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2019 Annual Report



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YEARS

In 1949, the first gift was made to what would become the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. Since then, we have worked with you to provide **enduring support** for the people of Linn County. With 70 years of grantmaking experience, we can now explore new ways to impact our community together through **innovative philanthropy**. Your generosity has helped us build an organization that will be here forever, **ensuring the future** of our community.

\$187.4
MILLION
ASSETS

1,015
FUNDS

\$136.8
MILLION
GRANTS SINCE
INCEPTION



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

\$15.2 MILLION
CONTRIBUTIONS

46 NEW FUNDS

1,180 GIFTS RECEIVED

\$11 MILLION
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

571 NONPROFITS FUNDED

143 SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED

ENDURING SUPPORT

In 2019, the Community Foundation continued to invest in the long-term wellbeing of Linn County. Through partnerships with donors and professional advisors, we built upon our core efforts to strengthen nonprofits and improve the quality of life in our community.



William Quarton Heritage Society Luncheon

Celebrating those who have made permanent gifts to our community

June 11, 2019



DOROTHY AND DARRELL FISHER

Dorothy and Darrell Fisher established an endowed scholarship fund to support students facing financial barriers who want to go to college.

FRONTIER CO-OP

Frontier Co-op recognizes the importance of giving back to the communities in which they work and they utilize the Community Foundation to help them fulfill their corporate charitable giving goals.



NANCY L. ERICKSON MUSIC EDUCATION FUND

When Steve Erickson and his three sons lost their wife and mother to early onset Alzheimer's, they established the Nancy L. Erickson Music Education Fund to support her life passion and honor her legacy.



COGGON COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When the roof of the Clemons House started leaking, the Coggon Community Historical Society received a grant to save the 130-year-old house and their organization.



RON DETWEILER, FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Ron Detweiler helps his clients navigate the complex world of taxes and finance. For clients interested in including charitable giving into their plan, Ron often refers them to the Community Foundation for their guidance and expertise.



DONORSCHOOSE.ORG

Because of donors who care about education, the Community Foundation matches gifts on DonorsChoose.org to support classroom education projects in Linn County public schools that cannot be funded through the school's budget.



INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPY

Building upon our long history of connecting donors to nonprofits they care about, we can now look for new ways to impact our community. By gathering local leaders, caring citizens and subject experts, we have found new opportunities for learning and developing together. Through forward-thinking investments and creative grantmaking partnerships, in 2019 we were able to explore what philanthropy can mean.



**Community Learning Series: Gateways for
Growth**

Welcoming and integrating immigrants into
our community and our economy

October 20, 2019





TANAGER PLACE

On February 15, 2019, Tanager Place hosted a Forum for Reducing Violence that brought an award-winning documentary and an advocate for criminal justice reform to Cedar Rapids. This grant was made possible because of donors who gave unrestricted gifts, allowing the Community Foundation to support current needs and opportunities.



MARCH FOR OUR LIVES IOWA

A grant to March for Our Lives Iowa encouraged young people to get involved in the political process by hosting an event to register new voters and let them hear from local elected officials.



COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES

The Community Learning Series launched in 2019, bringing community leaders, subject experts and citizens together to elevate awareness, generate conversation and encourage action around issues of broad community importance.



HOMELESS TO WORK COLLABORATION

To connect immigrants, refugees and people facing homelessness to promising careers, Catherine McAuley Center and Willis Dady Homeless Services worked with Frontier Co-op to create and support an apprenticeship program.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE INVESTMENT OPTION

The Community Foundation introduced the ESG Investment Pool to its offerings in 2019, allowing individuals and organizations like Indian Creek Nature Center to make investments that reflect their mission and values.



ENSURING THE **FUTURE**

At the center of everything we do is a desire to contribute to the long-term success of our community. Endowments ensure we will be here to support Linn County well into the future, and our investments in youth aim to make that future brighter. In pursuit of transformational change, the Community Foundation has partnered with several organizations to support disaster preparedness, educational success, and youth safety.



Jane Boyd Challenge Camp
Building confidence and hope
in our community's youth

July 24, 2019



CREATING SAFE, EQUITABLE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES FUND

Over \$160,000 in grants were made in 2019 from the Creating Safe, Equitable and Thriving Communities (SET) Fund for youth violence prevention and intervention work.

DISASTER PREPARATION PROJECT

As part of the Community Foundation's disaster response and preparation efforts, the Disaster Preparation Project was established in 2019 to bring rural Linn County communities together to create and discuss disaster response plans.



MICRO

Now in its fourth year, the MICRO program provides low-interest loans for Cedar Rapids entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their businesses. So far, the program has provided loans to 21 businesses.



EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

Research shows that literacy skills open doors to brighter futures for youth. The Community Foundation continues to fund initiatives working to increase kindergarten preparedness, promote early reading, and supporting youth to help them succeed in school and beyond.

ENDOWMENTS HELP SUSTAIN NONPROFITS

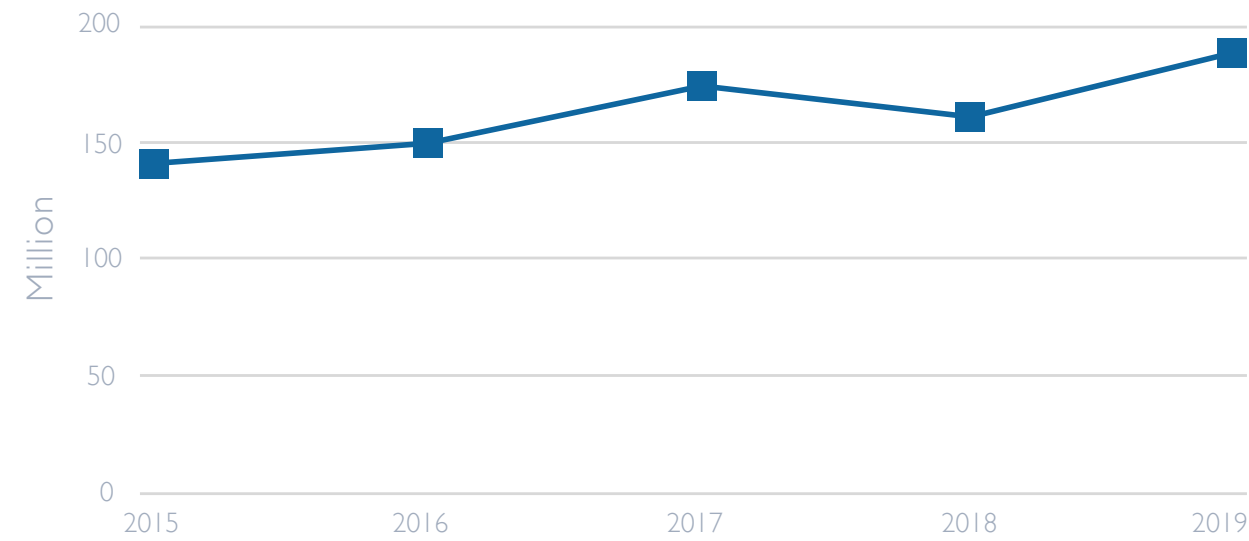
Through the Endowment Challenge Fund, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids and East Central Iowa was able to establish an endowment in 2019 that will provide organizational stability for years to come.



THE NUMBERS

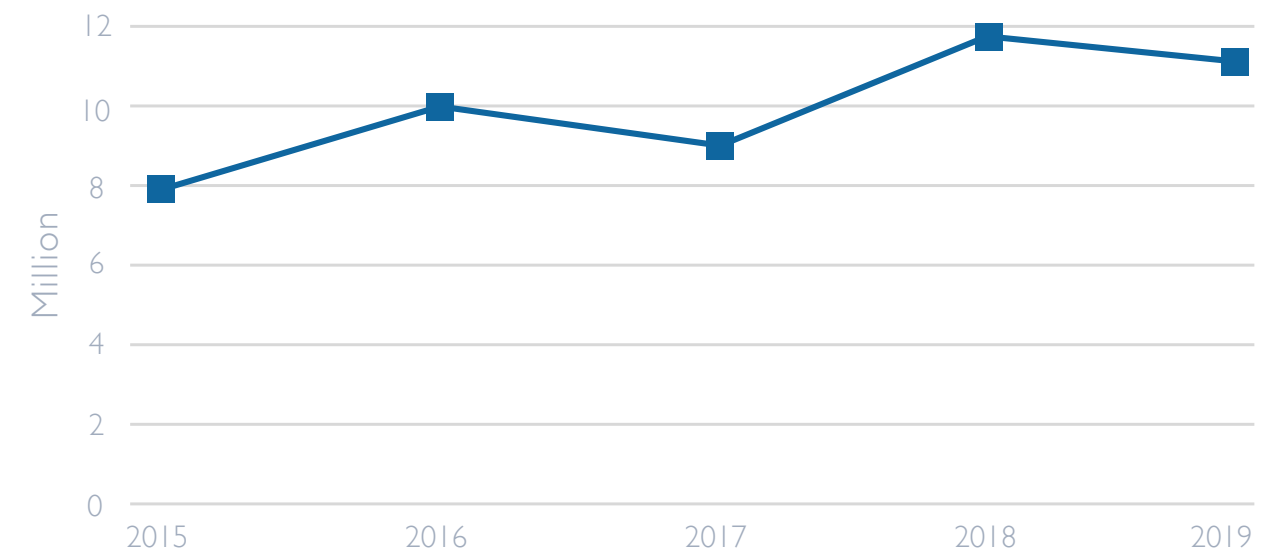
Asset Growth Over the Years

**\$187.4
MILLION**

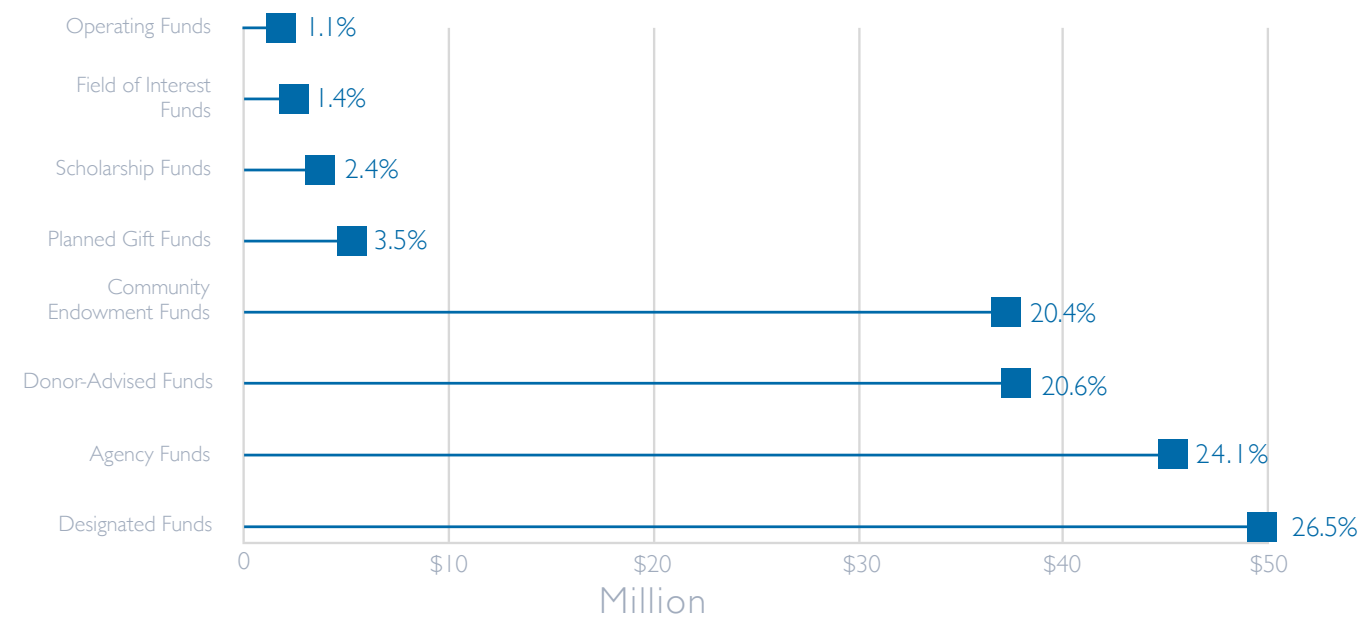


Grants Awarded

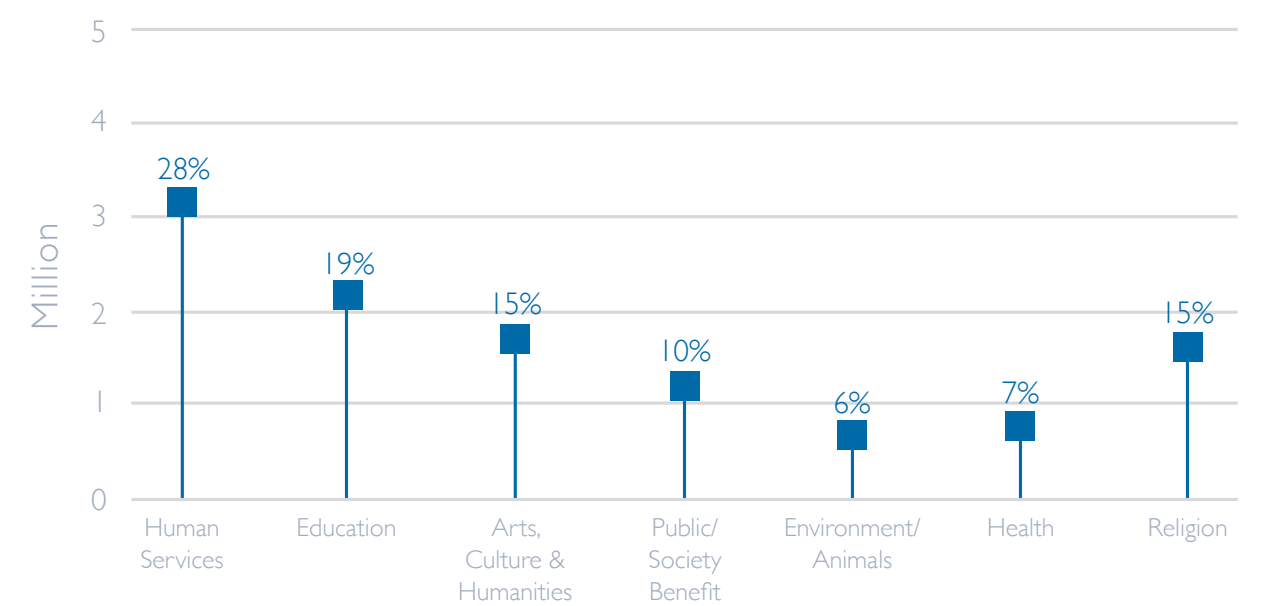
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MILLION**



Assets by Fund Type



2019 Grants Awarded by Sector



FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 2019

Donor-Advised Funds

Donor-Advised Funds allow donors to remain actively involved by making grant recommendations to causes they care about whenever it is convenient.

Anonymous
 Brian and Julie Privett Family Fund
 Cedar Grove Signature Fund
 Delaine and Duane Petersen Family Fund
 Diana Ledford Family Donor-Advised Fund
 Duane J. and Laura D. Smith Family Fund
 Duane J. and Laura D. Smith Fund
 Girls with Goals Fund
 H & S Igram Fund
 Jan Bloomhall Fund
 Jeff and Kristin Schaefer Charitable Fund
 Lange Family Charitable Giving Fund
 Lange Family Fund
 Lola and Bob Anderson Family Fund
 Lynch Family Giving Fund
 Maria and Josef Metz Memorial Fund
 Sharon Modracek Legacy Fund
 Tabor Family Fund

Scholarship Funds

This fund type is used by donors to help students achieve their educational goals through scholarships.

Calvin and Christina Moore Scholarship Fund
 Statler Family Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

Agency Funds provide nonprofit organizations with general operating support, stability during cyclical variances in income, and financial support for areas of high importance to the organization.

Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success Friends Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids & East Central Iowa
 Endowment Challenge Fund
 Cedar Valley Christian School Endowment Fund
 Cedar Valley Christian School Friends Fund
 Clothe-A-Child Endowment Challenge Fund
 Eastern Iowa Health Center Endowment Fund
 Eastern Iowa Health Center Friends Fund

Designated Funds

Designated Funds are established by a donor to provide ongoing support for a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. The organization(s) the donor chooses will receive annual distributions from the fund.

Anonymous
 Betty Debban Opus 754 Skinner Player Pipe Organ Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Bruce & Virginia Petrzalka Memorial Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Chris and Suzy DeWolf Family Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Chuck and Paula Burgmeier Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Gerald T. and Karen J. Knox Fund
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Jared and Carol Hills Fund
 County Endowment Restricted Fund
 Designated Fund for Legion Arts
 Drs. Erich Wolfgang and Sallie Sun Streib Fund
 John and Dyan Smith Orchestra Iowa Fund
 Linda and Terry Heller Fund
 Myron and Esther Wilson Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund
 Myron and Esther Wilson Designated Fund III
 Nancy Lee Ziese and Suki Cell Scholarship Fund
 United Way Ramlo Family Fund
 United Way Richard and Sherry Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds

This fund type allows donors to make contributions to specific areas of interest that have meaning to them. This may include support for multiple areas of interest, such as the environment, education, the arts or community development.

Community Endowment Funds

Donors can address the community's greatest needs through these funds. Created by visionary philanthropists who want to support the community beyond their lifetimes, these funds allow the Community Foundation to address community needs and opportunities as they emerge.

WILLIAM QUARTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

Recognizing those that have made permanent or planned gifts to the Community Foundation, the William Quarton Heritage Society now includes over 450 local philanthropists.

New Members in 2019

Anonymous
 Terry and Johanna Abernathy
 Lola and Bob Anderson
 Paula and Charles Burgmeier
 David Haerther
 Salma and Hassan Igram
 Paula and Chris Lange
 Cathy and Dave Loy
 Sharon* and Glenn Modracek
 Calvin* and Christine Moore
 Lillie and Tom Moore
 Joyce Pealer and Sara Petrzalka
 Brian and Julie Privett
 Lisa and Randy Ramlo
 Kent and Julie Statler
 Erich Wolfgang* and Sallie Sun Streib
 Duane Weber

**Deceased*



2019 COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation administers competitive grant programs from its unrestricted funds and for eight local corporations and families. Those nonprofit recipients are listed below.

Human Services

6th Judicial District Department of Correctional Services
818 Forward With Faith Inc.
Affordable Housing Network Inc.
Aging Services, Inc.
American Home Finding Association
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association
Anna Marie's Alliance
Big Bang Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids & East Central Iowa, Inc.
Boys and Girls Club of Cedar Rapids
Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center
Catherine McAuley Center Inc.
Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity
Centerville Police Department
Ceres Community Project
Chelsey's Dream Foundation
Coastal Roots Farms
Deaf Iowans Against Abuse
Deafinitely Dogs Inc.
Discovery Living Inc.
Downtown Women's Center
Dream Factory of Iowa
Eastern Iowa African Diaspora
Ecumenical Community Center Foundation
Emergency Food Network
Families Helping Families of Iowa
Family Promise of Linn County
Farmshare Austin
Feed Iowa First
First Resources Corporation
First United Methodist Church, Marion
Food Bank of Iowa
Four Oaks Family & Children's Services
Friends of Action Group on Erosion Technology and Concentration Inc.
Friends of the Family
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Inc.
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa
Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa
Greater Fairfield Area Habitat for Humanity
Green Square Meals Inc.
Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
Hawkeye Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
Heritage Area Agency on Aging
Hillcrest Family Services
Horizons - A Family Service Alliance
Iowa JAG Inc.
Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development
Jane Boyd Community House
Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa
Junior League of the Quad Cities Inc.
Kids First Law Center

LBA Foundation
Linn County Conservation Board
Lotus House Women's Shelter
Matthew 25
Mount Mercy University
NAMI Linn County
National Council on Youth Leadership
Neighborhood Meal & Enrichment Program
Olivet Neighborhood Mission
Project Linus
Resonance Center for Women
Rodale Institute
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
Safe Place Foundation
Salvation Army of Cedar Rapids
Secure Your Future
Southeast Linn Community Center Corporation
Table to Table
The Arc of East Central Iowa
The Freedom Foundation
Trees Forever
Wake Up for Your Rights
Wapello County Fair Inc.
Waypoint Services for Women, Children and Families
Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program Coalition
Willis Dady Emergency Shelter Inc.
Women's Empowerment
YMCA of Greater Des Moines
YPN
Youthport

Public/Society Benefit

Albia Rotary Club
Cakes From the Heart
City of Cedar Rapids
City of Center Point
City of Central City
City of Ottumwa
Junior League of Cedar Rapids
Main Street Ottumwa
Matthew 25
NewBo City Market
Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation
United Way of East Central Iowa
Walker Little League Association
Whole Planet Foundation

Education

Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success
Blakesburg Elementary
Cedar Rapids Community School District
Cedar Rapids Community School District Foundation
Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation
Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas
Cornell College
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
Eddyville PTO
The Friends of the Marion Public Library
Gems of Hope
Iowa College Foundation
ISU Extension & Outreach - Linn County
Kirkwood Community College Foundation
NewBoCo
Seton Catholic School
The Teacher Store
University of Iowa Center for Advancement
Washington Community School District
Washington High School

Arts, Culture & Humanities

African American Museum of Iowa
Bridge View Center Inc.
BruceMora Inc.
Cedar Rapids Community Orchestra
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art
Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre
Coggon Community Historical Society
ConnectCR
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
Genealogical Society of Linn County
Harmony School of Music
HTLIC Media Inc.
International Academy for Russian Music, Arts & Culture
KCCK-FM / Kirkwood Community College Foundation
Legion Arts Inc.
Marion Chamber Foundation
Mirrorbox Theatre
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Old Creamery Theatre Company
Orchestra Iowa
Red Cedar Chamber Music
Revival Theatre Company
SPT Theatre Company
Theatre Cedar Rapids
Troy Mills Historical Society

Health

AbbeHealth Inc.
Alzheimer's Association - Iowa Chapter
Area Substance Abuse Council
Cedar Rapids Thursday Noon Lions Charities
Coe College
Community Health Free Clinic
Eastern Iowa Chapter JDRF
Eastern Iowa Health Center
Foundation 2 Inc.
GCW Mutual Aid Society
His Hands Free Clinic
Hospice Serving Davis & Wapello Counties
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa
March of Dimes Foundation
Mercy Medical Center
Riverview Center Inc.
Tanager Place

Environment/Animals

Dogs Forever of Iowa
Friends of the Animals
Friends of the Earth
Hercules' Haven
Indian Creek Nature Center
Iowa Humane Alliance
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Nature Conservancy
Trees Forever
Trees Forever for Eye 380

NONPROFIT NETWORK

The Nonprofit Network provides a point of connection and resources for local nonprofit organizations and professionals, with a focus on peer engagement, learning opportunities and information sharing.

NONPROFIT KNOW-HOW

Nonprofit Know-How events, hosted by the Nonprofit Network, offer fast, free and focused trainings throughout the year to nonprofit professionals. In 2019, a training called “Ouch, That Stereotype Hurts” was held to learn about diversity, equity, and inclusion in nonprofits.



NONPROFIT PEER GROUPS

Over 50 peer groups were hosted in 2019 with a total attendance of 758. Peer groups offer connection and learning amongst professionals in similar positions. The five groups offered are for executive directors, managers, chief financial officers, development and marketing professionals.



NONPROFIT PARTY AT THE MUSEUM

In 2019, the Nonprofit Network introduced a new way to recognize the work of nonprofit professionals in Linn County. The Nonprofit Party, hosted on November 7, 2019 at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, celebrated those who are committed to improving life in Linn County through the missions of the organizations they serve.

RECOGNIZING NONPROFIT PROFESSIONALS

At the Party, two outstanding nonprofit professionals were recognized for their leadership and dedication within their organizations. The Nonprofit Leadership Excellence Award was presented to David Janssen, Executive Director at Brucemore, Inc. and the Minnie Rubek Staff Excellence Award was presented to Tim Feldmann, Workforce Specialist at Tanager Place.





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