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More than \$102,000 Granted to Shelby County Nonprofit Agencies
Nearly \$1 Million Invested in Nonprofits by the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa

Frank Powers, Chair of the Shelby County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce today a record-breaking award of \$102,377 in grants to Shelby County nonprofit agencies.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Shelby County Community Foundation by the February 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the Shelby County Board of Directors:

Organization	Project	Award
City of Defiance	Community building update	\$1,000.00
City of Defiance Fire & Rescue	Warming Shelter Generator Project	\$3,000.00
City of Elk Horn	Veterans' Memorial	\$2,000.00
City of Elk Horn Public Library	Computer Update Project	\$1,000.00
Country Care Center Corp	Window Restoration	\$1,000.00
Danish Immigrant Museum	Summer programs for Bedstemor's House	\$2,000.00
Danish Windmill Corp	Danish Windmill Facelift	\$15,000.00
Grandparents Gifts Foundation	Renovate Shelby-Tennant School building	\$12,500.00
Harlan Community School	Renovate High School Softball Diamond	\$1,250.00
Harlan Community School District	Little Cyclone Preschool	\$10,000.00
Harlan Little League	J.J. Jensen Complex Renovation	\$8,000.00
Myrtue Medical Center	Petersen Family Wellness Center	\$35,000.00
Shelby County Fair Corp	Bleacher improvements	\$7,500.00
Shelby Depot	Shelby Depot	\$527.00
West Ridge Elementary	Non Fiction Books	\$2,500.00

All grantees met the criteria as Shelby County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Shelby County were eligible.

Shelby County agency representatives received their checks this week. During brief check distribution activities, Powers commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Shelby County.

"Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$102,377 in grants to these important community efforts in Shelby County," Powers explained. "The Shelby County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC." Together, the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa will grant nearly \$1 million this spring to nonprofits in our area.

The Shelby County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you'll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Shelby County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. "This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall," said Powers.

Board members of the Shelby County Community Foundation are: Chair, Frank Powers of Defiance; Vice Chair, Robert Burton of Irwin; Secretary/Treasurer, Gene McCool of Shelby; Tom Cannon of Elk Horn; Robert W. Hall, Esq. of Harlan; and Lonnie G. Muxfeldt, CPA of Harlan.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact any of the Board Members, or call Dennis Nissen, Iowa Program Officer, at 800-794-3458.



Nonprofit representatives receiving grant awards 1st row from left to right: Scott Frohlich, Harlan Community School District Little Cyclone Preschool; Alan Wilwerding, City of Defiance Fire & Rescue; Bob Klein, Shelby County Fairboard. 2nd row from left to right: Jo Christofferson, Elk Horn Library; Lisa Riggs, Danish Windmill; Jeff Moser, Harlan Community School District Little League. 3rd row from left to right: Todd Alberti, Petersen Family Wellness Center/Myrtue Medical Center; Kathy McQueen, Country Care Center; Peg McCool, Grandparents Gifts Foundation; Tova Brandt, The Danish Immigrant Museum. 4th row, from left to right: Board member Robert D. Burton; Paul Hansen, Elk Horn Legion Post 322; Board member Tom Cannon; Board Chair, Frank Powers; Board member Gene McCool.

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