



ANNUAL REPORT  
**2021**

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**Dear Friends of Prairie Meadows,**

As I look back over the past year, there is no denying the challenges we have faced – as individuals, as a company, and as a community. Through it all, we’ve proved to be resilient. Prairie Meadows has continued to serve our guests and our community.

Following a year of obstacles, 2021 was our opportunity to come back more determined than ever to fulfill our purpose, not only as an entertainment establishment, but as a nonprofit. We’re proud to say that 2021 was our strongest fiscal year in our history. We’ve deepened our partnerships and laid the foundation for further growth.

When we opened our doors over 30 years ago, we envisioned a long-term goal of promoting economic development, jobs, agriculture, and tourism for the state of Iowa. We continue to uphold this purpose today. As we grow, so does our impact. I am pleased to announce that in 2021, we had another amazing year of charitable giving.

Our sincerest thanks to our dedicated employees who go above and beyond for our guests, our communities and each other, every day. On a daily basis, our team puts our core values of respect, integrity, teamwork, and excellence into practice. Prairie Meadows would not be where it is today without the commitment of the volunteers, business leaders, elected officials, and others that believe in our vision. I am humbled to lead the Prairie Meadows team, and am eager for our plans in this upcoming year.

**GARY PALMER**

President/CEO

Since 1989, Prairie Meadows has operated as one of Iowa's premier nonprofit organizations. Through promotion of economic development, jobs, agriculture, and tourism, we lessen the burden of government for hundreds of organizations. Our support of arts and culture, education, economic development, and human services in and around Polk County impact the lives of thousands of Iowans on a daily basis.

Our mission drives us to value our guests, employees, and community through outstanding experiences in racing, gaming, and events. The Prairie Meadows' entertainment and lodging offerings, coupled with exceptional guest services, have made us the No. 1 entertainment destination in Iowa.

Our more than 800 dedicated employees - plus nearly 200 seasonal team members - are the heart and soul of our operational success. Each person contributes talents and skills to provide an outstanding experience for our guests.

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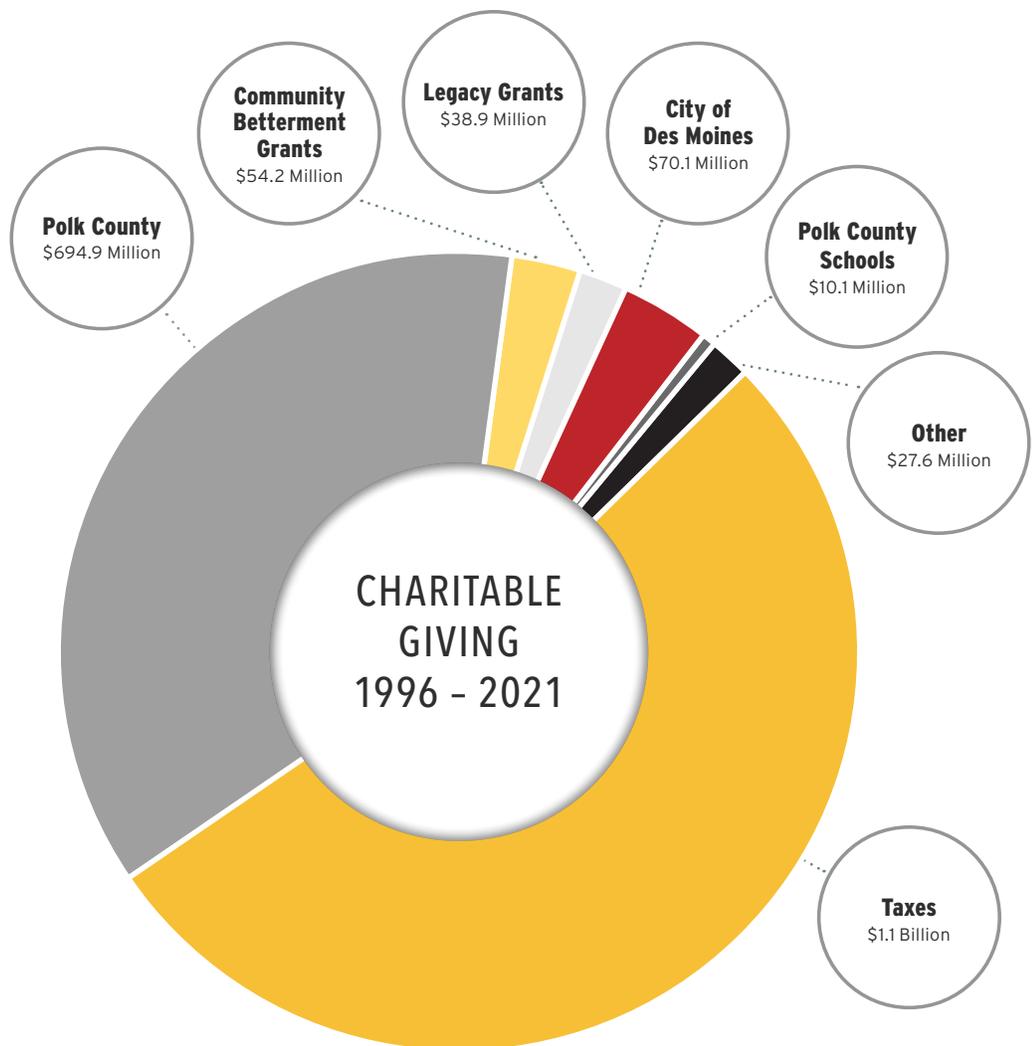
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# Bettering Our Communities

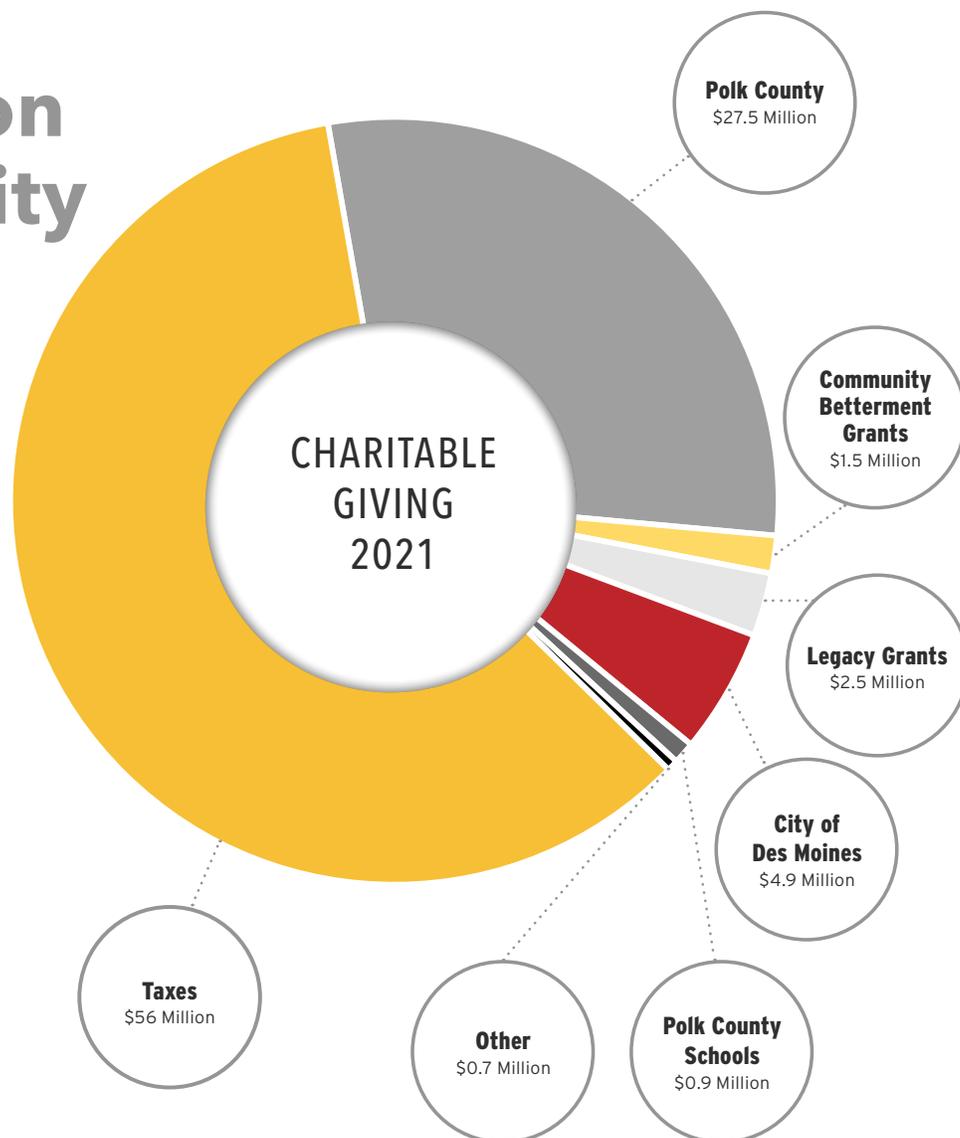
At Prairie Meadows, we are difference makers. Through our gaming taxes and charitable contributions, we have helped transform the lives of thousands in central Iowa communities. In our 32 years of community betterment contributions, we have provided more than \$2 billion to the people and places calling Iowa their home.



# 2021 Two Billion Community Impact

As a nonprofit organization, our gaming taxes and charitable contributions have helped transform the lives of those in our central Iowa community.

Iowa law requires casinos to return 3% of their adjusted gross revenue back to their communities annually. Prairie Meadows proudly gives back approximately 20% of its adjusted gross revenue annually.



## 2021

### COMMUNITY BETTERMENT & CONTRIBUTIONS

#### CHARITABLE GIVING

Polk County	\$27.5 Million
Community Betterment Grants	\$1.5 Million
Legacy Grants	\$2.5 Million
City of Des Moines	\$4.9 Million
Polk County School Districts	\$0.9 Million
Other	\$0.7 Million

**TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING**

**\$38 Million**

# Polk County Students

The school districts within Polk County are a significant part of our communities. The work happening within our local education systems – large or small – is tremendous.

Since 2007, Prairie Meadows and Polk County have invested more than \$16 million in school districts that enroll students who reside in Polk County.

Take a look at our charitable contributions in 2021.

School District	Polk County Contribution	Prairie Meadows Contribution	Total
Ankeny	\$57,497	\$114,993	\$172,490
Ballard	\$29	\$58	\$87
Bondurant-Farrar	\$9,238	\$18,475	\$27,713
Carlisle	\$3,339	\$6,679	\$10,018
Collins-Maxwell	\$70	\$139	\$209
Dallas Center	\$10,509	\$21,018	\$31,527
Des Moines	\$187,127	\$374,255	\$561,382
Johnston	\$37,215	\$74,429	\$111,644
Madrid	\$139	\$279	\$418
North Polk	\$8,096	\$16,193	\$24,289
Prairie City - Monroe	\$42	\$85	\$127
Saydel	\$6,749	\$13,498	\$20,247
Southeast Polk	\$38,230	\$76,460	\$114,690
Urbandale	\$19,601	\$39,202	\$58,803
West Des Moines	\$52,180	\$104,360	\$156,540
Woodward	\$872	\$1,743	\$2,615
	<b>\$430,933</b>	<b>\$861,866</b>	<b>\$1,292,799</b>





# Polk County Partnership



To truly have the most transformational impact within central Iowa, Prairie Meadows sees our partnership with Polk County as vital to extending our charitable giving power to the ones who need it most.

In 2021, we provided more than \$38.1 million to improve the lives of central Iowans. We're funding innovative health care programs, restoring historical venues, and infusing life into city playscapes. Our one-of-a-kind relationship with Polk County, allows us to truly see the work that needs to be done to make our communities successful in every facet of living, working, and operating.

Over the years, our funding has given life to the 6th Ave Corridor Streetscape, the Raccoon River Pedestrian Bridge, and countless other initiatives throughout the community. Our work, in conjunction with that of many other public-private partnerships, is building a vibrant, dynamic Polk County. Collectively, we are proud to stand with these organizations as we all work to make our communities areas of excellence. To work within central Iowa communities is an honor - and one we could not do alone.

# Legacy Grants

Our Legacy Grant program awards financial gifts for large-scale projects happening in Iowa. We see the potential for the lifelong impact these programs have for central Iowa communities and individuals. To date, we have awarded more than \$38.9 million to organizations and communities through our Legacy Grants.

**ORGANIZATION:** BRIDGES OF IOWA

**PROJECT TITLE:** BUILDING BRIDGES, LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$100,000

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Bridges of Iowa is a small non-profit agency that provides top quality, long-term substance use disorder treatment services to the most vulnerable individuals in our community. We primarily serve the people who have little to no income, no health insurance, and virtually no access to quality health services. We are proud of the fact that we provide care to this population regardless of their ability to pay, but maintaining this mission means we rely heavily on the generosity of others. Because the majority of the people we treat come to us directly from jail, we provide a host of job readiness and re-entry services in addition to treatment.

Our program makes our community safer, saves tax dollars, and returns these individuals to joyous, productive, tax-paying citizens. When they complete the Bridges of Iowa program they are truly set up for success! This grant from Prairie Meadows will ensure that the hundreds of individuals we serve annually will have the transportation they need to attend healthcare visits, meet family responsibilities and most importantly, secure and maintain employment.

“Lack of transportation is a huge barrier to our client’s successfully transitioning from high intensity residential drug treatment to employment in the community. This transition is especially difficult in winter months when bicycling and walking to work is impacted by severe weather. Bridges of Iowa utilizes several vans and employs drivers specifically for the purpose of assisting our client’s with this important step toward self-sufficiency. In addition to helping them get to work we also help them get to doctor appointments and access other crucial community services. This critical service is made possible by the vans the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant provides. Thank you!”

–Patrick Coughlin, Chief Executive Officer,  
Bridges of Iowa, Inc.



**ORGANIZATION:** WAUKEE BETTERMENT FOUNDATION  
**PROJECT TITLE:** TRIUMPH ALL-INCLUSIVE PARK  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$175,000

Triumph All-Inclusive Park will feature an ADA compliant fishing pier, EPIC all-inclusive playground, and a Miracle League field. People from throughout the western suburbs, Dallas County, and surrounding areas will have access to facilities that currently do not exist in their communities.



“The Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant was instrumental in helping our foundation build an all-inclusive area in Central Iowa. The timing couldn’t have been better as we neared the end of our fundraising campaign. We couldn’t have been successful without it!”

–Todd McDonald, current President-Waukee Betterment Foundation

**ORGANIZATION:** BLANK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
**PROJECT TITLE:** STAR AND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$225,000

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Blank Children's Hospital recently completed a fundraising campaign to build its first free-standing facility off-campus to accommodate the expansion and relocation of the STAR Center and the Developmental Center. The facility, which is located in West Des Moines, provides the opportunity for expanded access to care for some of the most vulnerable children in our community. The STAR Center cares for children who have been victims of abuse, been exposed to drugs, are in the foster care system, or need extra support for growth and development. The Developmental Center cares for children who have developmental, behavioral, and physical conditions to help provide diagnosis and treatment. Both Centers are committed to helping children thrive and reach their full potential.

Prairie Meadows' Legacy Grant support was the final gift to complete the campaign. Their support of this facility positively impacts children and families in Central Iowa and across the state — now and for years to come. Since opening in March 2020, the Centers have served nearly 6,000 children and added more staff to help provide mental health care, developmental pediatrics, and supportive services.



“Through the Legacy Grant, Prairie Meadows supported an expansion of our STAR and Developmental Center that would enable of our team of specialized providers to care for even more children and families from across Iowa. Whether it’s children who have been victims of abuse or children who have developmental concerns, Blank Children’s Hospital is committed to doing all we can to help children thrive. Having community partners, like Prairie Meadows, in that effort has made a tremendous impact now and for many years to come.”

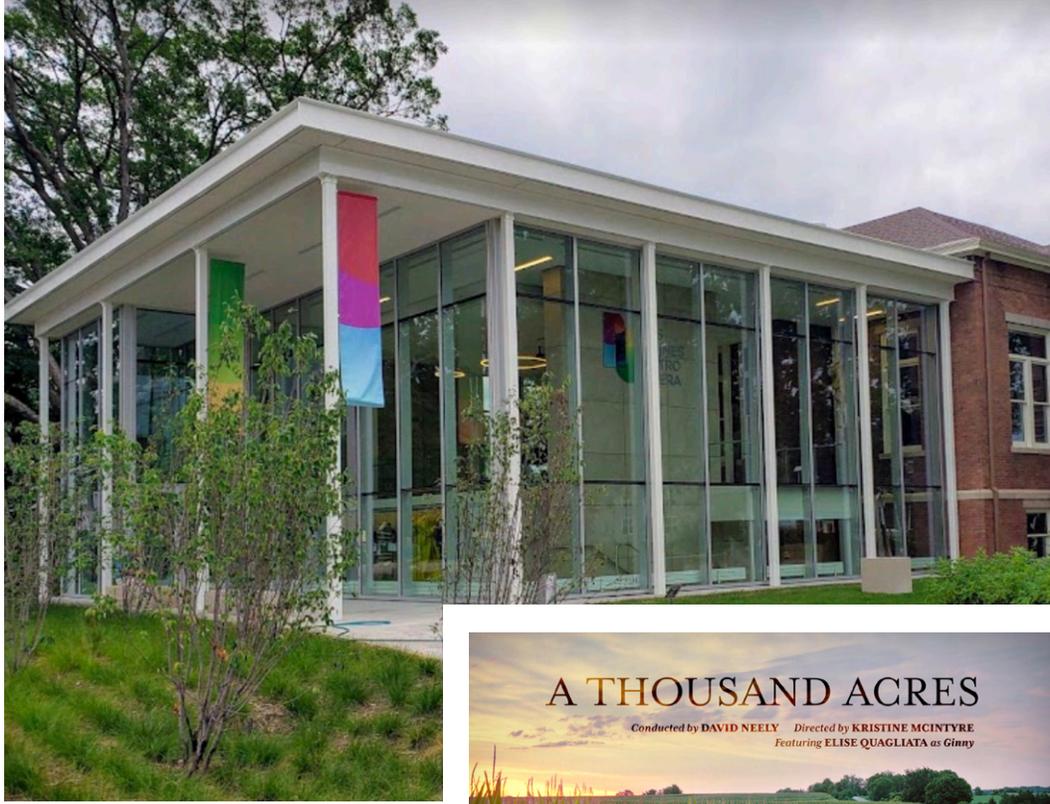
–Dr. Steve Stephenson, President,  
Blank Children’s Hospital



## LEGACY GRANTS

“This Legacy Grant allows DMMO to meaningfully contribute to arts and culture in our community and as part of the national arts industry. To be able to take part in the creation of a major work such as *A Thousand Acres* is monumental to our company and brings acclaim to the Des Moines community. We are grateful to Prairie Meadows for their investment in DMMO and our region. We are thrilled to tell Iowa’s stories to a national audience through this project.”

–Tim McMillin,  
Director of Advancement



**ORGANIZATION:** DES MOINES METRO OPERA

**PROJECT TITLE:** A THOUSAND ACRES

**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$50,000

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, Des Moines Metro Opera has commissioned and will perform a world premiere opera, based on Jane Smiley’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “*A Thousand Acres*.” Set on a farm in Iowa in the 1980’s, this story is a modern retelling of *King Lear* from the point of view of the oldest daughter, Ginny. It is a sweeping family drama set against the iconic backdrop of an Iowa family farm. The opera will be composed by award-winning American composer, Kristin Kuster with the text adapted for musical setting by Pulitzer Prize-winning librettist and story-teller, Mark Campbell. The opera will premiere in July 2022.

Throughout its history, Des Moines Metro Opera has established a firm commitment to American opera. Over the past decade, this has evolved to include contemporary American works, often produced in innovative ways, in site-specific productions around the Des Moines metro area. Now it’s time for DMMO to help create and contribute to the future of American opera by giving a composer, a librettist, and a significant American author a way of reaching a new audience by telling a new story on the opera stage. This will not only cement DMMO’s position as an artistic leader in the field, but help opera ensure its survival in the 21st century as a uniquely American art form. These are our stories, and it’s time that DMMO helps to tell them.

**ORGANIZATION:** DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
**PROJECT TITLE:** BUILDING COMMUNITY: MODERNIZATION AND RENOVATION OF THE DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (DMACC) URBAN CAMPUS  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$300,000

Building Community: The Modernization and Renovation of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Urban Campus is a \$25 million project focused on expanding programming and access to DMACC’s education and training. The project includes the construction of a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Student Services facility and the renovation and enhancement of the current Urban Campus, Building 1. When the construction and renovation is complete, Building Community will create approximately 60,000 square feet of open green space where pavement currently exists. The green space will link the two buildings with a tree-lined, illuminated pedestrian walkway connecting the north and south ends of campus. Natural vegetation will be planted and a Prairie Walk with interpretive exhibits will be established. Along the east side of the STEM and Student Services facility, a designated entry and exit point for buses will transport students and community members to and from the Campus. Building Community will transform the DMACC Urban Campus into a modern educational facility that can support the continued growth of the student population and provide the most advanced student experience and career pathway possible for members of the DMACC Urban Campus and the community it serves — the Urban Core.



**“Through the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant Program, the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Urban Campus built a new Student Life and STEM facility in the heart of Des Moines, creating an environment of learning that encourages a multi-linguistic student body to grow and develop into Iowa’s future leaders.”**

–Tara K. Connolly, Executive Director  
DMACC Foundation





**ORGANIZATION:** DRAKE UNIVERSITY  
**PROJECT TITLE:** TOM AND RUTH HARKIN CENTER  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$200,000

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Drake University and The Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement have completed construction on the Tom and Ruth Harkin Center on Drake University's campus. The building located at the southwest corner of 28th and University Avenue is a model of accessibility. We are in the final stages fundraising for furnishings, technology, accessibility features, and sustainability features within the building. These features will enhance the Tom and Ruth Harkin Center, making it a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive public space to serve a greater good for all people.



The Harkin Institute anticipates that architects and others throughout the world will visit this space when looking to design buildings that truly meet the needs of every person regardless of ability. The inclusiveness of the space is significant, as approximately 19 percent of Americans have a disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Though the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed more than 30 years ago, individuals with disabilities still face barriers to access in public spaces.

Through the building and its surrounding public spaces, the Harkin Institute will lead by example and encourage other organizations to make diversity and inclusion a top priority when designing and building new spaces. The Tom and Ruth Harkin Center was recently awarded 3 Green Globes for the sustainability efforts in design and construction. Green Globes Building Certification, similar to LEED, is a rating system for green building design, operation, and management.

**“The Tom and Ruth Harkin Center – home of The Harkin Institute for Public Policy & Citizen Engagement at Drake University – is a model of accessibility for our community, state, and nation. The Legacy Grant from Prairie Meadows has been transformational by helping the Institute purchase accessible technology and furnishings that allow people of all abilities to fully experience the Tom and Ruth Harkin Center.”**

–Stephanie Sinovic, M.Ed.,  
Senior Advancement Officer  
at Drake University





**ORGANIZATION:** HOSPICE OF CENTRAL IOWA DBA EVERystep FOUNDATION  
**PROJECT TITLE:** EVERystep KAVANAGH HOUSE RENOVATION  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$75,000

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The Kavanagh House Renovation project will modernize, restore, and upgrade EveryStep’s Kavanagh House, Central Iowa’s first in-patient hospice facility. Opened in 1993, Kavanagh House continues its tradition of excellence to provide quality of life at the end of life. Kavanagh House provides patient care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay. While the award-winning facility has received updates over the years, the current renovation will upgrade the facility to feature appropriate modern amenities, medical equipment, new technologies, and structural efficiencies. The end result will allow for enhanced delivery of compassionate medical care to our patients and their families in a comfortable, home-like atmosphere.

“Since 1993, EveryStep’s Kavanagh House has served Central Iowa by providing a dignified home for the terminally ill in their final days. Prairie Meadows’ generous Legacy gift, along with the community’s outpouring of support, has enabled us to modernize and upgrade the award-winning facility to ensure patients receive state-of-the-art, 24-hour hospice care for decades to come.”

–Julie Matternas, Executive Director, EveryStep Foundation

**ORGANIZATION:** MAHASKA COUNTY YMCA

**PROJECT TITLE:** YMCA - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTER

**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$50,000



“The Legacy Grant will help bring the YMCA to fruition in 2022 after nearly two decades of effort to design a physically and fiscally sustainable model. In an area of Iowa designated as a childcare desert, the Center will provide critical, accredited early learning programming to the area’s youngest residents during their first 2,000 days of life - the time when brain development occurs the fastest determining long-term success. The Center is also built to meet the needs of busy residents and thousands of visitors seeking recreation, wellness programming, and a place to connect. The future success of our area, community, companies, and families depends on the dynamic facility and robust services offered. The project would not be possible without the generosity many donors, including Prairie Meadows, who stepped up for the benefit of many.”

—Linda Crookham-Hansen, YMCA Board Member and Capital Campaign Chair

The Mahaska Community is building an 88,000 square-foot recreation and early childhood education center. The Center is conveniently located for families and visitors adjacent to the Oskaloosa Elementary School and The Lacey Recreation Complex. The \$31.5 million facility is a partnership between the City of Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa Community School District, and the Mahaska County YMCA. The Center features 20 state-of-the-art early learning classrooms for children birth to age 5, competition and recreational/therapy pools, 24/7 access to advanced fitness equipment, gymnasiums, racquetball courts, exercise studios, and community gathering space. The Center, will be a game changer in helping to build a strong workforce, attracting tourism, and building the local economy.



## LEGACY GRANTS



“Teenagers and even young adults, lack a basic understanding of budgeting and career fit, increasing the likelihood of serious missteps later on. Thanks to the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant that helped us build JA Finance Park, Central Iowa students can take control of their financial futures. I’m excited for the impact this experiential learning program will have on thousands of students each year – thank you Prairie Meadows!”

—Ryan Osborn, Junior Achievement of Central Iowa President

**ORGANIZATION:** JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CENTRAL IOWA  
**PROJECT TITLE:** JA FINANCE PARK  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$75,000

To build upon our successful JA BizTown program for 5th-6th grade students, we are creating JA Finance Park for 7th-9th grade students. JA Finance Park is a hands-on simulation where students are asked to manage a fictitious life situation. The details of their assigned life scenario include marital status, number of children, education background, employment, and income. Students will understand the fundamental

role of income in managing their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take-home pay. With this, students discover how to spend money wisely and recognize a budget as a valuable life tool. The project was structured in three phases: demo/new footprint, interior, exterior. JA Finance Park is now complete and hosted the first student simulation on October 5, 2021!

**ORGANIZATION:** HOYT SHERMAN PLACE FOUNDATION  
**PROJECT TITLE:** HOYT SHERMAN PLACE MANSION RESTORATION, PRESERVATION AND ACCESS FOR ALL  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$100,000

In the 1980's, the mansion's second floor was converted to administrative offices and meeting spaces. With the Center For Artists And Education coming online in March 2020, workspaces moved and more meetings areas were created, making restoration possible. The second floor now returns to Hoyt and Sara Sherman's bedroom and their daughter, Helen's bedroom. The rooms have been restored top to bottom including period-appropriate lighting fixtures, paint, flooring,

furniture, and décor. Using the original blueprints, wall and closets were also put back in their proper places. Original doors hang on authentic hardware with vintage doorknobs. The space created in the 1960's as a supplemental kitchen, later transformed to the Executive Director's office, now serves as the Research and Archive Library. A mobility-impaired lift has also been installed, making the mansion's second floor accessible for the first time in the history of the house museum.

"The Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant allowed Hoyt Sherman Place to keep staff working during a global pandemic by restoring historical significance to the original Sherman Family home. Visitors now get to see the mansion as it was originally dubbed in 1887, 'A showplace on the grandest scale.' Restorations include period-appropriate lighting fixtures, historically accurate paint colors, flooring, furniture and décor. Using the original blueprints, walls and closets were also replaced. Original doors hang on authentic hardware with vintage doorknobs. All modifications were approved by the State Historic Preservation Office in accordance with the standards set by the Secretary of the Interior. It's quite impressive, and we invite everyone to stop by for a visit!"

—Robert Warren, CEO.



## LEGACY GRANTS

**ORGANIZATION:** CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES

**PROJECT TITLE:** PHASE II - PERMANENT HOUSING & EXPANSION

**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$200,000

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**“Funds from Prairie Meadows have allowed us to renovate our healthcare clinic and expand much needed medical and behavioral health services, as well as complete the new 24 apartments. As we experienced a cold winter temperatures, the new apartments allowed us to help people move towards self-sufficiency more quickly than years past.”**

–Melissa O’Neil, Chief Executive Office

Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) is expanding its current facility to provide an additional 24 permanent housing units. The total project cost is \$5.47 million and is funded except for this grant request amount. Funding partners include the National Housing Trust Fund, City of Des Moines, Polk County, Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank, Jack Hatch and Sonja Roberts. This grant request is to cover final construction costs, furniture and appliances

for the new housing units, reconfiguration of the Health Clinic, and office furniture for the additional offices on the first floor. A complete itemization is included on the budget form.

This expansion will provide 24 new housing units for homeless Veterans and chronically homeless individuals who are in need of housing that can address and support their complex needs. Of the 24 units, 21 units will house chronically homeless individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities who need the ongoing support of living on CISS’ campus.

The grant will also support the expansion and reconfiguration of CISS’ Health Clinic. The clinic currently operates in several locations throughout the building. This grant will provide for the consolidation of all health services including medical and dental care, and mental health and addiction counseling services, into one space where all services can be administered and coordinated. This reconfiguration will also free up space for additional offices for staff who are currently doubled up and tripled up in small offices.

**ORGANIZATION:** CITY OF DES MOINES – POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PROJECT TITLE:** CITY OF DES MOINES ANIMAL SHELTER

**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$275,000

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The current City of Des Moines Animal Shelter was built decades ago and has become insufficiently sized and designed for modern animal care. The current site does not support expansion and the limited building footprint no longer allows veterinarian services, rehabilitation, or animal training. The increase in pet population, strays, and animal hoarding further exacerbates the need for a new shelter.

In recent years, the City designed a larger facility, but the challenging construction bid environment in early 2021, and the desire to expand the project scope, led to the rejection of all bids in March. Since then, the design has been expanded for greater sustainability, animal capacity, and other operational needs. The project will be rebid in the coming weeks with the intent to begin construction in spring 2022.



“The Des Moines Police Department and the entire community are incredibly fortunate to be awarded a Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant. A new animal care facility which meets modern design and space assessments is desperately needed for our growing pet population.

Changes to project scope, design, and a challenging bid environment delayed the project in 2021. Fortunately, the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant and other funding sources allowed the City of Des Moines City Council to recently approve the receipt of construction bids for the first stage of the project and schedule a public hearing in February 2022 for additional public input. The Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant has proven instrumental to moving this exciting and essential project forward.”

–Dana Wingert, Chief of Police



**ORGANIZATION:** MERCY FOUNDATION OF DES MOINES  
**PROJECT TITLE:** MERCYONE RICHARD DEMING CANCER CENTER  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$400,000

This project is to significantly transform the MercyOne Des Moines Cancer Center to create a center of excellence, which will support multidisciplinary, patient-centered, compassionate cancer care for all Iowans in need. The project includes funding for facility renovations and innovative technology.



"We are incredibly thankful to Prairie Meadows for awarding the Legacy Grant to MercyOne Des Moines Foundation for the MercyOne Richard Deming Cancer Center. Thanks to Prairie Meadows' generosity, we will be able to provide comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered, multidisciplinary cancer care for all Iowans in need."

—Shannon Cofield, President,  
MercyOne Des Moines Foundation

**ORGANIZATION:** HOMES FOR IOWA, INC.  
**PROJECT TITLE:** HOUSE MOVING EQUIPMENT  
**2021 LEGACY GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED:** \$175,000

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Homes for Iowa (HFI) moves houses from the homebuilding site in Newton to development sites all over Iowa. The cost to move a house privately is close to \$20,000 and the time it takes to move a house is close to one month. HFI's Board wishes to keep the moving cost below \$7,000 and the time it takes to move a house to less than one week. Both of these goals can be accomplished by HFI owning house moving equipment. HFI requested funds to purchase items such as semi-tractors, an equipment trailer, and some miscellaneous equipment to haul stick built houses from Newton to anywhere in Iowa.

The Primary Program Area is three-fold; first, the communities that receive a new house gain new housing units and increase property tax base helping economic development; second, the program teaches offender crew members how to build a house from the ground up, including practical and classroom work; third, teaching incarcerated men marketable skills gives them additional ability to attain a good paying job and contribute to

society after their release, which is the Health and Human Services part of this program. We believe the Health and Human Services part of this program is the most important, as we've seen the success from one of the offender crew members who completed it.

We learned that it takes two sets of tractors and trailers to move houses efficiently. One set with a special trailer to haul the house and the other set to haul the equipment it takes to lift, lower, and move the house on and off the foundation.

**"Homes for Iowa relies on selling and delivering modular homes in one piece to support building trades training of its incarcerated crew members. Delivering a 1,200sf home in one piece requires special equipment. Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant substantially paid for a special home moving trailer, which will make home deliveries substantially more efficient and make Homes for Iowa that much more sustainable and resilient to its mission."**

—Mike Norris, President, Homes For Iowa

# Community Betterment Grant Program

Iowa communities are known throughout the Midwest for their charming appeal, strong civic engagement, and ability to foster projects and programs to better the lives of residents. In 2021, Prairie Meadows donated nearly \$1.5 million through our Community Betterment Grant Program. These grants fund

small-to-medium-sized projects up to \$99,999 that have a local, community-focused impact. From city park rejuvenation, to extending mental health services, Prairie Meadows is committed to helping communities improve the lives of Iowans.

## 2021 Community Betterment Grant Recipients

A Heinz57 Pet Rescue And Transport Inc.	Des Moines Performing Arts
Actors Incorporated	Des Moines Public Library Foundation
Altoona Area Historical Society	Downtown Events Group Inc.
Altoona Kiwanis Club	Eyerly-Ball Community Mental Health Services
Altoona Public Library	Furry Friends Refuge
American Legion Post 659	Garden Gate Ranch
American Red Cross, Central Iowa	Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa, Inc.
Animal Lifeline of Iowa	Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity
Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc.	Hospice Of Central Iowa Foundation dba EveryStep Foundation
Ballard Community Performing Arts Association	Iowa 4-H Foundation
Best Buddies Iowa	Iowa Asian Alliance
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa	Iowa Center for Children's Justice
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa	Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation	Iowa Donor Network
Camp Hertko Hollow, Inc.	Iowa Health Foundation dba John Stoddard Cancer Center
City of Altoona Fire Department	Iowa Health Foundation dba UnityPoint Health
City of Hartford Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.	Iowa Laborers District Council Education & Training Fund
Courage League Sports	Iowa Radio Reading Information Services for the Blind & Print Handicapped, Inc.
CROSS Outreach	Iowa Service Dogs
CultureALL Inc.	Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation
Dental Connections, Inc.	John L. Lewis Commission
Des Moines Arts Festival	Johnston Historical Society
Des Moines Carousel Foundation	Joppa Outreach
Des Moines Historical Society Of Des Moines Iowa	Knock And Drop Iowa
Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.	Latino Resources, Inc.
Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center	Local 67 Training Program Trust

## COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Luther Memorial Church	SCI CAN Foundation
Make A Wish Foundation of Iowa	SCKIC, Inc.
Meals from the Heartland	Southeast Polk Dollars For Scholars
Mentor Iowa	Spina Bifida Association of Iowa
Mitchellville Community Center	St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Mitchellville Firefighters Association Inc.	Street Collective
Northern Warren Firefighter's Association	Swerve Outreach
On With Life Foundation	The ALS Association Iowa Chapter
Pleasantville Betterment Organization	The Easter Seal Society Of Iowa Inc.
Plumbers And Steamfitters Local Union 33 Education Fund	The Eddie Davis Community Center, Inc.
Polk County Sheriff's Department	The Pet Project Midwest
Prevent Blindness Iowa	Trees Forever
Project Flo Association	Young Women's Resource Center
Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines	

# Youth Sports and Recreational Grant Program



Whether it's a standing ovation or a home run, youth sports and recreation in Iowa is a part of our daily lives. In 2021, Prairie Meadows contributed \$250,000 to a variety of programs created to turn the dreams of young Iowans into reality. We're proud to see the talents of our state's youth take center stage through this new grant program.

## 2021 Youth Sports and Recreational Grant Recipients

- Altoona Baseball Recreational League
- City of Colfax
- City of Milo
- Des Moines Independent Community School District
- Des Moines Young Artists Theatre Inc.
- Genesis Inc.
- Greater Altoona Community Service Campus
- Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association
- Indianola Community Youth Foundation
- Iowa Soccer Development Foundation Inc.
- Kinney Park Bondurant Little League & Softball
- Mason City Community School District
- Orchard Place
- Pleasant Hill Soccer Club
- Swerve Outreach
- The Salvation Army
- Urbandale Little League



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