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## “Clarinda Foundation News”



*Past Presidents of the Clarinda Foundation . . . Dale McAllister, Jim Millhone, Michael Thompson, Elaine Armstrong. (Fred Lisle was unable to attend the dinner)*

### **Jim Millhone honored for 25 years of service**

Jim Millhone has been honored by the Clarinda Foundation for his 25 years of service to the Foundation as board member, president, and counselor. A \$25,000.00 endowment fund has been established in his name as a permanent recognition for his service. He helped the organizers write the original by-laws and articles of incorporation, and was selected as one of the 15 board members to make up the first board of directors.

Millhone was honored at a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner held Sept. 24 to recognize the past directors and benefactors who have built the Foundation to a \$3.5 million charitable foundation.

Michael Thompson, president of the Foundation from its founding through the next 14 years, was the speaker. A special video recognition was received from Angela Dethlefs-Trettin, executive director of the Iowa Council of Foundations.

## **Clarinda Foundation awards grants**

Clarinda Foundation has awarded grants totaling nearly \$21,500 to 19 organizations serving the community with charitable activities. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year the Foundation has made grants to area groups. To date, the Foundation has responded to present and emerging needs by re-investing \$242,087.00 in grants to 54 innovative partnerships – bolstering services and enhancing the quality of life in the Clarinda area. During this time these groups have received a total of 175 grants, averaging nearly \$1,400.00 each.

Receiving the 2011 Clarinda grants were:

- Braddyville Cemetery to repair and reset markers
- Clarinda Chamber of Commerce to help purchase holiday decorations
- Clarinda Community Center for building improvements
- Clarinda Cub Scouts to support its annual lock-in and other projects
- Clarinda Lied Center to assist in purchasing an aquatic lift
- Clarinda Police Department to help purchase a speed trailer and message board
- Coin Elmwood Cemetery to assist with replacement of stolen flags
- Coin Public Library for building improvements and shelving
- Girl Scouts to help sponsor a story telling event
- Glenn Miller VFW Post for building improvements
- Grandma's House Day Care for child identification program
- Lied Public Library to replace computers in the children's department
- New Market Fire Department for purchase of upgraded radios
- Nodaway Valley Free Clinic for health care for the uninsured and under-insured
- Page County Fair Board to assist with new flooring in Wibholm Hall
- Southwest Iowa Families for new sound equipment to enhance privacy
- Southwest Iowa Humane Society for spay and neuter rebates
- St. John Noah's Ark Daycare for a washer and dryer
- Waubonsie Mental Health (Hope Center) for development of its community garden

Local funding for these grants comes from investment earnings generated by endowments held by the Foundation in honor of Irene and Otto Krause, Louise Lathrop/Ellis Bradley, Dan and Lois Petersen, Floyd Whitmore, and the Share With Clarinda and Book of Honor donations.

Grants are awarded each year in the early summer. The Clarinda Foundation also cooperates with the Page County Community Foundation in awarding grants to Page County not-for-profit organizations in March of each year.

## **Page County Community Foundation awards grants**

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The Page County Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$98,947 to not-for-profit activities in the county during its 2011 award cycle. These funds are provided through the Endow Iowa program. Booklets describing grants given in past years for the 85 counties which participate in this program can be found at the Lied Public Library in Clarinda.

Receiving the 2011 Page County grants were:

- City of Blanchard to provide concrete basketball pad in city park – \$3,597
- City of Braddyville Betterment Committee for renovation of north hall of community center – \$2,500
- City of Clarinda Lied Center for purchase of NU Step exercise machine – \$2,000
- City of Coin Fire & Rescue for new doors and openers at station – \$7,000
- City of Essex Fire & Rescue to purchase gas and carbon dioxide monitors – \$7,000
- City of Shambaugh for renovations at community building – \$4,500
- Clarinda Community School District to purchase SMARTboards & equipment at Garfield School – \$2,850
- Clarinda Hospitality House (Clarinda Foundation fiscal agent) to purchase equipment to organize children's toys – \$800
- Clarinda Lutheran School to purchase equipment to expand wireless services – \$800
- Elm Heights Care Center (Shenandoah Medical Center fiscal agent) – purchase monitoring equipment – \$2,000
- Everly Brothers House Restoration Committee (Greater Shenandoah Foundation fiscal agent) to complete restoration with landscaping – \$6,000
- Glenn Miller Birthplace Society to purchase archival shelving – \$3,250
- Grandma's House Daycare to replace drop-side cribs (recalled) – \$2,000
- Nishna Productions to purchase SMART board and training equipment – 2,300
- Page County Agricultural Fair Association (Clarinda Foundation fiscal agent) to replace roof on Wibholm Hall – \$5,000
- Page County Conservation Board (Board of Supervisors fiscal agent) to install waterway crossings at Pierce Creek Park – \$7,000
- Page County E911 (Board of Supervisors fiscal agent) to purchase radio pages for first responders – \$10,000
- Shenandoah Ambulance Service (Shenandoah Medical Center fiscal agent) to purchase chest compression device – \$12,000
- Shenandoah Community Schools to repair and purchase band instruments – \$5,450
- Shenandoah Medical Center to purchase multi-channel IV pump – \$4,000
- Shenandoah Music Association to help fund cultural performances – \$2,000
- Southwest Iowa Families for training -- \$1,000
- Southwest Iowa Theatre to purchase dimmer packs and other equipment for stage lighting – \$2,800
- Our House Child Development Center for materials for educational program – \$3,000
- Des Moines Community Foundation for administrative fee – \$100

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## **25% Iowa Tax Credit available**

Iowans investing in the future of their communities through a qualified endowment can now deduct 25% of their donation through the Iowa Tax Credit.

The amount changed in 2010, and the normal charitable deduction for such a gift has been eliminated. This still means that a person or couple can deduct about 50% of their gift from state and federal taxes, while the entire gift goes to help their community or a designated program for years to come.

The Clarinda Foundation works with the Page County Community Foundation and the Omaha Community Foundation (a qualified foundation) to make these credits available. Endowed donations to local projects remain as part of the Clarinda Foundation's program with the gift invested as an advised fund of the Omaha Community Foundation. Annual grants can be made to community needs from the earnings of such an investment.

The Foundation staff will be glad to visit with any potential donors about how your gift can help the designated organization and you as the donor.