



Foundation of
**Cornerstone
Communities**
FOR A HEALTHY & VIBRANT TODAY



Celebrating 2023

Thank you to
our donors and grant recipients
on another exciting year of building
a healthy and vibrant today!

Celebrate with us!
Become a sustaining member of the
Foundation of Cornerstone Communities
with your annual gift!



Grant Funds Awarded:
\$14,733



Endowment Balance:
\$505,715



Communities Served: **5**



Gifts 2023

We celebrate this past year's donors who share the Foundation's common goal of protecting the future of local healthcare. *Thank you!*

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A Milestone Year

2023 was a milestone year for the FCC with the creation of a paid part time executive director position.

The board knew with the continual growth and goals of the FCC, it was imperative to have one person overseeing the daily operations. A donor saw the importance of this role and is generously giving \$5,000 annually for the next five years to assist with this position.

Amy Speed filled this role for the first four years with a cooperative effort funded by GMHC. Ann Korczyk was hired in January 2023 as the first FCC Executive Director. Ann filled this role through June when she and her husband Tom moved to Florida.

Michele Von Handorf took over the Executive Director position from Ann in June 2023.

Message from Michele

A year ago when I was contemplating accepting early retirement from my long time position as a school secretary, the FCC was not on my to-do list for retirement options. A friend's phone in May explaining the FCC mission put the FCC on top of my Must Do List! What a joy to work with others who want to enhance the health and vitality of our communities for generations!

Thank you to those of you who's support of FCC it is inspirational. As we look ahead, I encourage others to add FCC to their Must Do List through financial support or project ideas

Working together through the FCC, we can let dreams soar!

Grants Awarded 2023

The Foundation was pleased to partner with five communities in 2023, awarding **\$14,733** in grants to projects that directly impact the everyday health and vitality of residents in the communities served by Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics.

- \$5,000** GEIDC – *Community Resource Center Capital Campaign*
- \$3,141** Guttenberg Pickleball Court Improvements
- \$2,500** City of North Buena Vista – *Parks & Playground Updates*
- \$1,092** Guttenberg Creativity Center – *Supplies*
- \$1,000** City of Edgewood – *Dog Park*
- \$1,000** City of Guttenberg – *Dog Park*
- \$500** Boy Scouts of America – *Hiking Kits*
- \$500** City of Luxemburg – *Signage*

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This listing is intended to acknowledge gifts and pledges made by December 31, 2023.

We make every effort to accurately report gifts and pledges. If a correction needs to be made, please email fccgmhc@gmail.com.



Dog Parks...Here's the Scoop

Two developing dog parks received \$1,000 grants from the FCC, Edgewood and Guttenberg. Dog parks are one of the top amenities new residents look for in a community and are the fastest growing segment of park development. Besides providing a safe space for dogs, dog parks can bring socialization benefits and a sense of community to their humans.



Membership Committee

This behind the scenes group of dedicated members meet bi-monthly to promote and support the FCC mission. Whether it's writing thank you notes, launching fundraising campaigns, or being community cheerleaders, their enthusiastic work behind the scenes is vital the success of the FCC. New members are always welcome and encouraged.

Memorial Gifts

Memorials or Honorariums to the FCC allow your loved one's memory to support our communities for generations.

Janice Andregg *Meri Reiss, Tom Kuempel, Steve Slade, Jerry Kolker*
 Phyllis Bangs *Dick Owings*
 Bill & Sue Leonhart *Mel Hall*
 Chris & Deb Moser *Harry Borrett*
 Emily Mueller *David Judge III*
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 Jim and Sue Osterhaus *Meri Reiss, Jerry Kolker, Russell Loven*
 Andy Reimer *Tom Kuempel*
 Shirley Schmelzer *Russell Loven*
 Dr. Andrew & MJ Smith *Russell Loven, Tom Kuempel, Tom Kerper, Harry Borrett, Jerry Kolker*
 Amy and Bryan Speed *Russell Loven*



FCC Board of Directors

Jackie Lee *VP People & Culture, CSB*
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 Dr. Monica Steffen *Veterinarian*
 Amy Speed *Director of Marketing & Development, GMHC*
 Rachel Moser *Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, Loras College*
 Andy Reimer *Financial Advisor*
Thank you to founding board member, Andy Reimer, who is retiring from the board. Andy's five years of FCC leadership has been an asset to the success of our mission.



**GIVE BIG
ON GREAT GIVE DAY!**

\$10,000 GOAL ON 5/15/24

Updated Grant Cycle

In order to enhance our grant-making, the FCC has updated the grant cycle from four to two grant cycles annually.

Mini Grants

Applications for funding for up to a \$1,000 request will be due **April 15th** of each year.

Community Impact Grants

Applications for funding for up to a \$10,000 request will be due **November 15th** of each year.

The Foundation of Cornerstone Communities supports initiatives and programs that directly impact the everyday health and vitality of residents of all ages in the region served by the Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics.

The Results:

- ✓ **More vibrant and healthy communities**
- ✓ **Growing populations in the GMHC service area**
- ✓ **Strong and sustainable health care system**
- ✓ **Thousands in grant funding to community projects promoting vitality**

A Message from the Board President

I along with the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to present our 2023 annual report, marking another year of impactful progress towards our shared vision of creating a healthier and more vibrant future for the communities served by Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics.

We are pleased to announce we have reached a milestone in our growth, (thanks to all of you) necessitating the appointment of a part-time Foundation Director. We warmly welcomed Michele VonHandorf aboard in June and are already thriving to new heights stemming from her leadership and expertise.

We are proud to highlight the strides made by the Foundation of Cornerstone Communities in fostering a healthier and more vibrant future for our communities. The board of leaders for the Foundation have changed a great deal in the 2023 and I'm incredible proud of the diverse group of individuals who donate their time and talents and are committed to the mission of supporting the communities served by GMHC.

As we reflect on our achievements, we reaffirm our unwavering dedication to empowering individuals and transforming communities for a brighter tomorrow. While there is so much to celebrate in 2023, we have aggressive grant goals and we need your partnership. Will you help community dreams soar by continuing to support the FCC through asset building and grantmaking? One "great" giving opportunity coming up is GREAT GIVE DAY on May 15th. Last year the FCC raised nearly \$4,000 during this 24-hour online giving event. This year's goal is \$10,000 and we'd appreciate you joining us to reach it!

Jackie Lee



Serving on the FCC BOD goes beyond monthly meetings, they are active community members. At Guttenberg's Annual Christmas Market, several board members were Santa's helpers greeting children and serving hot cocoa and cookies. Followed by participating in the festive holiday light parade with an entry.