

\$137,700 Granted to Mills County Nonprofit Agencies

Lana White, Chair of the Mills County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce that \$137,700 in grants was awarded to Mills County nonprofit agencies. With these grants, the Mills County Community Foundation has distributed over \$3.6 million in grants and scholarships over the last 20 years.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Mills County Community Foundation by the September 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the Mills County Board of Directors:

- City of Hastings Fire & First Responders: Battery-powered RAM and RAM support extrication equipment, \$8,200.00
- City of Malvern: Improve/renovate Malvern Public Pool, \$45,000.00
- East Mills Area Youth Sports (EMAYS): Install Little League baseball field in Boehner Park, \$15,000.00
- Friends of the Malvern Public Library: New computers & software to replace old equipment, \$10,000.00
- Glenwood Baseball Softball Club: Replace non-working scoreboard on city field in Glenwood, \$2,500.00
- Malvern Area Betterment Association: Phase 4-Liberty Memorial Building Renovation, \$36,000.00
- Oak Township Fire & Rescue: Fire Water Pump for Tanker, \$10,000.00
- Pacific Junction First Responders: New fire attack equipment (nozzles and hose), \$8,000.00
- Silver City Public Library: Replace old library lighting, \$2,500.00
- West Central Community Action: Food Pantry Equipment, \$500.00

The amount available included \$106,000 from the William L. Costello Endowed Fund.

All grantees met the criteria as Mills County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Mills County were eligible.

Mills County agency representatives received their Wednesday, November 15th. During brief check distribution activities, White commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Mills County.

The Mills County Community Foundation was established in 1997 and works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently

endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you'll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Mills County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. "This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall," said White.

Board members of the Mills County Community Foundation are: Chair, Lana White of Hastings; Vice Chair, Mark Schoening of Mineola area; Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Maaske of Malvern; Liz Baldwin of Hastings; Chad McColleston of Silver City; and Kathy Reisner of Glenwood.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact any of the Board Members, or call Dennis Nissen, Iowa Foundations Director, at 800-794-3458.



Nonprofit representatives receiving grant awards: 1st row from left to right: Paul Keller, Glenwood Baseball-Softball Club; Tracey Anderson, West Central Community Action; Debi Radik, Silver City Library; Rebecca Bassich, Friends of the Malvern Library; Kathy Anderson, Malvern Park Board; Shane Sayers, East Mills Area Youth Sports (EMAYS). 2nd row: Patti Schutte, Glenwood Baseball-Softball Club; Keith Johnson, Oak Township Fire & Rescue; Bonnie Pierce, Malvern Area Betterment Association; Ernie Gencarelli, Pacific Junction First Responders; Mills County Community Foundation Board members Lana White, Chair; Chad McColleston; Kathy Reisner; and Richard Maaske, Secretary/Treasurer.

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