MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, RICH DWYER

It's all about the People...

I'm extremely pleased and humbled being the President of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine’s board of Directors as we celebrate 20 years of success fulfilling our mission of actively working to improve the quality of life in Muscatine County through philanthropy. In its simplest form “People Helping People.”

Generous donations and the trust that so many in our community have in the Community Foundation is evident in the continual growth of our assets as they surpassed $38 million. All this to help our community thrive and grow for many years in the future.

This could only happen with incredible and talented people, obviously too many to name. From the days when Dick Maeglin had seen the idea in action, and thought this would be great for Muscatine, to Jim Nepple, providing space, funding and serving as the interim director. From Judi Holdorf who served as Executive Director for 10 years growing the assets of the organization from $3 million to $25 million, to today, with Charla Schafer and her team of Jennifer Conrad, Vivian Jardim, and Jamie Leza.

The trust donors have in our Investment Committee is because of the passion and dedication of our chair, Mel McMains.

It goes much further with a board of directors and an investment committee that believes in our mission. I would like to give a special thank you to our retiring board members, Diana Gradert, Joni Axel, and Tom Spread, who, combined, have served over 35 years and have been a huge part of the success and growth of the Foundation. In addition, retiring from our Investment Committee Gary Slight with nine years.

Continuing into the future we have talented individuals excited to build upon the success and welcome new board members Dr. Naomi DeWinter, Jessica Susie, Angi Johnson, Bob Barrett and Jodi Royal Goodwin. In addition, new Investment Committee members Dave Jones and Angi Johnson (doing double duty).

Twenty years, what a great start to grow the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine where “people help people.”

FOUNDERS
John Beckey, Hal Green, Mike Johanssen, Rosa Mendoza, Jim Nepple, Paul Ostrem, Mark Patton, Rick Simpson, Mike Spangler, Jim Trosen, and Katrina Wisniewski

ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBERS

CFGM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
Elaine Terrill, 1999
Frank Kelly, 2004
Judi Holdorf, 2008
Charla Schafer, 2018-present

“Our charitable funds and endowments have impact today and anchor the long-term continued sustainability of our evolving community. The purposes of these life-changing, community-enriching dollars include: early education, post-secondary success, homeless prevention, nutrition, diversity and inclusion, the arts, music, faith, enrichment for individuals with disabilities and seniors, historical preservation, economic advancement, recreation, and an array of health initiatives.”
CFGM CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

- Bob Barrett, Mayor, City of Wilton
- Naomi DeWinter, President, Muscatine Community College
- Rich Dwyer, Board President, Senior Vice President, Kent Corporation
- Bob Jensen, President, Temp Associates & RJK Inc.
- Angie Johnson, Executive Director, Unity Point Health – Trinity Muscatine
- Cindy Mays, Market President, Midwest One Bank, West Liberty
- Brett Nelson, General Manager & Director of IS, Musco Sports Lighting
- Keith Porter, President & CEO, Stanley Foundation
- Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Director of Community Development, City of Muscatine
- Jim Stein, Chairman Emeritus, Central Bancshares, Inc.
- Jessica Susie, Attorney, Brick Gentry, P.C.
- Brian Trego, Vice President, HON Co.
- Mike Wilson, Vice President, First National Bank of Muscatine

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- Scott Ingstad, President, First National Bank of Muscatine
- Angie Johnson, Executive Director, Unity Point Health – Trinity Muscatine
- David Jones, Chief Financial Officer, Kent Corporation
- Mel McMains, Chairman, Retired Vice President, HNI Corporation
- Bob Sheets, Retired Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investment
- Jim Stein, Chairman Emeritus, Central Bancshares, Inc.
- Mike Wilson, Vice President, First National Bank of Muscatine

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, CHARLA SCHAFER

I am privileged to be part of the Community Foundation, to follow and work with influencers, like you, who change and strengthen our communities by the choice of our words and the follow through of our actions.

The Community Foundation family is an uncommon collection of leaders, visionaries, and friends sharing time and treasures to inspire and shape our communities’ future. You know them, they are young and old, craftsmen and shop owners, moms and dads, daughters and sons, they are students and educators, health-filled and health disadvantaged, musicians and artists.... The sheer beauty of the Community Foundation is the vast variety of its contributors. There is no mold conformed to in make-up or thought; bringing similar and dissimilar beliefs and passions. But all bring a singular focus to strengthen our communities today while inspiring our tomorrows.

The work being done by you, and our friends and neighbors through the Community Foundation helps guide the dialogue and direction every single day. I thank you for that. And, I invite those that haven’t yet taken part, to join in.