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\$104,076.00 Granted to Audubon County Nonprofit Agencies

April 13, 2013 -- Brett Irlmeier, Chair of the Audubon County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce that grants totaling \$104,076.00 were awarded to Audubon County nonprofit agencies.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Audubon County Community Foundation by the February 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the ACCF Board of Directors:

Organization	Project	Award
Audubon County Agricultural Society	Finishing work on multi-purpose exhibition building	\$5,000.00
Audubon County Free Clinic	Room & Building improvements	\$5,000.00
Audubon Recreation Foundation	Build recreation center	\$34,692.00
City of Kimballton	Replace Town Hall/Community Center	\$24,692.00
Exira Community Club	Expand and renovate Exira Rec Center	\$34,692.00

All grantees met the criteria as Audubon County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Audubon County were eligible.

Audubon County agency representatives received their checks on April 12th. During brief check distribution activities, Irlmeier commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Audubon County.

“Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$104,076.00 in grants to these important community efforts in Audubon County,” Irlmeier explained. “The Audubon County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC.”

The Audubon County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you'll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Audubon County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. "This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall," said Irlmeier.

Board members of the Audubon County Community Foundation are: Chair, Brett Irlmeier of Audubon; Vice Chair, Jonnie Meislahn of rural Gray; Secretary/Treasurer Thomas R. Nielsen of Audubon; Joanie Heuton of Kimballton;; Jay Nelson of rural Brayton; Daryl Olsen of Audubon; and Joseph T. Rasmussen, Esq. of Exira.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact any of the Board Members, or call Dennis Nissen, Iowa Foundations Director, at 800-794-3458.



Photo by Jill Christensen.

Nonprofit representatives receiving grant awards. 1st row, left to right: Michelle Wilson, Exira Community Club; Katie Glade, Audubon County Free Clinic; Abby Rasmussen (holding Skyla), Exira Community Club; and Zoey Rasmussen, Exira Community Club. 2nd row: Peggy Toft and Amber Rasmussen, Exira Community Club; Randy Poldberg, Mayor, City of Kimballton. 3rd row: Perry Paulsen, Exira Community Club; Jenny Smith, Audubon Recreation Foundation; Greg Jensen, Audubon County Agricultural Society; Brett Irlmeier, Chair, Audubon County Community Foundation.

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