



OTTUMWA LEGACY FOUNDATION
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating Progress, Embracing Change, Navigating Uncertainty



LEGACY
FOUNDATION

Letter from the President

As we come together to commemorate the 12th anniversary of The Legacy Foundation, I am delighted to share our annual report with you. This past year has been a testament to our collective commitment to progress, adaptability in embracing change, and resilience in navigating uncertainty.

Our collaborative efforts have yielded significant progress, showcasing the positive impact we can make when we work together. Through shared initiatives and innovative approaches, we've celebrated milestones that have uplifted our community and its members.

Uncertainty is a constant in our ever-evolving landscape, but our community stands resilient. In the face of change, we find strength in our ability to adapt. Embracing change has been a cornerstone of our mission, and your dedication as community partners has played a pivotal role in navigating transitions with agility and purpose. Together, we've turned challenges into opportunities for growth and improvement.

I am hopeful that as you look through the pages of this report you are reminded of the amazing progress that continues to be made. It's easy to forget how far we've come but there is much to celebrate and much to look forward to!

Thank you to the talented Legacy Team, our dedicated Board of Directors and each of you for your support and partnership. We look forward to working alongside you as we continue to invest in the vitality and advancement of the Ottumwa region.



KELLY GENNERS
PRESIDENT AND CEO



WHAT IS THE LEGACY FOUNDATION?

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We are a:
12 year-old, place-based,
private foundation. Our
mission is to improve the
health, education and vitality
of the Ottumwa area,
distributing approximately
\$3,000,000 annually.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE AS A PERPETUAL PARTNER,
INVESTING IN THE VITALITY AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE
GREATER OTTUMWA COMMUNITY.

CONVENE
to engage

EMPOWER
to create

GIVE
to support

LEGACY FOUNDATION

STRATEGIC PLAN



OUR MISSION

To serve as a perpetual partner, investing in the vitality and advancement of the greater Ottumwa community.

OUR ROLE

We recognize and embrace the critical role that we can play in the community as a catalyst for positive change.

OUR GUIDING VALUES

COURAGEOUS

COLLABORATIVE

HONEST

INCLUSIVE

RESPECTFUL

TRUSTWORTHY

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

To Promote ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We will:

- Support effective economic development strategies that stimulate business recruitment, retention and expansion
- Identify opportunities to fill employment gaps and increase the number of individuals living and working in Wapello County
- Collaborate with partners to equip the community with resources to enable economic success

To Improve QUALITY OF LIFE

We will:

- Build and enhance perception, pride and image of Ottumwa
- Leverage City resources to spur economic development and quality of life offerings through riverfront and park activation
- Promote opportunities for residents to participate in the social, economic and civil life of the community

To Increase EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

We will:

- Support programming that increases the number of individuals with degrees, diplomas, certifications and licensure
- Advance efforts that provide exposure to post-secondary pathways and career opportunities in Wapello County
- Partner with education entities in their pursuits to provide excellent and innovative learning opportunities to all students

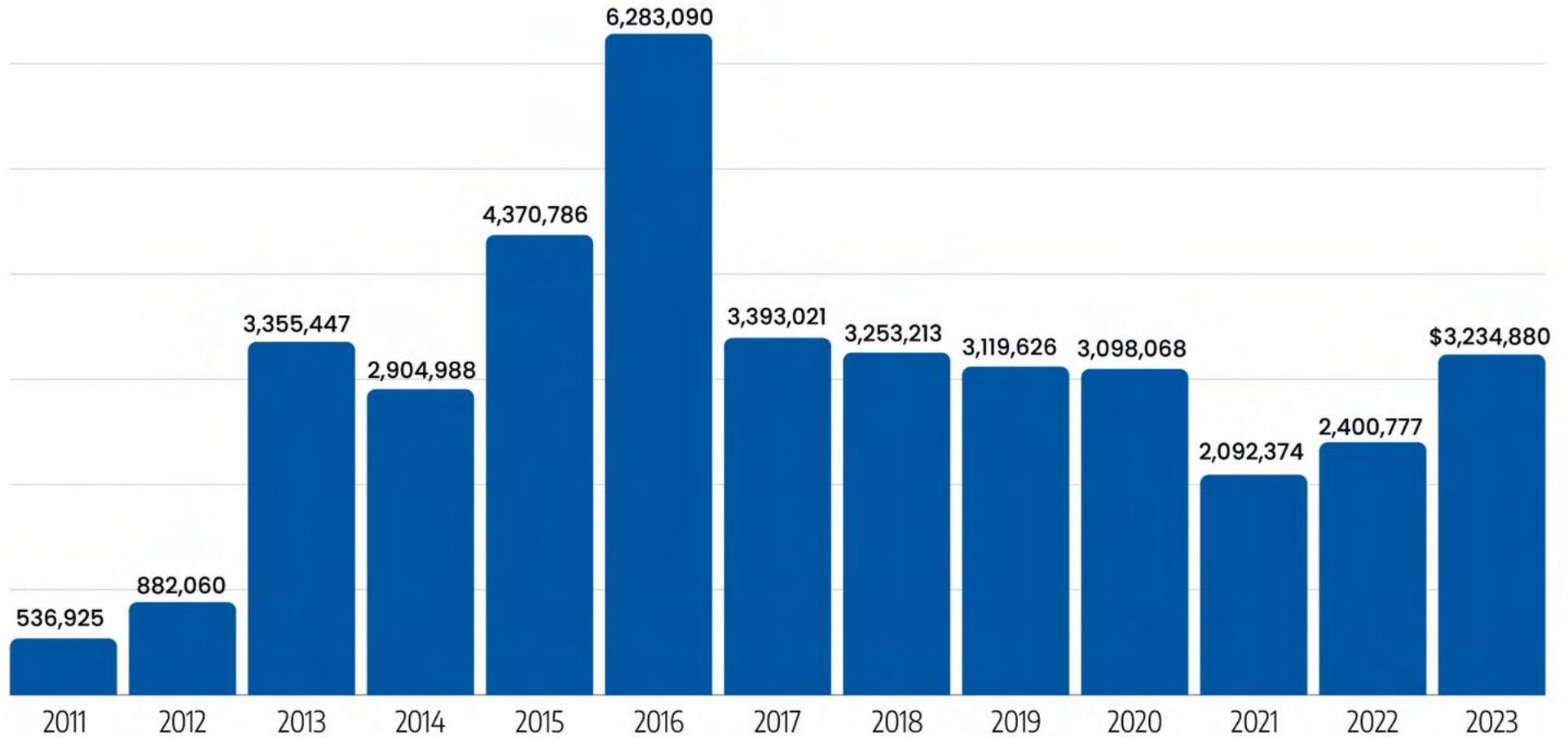
To Expand HOUSING AVAILABILITY

We will:

- Support the efforts of partners to rehabilitate deficient housing
- Partner with various entities to increase the local inventory of quality housing at all levels
- Through research and collaboration, identify strategies to elevate local home values, strengthen neighborhoods and eliminate barriers for redevelopment and home ownership

Ongoing grant programming in alignment with mission to strengthen local nonprofits and strategically leverage resources for community impact.

FINANCIALS



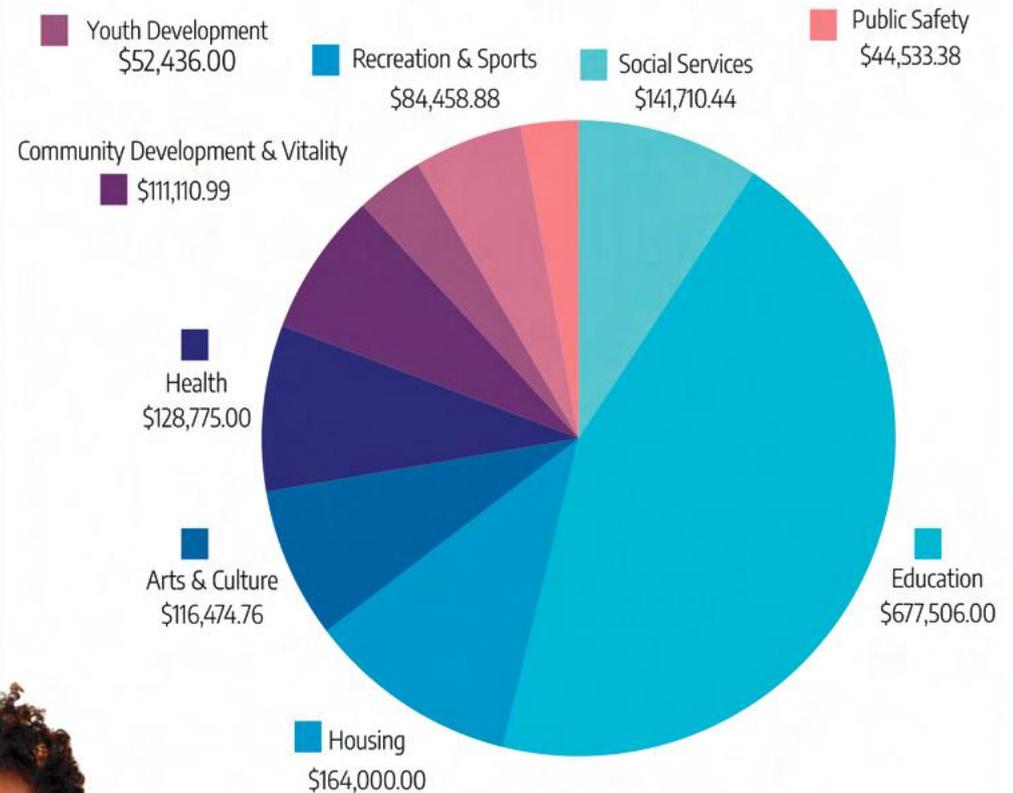
As our mission says, the Legacy Foundation intends to be a perpetual partner who is always here to support the community, even in times of a volatile market. The chart below indicates grants and distributions provided by the Foundation each year. We are proud to say that, since the Foundation's inception **\$38,925,255** has been distributed throughout Wapello County.

Giving with Happiness

Our commitment to giving at The Legacy Foundation extends beyond financial support; it is a catalyst for happiness and both seen and unseen impacts within our community.

Through our grant-giving initiatives, we've not only contributed to visible advancements but also sowed the seeds for the less tangible yet equally significant positive changes that ripple through our community. By supporting projects that bring joy, education, and essential resources, we recognize the profound, sometimes unseen, impact on the well-being of individuals and the community as a whole.

Our giving is an investment in the happiness and resilience of our community, fostering a positive environment that transcends the immediate and shapes a brighter future for all.



2023 Total Grants By Classification



Supporting Our Community

We love actively contributing funds to community events, supporting nonprofits in their fundraising efforts and promoting vibrant social opportunities for residents. Throughout the past year, our financial support has helped to bring people together through a diverse array of events.

From cultural festivals to educational forums and celebratory gatherings, our commitment to providing financial resources underscores the significance of communal togetherness. It is our intention to empower community organizers to create spaces where residents can connect, share experiences, celebrate and build lasting relationships.

Relationships are important to us and we continue to work to demonstrate this with our own partner recognition efforts. We try to be creative and hope it is fun for our partners but we have to admit that it is just as fun for us.



Board & Staff Volunteering



Partner Recognition



FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED
49 community events
INVESTING
\$85,180
IN 2023

The Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund is the cornerstone grant program for the Legacy Foundation. The focus of this fund is to support local nonprofit agencies that provide services in Wapello County with three grant cycles and \$450,000 available annually.

In 2023, the Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund surpassed the \$5 million milestone in the program. As of January 2024, **\$5,328,179** has been distributed out to the community.

Arts & Culture



\$76,528

Health



\$39,500

Community Development & Vitality



\$52,552

Social Services



\$61,770

Housing



\$84,000

Recreation & Sports



\$84,000

Public Safety



\$30,000

Youth Development



\$13,250

Education



\$11,500

Honoring Donor Legacies through Endowments

Managing the gifts that donors have entrusted to us and honoring their legacies.

“I believe what you take from the community, you must also give back.”
- Robert F. McCune



Robert McCune

McCune Endowment

\$37,813
awarded to 4 organizations

The **Robert F. McCune Endowment** was created to carry on the same tradition of compassion embodied by its namesake Robert McCune. The McCune Endowment is a restricted endowment consisting of a single unified fund of resources where the investment income is dispersed to assist the cancer patients, facilities and programs of the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County.



Sister Suzanne Wickenkamp

Pastoral Care Endowment

\$4,490
provided in assistance to two facilities

The **Sylvan Woods Fund** provides rent subsidy for low-income residents at Pennsylvania Place

The **Sister Suzanne Pastoral Care Endowment** Fund helps sustain pastoral care services for patients and families at local hospitals and hospice care facilities.



Joe and Catherine Millane

Millane Endowment

\$36,145
awarded in scholarships and to care facilities

The **Legacy Health Endowment** was created to support programs that center on the health and happiness of community members and also provide an avenue for like-minded individuals to donate.

The **Millane Scholarship** is for students that are residents of Jefferson County and are pursuing either a degree in health care or agriculture. The **Millane Care Facilities Grant** funds requests from Jefferson County Care Facilities to provide entertainment and activities to their residents.

Sylvan Woods Fund

\$33,660
awarded in 2023



Legacy Health Endowment

\$55,000
awarded in 2023



Fostering Tomorrow's Leaders - Legacy Youth Alliance

IN THE FALL OF 2022, LEGACY YOUTH ALLIANCE (LYA) REDIRECTED ITS FOCUS TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH, EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY THAT WOULD REDEFINE ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY IMPACT.

Learning from Local Providers

- ACEs 360 with Resilient Communities
- Depression, anxiety, and suicide at Southern Iowa Mental Health Center
- Youth Foster Care System from American Home Finding Association
- Discussed the state of mental health in our schools with school counselors

Advocacy and Speaking Engagements

- LYA members speak up and advocate for youth mental health
- 45 students talk to legislators at NAMI Day on the Hill
- Presenters at the Iowa CASA Summit, State Youth Philanthropy Conference, EBF School Board, and several service organizations
- Active presence in podcasts, city council meetings, and legislative forums

Tangible Outcomes

- A Brain Health Retreat Room at OHS with a full-time Master's level counselor
- Cardinal High School upgraded its counseling area for a more calming environment
- September 19th formally proclaimed as Youth Mental Health Day by the City of Ottumwa
- Improvements TBA at Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont Schools



Making their Mark

LEGACY YOUTH ALLIANCE (LYA) HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN OTTUMWA, FOSTERING PROGRESS AND RESILIENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THEIR VOCAL ADVOCACY IN VARIOUS FORUMS HAS INITIATED POSITIVE CHANGE, CREATING A LASTING LEGACY OF COMMUNITY WELL-BEING. LYA STANDS AS A POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF IMPACTFUL YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES.

The Laboratory Control Ltd Health Care Career Scholarship Fund

The Laboratory Control Ltd. Health Care Career Scholarship Fund, managed by the Legacy Foundation, signifies a dedicated investment in the future of healthcare. Beyond providing financial aid, this multi-year scholarship program actively sustains a supportive connection to the community and a link to local practitioners for these healthcare professionals in southeast Iowa.

By supporting these aspiring professionals, we contribute not only to their educational journeys but also to the broader progress and vitality of healthcare in our community.

DID YOU KNOW?

38%

of graduated scholars are working in healthcare in Southeast Iowa

Congratulations 2023 Laboratory Control Ltd. Health Care Career Scholarship Recipients!



Aliveah Brinegar
Eddyville
BS, Human Physiology/Pre-Med



Meghan Coulter
Ottumwa
BS, Nursing



Mikayla Fritz
Moravia
BS, Nursing



Klaire Fipps
Drakesville
DO



Madelyn Hornback
Sigourney
Pre-Pharmacy



Rivers Maw
Ottumwa
Pre-Med



Jenah McCarty
Albia
Health Care Administration



Tania Reed-Pedersen
Albia
Health Care Administration



Lily Reneker
Fairfield
RN



Sabrina Reneker
Fairfield
AAS, Radiology



Hayden Short
Ottumwa
Pre-Med



Carson Stetter
Kirksville
BS, Health Counseling/Psychology

The LCL Scholarship Fund has awarded:

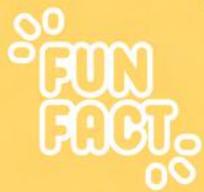
\$503,725

to **179** from **39** Southeast Iowa Communities scholars



211 graduates

SINCE 2013



Most Ottumwa Leadership Academy participants have lived and/or worked in the community for either 6-20 years or 21 - 50 years.

2 Biggest Events

Leadership Evolution: Progress and Resilience

The Ottumwa Leadership Academy, established in 2013 by the Legacy Foundation, stands as a transformative hub for community leaders. Its comprehensive curriculum covers vital areas such as government, public relations, and education, equipping participants to adeptly navigate complex challenges. Focused on leadership development, the Academy fosters personal growth and a diverse, inclusive environment. Since its inception, graduates have significantly contributed to Ottumwa's progress, embodying principles instilled by the Academy.

Continuing its commitment, the Ottumwa Leadership Academy has evolved to address the dynamic needs of our community. With a dedicated Executive Director experienced in leadership development, strategic planning, and facilitation, the Academy now provides on-site training and coaching tailored to specific organizational requirements. This personalized approach ensures that the Academy not only educates but actively supports Ottumwa, Wapello County, and those around the state.

the longest table

150+ Attended in 2023

The Longest Table event was created to celebrate our community, meet new neighbors, while enjoying a meal at one giant table.



Ottumwa Leadership Academy and South Central Workforce Development Board partnered to bring influential keynote speakers to leaders in the region.



Mimi Brown
Opening Keynote Speaker



Beth Shelton
Closing Keynote Speaker



286 Interactions
WITH NEWCOMERS INTERESTED
IN MOVING TO OTTUMWA



18 Organizations
UTILIZED WELCOME & CONNECT
SERVICES
IN 2023



32 Participants
ATTENDED ENGAGE PROGRAM
IN 2023

Ottumwa Welcomes You: Connecting the Community

In the 7th year, WELCOME & CONNECT SERVICES facilitated 50 community tours for individuals visiting Ottumwa for the first time, whether for an interview or as new residents. Our commitment extends to assisting newcomers with their transitions, with a focus on helping them find adequate housing within our community.

A noteworthy initiative includes the organization of engaging "back to school" events for the school district's new staff. These events feature gift bags, community tours on the Bulldog Express, and entertaining games to foster a sense of community. Additionally, our biannual Engage program continues to thrive, with 32 participants last year, contributing to a total of 280 Engage participants since its inception. Ottumwa's Welcome & Connect Service remains dedicated to creating positive experiences and meaningful connections for both newcomers and our community.



**WELCOME &
CONNECT SERVICE**
YOUR CONNECTION STARTS HERE!

INCREASING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES **Brighter Futures Ahead**

Of all the areas that we work in and support, it is true to say that we have a soft spot for education. Education has the power to positively change one's life in a dramatic way. A pretty great investment! Fortunately for us, we have many amazing education partners who are always thinking about ways to be innovative and create the greatest impacts possible for their students.



90.6%
of students
**feel a sense
of belonging**
at Gateway High School

In 2023, three of the Foundations larger strategic grants were awarded to assist youth in their planning and preparation for the future.

First, a large commitment to Gateway High School was continued in 2023. If you have not yet visited this amazing school, we highly encourage you to learn more about the opportunities they are providing to Ottumwa students to support them in high school and beyond.

70%
were happy
with adult-to-
student
relationships

The second grant was awarded to South Central Iowa Workforce for a Youth Systems Building Academy. This grant allowed for students to be hands-on in developing the program, which is building valuable skills and enabling them to be a part of change in their own community. And, the grant allowed for these students to be compensated for all the great work they are doing!

Last, but not least, was a grant to Indian Hills Community College to fund the placement of Career and College Technical Coaches in both Ottumwa and Eddyville Schools. It has long been a dream of the Foundation to have resources like this available to students - someone whose primary mission it is to support students in reaching their post-secondary goals.

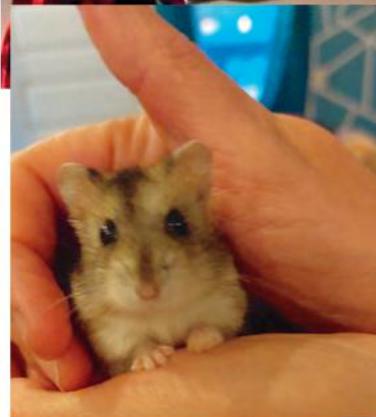


INCREASING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Bringing Joy to the Classroom

The Legacy Foundation launched our newest grant program, Classroom Champions Teacher mini-grant program, a testament to our ongoing commitment to supporting educators and fostering impactful change. This mini-grant initiative helps teachers and associates in Wapello county keep their hard-earned money and still provide an exciting classroom experience.

The enthusiastic response to this program, with requests exceeding \$25,000, allowed us to allocate \$15,000 in grants to 30 exceptional teachers across Wapello County. These grants covered a diverse range of needs, from STEM and literacy supplies to fine arts and professional development, supporting a variety of hands-on learning experiences that may have fallen outside the constraints of traditional budgets.



59
Classroom Champions
Awards
GIVEN OUT TO TEACHERS
SINCE 2022

OVER
\$29,000
GRANTED TO TEACHERS
IN **4** DIFFERENT SCHOOL
DISTRICTS
SINCE 2022



TEACHERS SAY
THEY WILL SPEND
MORE THAN \$750
OF THEIR OWN MONEY

PROMOTING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Change Everywhere You Look

Change is everywhere in our community, whether it be in the physical landscape or the culture itself. One of the physical changes seen in Ottumwa in 2023 was the completion of the new Cobblestone Hotel next to Bridge View Center. Not only did this project provide for a much needed events center hotel but also added the Wissota Chop House as a new fine dining choice in Ottumwa.

The Legacy Foundation was excited to be a part of making this project a reality. These types of new additions help us to provide the experiences that visitors to our community are looking for while also giving residents additional entertainment options.



EXPANDING HOUSING AVAILABILITY

Shaping Ottumwa's Housing

Created to address housing needs comprehensively, Mission 500 plays a pivotal role in implementing the 2022 Housing Study's recommendations. Its importance lies in its ability to bring vital partners together, fostering collaboration and designing creative solutions. By pooling resources and efforts, Mission 500 ensures a more focused, impactful, and sustainable future for Ottumwa's housing landscape.

Our relentless pursuit centers on both preserving our existing housing stock and strategically adding new housing units to meet the growing needs of our community. Through grant programs, like *Build Ottumwa*, we incentivize builders to contribute to the expansion of housing options.

Simultaneously, our commitment to preserving housing stock is reflected in initiatives that aim to enhance and maintain the quality of existing homes, through grant program like *Blocks To Neighborhoods*. This comprehensive approach aligns with the goals of Mission 500.



MISSION
500

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO END THE
HOUSING SHORTAGE IN OTTUMWA BY 2030

**Mission 500 is a direct result of the
Ottumwa Housing Study Plan of 2022.**

BUILD OTTUMWA **BLOCKS TO**
NEIGHBORHOODS

“Mission 500 has created an open dialogue with developers, bankers, and the government to tailor incentives for gap financing to the needs of specific projects in Ottumwa. Finally, the group is an incubator for ideas. Coming from the Housing Plan, Ottumwa is working on a program to develop site plans for middle-density infill development to create a product that can be financed and thrive on the many infill lots we have in the community.”

Zach Simonson,
Director of Community Development, City of Ottumwa

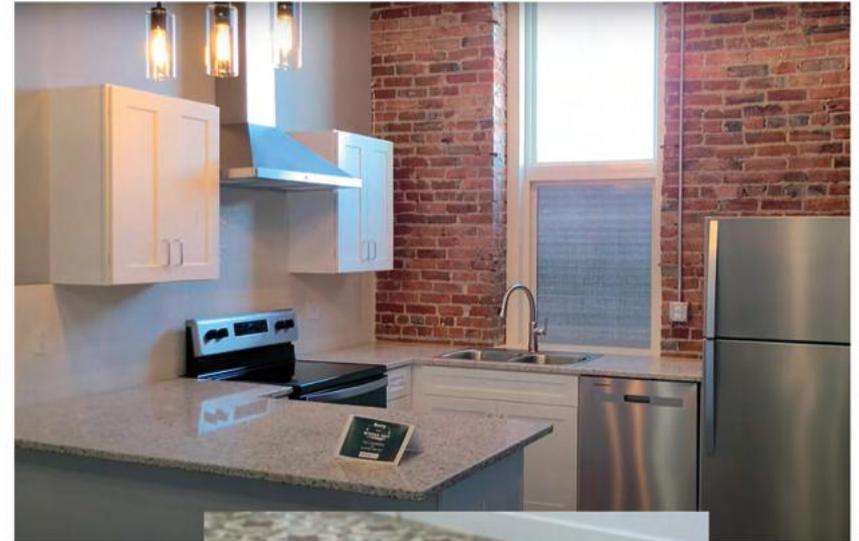
EXPANDING HOUSING AVAILABILITY

Breathing New Life Into Old Spaces

Ever since the downtown theater buildings, the Ottumwa and the Capitol, were acquired, the Foundation has been researching various ways to preserve the buildings and make them a sustainable, active addition to downtown. An opportunity arose in 2022 to apply for a \$300,000 grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the conversion of downtown upper story spaces into critically needed housing. Fortunately, the Legacy Foundation was successful in receiving this grant and those dollars helped to kick start the Capitol Lofts project. Now downtown Ottumwa has 4 beautiful new loft-style apartments (2 and 3 bedroom) and a renovated downstairs lobby to add to its inventory of revived spaces.

CAPITOLLOFTS

Modern Living, Historic Charm



Embracing historic detail



DID YOU KNOW?

When completed,
MCG will have installed

231 miles

of fiber in their
Ottumwa build.



**FUN
FACT**

**All Power,
No electricity**

*One of the most defining
features of fiber-optics is
that they use light instead
of electricity.*

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Broadband For All

In 2021, the Foundation commissioned a study to research fiber availability and affordability in Ottumwa. It was important to have accurate data to help attract additional potential providers to the area and show Ottumwa's viability as a new market. As part of this process, the Foundation created a community broadband committee and recruited partners from the public, health, nonprofit, economic development and education sectors to assist in developing a Request for Proposals from broadband providers interested in the Ottumwa market. Thankfully, there were multiple responses to this RFP that were carefully vetted by the Broadband Committee.

Fast forward to 2023 and we saw the fruits of all the earlier labors witnessing MCG beginning their build for a full fiber to home network in Ottumwa. This is a huge win for our community. We all saw first-hand during the pandemic how crucial it was to have high speed internet availability with remote work and distance learning and now this will be a possibility for all.

The broadband project is good illustration of one of the roles that the Foundation often plays, which is the role of convener. Convening our partners is one of the most effective ways we have found to develop creative solutions to solve complex community problems.



...Did you Know?

Legacy has provided:



\$325,971 for youth
baseball/softball



\$85,805 nontraditional
sports/rec (trapshooting,
archery, e-sports, etc)



\$679,492 for county/city
parks and trails

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE “Physical” Progress

Ottumwa has long been delayed in updating recreational facilities within our City but it is clear that tide has finally turned with the emergence of multiple planned, new facility builds.

One of the most exciting projects announced this year is the Legacy Fields project. The Foundation has been working on the design of this complex over the past year and it's future was cemented in 2023 when the Foundation committed over \$2.7 million dollars in funding to build it.

Legacy Fields consists of three new, reconfigured, natural turf soccer fields to be built in the Central Addition of Greater Ottumwa Park. Also included in the project are a new restroom facility, scoreboard, two open shelter areas and improved parking facilities.

Construction of Legacy Fields will begin in the Spring of 2024 and is slated to run through the Fall of 2025.



We are eager to begin work as the need for this new facility is great with the growth that this sport has experienced in our community. Some of the benefits of this new soccer complex include: riverfront beautification, improved player safety and the elevation of the recreation and economic value in our region.



Also slated for a 2024 construction start is the Ottumwa SportsPlex. Legacy is proud to have pledged \$2 Million dollars for this project that will bring with it not only new sports facilities but also new economic opportunities around sports tourism. This indoor facility will include three full size basketball courts, four volleyball courts, a soccer/football field, softball and baseball infield, batting cages and track.

Having these types of quality of life amenities is essential for the growth in our community, not only for residents already here but also for those that we are recruiting to the area.

Community Cultural Connections

Over the past several years, the Legacy Foundation has made a focused effort to integrate opportunities for learning in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) throughout its annual calendar. These opportunities have included: learning from experts, immersive experiences, relationship building exercises and volunteering.

As we continue our efforts to expand our knowledge and understanding of various cultures within our community and beyond, one of our strategies has included the development of Community Cultural Connections. These Community Cultural Connections have been organized in a lunch and learn format with attendees (approximately 40 individuals depending on the size of our venue) learning about and eating a meal from a specific culture.

To date, 5 events have been held highlighting Africa, the Philippines, Mexico, the Marshall Islands and India. To say we have fun while learning is an understatement, we have sung, we have danced, we have eaten, but most of all we have learned together and developed an appreciation and understanding of others.



Immersive Experiences



Relationship Building Exercises



APPROXIMATELY

49 different languages

SPOKEN IN OTTUMWA

AND AN ESTIMATED

75

countries of origin

REPRESENTED



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE Sparking Neighborhood Revitalization

In the heart of our commitment to community growth and housing, the West End Ignited initiative has become a beacon of transformative change, embodying the principles of progress, adaptability, and resilience. Initially envisioned to breathe new life into the West 2nd Street corridor, this initiative sparked a cascade of positive effects, far exceeding its initial scope.

The revitalization efforts not only inspired change but also encouraged many long-awaited projects, fostering a renewed sense of neighborhood identity that had been missing. The outpouring of gratitude from local residents underscores the profound, often unseen, influence of West End Ignited in shaping not just spaces but the very fabric of neighborhood life.



In 2023, the Ottumwa Legacy Foundation embarked on a mission to build meaningful connections with homeowners residing in the West Second Corridor.

As part of our commitment to improving the west entryway, we established a Transformation Fund designed to offer assistance for enhancing the exteriors of their homes.

Other improvements to the Corridor included added greenscape elements, an art mural installation and volunteer clean-up day.



\$78,000+
GRANT DOLLARS



**683 plants &
28 trees**

PLANTED THROUGH CORRIDOR



25 homeowners

IMPACTED THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS



45+ volunteers

HELPED CLEAN UP
THE NEIGHBORHOOD



25%

**Of homes along the
Corridor benefited
from the
Transformation Fund**

FOR THE FUTURE

Building Tomorrow Together

While the Foundation is recognized most frequently as a funder, our role often extends beyond financial support; it involves actively convening the community to collaboratively plan for the future. Through strategic engagement, we have brought together community members for impactful, long-term projects that embody positive change.

The highly anticipated riverfront project, Market Street Landing, is but one example of collaboration and community development. Legacy has been working with the Riverfront Committee for nearly a year to identify opportunities to turn what is currently an undeveloped and underutilized asset into a space that we can all enjoy and be proud of.



Another long awaited development includes 312 E. Alta Vista, which has been acquired by a partnership group including Legacy, GOPIP, the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County. These partners are working together with Mission 500 to turn the green site into a thriving housing development appropriate for this residential area.

While these types of projects often take much longer than any of us would like, we recognize the importance of the research and planning needed to see significant change for the long term. Rest assured, our team and many others who care about this community are working hard to continue to shepherd these types of initiatives to the finish line so they can be enjoyed by many generations to come.

"In the Ottumwa area, you can feel the excitement of change all around us. It's been a joy to be part of this transformation. With our partners, we're making strides toward meaningful improvements in our community. Stay tuned - the best is yet to come!"



HIMAR HERNANDEZ
OTTUMWA LEGACY FOUNDATION,
BOARD PRESIDENT



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