



Foundation of

**Cornerstone
Communities**

FOR A HEALTHY & VIBRANT TODAY

2025 Financial Review



**Donor
Households:**

70



**Grants
Awarded:**

\$50,000



**Community
Partnerships:**

15



Endowment Gifts Received:

\$14,223



Non-Endowed Donations:

\$32,228



Endowment Balance:

\$753,000



Endowment Payout

\$18,090

Mission

For a Healthy & Vibrant Today

Vision

Support initiatives and programs that directly impact the everyday health and vitality of residents of all ages in the region served by Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics

Dreaming BIG?

Do you have a great idea or initiative that will enhance the health of your community? The Foundation partners with visionary leaders in all communities served by GMHC on projects that align with the FCC mission of creating healthy and vibrant communities.



TWO Annual Grant Cycles:

MINI GRANTS up to \$1,000 to kickstart your project due by April 15

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS up to \$10,000 due by November 15

A Message from Director Michele Von Handorf

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of donors, committee members, and Board of Directors, 2025 was a year of continued growth and generosity for the Foundation. We received a record 27 grant applications requesting \$150,000 in funding, and the Board proudly approved an unprecedented \$50,000 in awards. While many worthy projects could not be funded, this response reflects the deep needs within our communities and strengthens our resolve to serve them. Together, we remain committed to supporting local nonprofits, responding to local needs, and creating meaningful impact close to home across the GMHC communities.

Michele Von Handorf

FCC Executive Director

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Giving BIG!

You stepped up on Great Give Day—surpassing our \$15,000 goal and raising \$16,741 in just 24 hours! Thank you to Brown’s Ford of Guttenberg and the Richard Larson Memorial for the \$5,000 match, and to Edgewood Locker for donating BBQ pork sandwiches served by our Foundation board.



Scan to GIVE EVEN BIGGER in 2026!
Great Give Day:
May 20, 2026



Impactful GRANTMAKING!

2025 was a banner year for the Foundation of Cornerstone Communities.

With record interest and unprecedented engagement, the Foundation proudly advanced its mission by investing in projects that strengthen communities, inspire connection, and improve quality of life across the region.

The Board approved \$50,000 in grant funding to support local organizations addressing community needs through innovation, preservation, recreation, education, and the arts.

MINI GRANTS – May 2025

In May, the Board celebrated community momentum by awarding funding to all nine mini-grant applicants, ensuring every proposed project received support:

- **Garnavillo Lions Club** – Remodel of the city park restroom
- **Turkey River Corridor** – Coneflower solar lights at the Pony Hollow Trailhead
- **Clayton Ridge Youth Sports** – Batting cage
- **Guttenberg Historic Preservation Society** – Wolter Grotto restoration
- **Clayton Ridge High School** – Judy's Pantry Project
- **Friends of Marquette Driftless Area** – Summer youth programming
- **Colesburg Public Library** – Adult and youth programs
- **Brown's Hometown Victory Foundation** – Hero Impact Program
- **Family's Helping Hand** – Adult and youth programs

COMMUNITY GRANTS – RECORD DEMAND, MEANINGFUL IMPACT

Interest in Foundation grants reached new heights in 2025, with a record-setting 18 applications requesting more than \$140,000 in funding. Through careful evaluation, the Foundation awarded \$41,100 to high-impact projects:

- **Clayton Ridge Youth Sports** – Batting cages for both youth ballfields
- **Guttenberg Economic & Industrial Development Committee** CRC third-floor project (Phase III)
- **Guttenberg Park Board** – Riverfront bench replacement project
- **Garnavillo Daycare** – Phase II of building project
- **Colesburg City Park** – Playground renovation
- **Umbrella Arts** – Highway 52 Beautification: Active Family Murals

Together, these investments reflect the Foundation's deep commitment to community-driven solutions and lasting local impact.



Gifts 2025

We celebrate this past year's donors who share the Foundation's common goal of protecting the future of local healthcare. Thank you for your generosity and continued support—it is because of you that we can fund meaningful projects and do even more for the communities served by Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics.

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Memorial Gifts

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

Shelia Tomkins *Richard Larson*
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Michele & Steve Von Handorf
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This listing is intended to acknowledge gifts and pledges made by December 31, 2025. We make every effort to accurately report gifts and pledges. If a correction needs to be made, please email fccgmhc@gmail.com.



Dedicated Servant – Jackie Lee

Jackie Lee, the last remaining original board member, is stepping down from the FCC Board of Directors. Since the onset of the Foundation in 2018, Jackie has played a vital role in our success, serving in multiple leadership capacities, including past president.

Thank you Jackie!

State Grant Received

ITC Midwest contributed \$5,000 through a Power of Connection grant to support the Foundation of Cornerstone Communities in Guttenberg. This grant will aid in resource development and strategic project identification, which is essential for the community's growth.