

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DES MOINES'

BETTER TOGETHER FUND

No one knows exactly what tomorrow may bring for our community.

What needs and opportunities will arise?

What critical work will we be called to do to improve quality of life for our community?

What can we do now to help assure that future needs are met?

The Better Together Fund was created to address these questions. It presents an opportunity for all who care about Greater Des Moines to invest in our community's most important issues, initiatives and needs for generations to come. Think of it as the savings account for the future of our community. The flexible dollars it provides enable the Community Foundation to respond to emerging needs as they arise – and invest significant funding in initiatives and opportunities that strengthen Greater Des Moines.

We can't predict the future. But today, through the Better Together Fund, we can play a role in positioning our community for continued success.

**WE ARE
SIMPLY BETTER
TOGETHER.**



"We choose to give through the Community Foundation's Better Together Fund because when our donations are pooled with others, we can have greater impact both now and in the future. The Community Foundation is engaged with charitable organizations and knows the most pressing needs in the community. It's the best place to sort through giving opportunities and invest our resources where they will have the most benefit for the community."

PEGGY FISHER AND LARRY STELTER



"It is a true privilege to be able to support organizations that improve the lives of those who live in Greater Des Moines. This support would not be possible if it were not for the contributors to the Better Together Fund who join with us in believing that none of us is as good as all of us."

DR. RICHARD DEMING
Community Foundation Board Member



"As I considered my estate plans, I wanted to provide ongoing support for my children and my community. As an individual I am not aware of the full scope of opportunities to make a difference, but the Community Foundation has their finger on the pulse of community needs. By leaving a gift to the Better Together Fund, I trust that the Community Foundation will continue to invest in the right projects at the right time to make Greater Des Moines greater."

KATHY KUNATH



BETTER TOGETHER FUND IN ACTION

Through the Better Together Fund, the Community Foundation has provided key grant funding to community projects, serving needs that could not have been anticipated when the Community Foundation began its work 50 years ago.

Over **\$12.8 MILLION**
in Better Together Fund
grants have created
transformational change
in our community
through numerous
projects, including:



ONE ECONOMY

Develop Systemic Solutions:

Grow strong, inclusive connections and build partnerships to create equity.



WATER WORKS PARK FOUNDATION

Inspire Community Betterment:

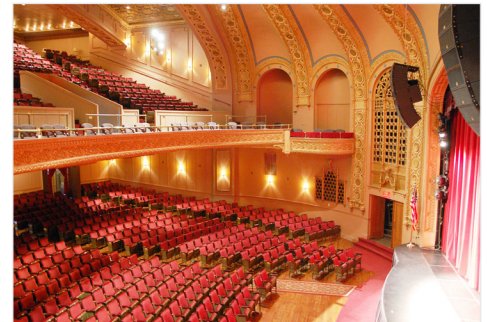
Ensure vibrant, accessible outdoor recreational experiences and sustainability efforts.



CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES

Support Neighbors:

Develop innovative ways to meet our neighbors' basic needs of shelter and health.



HOYT SHERMAN PLACE

Enrich Arts & Culture:

Support an engaging creative culture where the arts thrive to inspire and create a vibrant community.



BRIDGES TO SUCCESS

Collaborate for Academic Achievement:

Provide opportunities for underserved students to achieve academic success.



EVELYN K. DAVIS CENTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Enhance Economic Prosperity:

Reduce barriers to employment through neighborhood-based workforce training and skill development.