr. Jeff Knobloch Memorial Scholarship
EPC Scholarship*
Fitzgerald Family Scholarship
Gerald F. Williams & June I. Williams Scholarship*
Green Futures Scholarship*
Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship*
Howard Raffety Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Kalleen Buchmeier Memorial Scholarship*
Kevin J. Lang PhD Memorial Scholarship Fund*
Lance Reimers Memorial Scholarship*
Lois Ogan & Mary Ellen Binegar Scholarship*
Marvin D. Bahr & Rosada E. Bahr Scholarship*
Nathan Figland Memorial Wrestling Scholarship*
Neil Lewis Memorial Scholarship*
Newburg Alumni Scholarship
Praestantia Scholarship*
Rachel & Richard Sanders Scholarship*
Ronald Graham Memorial Scholarship*
S.H.E. Counts First Generation Scholarship
Victor T. Wilson M.D., Warren H. Bower M.D. &Surgical Associates Memorial Scholarship*

Tiger Scholarship Fund Scholarships

Adelberg Family Scholarship*
Angie Larson Memorial Scholarship*
Doug Shutts Memorial Scholarship
Dennis Conway Memorial Scholarship Fund
Grinnell Girls Camp Association Scholarship
Hilke Family Scholarship
Iowa Transportation Museum Scholarship*
Jewel & John Kintzinger Scholarship*
Lincoln Savings Bank Scholarship*
Lucille M. & Kenneth J. Benda Scholarship
Lydia Reida Scholarship*
McCormick Scholarship*
Renaud Endowed Scholarship*
Rob Nebergall & Nancy Nebergall Bosma Scholarship*
Robert M. & Susan J. Dimit Scholarship Fund*
Scandrett Family Scholarship*
Sid Potts Scholarship*
Vivian G. Craig Music Scholarship*

For a description of each scholarship fund, visit www.greaterpcf.org

YOUR MISSION IS OUR MISSION

Since 1989, Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF) has strengthened communities and inspired philanthropy throughout Poweshiek County and beyond. We are a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization publicly supported by unrelated donors and we are governed by an independent volunteer board representing perspectives from around the county.

We work with you, the donor, to build inclusive, vibrant and sustainable communities to ensure a brighter future for everyone.

Permanent Endowment Building

Broad, Flexible Grantmaking

Community Leadership

Gifts to GPCF are carefully and responsibly managed to ensure your charitable intent is met.

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 fund beneficiaries.

Donor Advised Funds: Donors recommend eligible charitable recipient(s) for 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.

Cash Donations: Donors make a direct gift of cash to support a charitable fund or cause.

If you have questions about how to best harness the power of your local community foundation, contact GPCF today. GPCF is here to Grow Community Through Giving!

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