Partnerships are key to our success
First, a heartfelt thank you to our “community of communities.” The feedback and input the Foundation received from our outreach during 2013 was historic. We asked you to provide input for our strategic plan to assist us in identifying critical needs of the region. You responded generously.

By utilizing our new website, attending listening sessions, responding to surveys, accessing social media, participating in focus groups, and providing feedback at local civic clubs, you were able to guide our Board of Directors and staff to our year-end goal, a new strategic plan.

Our vision is “a community where families choose to live and businesses choose to locate because of its quality of life and standard of living.” Now we have an intended outcome and roadmap to get there. The intended outcome is “strong healthy families,” and we have three focus areas to reach that outcome:

• Education;
• Placemaking; and
• Economic Development.

In 2013 — during all this strategic planning — we still continued to do what we do best and that is grant making. With the $20 million which the Iowa West Foundation granted in 2013, we surpassed the $300 million mark since the Foundation’s inception 20 years ago in 1994.

Our partnerships, both financially and programmatically, grew during the year and here are just four examples:

• A $3.5 million grant was awarded for the development of a new area YMCA, and we are grateful to the Charles E. Lakin Foundation for joining us with a co-lead gift matching our $3.5 million;
• Four years ago, the Foundation funded a local College Access Program which had its first graduation this year, and it was followed by the start of a new county-wide scholarship program called “Iowa West Opportunity Scholarships;”
• We served as a catalyst in the start-up of a new summer meal program for families in need by collaborating with the Arby’s Foundation, Hunger Free Heartland, and Council Bluffs Community Schools; and
• Our commitment to Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park continued as we worked with the City of Council Bluffs to fund Loessfest, and with the City Public Art Commission to announce a new public art piece from world renown artist Mark di Suvero at the park.

Our partnerships are key to our success.

Thank you again for your involvement, and enjoy the report.

Pete Tulipana, MSW, MPA
President and CEO
Since its inception, the Iowa West Foundation’s grant program has awarded more than $300 million that has improved the quality of life of thousands of citizens in more than 100 communities in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

**Grant Information**

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**2013 Financials**

**Condensed Balance Sheet for the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

**Assets**

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**Liabilities and net assets**

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*The financials in this report are preliminary and unaudited as the audit is currently in process.*

The Iowa West Foundation receives its funding for grants from investment income and also from the Iowa West Racing Association. The association receives contracted fees from casino operators, Ameristar and Harrah’s.
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<td>General operating support for 2014</td>
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<td>Workshops for Council Bluffs artists</td>
<td>$4,500</td>
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<td>Program to enhance civic engagement among Latinos</td>
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<td>Improvements to the community’s Dreamland Theater</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
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<td>Preservation projects at historic farm site near Shelby (IA)</td>
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<td>Equipment for snowshoeing activities in local parks</td>
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<td>Playground equipment for city park</td>
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<td>Implementation of downtown revitalization plan</td>
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<td>“Wabash Place” - affordable housing complex in south Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>Plantings along new trail in eastern part of city</td>
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<td>Improvements to entrances and walkways at fair pavilion in Dunlap (IA)</td>
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<td>Mormon Trail related inventory of historic sites in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td>Roof replacement of community fine arts center in Macedonia (IA)</td>
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<td>Program to assist local homeowners with critical repairs</td>
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<td>Restoration of a historic downtown jail and a former train dining car</td>
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<td>Restoration of barn for museum near Emerson (IA)</td>
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<td>“Art in the Park” initiative with City of Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>Public art for Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park in Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>Streetscape Initiative with the City of Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>KEEP COUNCIL BLUFFS BEAUTIFUL, INC.</td>
<td>“CURB” - improvements in local neighborhoods</td>
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<td>MACEDONIA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY</td>
<td>Expansion of Pioneer Trail Museum in Macedonia (IA)</td>
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<td>MILLS COUNTY (IA) CONSERVATION</td>
<td>Construction of a new nature and education center</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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<td>MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA</td>
<td>Wellness equipment at the Red Oak (IA) facility</td>
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<td>OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITIC AREA PLANNING AGENCY</td>
<td>Regional six-county collaborative planning process</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Support for donor outreach and foundation operations
$175,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Acquisition of natural area in eastern part of county
$210,000

SOUTHWEST IOWA NATURE TRAILS, INC.
Maintenance equipment for the Wabash Trace
$4,300

TABOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Preservation of the historic Rev. John Todd House in Tabor (IA)
$35,000

THE DANISH IMMIGRANT MUSEUM
Curatorial Center addition with “green roof” at museum in Elk Horn (IA)
$50,000

Exterior restoration of historic house in Elk Horn (IA)
$10,000

THE DURHAM MUSEUM
“The 1968 Exhibit” - traveling exhibition in Omaha metro area
$30,000

UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION
Reconstruction of basketball/tennis courts in Underwood (IA)
$3,000

YMCA OF GREATER OMAHA
Co-lead gift with Charles E. Lakin Foundation totaling $7 million for new $16 million Council Bluffs YMCA
$3,500,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DOWNTOWN OMAHA, INC. FOUNDATION
Holiday Lights Festival
$15,000

FRENCH ICARIAN COLONY FOUNDATION
Continued development at site of French Icarian Village near Corning (IA)
$20,000

GOLDEN HILLS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Loess Hills Visitor Guidebook and mobile website
$40,000

GREATER OMAHA CHAMBER FOUNDATION
The “Advance Southwest Iowa” collaboration
$2,200,000

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
Capacity building program
$18,000

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Construction job training programs at community college in Council Bluffs
$140,000

OMAHA BOTANICAL CENTER, INC.
Railroad Days 2014 - a collaborative regional celebration
$25,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Support for Council Bluffs downtown revitalization fund
$800,000

Support for downtown revitalization fund
$500,000

EDUCATION

AFRICAN CULTURE CONNECTION
Summer residency program at three Council Bluffs schools
$21,575

BALLET NEBRASKA
“Snow White” performances and a student matinée in Omaha
$10,000

Performance at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs
$20,000

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OMAHA
Arts education for southwest Iowa teachers
$8,000

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY
“Telepresence” for Council Bluffs site
$18,000

CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY INCORPORATED
Technology upgrades for Atlantic (IA) facility serving the disabled
$15,000

CHILDREN’S IMAGINATION STATION DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL
Motor skill equipment at Denison (IA) facility
$3,625

CITY OF CORNING (IA)
Computers for patrons and staff at library
$1,700

COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY
Summer academy for high school students in Omaha area
$5,000

A joint lead gift of $7 million, which included $3.5 million each from the Charles E. Lakin Foundation and the Iowa West Foundation, provided the jumpstart for a new $16 million YMCA facility to be constructed in Council Bluffs.
COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
Grants for improved educational opportunities in Council Bluffs
$33,500

COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Renovation of a site for a collaboration with Heartland Family Service
$407,500

ECKELS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Additions to the library collection in Oakland (IA)
$2,500

EL MUSEO LATINO
Cultural arts for at-risk children in south Omaha
$10,000

FAMILY, INC.
Capacity building program for agency in Pottawattamie County
$115,000

GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER IOWA INC.
Outreach and operating support for Council Bluffs office
$15,000

GREEN HILLS AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Planning for a career technical institute in southwest Iowa
$50,000

Preschool programs in Pottawattamie County school districts
$1,100,000

Summer leadership academies in southwest Iowa
$27,000

HUMANITIES IOWA
Cultural speaker programs in southwest Iowa
$4,500

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
Human relations workshops for southwest Iowa youth
$10,000

IOWA JAG, INC.
Programs in Council Bluffs schools to assist students with post-secondary transitions
$40,000

IOWA NEWSPAPER FOUNDATION
Newspapers in southwest Iowa school libraries
$18,500

IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION FOUNDATION
Southwest Iowa equipment improvements
$225,000

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION INITIATIVES
College Access Program (CAP) - administered by AIM Institute
$344,415

Iowa West Opportunity Scholarships - administered by the Iowa College Foundation
$495,000

Summer Meal Program - expanded with Arby’s Foundation, Hunger Free Heartland and Council Bluffs Schools
$60,000

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Information technology internships in collaboration with local businesses
$101,187

JOSLYN ART MUSEUM
“Museum to the Classroom” program for Pottawattamie County schools
$20,000

OMAHA AREA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
Support of music education opportunities for Council Bluffs youth
$18,000

OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
Renovation of the museum’s “Grocery Store” area
$15,000

Student field trips from local schools
$45,000

OMAHA COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE
Tour of “The Fantasticks” in southwest Iowa
$50,000

OMAHA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION
“Adventures in Music” for southwest Iowa students
$57,870

OMAHA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Multi-purpose preschool classrooms at Henry Doorly Zoo
$100,000

OPERA OMAHA
Opportunities for local students to attend “Cinderella”
$30,000

PROMISE PARTNERS
Program funding for the Pottawattamie County Alliance for Youth
$120,000

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.2
Theater programs in southwest Iowa schools on healthy relationships
$8,500

TED E. BEAR HOLLOW, INC.
Outreach of grieving services into Council Bluffs schools
$4,496

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
Fire management education for the Loess Hills of western Iowa
$10,000

The College Access Program (CAP) was established in 2009 with an initial $2.4 million commitment from the Iowa West Foundation. The first group of students to complete the program graduated high school in 2013 and moved on to further their education.
### HUMAN & SOCIAL NEEDS

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<td>Patient eligibility assistance and prescription drug management</td>
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<td>New patient services for “Lou Gehrig’s” disease in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td>Community-based mentoring in Mills and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa</td>
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<td>General operating support for Council Bluffs club</td>
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<td><strong>CHILDREN’S SQUARE U.S.A.</strong></td>
<td>Development of family therapy center at Council Bluffs campus</td>
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<td>Replacement of windows at Council Bluffs Children’s Center</td>
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<td><strong>CITY OF CARTER LAKE (IA)</strong></td>
<td>Family enrichment programming at the Community Resource Center</td>
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<td><strong>COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CARING MINISTRIES CORPORATION</strong></td>
<td>Transitional housing for Council Bluffs youth aging out of foster care</td>
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<td>Start-up parenting program in Audubon County (IA)</td>
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<td><strong>COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT</strong></td>
<td>“Hungry for Happiness Council Bluffs” - a collaborative to provide summer meals</td>
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<td>Program to assist local families during holiday season</td>
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<td>Expansion of financial education program in Council Bluffs</td>
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<td>“Weekend Food for Kids” in Omaha metro area</td>
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<td>Renovation of “North Center” facility</td>
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<td>“Iowa Family Works” - residential substance abuse treatment</td>
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<td>“Pottawattamie County Homeless Link” - homeless prevention programs</td>
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<td>“HEAT 2014” - emergency assistance for families in Pottawattamie County</td>
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<td>Substance abuse case management in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td>Health equipment services in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td><strong>HOPE-NET MINISTRIES, INC.</strong></td>
<td>Community re-entry support system for southwest Iowa women</td>
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<td>Furniture and computers for Hospice House in Glenwood (IA)</td>
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<td><strong>IOWA FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH</strong></td>
<td>“Embrace Iowa - Mental Health First Aid” training in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td><strong>IOWA LEGAL AID</strong></td>
<td>Legal education services for southwest Iowa families and foster care youth</td>
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<td><strong>IOWA SPECIAL OLYMPICS INC.</strong></td>
<td>Special events in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td><strong>JENNIE EDMUNDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</strong></td>
<td>“Caring for our Communities” - a program for chronically ill in southwest Iowa</td>
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<td><strong>JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS-NEBRASKA</strong></td>
<td>Legal consultations in southwest Iowa on immigrant issues</td>
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LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES OF NEBRASKA, INC.
Pottawattamie County treatment program for families affected by child abuse
$11,525

MERRYMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Entertainment in southwest Iowa nursing homes
$6,000

MICAH HOUSE CORPORATION
General operating support for homeless shelter in Council Bluffs
$75,000

MIDLANDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Korean War veterans of southwest Iowa
$30,000

MILLS COUNTY (IA) PUBLIC HEALTH
"Family Matters" - drug abuse recovery project
$15,000

OUTLOOK NEBRASKA, INC.
Expansion of education center for blind/visually impaired in Omaha metro
$50,000

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE HEARTLAND, INC.
STD prevention education program in Omaha area
$50,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
Equipment upgrade fund for volunteer fire and rescue departments
$175,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE NETWORK
General operating support
$90,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS
Mediation services to address Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms
$29,000

SANTA MONICA, INC.
Half-way house services for Pottawattamie County women
$21,504

SOUTHWEST IOWA FAMILIES, INC.
Family/parent education programs in Fremont and Page counties
$10,000
New entrance for disabled at Clarinda (IA) facility
$2,000

SOUTHWEST IOWA MEDIATION CENTER
Mediation services in family law cases
$50,000

THE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER
General operating support for New Visions/Mohm's Place in Council Bluffs
$50,000

THE KENT BELLOWS FOUNDATION
Young artist mentoring program in Omaha area
$3,000

TOGETHER, INC. OF METROPOLITAN OMAHA
Services for persons in poverty
$5,000

UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS
Human services programs in Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area
$360,000

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
"Shelter Nursing Program" for local homeless
$50,000

VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
Expansion of building and services for the disabled in Council Bluffs
$65,000

YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC.
Homeless services for Omaha-Council Bluffs youth
$15,000

West Central Community Action was awarded a grant to assist the Women Infant and Children program (WIC) with lead testing for low-income children under the age of five in southwest Iowa. Children are tested when they attend their monthly WIC appointments and through Head Start preschool programs.
2013 Iowa West Foundation Board of Directors

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Charles L. Smith

*Georgia Sievers retired from the Board in 2013 and passed away in early 2014. She was a dedicated Board Member and will be missed.

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Phil Reed

The Iowa West Foundation has grant advisory committees consisting of local citizens.

Listed below are the 2013 committees.

Community Development
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Beth Lindquist
Walt Pyper
Linda Rhatigan
Mark Shoemaker
Dolores Silkworth

Economic Development
Dave Christiansen
Doug Coziar
Todd Lehman
Mike Maher
Mick McKinley
Brendan Ryan
Jordan Turner
Verne Welch

Education
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Don Friday
Helen Hummel
Jim Mortensen
Jordan Preston
Doug Primmer
Jeanne Trachta

Human and Social Needs
Pat Andersen
Marcia Antworth
Matt Madsen
Diane McKee
Barb Morrison
Brian Rhoten
Nancy Schulze

“Gateway,” an iconic public art sculpture just west of historic downtown Council Bluffs, is part of Iowa West Public Art. This landmark art in the community was created by nationally acclaimed artist Ed Carpenter.
The vision of the Iowa West Foundation is a community where families choose to live and businesses choose to locate because of the quality of life and standard of living.

Its mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities for today and future generations. We do this by providing leadership, creating partnerships, leveraging resources and serving as a catalyst in identifying and supporting community needs.

In response to historic outreach into Pottawattamie County, the Foundation received tremendous community input into our new strategic plan. Our intended outcome of strong, healthy families will be achieved through three focus areas – economic development, education and placemaking. Visit the Foundation’s website at iowawestfoundation.org for more information about the strategic plan.

Grant Application Information
Organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status and classification as a public charity – under IRS sections 509 (a) (1) and 509 (a) (2) – as well as governmental units and agencies, are eligible to apply for grant consideration. The Foundation’s geographic focus is southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska, the primary focus being Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County.

Application Deadlines
Grant applications are reviewed by grant committees and considered by the Foundation’s Board of Directors four times a year. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Foundation’s website at iowawestfoundation.org/grantmaking for application deadlines and procedures.

Contact Information
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