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HF2302 Grant Money Distributed to Mills County Nonprofit Agencies

Steven A. Colerick, Chair of the Mills County Endowment Fund, announced today the distribution of \$51,200 in grants to Mills County nonprofit agencies. The following organizations received grants:

Organization	Program	Award
Silver City Beautification Committee	Main Street Beautification	\$200
Silver City Historical Society	Purchase a Fireproof Cabinet	\$500
Glenwood Rams PTA	RIF Book Distribution	\$500
STARS	STARS Shine	\$500
Henderson Betterment Committee	Addition to the Playground	\$1,000
Friends of the Malvern Public Library	Historic Record Room	\$1,000
LTD Leadership Through Drama, Inc.	Behind the Scene	\$1,000
Nishnabotna Girl Scout Council	Camp Neyati Conservation Project	\$1,000
On With Life Foundation	Therapeutic Environmental Enhancement	\$1,000
Visiting Nurse Association of Pottawattamie County	Hospice Volunteers	\$1,000
Glenwood Head Start	Purchase 2 Creative Curriculum Math Kits for each classroom.	\$1,000
Word of Mouth Oral Health Education Connection	Bright Futures in Iowa: Oral Health	\$1,000
Glenwood Public Library	Meeting Room Tables and Chairs	\$1,500
Senior Center, Inc.	Replace Dishwasher/Sterilizer	\$1,500
Emerson Volunteer Fire Dept.	Technology Improvements	\$2,000
City of Glenwood	Hiley Park Renovation	\$2,000
Glenwood Park Board	Handicapped Accessible Restrooms at the Glenwood Lake Park	\$2,000
Silver City Public Library	Four Person Workstation	\$2,000
Animal Relief Fund for A Shelter	Driveway Preparation, Security Gate, and Fencing	\$2,500
Emerson Public Library	Painting the Outside of the Library	\$2,500
Malvern Park Board	Swimming Pool Retaining Wall Project	\$2,500
Indian Creek Historical Society and Museum	Wiring of New Exhibit Building	\$3,000
Mentoring with Heart, Inc.	Extend, Sustain, and Improve Services to Youth	\$3,500
Silver City Fire Dept.	Replace Personal Protective Clothing	\$4,000
Mills County Seniors	Safe at Home	\$4,000
Oak Township Fire Dept.	Fast Attack Truck Supplemental Equipment	\$4,000
Hastings Fire Dept	Equip a Fast Attack Fire Truck	\$4,500

These organizations had submitted grant applications to the Mills County Endowment Fund by the February 15th deadline and were approved at its recent Board meeting. 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 checks this week. During brief check distribution activities, Mr. Colerick honored the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Mills County. The twenty-seven agencies receiving grants represent their community's efforts at building stronger communities. That is what the Mills County Endowment Fund is all about. Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$51,200 in grants to these important community efforts in Mills County."

Colerick explained, "The Mills County Endowment Fund is a countywide community foundation that serves the interests of Mills County and its residents. It was established to help donors contribute to the betterment of their community by creating their own family foundation, an endowed named fund, or a scholarship fund to honor loved ones. Because the Mills County Endowment Fund is a community foundation and a public charity each gift has maximum tax benefits. The Mills County Endowment Fund is one of nine "Qualified Community Foundations" in Southwest Iowa as recognized by the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The nine community foundations are collectively known as the Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa, are affiliated with the Omaha Community Foundation, and meet or exceed the Standard for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC. Colerick said, "In other words we are For Good... Forever."

The Mills County Endowment Fund works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs. Contributions large and small come in the form of cash, appreciated securities, real estate and end of life bequests that leave a lasting legacy. The Mills County Endowment Fund invests and administers these funds and makes the funds available each year for distribution to qualified organizations. "This is an annual granting process," said Colerick, "this year the Mills County Endowment Fund will distribute approximately \$99,000 in grants and scholarships."

Board members are: Chair, Steven A. Colerick of Emerson; Vice Chair, Jay Burdic of Malvern; Secretary/Treasurer, Edward F. Cambridge of rural Glenwood; Robert K. Schoening of Silver City; Jacque Young, OD of Glenwood, and Wanda Williams of Henderson. For more

information on creating your family fund, foundation or scholarship in Mills County, contact a board member or the Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa, Dennis N. Nissen, Iowa Program Officer at 800-794-3458.

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