

The Elma Area Community Foundation works with nonprofits and donors alike to keep the town and surrounding area strong for their residents. Now, EACF has the opportunity to increase the impact of six funds established by agencies that provide essential services to those in the Elma area through a \$26,000 matching gift from Joe and Kathy Whiting.

The Whitings, residents of Elma, continue to give back to the community that has given so much to them. The couple are long-time supporters of the Community Foundation, helping found the organization, and through the establishment of their family fund and along with gifts to other funds of the Foundation. Their latest gift is a matching fund opportunity for the six existing agency funds of the Elma Area Community Foundation. The funds include the Elma Early Childhood Center Fund, Elma Depot Museums Fund, Elma Park Fund, Elma Public Library Fund, Elma Fire and Rescue Fund, and the Elma Trails Fund. The Whitings' have committed to matching up to \$26,000 for this campaign.

These funds exist to provide continual support for vital organizations that meet important needs of the Elma Area. Donor support helps these local organizations secure a stable source of income that will provide resources necessary to serve their needs.

"We are honored Joe and Kathy believe in the powerful impact these funds have on our community and in the Elma Area Community Foundation," said Erin Ludwig, co-chair of the EACF committee. "Their generosity will propel the good these organizations bring to Elma and the surrounding area forever."

Donors to the EACF can benefit from the Endow Iowa state tax credit program. Endow Iowa allows taxpayers to receive a 25% Iowa tax credit, in addition to normal federal deductions, for gifts made to permanent endowment funds that benefit Iowa charitable causes. Donations must be received by December 7, 2018 to be eligible for the matching opportunity.

For more information about the Elma Area Community Foundation including how to donate, the various types of funds, and the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit, please visit [www.elmaareacf.org](http://www.elmaareacf.org) or contact Terry Gaumer, affiliate development director for CFNEIA at 319-243-1354 or [tgaumer@cfneia.org](mailto:tgaumer@cfneia.org).