



Story County  
Community Foundation

*Grow the Future*

## *A seat at the table*



*Patty Yoder appreciates how funds managed by the Story County Community Foundation allow families to support the program's efforts battling food insecurity.*



Patty Yoder can't help but get a bit emotional. As Executive Director of Food at First she's often on the front lines directly assisting clients in need of food or other emergency assistance. She knows, first-hand, how financial support can dramatically impact their ability to serve those in need in large and small ways.

Patty describes how Food at First gleans thousands of pounds of donated produce, dairy, baked goods, and meat each week from sources around Ames to supply a free market and provide meals seven times a week to those in need.

"Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the **Food at First Endowment**, an agency fund, was created within the Story County Community Foundation in 2013. Small and large local donations grew the fund so that it can provide annual support to pay the grocery bill for 12 months," Yoder says.

She tearfully remembers cooking with Dick Smith at Food at First and sitting alongside him and his wife Naomi as they attended services at the Nevada First United Methodist Church. "Dick and Naomi held a strong spirit of volunteerism. I know how much providing food to those in need meant to them, and I was so grateful to accept a donation from the **Richard and Naomi Smith Legacy Fund** to support our program's efforts," Yoder says.

Following their deaths, family members established a donor advised fund with Story County Community Foundation to honor Dick and Naomi and to support charitable projects that reflect the values they demonstrated throughout their lives.

Thanks to the support of the Smiths and other donors, Food at First will continue to address food insecurity in Story County for years to come.

 *Legacy gift helps feed anyone in need*

**AGENCY FUND:** Nonprofit organizations establish an endowed fund for permanent future income for their activities.

**DONOR ADVISED FUND:** Families or individuals establish a fund to provide flexibility about where to make charitable gifts each year.