



"Thanks to the Community Foundation, a gift of grain was an easy way to give and was an opportunity that really fit our family."

Susan & Michael Brelsford  
Keep Iowa Growing Donors



"Gifting 176 acres of Iowa farmland to the Community Foundation is more than just a gift. It has allowed us to play a part in planting seeds of support for transformational community projects into the future."

Emily & Fred Weitz  
Keep Iowa Growing Donors



"Farming is more than a means of making a living, it is a way of life. Keep Iowa Growing provides an opportunity to ensure your fields continue to yield a legacy forever benefitting your community and the causes you care about."

Kristi Knous, president  
Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines

The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines is proud to partner with county and community foundations across the state to support the development of local charitable giving.

For more information on developing a charitable legacy through Keep Iowa Growing contact our team of giving experts at 515-883-2626.

# Keep Iowa Growing



Live. Give. Better Together.

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## Iowa's Agricultural Giving Program



# For Iowa. For Ever.

## Keep Iowa Growing Iowa's Agricultural Giving Program

As Iowans we are proud of our agricultural roots. For generations our commitment to the land and livestock has not only fed the world, it has built strong communities. Keep Iowa Growing provides an opportunity to consider how your agricultural assets can continue this legacy of community support today and for generations to come.

### Establishing a Legacy of Giving

The generosity of Iowans is demonstrated every day in the ways in which our communities come around needs and opportunities to make us better together. While we typically think of charitable giving in terms of what we can give from our checkbook, the agricultural assets you may currently hold could present a more advantageous way to offer support.



"Thanks to Keep Iowa Growing, our farmland will provide funding to meet our charitable interests for generations to come."

Jeannine & Bob Vaughn  
Keep Iowa Growing Donors

## Fields of Opportunity

Keep Iowa Growing provides the unique opportunity to make a gift of farmland and enjoy the flexibility of giving in the way that best fits your needs:

- Keep Iowa Growing offers the flexibility to make a gift of farmland as either an outright gift or a retained life interest.
- You have the option of suggesting a tenant farmer who will continue farming the land.
- Any charities or communities of your choice can be named to benefit from the farm revenue, thus receiving a legacy of sustainable funding.
- Your county will continue to maintain its tax base as the land stays on the property tax rolls.
- Retain the ability to live on the farm and/or retain the income for your lifetime.

### Benefits of Giving a Gift of Farmland:

- Your legacy lives on as your wishes are carried out, giving you control over the land you love knowing it will support your favorite causes forever.
- Landowners receive a tax deduction for the charitable portion of the gift.
- Gifts may be eligible for Endow Iowa Tax Credits, a 25% state tax credit.
- Capital gains taxes can be avoided or reduced.
- The asset of farmland is removed from the possibility of estate taxes.

## Ways to Give.

Farming isn't a one size fits all industry. Your charitable giving strategy shouldn't be either. We offer a variety of tools to meet your goals with assets you already hold.

**Farmland:** Through the Community Foundation, farmland can be sold or retained to benefit the causes you care about. You may avoid capital gains tax and realize a deduction on the fair market value of the land.

**Grain:** Making a gift of grain allows you to support the organizations and communities that mean the most to you, while enjoying the tax advantages of not claiming the grain as income.

**Farm Equipment:** Donating depreciated farm equipment provides an opportunity to avoid recapturing the sale proceeds as ordinary income.

**Business Ownership:** You can meet your business succession and giving goals by gifting privately held stock. We can assist in selling the stock to the next generation of ownership or to a third-party buyer.

**Life Estate:** Gift your residence or farmland now, but retain its use and income for your lifetime. You create a future gift to charity, continue to benefit from the asset and receive a partial tax deduction now.

**Charitable Remainder Trusts:** Contributing assets to a charitable remainder trust can create an income in retirement for you and your spouse, while benefiting causes you care about after your lifetime.