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The Clarence Johnson and Eunice Iwen Community Foundation for Arthur, ND

2024 Annual Update



Friends -

We have awarded more than \$4.3 million in grants since our community foundation was established and there is no doubt our quality of life is significantly better because of that gift from Clarence Johnson and Eunice Iwen. For a listing of the 2024 grant recipients/projects, check out the article on the back.

NDCF has been a great partner in the management of our fund and their staff has been very helpful as we evaluate grant applications and make grant awards. If you have any questions about philanthropy, they would be happy to have a conversation with you and answer any questions - see the article at the right for contact information for Amy Stromsodt.

Thank you to those nonprofit organizations and government entities that actually provide the services and complete the projects we fund with our grants - we are proud to partner with you to make Northern Cass County a better place to live, work, and play!

Current committee members:

- Nichol Sorvaag, Chair, term ends in 2025*
- Dale Lako, second term ends in 2027
- Deb Gebeke, second term ends in 2028
- Sue Iwen, second term ends in 2029
- Scott Kroeger, first term ends in 2027*

* eligible for a second, three-year term

Johnson/Iwen Community Foundation

- Established in 2005
- Market Value of Fund (as of 11/30/24):
\$7,284,489
- Total grants awarded in 2024: **21 grants totaling \$272,342**
- Total grants awarded since inception:
326 grants totaling \$4,399,664

Charitable-Giving Experts

The Clarence Johnson and Eunice Iwen Community Foundation for Arthur, ND (Johnson/Iwen Community Foundation) was established in 2005 with a generous gift from their estates and is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF).

NDCF invests the money on our behalf, provides support services to our committee (including financial and marketing services), provides an annual report (and THIS report every year) and conducts an annual audit.

NDCF also has on staff charitable-giving experts who are available for consultations if people have questions about charitable-giving and its tax consequences.

We have been lucky to have worked with Amy Stromsodt (located in Larimore, ND) for many years. She is knowledgeable about many different charitable-giving tools and techniques.

While most of the interactions with NDCF staff happen at the committee level, any local resident can contact them with questions about charitable-giving. These consultations are confidential, free, and you are under no obligation to give to NDCF or the Johnson/Iwen Community Foundation. NDCF provides these services free of charge to help people accomplish their philanthropic goals.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Amy at 701-741-3193 or at Amy@NDCF.net. She is available via phone or is happy to meet in person if you would like more information about

- leaving a gift in your will
- the IRA Charitable Rollover (QCD)
- the ND State Tax credit
- Transferring stock to a charity
- Donating agricultural commodities
- or other related topics.



\$272,342 Awarded in 2024

Spring 2024 Grant Round

- **Arthur Fire Department:** \$50,000 for the new fire hall
- **Clarence Johnson/Eunice Iwen Scholarship Fund:** \$28,545 to build a permanent scholarship fund for graduating seniors of Northern Cass School
- **Job Development Authority of Arthur**
 - \$16,900 for asbestos removal at the school
 - \$7,100 for spill bucket replacement
 - \$6,500 parking lot sealant
- **Northern Cass Dollars for Scholars:** \$10,000 for 2024 Scholarships
- **Community of Care:** \$5,000 for general operating support
- **City of Arthur**
 - \$3,162 for city banners and flags
 - \$2,450 for Picnic in the Park
 - \$1,200 for Arthur beautification and programming in 2024
- **BIO Girls:** \$4,000 for the 2024 program in Northern Cass
- **The Arthur Market:** \$3,000 for 2024 events

Fall 2024 Grant Round

- **Arthur Fire Department:** \$70,000 for the new fire hall
- **Job Development Authority of Arthur:** \$25,000 for a gas pump replacement
- **Community of Care:** \$15,000 for the One Stop Service Center
- **Clarence Johnson/Eunice Iwen Scholarship Fund:** \$9,170 to build the principal of the fund and \$4,000 for immediate scholarships to graduating seniors
- **City of Arthur:** \$4,300 for a Veterans Day Program and Christmas Kickoff Event
- **Northern Cass School Robotics Team:** \$2,765 for the Jackrabbit Best Competition
- **Rural Cass County Emergency Food Pantry:** \$2,500 for Backpack funding for Northern Cass Public Schools
- **The Arthur Market:** \$1,750 for an Arthur Market Pop Up Tent

Grant applications are due on April 1 and October 1 every year. More information and an online application can be found at www.NDCF.net/Arthur.

Estate Gift Benefits Area Forever

Tom Larson was the city manager, assessor and auditor for the City of Park River for a number of years and was active in his community, serving on numerous boards. Tom wished for his estate to continue to benefit his community after he was gone.



Tom left a gift of almost \$120,000 to the Park River Area Community Endowment Fund in his will. It is the largest one-time gift in the history of the fund.

"Tom was such a community leader," said Ann Berg, who served with Larson on the endowment fund's advisory committee. *"We miss his wisdom and insight, and we think about him when we give out grants every year."*

Estate gifts are a beautiful way to leave a legacy and support the causes that are important to you long after you are gone. You could choose to leave a portion of your estate to an existing endowment fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF), or you could create a fund through your estate gift and provide guidance regarding how you would like the annual grantable balance distributed.

You can contact NDCF for more info or just include the following text in your will:

*"I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501(c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, _____ (a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) to the **NAME OF FUND**, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

* Be sure to visit with your attorney

Questions or want more information?



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The Clarence Johnson and Eunice Iwen Community Foundation for Arthur, ND is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving and fiduciary services, including donor gift planning, bequest planning and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or if you'd like to have a confidential conversation about charitable-giving, contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at 701-741-3193 or Amy@NDCF.net.