Chair’s notes
The last few months have been a roller coaster for all of us. At the Community Foundation, we are adjusting to best serve our communities and provide for urgent needs, which we know many local organizations are experiencing. It is our priority to meet the needs of the community and help our donors meet their philanthropic goals through this crisis. Our goal continues to be giving together to enhance our community and it has never been more important than now.

Respectfully,

Kim von Kronenberger
Board Chair

Keeping communities fed
Angels of Action and Manna Pantry

Now, more than ever, food assistance in our community and across the country is crucial. Our goal is to recognize and respond to needs in our community to enhance quality of life. As the demand for food assistance continues to rise, we know that it is our responsibility to partner with organizations meeting that demand. Recently, we awarded two grants from the Community Response Fund—with funding assistance from Fremont Area Community Foundation—to Angels of Action and Manna Pantry. Both organizations are providing food for children and families with young children, especially vulnerable populations during this time.

We are glad to provide this crucial support to these two agencies in a time of expressed need. We are proud of the work they, and many other agencies, are doing to support vulnerable members of our community. These two organizations are just some of many who are working to provide essential services to the Mecosta County community. Organizations are meeting needs beyond food-related essentials and stepping up to keep our community safe and secure during this time.

Community response
COVID-19 relief efforts in our community

In times of need, the Community Foundation has an especially important role to play. To support our community during this unprecedented time, we established the Community Response Fund in partnership with Fremont Area Community Foundation. The fund is designed to award immediate grants to nonprofit organizations whose operations support children, older adults, and other vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19. More than $65,000 has already been awarded to local organizations.

Community members can donate online to support relief efforts at facommunityfoundation.org/covid. Donors may designate their gift for a specific county.

Upcoming events

We deeply value the health and safety of our community. In light of the pandemic, we are evaluating all events for 2020 and hope to provide more information soon. Stay tuned to our mailings and social media for updated news regarding our events for this year.