



Since 2013, the Clive Community Foundation (CCF) has operated under the mission of igniting philanthropy through education, advocacy and pride in our beautiful, safe and distinct city. CCF has improved quality of life for Clive residents and businesses by promoting charitable giving and connecting donors with causes about which they care. This work includes three core areas of focus:

1. **Quality of Life Initiatives** – support for public art, parks and trails, and educational programming.
2. **Health & Wellness** – food assistance, nutrition education and health management resources.
3. **Community Collaboration** – partnering with civic organizations, neighboring cities and foundations, and other non-profits that share our mission.

### **Why Community Collaboration?**

The CCF has a primary focus on building and improving the long-term sustainability of our community. That means specifically understanding not only our strengths, but also our opportunities for improvement. By sharing our resources, ideas and plans with our neighbors, we not only strengthen Clive, but we strengthen our entire region. Toward that end, CCF endeavors to fund programs and initiatives that have a direct benefit to our community and our neighbors. Those projects include endowment funds which invest resources back into the region for the entire community's greater good, as well as building relationships with other local civic groups – from neighborhood libraries to local police and fire protection – that are aligned with our mission.

***The CCF Board believes a community thrives when it reaches out to others.*** Silo thinking does not work and we must not build walls around our individual communities. Rather, we must focus on defining opportunities that celebrate our strengths and successes in delivering valuable programs to the residents of the Greater Des Moines area.

The key point to building relationships with our neighbors is to improve community connection. Through connection, we establish dialogue, identify trends and understand the context for making progressive changes in our communities. Context establishes the cause of a problem that needs addressing, accountability (i.e. who is best positioned to implement change), and can help identify a system to move forward to mutual success.

### **Ways Your Dollars Can Help**

- CCF is working with other local communities to network, share ideas and define strategic efforts that elevate each of our communities.
- CCF is connecting with local service providers to prioritize needs and to fund programs that provide ongoing assistance to qualifying families in the communities of Clive and its surrounding area.
- CCF is actively identifying other critical resources in the community that could use help, and assessing the most progressive and efficient means to provide it.

Your contribution to the Clive Community Foundation endowment can make a real difference as we work to carry out these quality of life initiatives today, tomorrow and beyond our lifetimes! For more information or new events, please visit us at [www.clivecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.clivecommunityfoundation.org) or call CCF President Jon Garnass at 515-987-3147.