



Building dreams for a better future

The mission at Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs (HFH) is to build homes for families and to create safe neighborhoods in partnership with people in need.

The Iowa West Foundation has given \$350,000 over the past two years for the construction of homes in Council Bluffs, and a \$200,000 grant from the Foundation this quarter will help build another dozen homes.

Since 1993, HFH has been building homes through the use of volunteer labor and donated materials and funds for families who otherwise could not afford to buy one of their own. Volunteers range from teens to working professionals to retirees, and need not be skilled plumbers or carpenters. Many volunteers plan fundraisers, prepare lunches for work crews or work on the houses.

Home owners pay back the cost of building the house to HFH on terms they can afford. HFH uses the house payments to build more homes for more families.



IOWA WEST FOUNDATION AWARDS \$4 MILLION IN FOURTH QUARTER

"A majority of the Foundation's grants in this quarter went to support area families or education programs," said Todd Graham, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation.

Graham highlighted several examples of grants that combined education and family components.

A dozen homes will be built through Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs with the help of a \$200,000 grant. Several of the homes will be constructed with volunteer assistance of students from local colleges and high schools.

Southwest Iowa students will have the opportunity to attend the Omaha Symphony's "Adventures in Music" through a grant which also includes funds for a free outdoor

Memorial Day performance in Council Bluffs for families.

A \$10,000 grant to the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa and a \$8,500 grant to the Mid-America Council of Boy Scouts of America will provide leadership training programs and after-school education programs in the area.

The largest grant awarded in the final quarter of 2009 was to the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation (PCCF). This is the second installment of Iowa West's six-year funding pledge to assist PCCF with leveraging future donor commitments to meet emerging needs in local communities.

In the fourth quarter, the Iowa West Foundation granted a total of \$4 million to local organizations.

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION

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The Iowa West Foundation has evolved into one of the largest non-profit organizations in the Midwest making a positive impact on the lives of thousands of area citizens. The Foundation's mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities for today and future generations. It does this by providing leadership, creating partnerships, leveraging resources and serving as a catalyst in identifying and supporting community needs.

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION 2009 FOURTH QUARTER GRANT RECIPIENTS

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| African Culture Connection | Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa | Omaha Botanical Center, Inc. |
| Assistance League of Omaha, Nebraska, Inc. | Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. | Omaha Symphony Association |
| Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts | Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs | Omaha Theater Company |
| Board of Regents/University of Nebraska – Omaha | HOPE-Net Ministries, Inc. | Outlook Nebraska, Inc. |
| Boy Scouts of America, Mid-America Council | Iowa West Foundation Gateway and Streetscape Initiatives | Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors |
| Chanticleer, Inc. | Lenox Community Trust | Pottawattamie County Community Foundation |
| Child Resource Center | Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 | Siena/Francis House |
| City of Council Bluffs | Loess Hills Humane Society, Inc. | Southwest Iowa Mediation Center |
| City of Shelby | MICAH House Corporation | The Salvation Army – Council Bluffs Corps |
| City of Walnut | Muscular Dystrophy Association | The University of Iowa/Hancher Auditorium |
| East Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District | Nishna Productions, Inc. | West Central Community Action |



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