Why You Should Give

- To keep children from going hungry over the weekend.
- To help a female high school senior be the first in her family to attend college.
- To help children have access to music in their lives.
- To make sure patients with mental illness have a place to seek treatment.
- To help support sustainable living and green initiatives.
- To help provide counseling support to build stronger marriages.

A Gift Can Be Made:

- In any dollar amount.
- To any of the many funds listed in this catalog.
- In memory or in honor of a special person.*

This catalog contains giving ideas to suit any person or occasion. Anniversaries, birthdays, and other holidays are great opportunities to make charitable gifts year round.

*Honored recipient will receive a special letter announcing from whom the gift was made and the fund to which it will go. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

How You Can Make a Difference

1. Browse the catalog.
2. Find a fund (or funds) to support.
3. Complete and return donation form by mail or go to www.ahrensfamilyfoundation.org to donate online.
4. We will send you a tax receipt and any honored recipient will get a special note on your behalf.
5. Tell a friend about giving a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation is a unique and innovative family foundation striving to help meet the needs of the Greater Grinnell community through ongoing support services and resources by maintaining and perpetuating an endowment. Our purpose is to provide improved and enhanced quality of life for present and future generations with interest in the areas of parks & recreation, education, and health with our collaborative partners. We also serve our community through our charitable programs: Community Support Services, Dolly Ahrens Scholarship, Leave It Better Award and Lend A Hand.

Lend A Hand Program

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation’s “Lend A Hand” program supports organizations that operate human and social services programs strategically and with a long term vision. The work of the “Lend A Hand” program focuses on improving opportunities for people to live healthy, economically stable and independent lives.

The “Lend A Hand” program was created in 2010 to provide opportunities for board, staff and family members of the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation and the Ahrens Park Foundation to personally connect with our community and to volunteer our time. Throughout the year we promote various community volunteer opportunities that the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation and our families participate in, as another way to “Leave It Better Than You Found It.”

“Lend A Hand” volunteers have served several local organizations and community projects that includes the Ahrens Park Playground Improvement project, Annual Coat Drive, Christmas Shares, Community Meal, Grinnell Games, Grinnell-Newburg Schools, Imagine Grinnell, Mid-Iowa Community Action’s (MICA) Food Drive, Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS), Poweshiek County Relay for Life, RAGBRAI, Take Away Hunger, and Tiger Packs.
Grinnell Area Mental Health CONSORTIUM
- Serve as a link between mental health providers, organizations & those in need.
- Provide financial assistance support, and education.

VOSBURG MUSIC FUND
- Provide music scholarships to community youth who are unable to afford music lessons, instruments & other items or therapy services associated with learning music.

TIGER PACKS
- Provide a weekend bag of kid friendly, nutritious food to food insecure pre-k through 8th grade.
- Provide daily access to healthy food through the high school food pantry for food insecure students.

S.H.E COUNTS
- Understand & raise awareness about the needs of women & girls in Poweshiek County.
- Support under-funded programs & efforts that aid women and girls.

Imagine Grinnell PLAYING GROWING
- Create a more vibrant, sustainable & healthy Grinnell community through environmental action, engagement, service & empowerment.

STABLES
- Strengthen marriages & families by providing counseling resources to married couples.

A food relief organization that unites teams of local volunteers to package food in an effort to reduce hunger around the world.