



Fall 2017 Grant Award Recipients

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa	\$36,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley	\$1,000,000
House of Hope	\$200,000
Covenant Medical Center	\$250,000
EMBARC	\$30,000
Grin and Grow Ltd	\$10,000
Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity	\$25,000
Iowa Legal Aid	\$20,000
Junior League of Waterloo Cedar Falls	\$8,000
Leader Valley Foundation	\$100,000
NAMI Black Hawk County	\$3,000
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging	\$6,600
Operation Threshold	\$16,800
Quota of Waterloo	\$5,000
UNI Center for Violence	\$35,000
Waterloo Writing Project	\$4,600
Grand Total	\$1,750,000



Project details include:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa - \$36,000, to extend their programming of providing one-to-one mentoring to additional youth in the Cedar Valley.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley - \$1 million, to construct a new Teen Center in Waterloo, largely designed by input from our community's teenagers. The Teen Center will be located near East High School establishing dedicated space for tutoring, computer and digital graphics skill development, music creativity, SAT/ACT testing preparation, counseling, direct homework assistance and supervised recreational space.

Christian Community Development DBA House of Hope - \$200,000, to expand its mission of providing homeless, single moms with transitional housing and individualized support to assist them achieve self-sufficiency.

Covenant Medical Center - \$250,000, to renovate space within their emergency department to better serve stable behavioral health patients while they are awaiting acceptance to an inpatient setting; providing a safe and secure area to avoid or diminish escalating harmful behaviors in this vulnerable population.

EMBARC | Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center - \$30,000, to support their efforts in developing an interpretation and community health worker social enterprise for refugees residing in Waterloo.

Grin and Grow - \$10,000, to provide upgrades in the learning environment and to meet both state and national standards for quality early childhood services.

Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity - \$25,000, to assist in the organization's Neighborhood Revitalization Project, focused on new construction homes or rehabs in the Church Row Historic and Walnut Neighborhoods of Waterloo and additional repair projects over the next year.

Iowa Legal Aid - \$20,000, to continue the Iowa Legal Aid Parent Representation Project, which provides free legal and supportive services to custodial parents who are at risk of being involved or are already involved in the juvenile court system through a Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) proceeding.

The Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls of IA - \$8,000, for its League's Lockers Project, providing uniforms, school supplies and basic hygienic items in a discrete and respectful manner to Waterloo high school students who may not otherwise have access.

Leader Valley Foundation - \$100,000, for the Leader in Me Project, to be implemented in all Cedar Valley schools by 2020, impacting every student in the metro area. Leader in Me shifts the culture of our schools in a way that creates leadership and future-ready opportunities for all children. Leader in Me helps all



students develop both strong character & competence that ensures they have skills, attributes, and habits of personal effectiveness, leading to a more effective life.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Black Hawk County - \$3,000, for its programmatic support of free classes, support groups, trainings and educational programs which help people who have mental illness and their families.

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging - \$6,600, to develop, promote and implement a local fall prevention coalition; training both staff and interested volunteers to bring fall prevention programs - approved by the Administration on Community Living as evidence based - to more locations, particularly rural areas with under-served populations.

Operation Threshold - \$16,800, for its Home Based Parent Education Program, which provides parents with effective programming that supports child development knowledge and positive parenting skills and family supports.

Quota International of Waterloo - \$5,000, for its Cops 'n' Kids Literacy Program, a partnership with Quota, the Waterloo Police Department and the Waterloo School District which provides for distribution of books to youth at multiple events. Books are distributed at school events, summer free lunch programs, by police officers from their squad cars and from the Waterloo police station – creating a positive relationship between the youth and the officers.

University of Northern Iowa Foundation - \$35,000, for its work at the Center for Violence Prevention (CVP). The CVP's mission is to advance a comprehensive and systemic approach to preventing violence and all forms of abuse, harm, oppression and bullying across the state. The CVP, with a team of law enforcement and social service professionals, violence prevention specialists, victim service advocates and civic leaders, will begin implementation of a multi-tier prevention within the Waterloo community.

The Waterloo Writing Project - \$4,600, for its Youth Leader Project, intended to enhance its mission of providing space for youth authors/creatives to craft, collaborate, critique, and support each other. The Waterloo Writing Project believes that every student is an intellectual and has something to share, an idea to develop, an imagination to cultivate. The Project provides space that is focused on the creative aspects of writing, publishing and performing.