

Faces of Philanthropy / Flood update : Going home

Last year, an Iowa City couple experienced the highs of buying their first home to endure the devastation of the 2008 Flood four weeks later. They did everything right — even buying flood insurance, but a 30-day waiting period meant the policy didn't cover their losses when three-feet of water and muck flooded their home on Normandy Drive.

Today, Andrew Sherburne and Liz Graf look back with a smile and see only the bright side. The husband-and-wife team says they are very fortunate. Liz says, "When I think back about the flood I realize what a wonderful community we live in and what great friends we have."

The Grinnell College grads are grateful for the love of family and friends and the kindnesses of strangers who helped them get back home.

Liz, a physician's assistant at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Andrew, a documentary filmmaker, applied for every grant and subsidy program available for funding to rehab their home. Andrew says, "The assistance was so helpful and appreciated, but it was a mountain of paperwork."

The compassion of businesses and individuals enabled the Community Foundation of Johnson County to distribute \$98,100 in mortgage and rental assistance to 39 area families, including Andrew and Liz.

Housing Rehabilitation staff in the Iowa City Planning & Community Development Department administered the Foundation's flood relief program.

Each applicant received a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$3,000. Foundation grants were dependant on participants' willingness to stay in their homes and were based on the applicant's mortgage payments.

Jeff Vanatter, Iowa City Housing Rehab specialist, says, "The Community Foundation program made a big difference for these families. Initially, federal and state programs didn't offer flood-impacted families who were not in a proposed buyout area a program for mortgage assistance. They were able to use the money normally spent on housing payments to finance materials to repair and rebuild if they could do the work themselves."

As soon as the waters receded, Andrew and Liz opened the house, tore out damaged walls and discarded water-logged belongings. This quick action resulted in no mold growth. Then acting as their own general contractor and labor crew—along with some very good friends—the couple quickly learned home repair skills. The rest of the summer and fall, Andrew and Liz spent every available moment repairing and replacing the damage in their home.

Unfortunately many necessary home furnishings did not qualify for grants or FEMA funding so friends and family generously raised funds to replace damaged furniture and belongings. And, Liz's co-worker provided a place for the couple to live.

Good fortune prevailed after the couple moved home. In February 2009, they welcomed their first child—Lucy, a beautiful, healthy daughter. When Lucy smiles, the sun shines daily.

Foundation's Flood Funds provide relief

The Community Foundation of Johnson County Opportunity Fund received a total of \$555,985 designated for flood relief. Contributors included Embrace Iowa 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund, a state-wide fund that helps Iowans recover from tornadoes and floods, Gazette Communications, MediaCom and Iowans Olympian Shawn Johnson and actor Ashton Kutcher, along with many generous local supporters.

On the cover:

Andrew Sherburne and Liz Graf and their daughter Lucy in front of their Normandy Drive home.	United Way of Johnson County, Salvation Army and Red Cross	\$110,000
	Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce	\$77,000
	Habitat for Humanity	\$45,000
	Housing Rehab, IC Planning & Community Development Department	\$98,100
	Grants to other local agencies	\$88,500
	Total CFJC funds allocated	\$418,700

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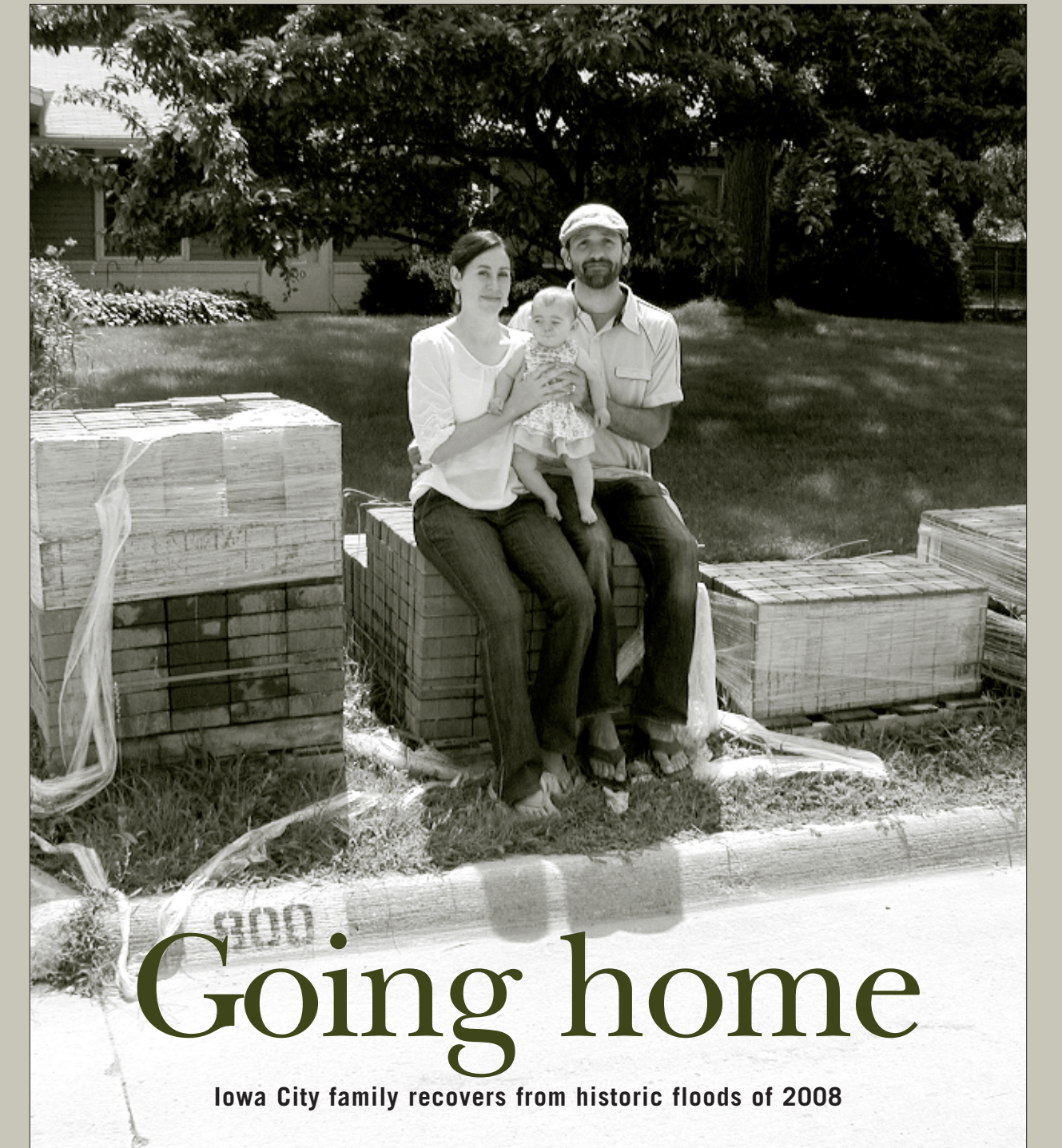
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Going home

Iowa City family recovers from historic floods of 2008

'Dam to Downtown' raises \$15,000 for area kids' college scholarships



Racer No. 565 was an early finisher in the Dollars for Scholars "Dam to Downtown" race that benefits area high school seniors. Dollars for Scholars is a partner in philanthropy with the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

Thunder exploded along Prairie Du Chien Road in June. Storms weren't in the area—the noise was generated by hundreds of runners participating in a 10K footrace. Racers and their supporters pledged to raise more than \$15,000 for local high school students seeking a college education.

Sponsored by the Greater Iowa City Area Dollars for Scholars, a partner in philanthropy with the Community Foundation of Johnson County, the "Dam to Downtown 10K" race promises to become another signature event for the nonprofit organization that benefits Iowa City area high school seniors. The group also showcases the "Battle of the Bands" featuring performances by Iowa City high school bands.

Dollars for Scholars board member Monte Marti, Financial Advisor for Securities America and chair of the race, says the race from the west end of the Coralville Dam to College Green Park near downtown Iowa City is a scenic, gentle-rolling course but there were some tough challenges, which represent the problems students face paying for their education. "The race raised funds for annual scholarships and awareness for Dollars for Scholars to support scholarships for area high school seniors.

"The 2008 Flood had a major impact on the region. As a result, the DFS board decided to create an opportunity to raise funds for area students' scholarships. We plan to hold the race annually each June and anticipate adding a 5K run / walk to encourage families to participate."

The race logo was designed by Heidemann Designs of Iowa City. Dam to Downtown. Sponsors were Scheels, Iowa City Press-Citizen, Wealth Stone Financial, Durham School Services, Hy-Vee, Technographics, MidWestOne, US Bank, Heidemann Designs and the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

Since 2005, Dollars for Scholars has awarded scholarships to worthy graduating seniors from City High, West High, Elizabeth Tate Alternative High School and Regina High School.

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Good news is worth repeating

We are very pleased to announce the Community Foundation of Johnson County has re-reached a milestone.

In early July 2008, the Foundation reached one of our original goals, \$5 million in assets—only to watch the declining economic conditions nationwide reduce our assets to the \$3 million-plus level. That was last year.

Today, with the expansion of the economy, help from generous donors and the return to relatively healthy market returns, the Foundation has re-reached the \$5 million mark, a 31.2 percent increase from a year ago.

Foundation hosts grant writing workshop, introduces on-line grant application process

In August, the Community Foundation of Johnson County hosted a grant writing workshop for area nonprofit organizations. The workshop was designed to assist nonprofit staff with their grant application process and introduce the Foundation's new on-line grant application process.

Grants Committee member Kristin Summerwill says the on-line application is easy to use. "We wanted the launch of our on-line grant application to go smoothly for our agencies, our staff and our Foundation volunteers. The on-line process is environmentally friendly. It



eliminates the need to submit additional paper copies for use during the grant review process. The new form was designed by the committee and agency staff members to reduce paperwork, and I think we've accomplished our goal," Summerwill adds.

Sam Schrup of Small Dot Studios of Iowa City assisted Foundation Executive Director Mike Stoffregen with the on-line implementation.

The workshop was planned in conjunction with Jill Smith and LT Smith of LT & J Consulting in association with the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center. The grant writing workshop was designed to assist agency staff apply for a variety of grants to meet their funding needs. Representatives of RSM McGladrey presented a special segment, "Understanding Financial Reports" during the workshop, which nonprofit organization board members were invited to attend.

Summerwill says, "Understanding Financial Reports' is an especially important part of board members' responsibilities. Our goal at the Foundation is to help nonprofit organizations succeed and to do that they must operate at their optimum ability."

Endow Iowa

As we continue to recover and rebuild from recent economic challenges, the need for charitable giving is as strong today as ever. Gifts to causes and the community you care about is rewarding — in more ways than one.

In Iowa, the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program is making it easier, more rewarding and more affordable for residents to make charitable donations that help build the quality of life in their communities.

Through Endow Iowa, Iowans can give for less. And beginning January 1, 2010, modifications to the program open the door for more people in Iowa to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Now those who give to endowed funds at qualified community foundations, like the Community Foundation of Johnson County, will be eligible to receive 25 percent tax credits for their contributions, up from the 20 percent currently offered. Endow Iowa gifts also are eligible for federal tax benefits. The amount of tax credits available each year through Endow Iowa also will increase, making it possible for more donors can receive for the credits.

"In Iowa, we have a strong tradition of people caring for one another and for the communities in which they live," said Casey Cook, Community Foundation President and Cook Appraisal.

We are here to help

You make an important difference every time you make a gift to the Community Foundation of Johnson County. We hope you found ideas in our newsletter to help you extend the reach of your generosity into the future.

To assist you as you contemplate estate gifts to the Foundation, we'd like you to have a complimentary copy of our booklet.

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United Way/Community Foundation Golf tournament raises \$43,000



Above: United Action for Youth staff members Jim Swaim (left), Executive Director, Kathryn Moreland (center), Development Director, and Stu Mullins, Youth Center Coordinator.

Left: Patti Brooke, GolfUSA; Konnie Bachelder, Hy-Vee, Yvonne Wernimont, Brown Deer Golf Course; Zack Anderson, Finkbine Golf Course, Terri Anderson, UWJC.

Stuff Etc. gives \$1,600



Stuff Etc. Inc. Store Manager Sara Sundblad presents a \$1,600 check from its charity umbrella program to Community Foundation Executive Director Mike Stoffregen.

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