

## For Immediate Release

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### The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County Awards more than \$106,000 to Local Non Profit Organizations

Mitchell County – The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County (FEMC) wrapped up their 2013 grant making cycle by awarding \$106,899.00 in grant funds to 22 different non-profit organizations/projects in Mitchell County. Projects funded this year by the FEMC include:

#### LIFE LEARNING

Stacyville Kids Care	\$4,500.00	Supplies, Safety, Staff Learning & Upgrades
St. Ansgar Comm. Schools	\$6,000.00	Saint's Baseball Field Project
Wee Saints Daycare	\$4,000.00	Educational Programs & Equipment
Osage Community Schools	\$6,000.00	Technology Integration
Mitchell County Fine Arts Council & Mitchell County Historical Society	\$11,500.00	"Unforgettable: Letters from Korea"
St. Ansgar Parks, Beautification & Recreation Board	\$5,000.00	Bring Back the Heart of Clausen Park: Gazebo-Phase II

#### HEALTH & FITNESS

St. Ansgar Rescue	\$5,000.00	Equipment for New Members
Osage Park & Rec Department & Osage Kiwanis Club	\$10,000.00	Osage City Park Basketball Court
Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition	\$2,500.00	Substance Abuse Prevention Project...Prime for Life
Riceville Community Club	\$3,575.00	Tennis/Basketball Court & Ice Rink Concrete / Chain Link Fence
Osage & St. Ansgar Lions Clubs	\$5,200.00	iScreen Vision Screener

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Riceville Community Schools	\$6,000.00	Repaving / Fixing Playground
City of Mitchell – Park & Rec Committee	\$4,963.00	Revitalize Existing Basketball & Tennis Courts
Riceville Community Daycare	\$4,500.00	Expansion & Relocation of Services
Mitchell County Economic Development Commission	\$3,000.00	Workforce Attraction Initiative
Bridge's Mentoring Program	\$2,421.00	Free Trainings & Activities
Shop on State	\$740.00	Laptop & Fire Extinguishers
City of McIntire	TBD	McIntire Bike Trail
City of Stacyville & Stacyville American Legion	\$10,000.00	Phase II Park Renovation: New Restrooms & Veteran's Memorial

#### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Mitchell County Conservation Board	\$5,000.00	Wyatt Fen Acquisition
Osage Community Daycare	\$4,500.00	Window and Door Replacement
Stacyville Community Nursing Home	\$2,500.00	New Kitchen Cabinets

The total cost of the above funded projects is \$569,011.70. The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County grants will leverage \$462,112.70 in other funds to bring these projects to reality in Mitchell County.

**Over the last nine years the FEMC Board of Directors has awarded \$724,789.57 in grant funding to 223 Mitchell County projects and/or non-profit organizations. The total cost for these funded projects exceeds \$4.1M and leveraged more than \$3.4M in other funding to make these projects happen!**

The FEMC Board of Directors expects to launch their next grant making cycle in July 2014. Eligible applicants include 501(c) (3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and 170(b) units of government organizations.

The FEMC looks to fund projects that address significant community issues; present innovative, creative, and practical proposals which build on community strengths; develop the leadership potential of the community; involve the people served in the planning and implementation of the program, provide a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period, capital projects that impact a significant number of Mitchell county residents.

The FEMC offers grants in the following areas: Health & Fitness; Environmental Quality; Community Development; and Life Learning

The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County was formed in 2005 with the purpose to foster private giving, strengthen service providers and improve the conditions of Mitchell County. To these ends, the foundation will promote endowment building, grant making, organizational collaboration, and public leadership for the benefit of the Mitchell County area.

The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County is presently soliciting endowed gifts that will help further this foundation for Mitchell County. **Gifts made to the FEMC permanent endowment by year end may be eligible for a 25% Iowa Tax Credit.** For further information please contact FEMC President Bill Denner at 641.732.5546 or MCEDC Director, Brenda Dryer at 641.732.4790.

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